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The Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office represented by provincial director P/Col. Julius C. Suriben and the Zonta Club-Ilocos Norte chapter represented by Zonta ranking officers Helen Chua Pascual and Mary Ang jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding on March 28, 2022, for a stronger partnership in the enforcement of laws on the protection of women and children. (Photo courtesy of INPPO)

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DOH bans single-use plastics in the region

- To minimize project for buses, jeepneys, taxis, vans, and tricycles

To minimize environmental pollution and cut the demand for the plastics supply--Director Sydiongco

The Department of Health-Ilocos region has banned single-use plastics in all its health facilities in the region including DOH hospitals, provincial DOH offices, DOH-attached agencies, Philhealth, National Nutrition Council, and Philippine Institute of Traditional Alternative Health Care.

DOH regional director

Paula Paz M. Sydiongco issued the ban saying: "Single-use plastics do not decompose. They become plastic fragments that pollute our environment for years. These plastics are not biodegradable and when they are shredded into tiny pieces they end up in canals, rivers, farmlands, and eventually into

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Ilocos Norte hits lowest poverty incidence mark at 9.0, says PSA

Ilocos Norte has recorded the lowest poverty incidence among the Ilocos provinces, the Philippine Statistics Authority-Region I reported on February 22.

PSA defines poverty incidence as the proportion of families or populations with a per capita income of less

than the per capita poverty threshold as compared to the total number of families or populations.

The PSA data showed that Ilocos Norte is the only province in the region to have recorded a single-digit "poverty incidence at 9.0

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS IN A FLASH

by Multimedia Report

Two New People's Army rebels yield to gov't authorities in Ilocos Norte. Ka Rino of Marcos town surrenders Garand rifle/ammo. Ka Greg of Badoc turns over sub-machinegun/ammo.

Ferocious wild dog devours six farm goats in Brgy. Nangalisan, Laoag City. Villagers vow to capture the 'culprit' to stop further killing of their livestock.

Seaman shot dead by suspects riding in tandem in Badoc, I.Norte. The victim was buying goods at the market for his child's birthday party when the gunman shot him at close range.

Town councilor claims rival bet boxed him during a campaign sortie in Currimao, Ilocos Norte. The bet denies it saying he merely pushed him in a fit of anger.

Police closely watch political rivalry in Solsona, I.Norte as the broadcast media report alleged word war between feuding candidates.

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Guest Editorial:

DOLE's TUPAD shines light for Ilocos workers amid crisis

The year 2021 has indeed been a challenging year as the effects of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic remained a threat that curtailed employment and livelihood in the region.

Yet, through its relevant programs and services, the Department of Labor and Employment-Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1) remained steadfast in its commitment to promote and uphold employment recovery to aid workers – especially the displaced and disadvantaged – to rise up from the challenges.

In this respect, the DOLE's flagship program on emergency employment was a shining light that illuminated the hopes and aspirations of workers and laborers amid the dark days.

The Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) proved itself as a relevant and responsive government intervention that addresses socio-economic concerns in the communities.

Through emergency employment, the TUPAD program leveraged the labor of workers in the countryside, thereby allowing them to contribute in social recovery while earning a decent amount for themselves.

Around 150K Workers Employed

According to Labor Information Officer Justin Paul Marbella, the DOLE-RO1 has facilitated the emergency employment of a total of 145,414 TUPAD beneficiaries in the region for 2021.

They are low/minimum wage income earners, underemployed, senior citizens, and persons-with-disabilities.

Earning a daily wage of P340, these TUPAD workers rendered labor services for their communities, which spanned 10 to 15 days.

In exchange for their labor, they received wages ranging from P3,400 to P5,100.

DOLE also provided them with personal protective equipment (PPEs) to protect them in their day's work.

Likewise, they were enrolled in micro-insurance under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

Among the community projects conducted were on agroforestry; clean-up/ disinfection/ sanitation/ beautification; and social community projects such as repair and maintenance of public facilities.

Over Half a Billion Pesos Disbursed

The DOLE-RO1 never wavered in its commitment to ensure efficient fund management.

As such, it marked 100% TUPAD fund utilization for 2021, with the total amount of P622,358,154 disbursed for the year.

Of this amount, Ilocos Sur noted the highest utilization, with the amount of P196,261,438 benefitting 48,764 workers.

This is followed by Eastern Pangasinan, covering the province's 5th and 6th Districts, with P136,303,743 for 33,522 TUPAD workers.

Central Pangasinan (3rd and 4th Districts) utilized the sum of P68,825,563 with 19,427 workers; and Western Pangasinan (1st and 2nd Districts) with P82,909,718 which aided 17,988 workers.

Ilocos Norte had the amount of P75,810,378 for 13,100 TUPAD workers; and for La Union, P62,247,313 utilization which helped 12,613 beneficiaries.

255% Increase in Beneficiaries

DOLE-RO1 noted a massive increase of its TUPAD implementation in 2021 compared to 2020.

With only 40,866 beneficiaries in 2020, the TUPAD beneficiaries for 2021 ballooned to 145,414 which accounted for 255% increase.

"Ang programa ni DOLE na nagtutumbok sa mga informal sectors is the TUPAD. Natutuwa tayo dahil andoon naman ang suporta sa atin ng national government through the provision of funds na ikukumpara natin sa mga previous years, ang laki ng percentage of increase of the funds downloaded to the region. Last year, more than half a billion ang naibigay sa Region 1 para sa pagbibigay ng ayuda sa ating mga kababayan dito sa rehiyon," said Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos during the Kapiphan sa Ilocos of the Philippine Information Agency on Friday.

Ramos said, "It was indeed an overwhelming challenge for all of us, as the fund allocation for TUPAD grew exponentially. We had to recalibrate our strategies, rethink our ways, and strengthen our partnerships with our implementing partners."

"But we knew all these aggressive shifts in our game plan were all worth it," she said.

"At the end of the day, we were able to reach out to more beneficiaries, and the #SerbisongTUPAD has become more relevant and meaningful as ever," Ramos added, as she expressed hope that this program shall continue to become a beacon to cast glimmers of hope for every single worker in the region. (April Bravo/PIA Pangasinan)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Go, sin no more

There's an amusing story in the episode of the adulterous woman of today's gospel. When Jesus said in defence of the woman against her accusers: "He who has no sin among you let him cast the first stone," there was a cold silence. The silence was broken when a stone was thrown in the direction of the woman.

