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**DUTERTE LEGACY CARAVAN IN ILOCOS NORTE.** The Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office leads the Duterte Legacy Barangayanihan Caravan at Barangay Nalbo, Laoag City. Government agencies convened at the barangay hall to deliver basic services such as free haircut, livestock assistance, and distribution of food packs and calamansi seedlings. (Photo courtesy of PIA Ilocos Norte)

**THIS WEEK'S NEWS IN A FLASH**

by Multimedia Report

**NBI-Laoag agents rescue a woman from her live-in partner doctor's house after she seeks help. Doc, the suspect, denies her claim of violent abuses.**  
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**Motorcycle-riding gunmen spray a villager's house with bullets at early dawn in Cavite, Laoag City. PNP SOCOs say they found spent cartridges near the victim's vicinity.**  
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**Grenade, gun seized from a residence in Piddig, I.Norte during a search operation. The PNP search team wear body cams contrary to critics' report.**  
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**Some 350 people cast their votes in Ilocos Norte under Comelec's Local Absentee Voting (LAV).**  
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**All six search warrants vs. individuals in Laoag City not politically motivated--PNP.**  
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# Ilocos Region's economy hits P608.6 billion-mark

● **PSA says Ilocos ranks 9th among the country's 17 regions, eco-growth-wise**

By April M. Montes-Bravo

The economy of the Ilocos Region rebounded by 4.6 percent in 2021 or P608.6 billion-mark from the P581.9 billion in 2020, the PSA reported.

Lawyer Sheila de Guzman, regional director of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Ilocos, said that of the 5.7 percent growth of the country's economy, the Ilocos Region contributed 0.2 percentage points, accounting for a 3.3 percent share of the total Gross Domestic Product.

De Guzman said, "In 2021, the industry exhibited the fastest growth at 9.9 percent among the major industries. Human health and social work activities posted the fastest growth of 19.4 percent while construction registered the biggest contributor to economic growth at 2.0 percentage points."

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## MMMHospital rolls out second booster shots

by Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco

**BATAC CITY, (PIA) --** The state-run Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMMHC) in this city has started April 25 administering a second booster shot or the fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccines to all health care workers who are

immunocompromised, aged 18 years old and above.

Jhey-Ar Mangati, the hospital's health education and promotions officer, said initially, about 95 vaccinees had received their second booster dose out of the targeted 1,000 immunocompromised

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*Guest Editorial:*

**From surrenderers to fighters – in love**

Well it is true that the two former rebels are surrenderers, but they are no quitters.

The couple just proved themselves to be fighters in love as they exchanged their marriage vows at the St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral in Vigan City on Wednesday afternoon, April 27, 2022.

Lovers since 2014, these two chose to fight for love amidst the hostile environment they were confined in where they met as rebels before they both decided to voluntarily surrender in September of 2021.

The two exchanged their ‘I Dos’ in an intimate wedding ceremony initiated by the 69th Infantry Battalion led by Lieutenant Colonel Marcelo F. Valdez, the 702nd Infantry Brigade (IB), 7th Division of the Philippine Army (PA) under the leadership of Brigadier General Krishnamurti A. Mortela, and the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur headed by Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson who were both among their principal sponsors.

In attendance to the nuptials were the Department of the Interior and Local Government Provincial Director Randy S. Dela Rosa and some staff, members of the 69th Infantry Battalion and the 702nd IB PA, other guests, and their families who were the happiest to witness the important day.

Before the arrival of the bride, the groom who was unafraid of showing his excitement mixed with jitters, almost ripped his lips as he shared, “no iti gubat saanak a manerbyos, tattaak la manerbyos (If on a battle I don’t feel nervous, right now I do).”

He added that it feels different when one is getting married. The couple met in the mountains as members of the communist group New People’s Army (NPA).

He shared that he was already part of the underground movement long before his partner joined the group.

There weren’t a lot of major adversities in their relationship, but they started to face struggles during his now wife’s pregnancy.

That was the time in their life where they began to think whether to stay on the terrorist organization or to go home and live a peaceful life with their family.

“I contemplated a lot of times, there were several instances where I went back to and from the mountains until I finally decided and convinced her that we surrender together,” he said.

Considering the hunger, exhaustion, mental fatigue and sleep deprivation among other difficulties they were put under, as well as the thought of their child they dearly miss, they decided to leave the organization that was “not making progress.”