Jesus looked up on the hill and his face turned red. It was his mother who did it. Jesus smiling, said, "Mama, you're not included here!" Indeed, Mary was not included because of all creatures, she's sinless.

On the episode about the adulterous woman who was "caught in the very act of adultery," how did the sanctimonious accusers manage to catch her? They must have been a bunch of "peeping Toms."

Moreover, the question

comes to mind: "Why is it that only the woman was condemned? Where's the man!" Isn't that a glaring gender discrimination and a glaring injustice?

The legal experts and pious religious leaders challenged Jesus to hand down his verdict. The truth of the matter is that it was a well-laid-out trap.

Whichever opinion he offered, he would be caught in the dilemma. If he recommended leniency, he would break the law of Moses which meted death by stoning to such public sinners. If he acceded to the Mosaic law of death penalty, he would be branded as a double-talking teacher who preached forgiveness but did not practice it.

The scribes and Pharisees relished the thought that they would at last snare Jesus in

(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)

their trap. But knowing their wicked intention, Jesus did not say a word. Instead he stooped down and scribbled on the ground with his finger. (Incidentally, this is the first recorded instance that our Lord ever wrote).

Biblical scholars speculate that he scribbled the sins of the woman's accusers. It was a face-saving device for her tormentors to "get lost" as the Lord challenged them: "He who has no sin among you let him cast the first stone."

It was an impressive way to cut down the self-righteous hypocrites and masterfully escape the entrapment laid out by the scheming Pharisees.

Lessons. One important lesson we can learn from the gospel story concerns judging others. Deep inside we may,

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

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

THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF CRETINS ON THE ROAD

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I have been a road safety advocate since 2016, which was seven years after I was hit by a dark green Mitsubishi Pajero Fieldmaster in broad daylight. To be exact, it was the first Monday of 2009, which I cannot forget. Though I have a titanium implant in my left femur, I can still kick ass and drive ceaselessly, albeit automatic transmission (which I have preferred over stick shift) and even walk fast and run as swiftly as a cheetah.

Commuting in the Philippines, especially in the National Capital Region, is considered an ordeal and a travesty for many of us, myself included. Doing so— as a driver, a passenger, or pedestrian— is akin to being speared by ten javelins or being devoured by a dozen tigers from the forests of Northeast India.

Such a scenario is quite ubiquitous nowadays, sad to say, especially in the Philippines.

Whenever foreign visitors or balikbayan Filipinos come over, they would tend to hang on to the edge of their seats and contend with the possibility of suffering from cardiac arrest in the middle of every travel. Just like many of our dear readers, I still cannot fathom that a majority of our

fellow Filipinos who drive are not only barbaric road users but also road savages.

We cannot deny the fact that a majority of the accidents in our country are caused by incompetent drivers, subpar roads, faulty vehicles, and/or jaywalking pedestrians. Such has been happening for ages now and yet we Filipinos do not make a conscious effort to at least mitigate the number of casualties on the road.

Quite fortunate are drivers who are disciplined and law-abiding for they are God's precious gifts to civility on the road. They may commit unintentional mistakes from time to time but they definitely have the courage to change their (driving) ways and become more circumspect not only towards themselves and their passengers but also towards their fellow road users.

Pardon my French but the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) are two of the imbecilic, incompetent, ignominious, and pathetic entities to blame for the topsy-turvy transportation system that we have today. For one, the LTO is tainted with corruption and misfeasance

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especially in terms of vehicle registration (think of the much-pilloried delay in the release of license plates during the Noynoy Aquino administration) and driver licensing. The fact that there are still many testosterone-overdosed and beastly drivers on the road who are out to exact a pound of flesh from fellow road users reflects on our transportation system, which is going to the dogs.

Now, let's go on to the different cretins on the road who make our blood boil and provoke us to get into fisticuffs with them (in no particular order):

1. Unscrupulous motorcycle drivers. Not all motorcycle drivers are bereft of discipline on the road. In fact, I have relatives and friends who are skilled, law-abiding, and courteous. The unscrupulous motorcycle drivers I am talking about are those who cut corners and switch lanes just like serial lovers who change partners. Also included are those who deliberately fail to wear helmets and those who race their motorcycles like the late American actors Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda in the 1969 flick Easy Rider. These types of motorcycle drivers are the ones whom I deplore so much like the dalits in the caste system of India. In many provinces, many of them have the audacity to go helmet-less and feel like they are Maico Buncio (but are not).

2. Bus drivers and truck drivers who hog the road. Many of them have been pinpointed as responsible for highway accidents. Sad to say, many of them have been taking illegal drugs to keep themselves awake during long hauls. Bus and truck drivers tend to be guilty of wrecking other vehicles, causing damage to public infrastructures, and other transgressions.

3. Clueless, idiotic, and jaywalking pedestrians. These types of people may be pedestrians, but they do not exercise discretion when crossing the street. Owing to either confusion or overwhelm brought about by personal and professional problems, these pedestrians need to be hit on the head with a mallet to wake them up.

4. War freaks behind the wheel. Think of Rolito Go, Robert Blair Carabuena, or Dr. Tomas Joaquin Mendez. What do these three notorious personalities have in common? If you have answered road rage, then you are absolutely correct! The havoc they have caused and the dire consequences of their wanton indiscretions are more than enough to make would-be basaguleros cower in fear.

5. Speed freaks. I hate to break this again, but the fact that actor Migo Adecera hit the accelerator too hard not so long ago (and caused police officers to arrest him) is one of the concrete examples of pedal-happy drivers who have drunk too much. Being late for an appointment or simply being bored to death during traffic jams is no excuse to slam on the accelerator with gusto, unless you happen to be involved in a matter concerning life and death. Those who are also considered speed freaks are many abrasive taxi drivers, unscrupulous tricycle drivers, and other drivers who do not care about the laws of the road.

6. Corrupt traffic enforcers. I have high respect for traffic enforcers who are not only fair but also courteous and incorruptible. As for those who apprehend drivers for no apparent reason, watch out for these vultures and alligators in disguise!

7. Negligent public transport operators and businesses that own vehicles. Sacre bleu! They must

be directly responsible for the drivers on their payroll! How can they expect to prosper when they do so at the expense of road safety? They better think twice or maybe more than twice before they send their drivers off!

8. Drivers who park anywhere and commit the cardinal sin of driving on the opposite side of the road. These are the real cretins behind the wheel because they cause chaos!

Now, my dear readers, what are we to do as road users so that we could contribute to peace and order?

Are we responsible enough as drivers, passengers, or pedestrians? You be the judge!

GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO!

GUESS WHAT: Making a ginormous profit from its award recipients and siphoning them of their hard-earned bucks are the workings of this so-called international award-giving body based in a non-Western continent. My source, who is in the training industry, revealed this to me two months ago. S/he asked his/her friends from the academe about the credentials of the God-forsaken award-giving body and learned from them that although the organization is legitimate, it is basically and actually an enterprise that is a civic organization in disguise. The straw that broke the camel's back was when my source was appalled to learn that the address of the payment recipient is located in a neighboring country located in a mountainous region known for its biting winters. Since then, my source has abhorred the award-giving body, which tends to use prominent personalities from the academic, business, governance, and media sectors, among all other fields.

What are the lessons of the story? Do not ever fall for predatory award-giving bodies. Take a good look at the credentials of an award-giving body. Be wary when an award-giving body charges exorbitant rates. Read reviews about an award-giving body and do research on the legitimacy of the award-giving body.

GUESS WHO: Who is this award-winning yet polarizing broadcast journalist who is an inveterate social climber and an incessant airhead? My source, who is a regular customer at a gym, saw our subject, who was trying so desperately to fit into the high-brow crowd that s/he was trying to penetrate. However, the way our subject talked and behaved betrayed his/her professional pedigree because our subject acted like an entitled countess. S/he has also been controversial for being biased towards guests who have the same political views as s/he has and for being dismissive of guests whom s/he finds uninteresting.

What are the lessons of the story? Avoid being biased when delivering the news. Never ever ask leading questions unless you want to be humiliated by your own guests. Do not ever conceal your origins for one false move gives away clues of where you have come from. Being a social climber and a biased media practitioner would get you kicked down into the abyss of public ignominy.

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.

NEWSBIT

3 DOST scholars in Region 1, now licensed medical technologists

With hard work, intelligence, and perseverance, three (3) graduate scholars of the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) passed the much-awaited Medical Technologist Licensure Examination last March 2022.

Learning is hard especially with responsibilities aligned in every step taken, but no amount of pressure was able to take down the dream of Lenina D. Maganis and Laurence P. Casildo from University of Northern Philippines and Cindy Mae Utleg from Northwestern University (NWU) who emerged as Rank 7 of the licensure examination.

These scholars proved that DOST scholars can be the pillars of the nation. (Karyll Antonio)

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indeed, condemn the way the scribes and Pharisees treated the poor woman in the gospel but are we not much different than they are at times?

For instance, we are guilty of pharisaism when we look down on "public" sinners ("mababang uri") or talk about the faults of others, or about broken marriages of relatives and neighbors. Subconsciously, we pat our back and say, "Thank God I'm not like them."

Another lesson we can learn is the hope and joy that it is an understanding God who will judge us eventually and not one of our fellow human beings who are much too quick to condemn.

Finally, God's infinite mercy should not induce us to be indifferent or careless about sin in our lives.

Some might think that since God is so kind and forgiving, this gives us "license" to go on committing sin. Remember Christ's

words to the woman: "Woman, where are they?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. GO AND SIN NO MORE" (Jn 8,11). Jesus' words should make us realize the need for sincere repentance, to which we are called — especially in this Lenten season.

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

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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the sea." "Ito ang major cause ng blockages sa ating sewerage at drainage systems lalo na kung tag-ulan. At ang pagsunog sa mga ito naman ang dahilan ng pagkakaroon ng air

pollution mula sa mga toxic na lumalabas mula sa usok nito," Director Sydiongco added.

The DOH said the most common single-use plastic products (SUPs) include plastic drinking straws, plastic

cups, plastic drinking bottles plastic drink stirrers, plastic spoons, forks and knives, and plastic thin-filmed sando bags.

The regional director also appealed to residents and local

government units to adopt the ban on single-use plastics to minimize environmental pollution and to cut the demand for plastic supply which aggravates global climate change.

Director Sydiongco

urged: "We encourage residents to be responsible in using plastic products to reduce all kinds of pollution. Proper disposal and management of plastic wastes must be done accordingly."

"Each of us must take part and play our respective roles in creating a plastic-free environment and policies that will support a plastic-free community". (Glen S. Ramos/DOH)

ILOCOS SUR

Over 500 Ilocos Sur schools join in-person classes

VIGAN CITY, Mar. 31 (PIA) – More public schools in the province of Ilocos Sur, elementary and secondary, will re-open for the progressive expansion of the limited face to face classes by April, allowing 100% of the province’s public schools to implement in-person classes, this is according to the report of the Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division Offices (SDOs) of Vigan, Candon and Ilocos Sur.

“We are happy to share that regionwide, we have 846 schools approved to participate in the progressive expansion of the limited face to face classes. It is possible that this number will grow because the division offices submit additional applications daily,” said Mr. Cesar Bucsit, head of the Public Affairs Unit of the DepEd Ilocos.

Head of Public Affairs

Unit of DepEd Ilocos, Mr. Cesar Bucsit, shares updates on the progressive expansion of the limited face to face classes in Ilocos.

Among these are the different public and private schools from the 14 SDOs in the region, with over 500 from the province of Ilocos Sur.

All 34 public schools and some three private schools in Candon City are now open.

The Northern Ilocandia College of Science and Technology will open on April 4, while the other eight private schools are expected to join by April or the next school year.

Some 492 schools including one private school in Ilocos Sur SDO have also reopened and the 13 other schools will follow after the approval

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LA UNION

Over 1K kids to benefit from feeding program

SAN FERNANDO CITY, March 31 (PIA) -- Day care pupils from San Fernando City were chosen as beneficiaries of the supplementary feeding program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office I.