They wanted to have the progressive and peaceful life that they found in the government’s support through the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP).

He expressed sincere gratitude for the unyielding efforts of the government and the Philippine Army.

He said they have always provided moral and financial support, citing that he is aware that some soldiers give assistance from their own pockets despite having families of their own to support.

“I do not know what would have been the fate of my family had we not returned to the fold of the government, we can truly see and feel that they will not abandon or neglect us,” he said.

With the help of the government, and the voluntary support of the troops and the agencies, they are able to regain their life.

He mentioned that they plan to build their own home, and he will also enlist in the Philippine Army to provide for his family because he does not intend to rely on the support of the government throughout his life.

He also thanked both Brigadier Generals Mortela and Audrey L. Pasia for their full support and pledged to be of help to the government and their causes whenever needed.

“Let us not waver on convincing those who are still in the mountains, I can feel that they are looking for ways to contact us. To those in the underground movement, I know your fear, I have been there. We are the living proof that there is a good and peaceful life here,” he reached out to the public and those who have not yet surrendered.

Their wedding is a manifestation of the reality that love is not a fairytale where each day is sunny and the air is filled with beautiful melodies that the leads are singing while dancing amongst the crowd.

Love is a choice, that despite the challenges and uncertainties a couple face, what keeps them together is their resolve to fight for it and in this story, their faith in the government. (AILA T. VILLANUEVA/PIA Ilocos Sur)



**WORD ALIVE**

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Faith, honesty in election**

There was a “fake news” that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead because the grave was borrowed. The wealthy owner, Joseph of Arimathea, was getting it back allegedly since he needed it.

That’s not true, of course. Jesus wanted to prove what he predicted and promised that he would rise on the third day.

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The gospel of this 3rd Sunday of Easter relates how the risen Christ appeared for the third time.

Jesus’ appearances served to strengthen and reinforce the faith of his close followers, telling them that he was really their Master who was crucified, died, and resurrected.

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Just as the apostles had believed in the Risen Lord and his teachings, so we his present-day followers should do the same. It’s easy enough

to believe in Jesus when life is stress-free and comfortable. However, it’s not so when trials, failures, and adversities strike us.

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I had a friend who was very active in her parish as member of the Legion of Mary, Cursillo and other organizations. When she migrated to the USA, she continued her pastoral involvement.

Everything went well, until she was diagnosed to have cancer of the uterus. The finding devastated her. But she and church co-workers prayed earnestly, trusting the Lord would heal her.

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Instead of getting better, however, the insidious sickness spread and became even more painful. The lady got so dejected that she stopped praying altogether. Not too long after, she passed away.

(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)

When I learned about it, I felt very said and mumbled some prayers, asking the Lord to understand her physical and mental disposition then. To paraphrase Jesus’ last word, “Father forgive her for she did not know what she was doing.”

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There are other adversities and challenges we encounter like financial difficulties, unjust treatment from one’s superior or employer, family problems, to mention some.

Do I reflect that, perhaps, the fault lies in me as, for instance, I incur lung cancer due to cigarette smoking? On the national level, is our economy slow in progress because of corrupt officials and leaders?

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“Letting go” means getting rid of our negative attitudes and practices that hamper personal and national

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**THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR**

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

**A Mathematics mentor for others: empowering indigenous peoples through numbers (Second of three parts)**

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Our subject: a man of considerable (intellectual and moral) means

Our man of the hour may be no big-shot philanthropist or a world-renowned tycoon. On the contrary, he is an information technology (IT) professional in real life, having worked for the Social Security Systems (SSS) for more than 30 years. Now 62, he is retired yet is quite happy with his life now (more about this later in this article and in the next iteration, folks).

So how did I get to meet our subject?

I met our man of the hour- Mr. Edward Ines Agdeppa- when he was one of our guests for the Sunday afternoon AFP Radio show Voice of the Teachers Radio (also known as VOTT) sometime in 2017. At that time (and up to the present), I was still a tyro (and barely two years in the radio hosting industry) and the VOTT team was still broadcasting from the PVAO Building. I remember that it was not only our subject who was our guest but also several others.

On the Sunday that I met Tito Edward, he came across as very cordial and warm, which he still is more than ever. He had a hearty laugh which can resonate in every room (and even every

hall). Apart from his laugh, Tito Edward’s sense of humor never ceases to amaze me because he comes across as witty, which reflects his intelligence and propensity to make people laugh. He also loves his family so much, especially that he is a lifelong bachelor and has a special place in his heart for his brothers and sisters (and friends, including this writer).