Mildred Dulay, child development worker of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, said 1,365 out of the 1,482 day care pupils will be served nutritious foods for 120 days.

According to her, the program covers all the 65 day care institutions in the city.

“Bago po kami nagdistribute ng kanilang food packs, may ginawa po tayong nutrition assessment sa bawat bata kasama na po diyan ang pagkuha ng kanilang timbang,” Dulay said.

She informed that the implementation of the supplemental feeding program has

changed because of the pandemic.

“Dati po nagluluto ang mga magulang sa eskwelahan pero nung dumating po ang COVID-19 pandemic, ginawa na pong food packs,” Dulay added.

Food packs per child include elbow macaroni pasta, bihon, vegetable oil, monggo dried beans, all-purpose flour, plain rice monggo blend, choco rice monggo blend, fortified rice porridge - chicken and beef, and evaporated milk cans.

Further, cans of tuna, corned beef, and sardines, rice, fresh eggs, freshly-baked Nutribun, and Nutrimilk Choco pack were also given.

After the 120-day-feeding program, Dulay hopes that nutritional issues among the children will be addressed.

“Inaasahan natin na magi-improve ang

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PANGASINAN

Pangasinan bags most awards in the 2022 Regional Kaunlarang Pantao Award

Two cities and three municipalities from the province of Pangasinan bagged the awards for the 2022 Regional Kaunlarang Pantao Award Search for Outstanding Local Government Units in Advancing the Population and Development Program during the Pandemic held on March 25, 2022 at Ynad’s Place Hotel and Resort, Namtutan, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The awards aim to recognize the efforts and initiatives of the local government units in advancing various population and development strategies, particularly responsible parenthood and family planning, adolescent health, and population and development at the community level during the pandemic.

The following were the winners for the three categories:

Anda, Pangasinan

Population and Development (POPDEV) Integration

-Most Outstanding City for POPDEV: San Carlos City, Pangasinan

-Most Outstanding Municipality for POPDEV: San Jacinto, Pangasinan

Winners were awarded with certificates and plaques of recognition and P50,000.00 cash prize.

In her welcome message, Regional Director Erma R. Yapit lauded the efforts and commitment of the local population offices in continuing to implement the population program despite the pandemic and exemplified them as the new heroes in the field of population and development.

Members of the Regional Search and Award Committee, composed of partners from the National Economic and Development Authority Region I, Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistical Services Office I, Department of Health Center for Health Development I, and Department of Interior and Local Government Region I, evaluated the performance and accomplishments of the participating LGUs for the period 2019-2021.

The winners shall represent the region in the 2022 National Kaunlarang Pantao Award in May 2022.

LA UNION

La Union gov top 3 performing official - survey

SAN FERNANDO CITY, March 31 (PIA) -- La Union Governor Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III ranked third among 81 governors nationwide with the highest approval rating.

This was based on an independent survey conducted by RP-Mission and Development Foundation Inc. (RP-MD) among 5,000 respondents across the province from June 10-25, 2021.

“This milestone was made possible with the collaborative effort of our local chief executives and the constituents,” Ortega said.

Dr. Paul Martinez, head of RP-MD, said the objective of their independent analysis is to disclose the citizens current opinion as well as assess the official’s performance in terms of several important factors

that are relevant to their obligations to society.

“This initiative commenced to aid our officials to bring forth better programs and policies that will uplift more Filipinos in their current state of living,” Martinez said.

Ortega was hailed the third most performing governor with 70 percent approval rate. Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia landed on the first spot with 77 percent approval rating followed by Iloilo Gov. Arthur Defensor of Iloilo Province with 72 percent.

Meanwhile, the survey also showed that 10 of the 16 provincial governors representing every region achieved a majority approval rating while six were not able to attain a majority approval.

(Joanne Namnama Dilim/PIA La Union)

LA UNION

PGLU validates entries for cleanest, safest, greenest LGUs

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Mar. 31 (PIA) – The provincial government of La Union, through the Provincial Search Committee from various departments and private sectors, has conducted validation of entries on the Search for the Cleanest, Safest, and Greenest (CSG) Local Government Unit and Best Bodies of Water in La Union on March 29.

In line with the vision of La Union to be the heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025, the activity aims to validate general cleanliness, urban greening, and support system under the environmental and sanitation management.

One of the entries

evaluated and visited by the evaluation team is the Bulalakaw Falls in Bagulin town.

The Bulalakaw Falls is the defending champion in the “Best Bodies of Water” category during the search in 2021.

Bagulin information officer Eleny Dimagiba said that Bulalakaw Falls is one of the main water stations of the municipality since it is qualified within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources’ water quality guidelines.

Dimagiba added that it is considered as a prime source of potable water.

The local

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- Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RFPF)**
- Most Outstanding City for RFPF: San Carlos City, Pangasinan
- Most Outstanding Municipality for RFPF: Alcala, Pangasinan
- Adolescent Health and Development (AHD)**
- Most Outstanding City for AHD: Dagupan City, Pangasinan
- Most Outstanding Municipality for AHD:

PANGASINAN

Pangasinan gov’t receives health devices and equipment from DOH

L i n g a y e n , Pangasinan - Department of Health (DOH) – Ilocos Region Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco on April 1, 2022, turned-over various health equipment and devices to Pangasinan Provincial Governor Amado I. Espino III for the utilization of the provincial hospital.

Among the hospital equipment and health

devices given were one EENT diagnostic set, one fetal doppler, one minor surgical instrument set, five stainless medicine cabinet and 10 wheel chairs.

Director Sydiongco said that these equipment and devices will further improve the capacity of the provincial hospital in the delivery and provision of safe and quality health care services.



Ilocos police seize 209 loose firearms, arrest 82 persons

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Mar. 22 (PIA) -- The Ilocos police continue to stop the proliferation of illegal firearms in the region.

From Jan. 1 to March 13, the Police Regional Office 1 (PRO1) conducted 79 operations on loose firearms which resulted to the arrest of 82 individuals.

A total of 59 individuals were arrested in Pangasinan, seven in La Union, four in Ilocos Sur, and nine in Ilocos Norte. Three individuals were nabbed by PRO1's other operations units.

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Umayam, chief of the Regional Operations Division, said a total of 209 illegal firearms were accounted in these operations of which 75 were confiscated; 14 were recovered, and 120 guns were surrendered.

Of the total number of firearms, 107 were seized in Pangasinan, 31 in La Union, 42 in Ilocos Sur, and 26 in Ilocos Norte while three other firearms were confiscated by other operating units.

Four hundred ninety-three loose firearms were also deposited for safekeeping as part of "Oplan Katok," in which

police officers made house-to-house visits to firearms owners who are candidates for gun license renewal.

Further, 27,177 checkpoints are strategically established across the region of which 27,060 are PNP-COMELEC checkpoints; 577 are PNP-AFP-

COMELEC initiated, and 480 are COMELEC Spot Checkpoints.

According to Umayam, most of the spot checkpoints were put up in Pangasinan given its vast area and in the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte due to some concerns of insurgency in the adjacent areas.

Meanwhile, in the COMELEC gun ban operations from Jan.9 to Mar.13, some 59 incidents were reported which resulted in the arrest of 60 individuals and confiscation of 62 firearms and 14 deadly or bladed weapons.

In line with this, PRO1 is proactive on the

deployment of clustered quick response teams across strategic locations in the region until election day.

It is also closely monitoring the possible employment of potential private armed groups and criminal gangs during the election period. (Caren Grace Cabanayan/PIA La Union)

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nutritional status ng mga bata at matutunan nilang kumain ng gulay," she said.

The first batch of food packs was distributed on March 22, and the second batch will be distributed on April 8. "Sa tulong ng

DSWD FO1, patuloy ang pagbibigay ng serbisyo ng city government upang mapanatiling malusog ang pangangatawan ng kabataan dito," she ended. (Joanne Namnama Dilim/PIA La Union)

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of the DepEd Ilocos. Mark Manzano, planning officer of SDO Ilocos Sur, mentioned, "If we're just looking at the 491 public schools, that is equivalent to 97.42% of the public schools in SDO Ilocos Sur which are now implementing progressive expanded face to face classes."

The Vigan SDO Superintendent Gemma Tacuyucuy said 100% of the schools in the city will open by April 11, 2022 as Ilocos Sur National High School will be the last to join the progressive expansion.

Meanwhile, Bucsit clarified that the schedule of the in-person classes depends on the administrators. He said, "Based

on our monitoring, the schools are implementing the alternate system. The students are not allowed to have their lunch at the school to prevent the spread of Covid-19."

Manzano added there is an equal opportunity among each learner, where they must accomplish the same tasks despite having different schedules.

The DepEd Ilocos regional director Tolentino Aquino and Assistant Regional Director Ronald Castillo recently visited schools in all the provinces to ensure that the health protocols and standards are strictly followed, and to check for other issues and concerns. (Aila Villanueva/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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government unit (LGU) of Bagulin is eyeing to maintain the title so through its Municipal Tourism Office, along with the workforce of the barangay where it is situated, they conduct clean-up drives and tree planting activities.

Bulalakaw Falls is

one of the tourist spots of Bagulin; however, it is not yet open to the public as the LGU still initiates the proposal of road access to the proper authorities so tourists and locals could easily reach the falls. (KATHLENE JOYCE R. RAMONESPIA La Union)



INDEMNITY CHECKS FOR FARMERS. At least 357 farmers whose agricultural crops were damaged by Typhoon Maring last year received their indemnity checks from the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) held on March 30, 2022. Batac City Mayor Albert D. Chua and Vice Mayor Windell D. Chua led the distribution. (Photo by CGB)

LEGAL NOTICES

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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 **JOVENCIO C. BUDUAN** has filed with this office a petition for change of first name from **FAUSTINO** to **JOVENCIO** in the birth certificate of **FAUSTINO CADIENTE BUDUANG** who was born on **February 15, 1959** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Dadong Buduang** and **Marina Cadiente**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

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

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES MARTINA ORTAL and ANGEL ORTAL pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 11087, Cad-398, situated at Brgy. Quiling Norte, Batac City, covered by OCT No. 35761 has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs and simultaneously sold unto Donald Isaguirre and Joel Marck Isaguirre in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 129; Page No. 27; Book No. LXXXII; Series of 2022.

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among the population" for the year 2021, followed by Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan at 22.5, 13.9, and 23.6, respectively.

Ilocos Norte, likewise, is the only province that recorded a single-digit "poverty incidence among families" at 6.3.

In 2016, Ilocos Norte had the lowest poverty incidence rate in Region I at 15%. As early as 2012, PSA listed Ilocos Norte as one of the provinces with the least poverty incidence.

The PSA data further said that Ilocos Norte has been in the top quartile of provinces with the highest HDI (Human Development Index) since 1997.

HDI is a summary measure of human development in three basic dimensions of human development: longevity, or long and healthy life, access to knowledge, and a decent standard of living.

Between 2009 and 2015, HDI in Ilocos Norte

increased by 12.7%. Specifically, access to knowledge increased by 6.4% and the standard of living by 34.8%.

In the same period, life expectancy recorded a 0.3% drop.

So far, Ilocos Norte is a 1st Income Class province.

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, headed by Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, sustains the low poverty status in the province through the ongoing "Capitol Express," a program focusing on poverty reduction that brings the provincial government's various programs on agriculture, health, education, jobs, and livelihood, among others, to all Ilocanos from the urban down to the grassroots. (Our future is bright.), Governor Manotoc assured as he doubled his efforts to build a safer and better Ilocos Norte. (PGIN-CMO press release)

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Office of the City Civil Registrar
Laoag City, Ilocos Norte

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0065-2022 (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 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **ROGY L. DALIPOG** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's **Date of Birth** from "**27 DECEMBER 2015**" to "**23 DECEMBER 2015**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA YSABELLE SUBIA DALIPOG** who was born at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Rogy Dalipog** and **Ma. Joanna Subia**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **JEAN PASCUA MANUEL**
City Civil Registrar