Just weeks ago, before the Holy Week, I was able to take a short break from the hustle and bustle of work and school. Being the typical netizen that I am, I happened to message Tito Edward randomly, especially when he added me to a chat group consisting of his friends from all over the world. As a result, I was encouraged to drop a line and ask how Tito Edward was. I even promised to call him whenever I am not busy.

Truth be told, I was elated when I learned that our man of the hour is a true-blue Ilocano from Sinit, Ilocos Sur (I trace my roots to the city of Candon and the town of Santa, Ilocos Sur). Yes, Virginia, I was quite motivated to establish rapport with my fellow Ilocanos (and fellow Filipinos, of course)!

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# DOH and WHO conducts COVID-19 vaccine post-introduction evaluation in Ilocos Region

The National Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC) together with the World Health Organization (WHO) conducted the Covid-19 Post-Introduction Evaluation in Ilocos Region I to further streamline the Covid-19 vaccination program

in preparation for the planned transition to routine immunization including when and how often booster doses might be needed.

“Emerging coronavirus variants and the future use of Covid-19 booster shots must be well handled and

coordinated including the implementation of strategies and activities that will improve the current Covid vaccination program,” Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco stated.

“As we expand the immunization campaign, we need to rapidly

identify the challenges and immediately address these concerns for its improvement and provide valuable lessons for future vaccine introductions in the country.”

The Covid-19 Post-Introduction Evaluation activity specifically aims to 1) highlight best

practices in the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out and implementation activities, 2) assess the impact of the vaccination deployment on the national routine immunization program and 3) underline the lessons learned during

the vaccination days to strengthen the over-all national immunization program and health security of the country.

Among the provinces visited by the evaluation team were Ilocos Sur and La Union.

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progress. In the context of Easter, it means dying to our bad traits and vices, and rising to a new life.

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Honesty, election Faith in God also requires faith in ourselves. Meaning, let's not just pray for a peaceful, honest, and orderly election; we should do our share of choosing wisely the right candidates, especially the presidential candidates.

Let's not vote on the basis of popularity, affinity or friendship or candidates who're known

plunderers, tax evaders and vote buyers. We should also show concern by volunteering as poll watchers of authorized groups like NAMFREL and PPCRV.

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Let me stress the importance of moral integrity or what we often call an upright and "God-fearing" leader. A leader may be the best economist who can solve the country's financial woes but if he is corrupt, surreptitiously stealing from the government coffers or pocketing

multi-million-peso from ghost projects, then his talent is all rubbish.

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That's the reason why our country cannot prosper economically as it should. How true are the words of the Greek philosopher Plato: "Poverty consists not in the decrease of man's possessions, but in the increase of one's greed."

Or, as another writer said: "There's enough resources for every one's needs but not enough for every one's greed."

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Help seminarians, sick indigents. A benefactor wrote: "Father. I would like to adopt a seminarian and help the sick indigents you're supporting. This is my way of giving back some of the blessings the Lord has given me."

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May I appeal to others to "give back some of the blessings God has given to you" by donating an amount or sponsor a seminarian's schooling for a year and our less fortunate sick. For inquiry, e-mail me at: belsvd@gmail.com.

## The Ilocano Educator.....(page 2)

What struck me the most about Tito Edward? Apart from being a charitable man who helps his community not for the sake of publicity or self-preservation, I was extremely enthused to learn that he has a heart not only for his fellow Ilocanos but also for indigenous peoples. He is also a man for others who does not bat an eyelash when others want to collaborate with him.

In the next iteration of this series, I will be sharing with you Tito Edward's achievements in terms of mentoring the youth and indigenous peoples as they develop their mathematical skills.

(to be concluded)

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TO ALL MY DEAR READERS: Now that it is barely two weeks (as of this writing) before the national elections, I am enjoining all of you to vote wisely and honestly. We must go beyond muckraking and electioneering if we want our bets to win. At the end of the day, no matter who wins the election, we are still all Filipinos and we have to set aside our differences in ideology and political affiliation in order to work for the common good. Such reflects our growth and maturity as a nation.

Once again, vote wisely and honestly! I love you all!

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GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO!