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Laoag City, Ilocos Norte

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) and in Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, Notice is hereby served to the public that **MARLYN DOMINGO JULIAN** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's **Date of Birth** from "**MARCH 18, 1963**" to "**DECEMBER 18, 1962**" and a petition for **Change of First Name** from "**MERLING**" to "**MARLYN**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MERLING SIMON DOMINGO** who was born on **March 18, 1963** at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Flor Domingo** and **Carlina Simon**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **JEAN PASCUA MANUEL**
City Civil Registrar

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Publication Notice
(R.A. 10172)

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Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Vintar

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

CCE-9-2022 (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 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CELESTINO REYES ENRIQUEZ** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of child's date of birth from "**OCTOBER 25, 1961**" to "**SEPTEMBER 4, 1961**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CELESTINO REYES ENRIQUEZ** who was born at **Vintar, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Ricardo Enriquez** and **Benita Reyes**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **ESTELITA RV BATANGAN-PARTIBLE**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Office of the City Civil Registrar
Ilocos Norte
Laoag City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **FRANCISCO JR. PASCUA GAOIRAN** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**FRANCISCO CAYETANO JR.**" to "**FRANCISCO JR.**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FRANCISCO CAYETANO GAOIRAN JR.** who was born on **January 24, 1962** at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Francisco Gaoiran** and **Trinidad Pascua**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **JEAN PASCUA MANUEL**
City Civil Registrar

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Publication Notice
(R.A. 10172)

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 **KENNETH B. BARNACHEA** 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 **October 16, 1995** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** unto parents **Danilo Barnachea** and **Elizabeth Ballesteros**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **April 10, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **ELIZA B. ATIENZA**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Municipality of Vintar

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **SALLY RUIZ ENRIQUEZ** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**CELYMAR**" to "**SALLY**" in the birth certificate of **SALLY RUIZ ENRIQUEZ** who was born on **August 1, 1972** at **Vintar, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Melendrina Dalere** and **Felix Ruiz**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **ESTELITA RV BATANGAN-PARTIBLE**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **PRECILLA T. MAGARRO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**FROILAN**" to "**FROILAN JR.**" in the birth certificate of **FROILAN TABBABAN MAGARRO** who was born on **April 1, 1994** at **Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Froilan Magarro** and **Precilla Tabbaban**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **RODEL R. RAGONJAN**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES JUAN JACINTO and CONCHITA GALIGUIS-JACINTO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5745-A, of the subd. plan, Psd-012812-026815, being a portion of Lot 5745, Cad. 195, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1171), situated at Brgy. Bengcag, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-25524 has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Romulo T. Magaoay and Noema S. Magaoay as per instrument executed before Notary Public for Nueva Vizcaya Atty. Rowena A. Antonio-Marcos; as per Doc. No. 55; Page No. 12; Book No. 72; Series of 2022.

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Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Vintar

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. MAGDALENA CALIVO VILLANUEVA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**MARIA MAGDALENA**" to "**MA. MAGDALENA**" in the birth certificate of **MA. MAGDALENA CALIVO VILLANUEVA** who was born on **July 22, 1965** at **Vintar, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Concepcion Barut** and **Pacifico Calivo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **ESTELITA RV BATANGAN-PARTIBLE**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MERCEDES SALVADOR pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 22299, situated at Brgy. 33-C Vira, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-6570)-3047 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Francisca S. Pascual and simultaneously sold unto Remigio L. Pascual as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 437; Page No. 89; Book No. CXXII; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased Spouses Lino Zarzoso and Flora Cubi Zarzoso pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 42, situated at Poblacion, Burgos, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 8119 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Jose C. Zarzoso, Maria C. Zarzoso and Felipe Zarzoso and simultaneously sold unto Helen and Rebecca Garaza as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 55; Page No. 55; Book No. 1; Series of 1979.

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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 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 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 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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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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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 Rebolledo 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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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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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. Ernielino 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 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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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

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

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ERNESTA 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 referred 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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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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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. Birose; as per Doc. No. 478; Page No. 97; Book No. LXXIX; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARCELINA U. AQUILIZAN pertaining to five (5) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 29962, 29943, 29948, 29949 and 29958, all situated at Brgy. 25-S, Payao. Batac City, covered by OCT Nos. P-14293, P-14651, P-14652, P-14294 and P-14297 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs Julita U. Quiaoit and Eleonor U. Quiaoit as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Joshua Kaye Q. Agcaoili; as per Doc. No. 226; Page No. 23; Book No. VI; 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 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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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased BERNARDINO ACUPIDO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3091-B, situated at Brgy. Bayog, Burgos, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 2018000357, with improvements thereon, has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto Ardelina A. Ormita in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Antonio R. Cajigal; as per Doc. No. 458; Page No. 91; Book No. LXXIV; Series of 2020.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased EMMA TOLENTINO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1228-B, PSD-01-091526, situated at Brgy. Lacub, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 0232016000143 has been adjudicated by her heirs and simultaneously waived their rights in favor of Clint Domingo Tolentino in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Myko G. Mendoza; as per Doc. No. 74; Page No. 15; Book No. VII; 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 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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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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Publication Notice 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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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 simultaneously 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.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CATALINO LORENZO and BASILIZA LORENZO-FRANCISCO pertaining to their respective one-half (1/2) shares over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 247-A-1-B, Psd-01-090036, being a portion of Lot 247-A-1, Psd-01070444, situated at Brgy. San Lorenzo, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2018000527 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Dominador F. Agustin, Jr. and Cathyleen Z. Lorenzo and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Roderick Ancheta and Mildred P. Ancheta as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 76; Page No. 17; Book No. XXIII; Series of 2022.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 16-LAOAG CITY

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION/ CANCELLATION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JERICK CHARLS DAMO ANTONIO and KYLADINE KEITH DAMO ANTONIO IN THE ENTRY DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS

RICHARD B. ANTONIO and NEMALYN C. DAMO, JERICK CHARLS DAMO ANTONIO for themselves and in behalf of KYLADINE KEITH DAMO ANTONIO Petitioners,

-vs-

MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE, LAOAG CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR, CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL and ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, Respondents.

Spec. Proc. No. 17828-16

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ORDER

A verified petition has been filed by the petitioners thru counsel wherein they prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Municipal Registrar of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, City Civil Registrar of Laoag City and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, that the entry as to the date and place of marriage of Richard B. Antonio and Nemalyn C. Damo as appearing in the

Certificate of Live Birth of Jerick Charls Damo Antonio and Kyladine Keith Damo Antonio as "April 8, 2002, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte" be deleted and/or changed to "not married".

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, upon preliminary evaluation without prejudice to a subsequent resolution, the Court hereby sets the initial hearing on April 29, 2022 at 8:30 in the morning at the ground floor of the Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City at which date, time and place any interested person may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

The Municipal Civil Registrar of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Laoag City Civil Registrar and Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Manila and any person having or claiming any interest under the entries whose corrections are sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of publication or from the last date of publications of this order, file an opposition thereto.

Let a copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation and a copy of this Order and the petition be furnished the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, City Prosecutor of Laoag City, the Municipal Civil Registrar of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, the Provincial Legal Officer of Ilocos Norte, Laoag City Civil Registrar, the Legal Officer of Laoag City, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Manila and Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City. SO ORDERED. Laoag City, March 2, 2022.

(SGD.) ARTEMIO H. QUIDILLA Executive Judge

Copy furnished: APP Eric Cua ACP Voltaire Ramos Atty. Reynaldo Corpuz Richard B. Antonio/Nemalyn C. Damo Jerick Charls Damo Antonio Municipal Registrar of San Nicolas, I.N. Laoag City Civil Registrar Civil Registrar General Philippine Statistics Authority 17th floor, Cyber pod Centris, Eton Three Edsa 110 Q.C. Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City OCC Provincial Legal Officer of Ilocos Norte

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased QUIRINO D. TOLENTINO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot (2-A, 2-C, 2-D, 2-E) 2-K, Bsd-01-00011 OLT, being a portion of Lot (2-A, 2-C, 2-D, 2-E) 2, Psd-1-02687, L.R.C. Rec. No. __), situated at Barrio Madamba, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. E-157 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto Michelle J. Marco in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; as per Doc. No. 265; Page No. 54; Book No. XVI; Series of 2015.

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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 Philippine National Bank at Laoag City J.P. Rizal Branch with Acct. No. 223160310923 has been adjudicated by his heir Maxima T. Manuel in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. John John P. Felipe; as per Doc. No. 169; Page No. 34; Book No. 236; Series of 2022.

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In Ilocos, DOLE's Labor Inspectors Hit the Ground Running

The Department of Labor and Employment in Ilocos Region has revamped up its Labor Inspection Program anew, as the Regional Office 1's labor inspectors have been hitting the ground running to intensively ensure employers' full compliance to labor laws.

Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos said about 10 labor inspectors are now deployed for zonal inspection in Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte for March and April 2022, targeting a total of 800 establishments to be inspected.

For 2022, DOLE Regional Office 1 targets to inspect a total of 2,280 establishments regionwide.

In each inspection visit, Labor Inspectors carefully evaluate the compliance of establishments to general labor standards, such as on wages, leaves, and other social benefits. Adherence to occupational safety and health standards is also assessed.

Validation is done through intensive document reviews and employee interview.

By May up to October, the labor inspectors shall then be deployed to other field offices in La Union, Western Pangasinan, Central Pangasinan, and Eastern Pangasinan to ensure full coverage of all establishments in the region.

In 2021, DOLE RO1 achieved the highest performance rate on Labor Inspection among all regions in the country. At 205% performance rate, DOLE RO1 visited a total of 4,677 establishments, way beyond its target of 2,280. Such performance

covered a total of 60,891 establishments.

"This accomplishment last year is a testament to our unceasing commitment to reinforce the strong presence of DOLE on the ground, despite the health threats," RD Ramos said.

"We are resolute to make our labor inspection more aggressive than ever because we believe this is instrumental to ensure the safe re-opening of our establishments, as we now steadily transcend into the new normal," she added. *(by Justin Paul D. Marbella)*

LEGAL NOTICE

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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Sampulna shepherds DENR towards a safe work space

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) spearheaded an orientation on Republic Act (RA) 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act of 2019—also known as the "Bawal Bastos" Law—for its executives nationwide to reinforce awareness on sexual harassment in the workplace.

Held on March 21, 2022, as part of the DENR Gender and Development (GAD) activities for National Women's month, the event gathered around 300 participants coming from the ranks of DENR undersecretaries, assistant secretaries, directors, regional and assistant regional executive directors, provincial and community environmental and natural resources officers, bureau directors, heads of attached agencies, and division chiefs.

"This management will not tolerate any big or small acts of harassment. I, not only as your Secretary but as a father and a good shepherd, therefore call on our GAD committees nationwide led by Undersecretary Atty. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh to leave no stone unturned to implement the Safe Spaces Act," DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said.

The orientation served as an avenue to familiarize the DENR

officials on Republic Act (RA) 7877 or the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995, as well as punishable acts, liabilities, and penalties under RA 11313 and Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 11, series of 2021.

The officials were also briefed on the process of filing complaints to the DENR's Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) on work-related sexual harassment incidents.

The orientation was given by Teh, DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change.

Teh is also the chair of the National GAD Focal Point System and DENR Central Office CODI.

Under RA 7877, heads of offices have the duty to prevent or deter the commission of acts of sexual harassment and to provide the procedures for the resolution, settlement, or prosecution of acts of sexual harassment.

Teh said that aside from refraining from committing acts of gender-based sexual harassment, employees and co-workers must "provide emotional or social support to fellow employees, co-workers, colleagues or peers who are victims of gender-based

sexual harassment witnessed in the workplace."

RA 11313 states that officials or heads of offices will be held liable for not taking action on reported acts of gender-based sexual harassment committed in the workplace.

"We, as officials, need to come up with measures to encourage victims to speak up. We should practice a zero tolerance policy towards these kinds of actions within the DENR," said Teh.

She added: "Even if we have these laws, these are not enough as deterrent for sexual harassments. It has something to do with our values, culture, and how we look at our women and men that we need to develop. It is rooted on a much deeper scale that is why we need to look at it in a much wider context to prevent such acts."

The DENR GAD office is planning to hold skills development for CODI members on understanding behaviors, conducting

investigations sensitively, and conveying mental health resources and setting up of a counseling program for employee victims.