GUESS WHAT: Texting random people and going on a manhunt for delinquent debtors are the dirty tactics of this emergent online lending company. My source, a teacher who is known for being irritable whenever lending companies call him/her up and ask for a debtor's whereabouts, was aghast to receive a text containing information about a debtor (who was incidentally a teacher, too) and demanded that my source respond immediately. As a result, my informant typed many cuss words directed at the collection agent

and then blocked the agent's number. CLUE: This online lending agency is notorious for shaming its delinquent debtors and besmirching them on social media. Apart from that, the online lender in question is quite usurious in its interest rates.

What are the lessons of the story? Never be greedy and opportunistic. Cease preying on hapless and desperate lenders. Agents, be polite in communicating with the lenders. Be considerate of the lenders' situations (and who knows, they may be honest yet timid to admit their precarious financial situation).

GUESS WHO: This now-deceased film and television director may be a genius behind the camera. However, in his/her salad days in the 1970s, s/he had quite a temper which put off not a few crew members and actors. According to my source, who is a character actor and entrepreneur now in his/her 60s, the director screamed just like Hollywood scream queen Nancy Allen in the 1980 Brian de Palma-directed film Dressed to Kill just because my informant did not get a scene right. Therefore, my source was flushed because s/he was berated by the director in front of the cast and crew. At that time, the film in question was our subject's second film. Karma crept in when, more than 30 years later, our subject passed away from a debilitating heart attack.

What are the lessons of the story? Never ever blow your top because you have a great responsibility as a film director. Mellow down instead of going berserk like an elephant. Apologize to people whom you have berated. Teach, not taunt.

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individuals.

The booster activity was in line with the national government health advisory for a second booster shot or the fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to mitigate any virus transmission.

“Receiving the second booster dose affords us to maintain strong protection from severe COVID-19

infection. We encourage everyone who is 18 years old and above, to have their second booster, as well as the elderly and those with the weakened immune system and other co-morbidities,” said Dr. Gretchen V. Ranada, head of the MMMH&MC vaccination team. (JCR/JPD/MJTAB, PIA Ilocos Norte)

## Ilocos Region's.....(page 1)

“From the expenditure side, Gross Capital Formation posted the fastest growth of 14.6 percent, while Household Final Consumption Expenditure was registered as the biggest contributor to expenditure growth at 4.5 percentage points,” she said.

She added, “The per capita Gross Regional Domestic Product and

Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure is P114,544.” Ilocos Region ranked ninth among the country's 17 regions, the PSA said.

The report on the 2021 economic performance of the region was presented at the same time with other regions to stakeholders through a hybrid news conference on April 28. (JCR/AMB/PIA Pangasinan)

## ILOCOS SUR

## DA Sec. Dar leads groundbreaking ceremony for Php101-m CASIPA Bridge in Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur

One of the most highly anticipated infrastructure subprojects under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) in the Province of Ilocos Sur is the Construction of Cabaroan-Silag-Pacang (CASIPA) Bridge with Approaches. The bridge will connect six (6) barangays to the provincial road and provide better access to transportation, city services, and government interventions.

Aside from improved transportation and good business, the CASIPA bridge will literally pave the way for improved access to social services (i.e. access to schools and hospitals/health centers); reduced travel time, transport losses, hauling cost; and increased production for various agricultural commodities. Secretary Dar highlighted the positive impact of the

construction of bridge to the farmers and the entirety of the agriculture community during the ceremony.

At present, a pipe culvert serves as the bridge for barangays Cabaroan, Silag, Pacang, Langaon, Ampuagan, and Lesseb. The existing bridge is easily submerged in floodwaters during rainy season forcing some residents of Silag and Pacang to use balsa, an improvised boat made with wood scraps, for transportation.

The CASIPA Bridge, which has a total project cost of Php101,766,095.00, is targeted to begin construction on June 01, 2022. The bridge to be constructed will measure 120.9 linear meters, have 5.6 carriage width, and 358.81 meters approaches having 6.1 carriage width. (DA - PRDP Ilocos Region)

## ILOCOS SUR

## DOST to reach more CEST recipients in Ilocos Sur

VIGAN CITY, Apr. 29 (PIA) – Through a community needs assessment conducted by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in Ilocos, through its Provincial Science and Technology Center in Ilocos Sur in partnership with the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC), more Ilocos Sur residents are expected to benefit from the Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) program of the DOST.

This is through the launching of the CEST program in the municipality of Santo Domingo in the province recently.

The DOST said the CEST program aims to transform disadvantaged and marginalized groups of society into a progressive, resilient and empowered community through science and technology.

It can be remembered that barangay Nagbattedan

in Santo Domingo was one of the recipients of the Support to Barangay Development Program in 2021 under the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC).

A farm to market road and one school building were constructed and P2 million worth of livelihood training and cash for work aid to the barangay residents were awarded to the said barangay.

Through the DOST, as a member-agency of the Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster under the NTF-ELCAC, more residents of the said town will benefit from assistance and training provided by the said program.

Nagbattedan Barangay Chairperson Efren Pigao expressed his gratitude to the DOST for their effort in introducing CEST in their barangay.

"We are very lucky because there will be (Pls. turn to page 5)

## LA UNION

## Over 1K La Union police participate in local absentee voting

SAN FERNANDO CITY, April 28 (PIA) -- At least 1,000 police officers from La Union are expected to vote as absentee voters in this year's national and local elections slated from April 28 to 29.

On April 28, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) supervised the start of the two-day local absentee voting schedule for La Union-based police held at the La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO).

On the first day, 457 people voted, including 259 from LUPPO, and 96 and 102 voters from the Police Regional Office 1's Regional Headquarters and Regional Mobile Force Battalion, respectively.

Some 600 police will cast their vote on April 29 which is the last day of local absentee voting.

Police Staff Sergeant Donard Sagada from

LUPPO shared his experience as an absentee voter.

"Maganda kasi madali yung proseso. May dinala rin akong listahan para mas mapabilis ang aking pagboto," he said.

In an earlier interview, Lawyer Marino Salas, provincial election supervisor, said aside from the PNP, those who were approved to vote ahead of the election day in the province also include the members of the Philippine Air Force, Philippine Navy, Philippine Army, and Philippine Coast Guard.

He added that those participating in the absentee voting will be limited to voting for candidates seeking national seats only such as the President, Vice-President, 12 senators, and one Party-List. (Joanne Namnama P. Dilim /PIA La Union)

## LA UNION

## Agoo Opens its first School-based Teen Center

The Municipality of Agoo launched its first Teen Center in the President Elpidio Quirino National High School (PEQNHS) on April 26, 2022.

The center will serve as a convergence area for the students to express their thoughts and ideas and to conduct academic, extracurricular, and recreational activities. It will also be a facility that provides medical and social services such as counseling and reproductive health care among the adolescents in the school. It will operate from Monday to Friday at 8:00am-5:00pm. It is temporarily manned by the SSG adviser and school nurse until peer educators will be trained.

The launching of the teen center was formalized through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) represented by Regional Director Erma R. Yapit and PEQNHS represented by Dr. Oscar D. Gatchalian, School Principal. Also

present during the event were representatives from the Supreme Student Government Officers, School Teachers, POPCOM I, Municipal Health Office, and the Provincial Health Office-Population Unit.

IEC materials and indoor board games were also turned over to the school as one of POPCOM's counterpart in support of the Teen Center.

In his message, Dr. Gatchalian was profoundly elated and grateful as this was the first teen center established in the municipality. "This is something that you cannot compare to other schools kasi mangilan-ngilan lang," he expressed.

POPCOM Regional Director Erma R. Yapit hopes that through the establishment of the Teen Center, positive values will be reinforced among the students which will help them become responsible adolescents and responsible parents in the future. (by: Mae Grace M. Ariola/ POPCOM Region I)

## PANGASINAN

## Pangasinan police spearhead Duterte Legacy caravan

DAGUPAN CITY, Apr. 27 (PIA) – The Pangasinan Police Provincial Office (PPPO) spearheaded the Duterte Legacy Barangayanihan Caravan project thru convergence of all government agencies held at Sitio Kadampat, Barangay Bolo, Labrador, Pangasinan on April 21.

This is in compliance with Executive Order No. 137 that institutionalized the "Aid and Humanitarian Operations Nationwide Convergence Program" to enhance agency coordination and collaboration in the distribution of assistance to the Filipino people.

PPPO provincial director PCOL Richmond Tadina said the event was a manifestation of strong support of the Philippine National Police (PNP) to the national government by informing the public of its policies, programs, and variety of services that could help bring

about real change in the communities.