This will be part of the "Bawal Bastos sa DENR" campaign for the DENR Central Office, bureaus, attached agencies, and regional offices.

In cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Philippine Commission on Women, the DENR also held on March 22 a webinar for the DENR CODI members nationwide on Adopting a Culture of Safety and Safe Work Spaces.

DENR employees were given an orientation on the Safe Spaces Act on March 29.

According to a recent Social Weather Stations Survey commissioned by the Commission on Population and Development, 25 percent of Filipino adults in the country have experienced harmful acts such as physical, sexual, and emotional violence. ###

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implement the TUPAD as it has been exempted from the election ban by the Commission on Election.

"The COMELEC granted exemption to TUPAD and four other DOLE programs on February 10, 2022, following Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III's request," RD Ramos clarified.

"Sec. Bello underscored that these DOLE programs are demand-driven and have continuously served the marginalized, vulnerable, and under-privileged beneficiaries/workers for decades, hence their exemption from the ban," the regional director added.

Meanwhile, DOLE RO1 continues to implement the TUPAD in the coming months, but safety measures are in place to ensure the program remains non-partisan.

To ensure the efficient and effective implementation of TUPAD, the DOLE issued various policies namely Department Order No. 173-17, Administrative Order 118-21, among others. Additional control measures were also enforced September 2021 to sustainably preserve the integrity of the DOLE's emergency employment program. *(Justin Paul D. Marbella)*

DTI monitors.....(back page)

inaccuracies of prices and unavailability of price tags in a certain supermarket in Ilocos Norte.

Lapastora advises the public to report such cases to the Consumer Welfare Desk of the business establishment.

"Mayroon pong Consumer Welfare Desk ang mga supermarket sa ating mga lugar kung saan pwede silang mag-file ng complaint. Ang patakaraan doon, kung ano po ang mas mababa, yun ang babayaran," added Lapastora.

When asked if the prices on basic commodities will also increase due to the global crisis on oil price hike, the assistant regional head said that there is a process before price adjustments

are implemented.

"Yung inventory ng groceries and supermarkets usually lasts for one month. So, kung mayroon pang presyo ng gasolina sa ating mga paninda, hindi nagre-reflect kaagad dahil mayroon silang one-month inventory. Nonetheless, we are in constant coordination sa ating mga big suppliers and dealers at nakikibalita din kami sa kanila. Bago mag-implement ng price adjustment ang ating mga manufacturer, nagfa-file sila sa DTI Main Office. Whatever price adjustment that will be implemented, it should be reasonable," said Lapastora. *(Ma. Joreina Therese Blanco/PIA Ilocos Norte)*

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The tension in Pilar, Abra ended peacefully after a series of negotiations spearheaded by Cordillera Police Regional Director, P/BGen. Ronald Oliver Lee. Twelve former military men serving as security aides of Pilar town Vice Mayor Jaja Josefina Disono submitted themselves for custody under the Philippine Army pending investigation by the Philippine National Police. Also, 14 licensed assorted firearms from the camp of Vice Mayor Disono were submitted to the PNP for forensic examination. Local media reported that an untoward incident erupted earlier as the vice mayor's aides aboard a car passed a police checkpoint. (Photo courtesy of PNP Cordillera)

In 2022 Q1, DOLE RO1 Disburses 44M Wages for TUPAD Workers

As the first quarter of 2022 ends, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Regional Office 1 has disbursed a total of P44,144,320 as wages for displaced and disadvantaged workers in the region who were employed through DOLE's flagship emergency employment program.

Through the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD), a total of 12,386 workers earned their wages ranging from P3,400 to P5,100.

The TUPAD workers rendered labor

in various community projects such as cleaning and disinfection, and greening and tree-planting activities. The projects were done in the beneficiaries' respective barangays for a period of 10 to 15 days.

1,198 TUPAD Workers were from Ilocos Norte; 1,276 from Ilocos Sur; 944 from La Union; 951 from Pangasinan's Districts 1-2; 4,925 from Districts 3-4 of Pangasinan; and 3,092 from Pangasinan's Districts 5-6.

DOLE RO1 Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos said

DOLE continues to

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DA guarantees fuel subsidy for farmers, fisherfolk

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Mar. 31 (PIA) – The Department of Agriculture (DA)-Regional Office 1 will launch a fuel discount program for farmers and fisherfolk amidst the escalating oil price.

The DA's fuel discount program will provide fuel discounts to farmers and fisherfolk who own agricultural or fishery machinery, either individually or through

organizations.

DA in Ilocos regional director Nestor Domenden said that Region I receives P42-million from the allotted P1.1 billion subsidy for farmers and fisherfolk by the government.

"Out of that P42-million, 36 million ang mapupunta sa ating mga magsasaka ng mais. About 6 million ang pupunta sa mga fisherfolk na gumagamit ng makinarya," said Domenden.

"At bukod doon ay meron ding fertilizer subsidy na naka-programa para sa ating mga magsasaka ng hybrid rice at about 383 million ang mapupunta sa kanilang pangangailangan ng fertilizer," Domenden added.

Regional Director Domenden said that eligible recipients for the subsidy should have registered machinery and motorbanca and members of

a cooperative.

Recipients can claim the fuel discount through fuel discount cards (FDCs) which will be issued in coordination with the Development Bank of the Philippines.

Domenden announced that the tentative date for the distribution of the subsidy shall start on April 8. (Joanne Namnama Dilim/PIA La Union)

DTI monitors SRP compliance of supermarkets in Ilocos

LAOAG CITY, March 30 (PIA) – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) continues its regular monitoring on the compliance of grocery stores and supermarkets in the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) of basic necessities and primary commodities in Region I.

During the Kapihan sa Ilocos conducted by the Philippine Information Agency Region I on March 25, DTI Assistant Regional Director Grace Lapastora informed the

media that there is a weekly monitoring on the inventory of business establishments to ensure they are guided by the SRP.

"Ang Department of Trade and Industry ay weekly na nagmo-monitor sa ating mga groceries and supermarkets when it comes to their compliance to the Suggested Retail Price and that is reflected sa mga pricetag nila," said Lapastora.

There has been some reports online on the

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