"Nawa ang hakbang na ito ay makatulong sa inyo at sa inyong mga pamilya. Ang PNP ay nagsisilbi lamang na tagapag-coordinate sa iba't ibang agencies ng sa ganun ay makapag-organize tayo ng ganitong pagtitipon," Tadina said.

Around 120 residents of Sitio Kadampat directly benefited from the programs and services of the government delivered to them by the different participating agencies and instrumentalities.

During the caravan, residents availed of free haircut, dental services, legal assistance, livelihood training, processing of license to own and possess firearms registration, national ID registration, among others.

The PPPO also distributed food packs, hygiene kits, slippers, and solar lights. (APRIL M. MONTES-BRAVO/PIA Pangasinan)

## PANGASINAN

## DOLE pays a total of P1.7-M cash aid to 500 Pangasinenses

MANGALDAN, Pangasinan, Apr. 29 (PIA) – A total of P1.7 million cash aid under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in Ilocos were received by some 500 beneficiaries in Mangaldan town.

The beneficiaries, composed of 300 members of tricycle operators and drivers association (TODA) and 200 dependents of selected barangay security force or barangay tanods, received P3,400 each in exchange of their services rendered as street cleaners for a duration of 10 days.

Wesley Fernandez, a TUPAD beneficiary

from Barangay Landas who works as a tricycle driver, said he was glad the program was not a government subsidy, but one had to work for it.

"Masaya ako dahil itong matatanggap kong pera ay sweldo na pinahirapan kong makuha," he proudly said.

TUPAD program, which is a community-based package of assistance, aims to provide emergency employment for displaced workers, underemployed and seasonal workers, for a minimum period of 10 days, but not to exceed a maximum of 30 days, depending on the nature of work to be performed. (ELSHA MARIE S. ARGUEL/PIA Pangasinan)





← The Pangkabuhayan ni Manong Pulis project of the Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office has once again benefited another 28 kakailians who received livestock dispersal that was distributed during the Duterte Legacy Caravan held INPPO Multi-Purpose Building, Camp Captain Valentin S Juan, Brgy 23 San Matias, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. Among the livestock distributed were 25 female goats and 3 female cattle, 2 of which was from Pinili MPS and 1 from Piddig MPS.

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## DENR I dismantles 9,394 campaign materials in COMELEC’s region-wide operation Baklas

In adherence to the order of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna which enjoins DENR Field Offices to strengthen the promotion of an environmentally conscious national election campaign and to enforce Republic Act No. 3571 and Presidential

Decree 953 which penalize the unauthorized cutting, destruction, damaging, and injuring of trees, plants, and vegetation of public places, DENR Ilocos Region joined Commission on Elections’ (COMELEC) region-wide “Oplan Baklas”.

DENR-Pangasinan Field Offices participated in the two-day Operation

Baklas teaming up with their jurisdictions Provincial and City/Municipal COMELEC personnel, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Local Government Unit (LGU), Philippine National Police (PNP) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on February 25,

2022 and April 20, 2022.

On the other hand, DENR-Ilocos Norte Field Offices joined forces with Department of Education (DepEd), DPWH, Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative (INECO) and PNP on February 25, 2022.

In addition to that, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources

(PENRO) Ilocos Sur thru CENRO Bantay and CENRO Tagudin conducts a regular monitoring and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign since January 2022. This is the reason the public especially the candidates running for a position in the upcoming election are compliant to the campaign rules and

mandates of DENR.

With the participation of the Department’s Field Offices, a total of 9,394 illegal election propaganda were collected and turned over to the COMELEC for proper disposition while other materials were returned to the parties involved. (DML-RSCIG)

## DILG thanks the public for government’s 83% approval rating in COVID-19 response

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today thanked the public for government’s high approval rating of 83% in the OCTA Research’s Tugon ng Masa Survey on the government’s response to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country as it reaffirms its commitment to continue to do its part in bringing the pandemic to its end.

“Masaya kami na naramdaman ng mga tao na may gobyernong nagmamalasakit sa gitna ng pandemya. Dahil dito, lalo pa naming paigtingin ang aming mga programa tulad ng huling yugto ng pagbabakuna, pagpapatupad ng minimum health standards, at papapanatili ng kaayusan sa bansa lalo na’t ilang araw nalang ay eleksiyon na,” DILG Secretary Eduardo M.

Año said.

Año said the survey results is an affirmation that the government’s management and handling of the pandemic is a success in the eyes of those who matter most, the Filipino people, who felt that the government was present and in command since Day 1 of the pandemic.

“Sa kabila ng mga sinasabi ng ilang kritiko, ang taumbayan na mismo ang humusga at nagsabing matagumpay ang tugon ng pamahalaan sa krisis ng COVID-19. Alam nilang hindi nagpabaya ang gobyerno,” he said.

The DILG Secretary said that while the survey result is a huge consolation for the hard work and sacrifice of frontliners, including the LGUs, police and fire personnel, the more important thing is that the country is now

gradually going back to normal with few cases and relaxed the alert levels in most parts of the country.

“Nagbunga ang sakripisyo nating lahat. Makakabangon at makakabawi rin tayo,” he said.

In the Tugon ng Masa survey conducted from March 5 to 10, 2022, 83% of the surveyed respondents said they “Truly approve” or “Somewhat approve” the government’s response actions vs. COVID-19.

Respondents in the National Capital Region also gave a thumbs up to the government with 88% giving similar responses. The rest of Luzon chimed in their approval with 79% approval rating, 92% in the Visayas, and 80% in Mindanao.

A total of 1,200 respondents across the country participated in the

survey led by the OCTA Research Group. The participants were given five response options to choose from: Truly Approve, Somewhat Approve, Can’t say If Approve or Disapprove, Somewhat Disapprove and Truly Disapprove.

“The high survey ratings must not make us complacent, instead, we should intensify our vaccination campaign in areas with low vaccine confidence and we must continue enforcing the minimum public health standards,” Año said.

Of the 6% who said they “somewhat disapprove/truly disapprove” the government’s COVID-19 response, 7% were from NCR; 5% were from the rest of Luzon; 1% in Visayas; and 10% in Mindanao.

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another project in our barangay,” Pigao said.

Santo Domingo Mayor Bryan Dexter Tadena expressed his gratitude to the DOST-1 for launching the CEST program in their municipality.

“I hope that this assessment on Barangay Nagbattedan will help us in resolving the problems especially on water, since the LGU is delivering water three times a week in the barangay during summer,” Mayor Tadena said.

Dr. Armando Ganal, regional director of DOST-1, said that the community needs assessment will be the basis for deploying S&T interventions to the municipality.

“Hopefully, after the implementation of this project, the barangay can start their own industry,” said Dr. Ganal.

Dr. Ganal turned over the CEST Operations Manual and the different DOST-developed technologies that the local government unit (LGU) of

Santo Domingo can adapt and implement.

Different representatives from the LGU presented the current status of barangay Nagbattedan in five priority areas of the program namely: Livelihood/Economic and Enterprise Development, Health and Nutrition, Environmental Protection and Conservation, Human Resource Development, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation.

Consolidated data will be presented to the DOST and ISPSC core group members to craft technology-based interventions to address the community’s concerns.

Through the CEST program, the entire community will be involved in the development of their community through science, technology and innovation, the DOST added. (JOYAH MAE C. QUIMOYOG/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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

AVELINO C. SALES, JR.,  
Mortgagee

-versus-

HONEYBELLE ADVINCULA STOBINK  
represented by MYRA B. AGNO,  
Mortgagors.

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

EJF NO. 03-2022

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

“Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the AVELINO C. SALES, JR. of Brgy. 13, Laoag City, against **HONEYBELLE ADVINCULA STOBINK represented by MYRA B. AGNO of Brgy. 46, Nalbo, Laoag City, and Brgy. 17, San Felipe, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte**, respectively to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of March 24, 2022, amounts to **TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 2,340,000.00) only**, inclusive of interest accruing thereon, but exclusive of all legal fees, charges and expenses to be incurred, accruing from the filing of the application in accordance with the stipulations in the said mortgage contract, and the expenses of this foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized Deputy will sell at public auction on **May 23, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** and soon thereafter at the main entrance of City Hall of Laoag, Laoag City, to the highest bidder, for cash and in Philippine Currency, all rights, shares and participation which the mortgagors HONEYBELLE ADVINCULA STOBINK represented by MYRA B. AGNO by virtue of Special Power of Attorney executed by Honeybelle A. Stobbink, docketed as Doc. 306, Page No. 62, Book No. IV, Series of 2020, notarized by Atty. Mae Jean A. Pedro, the real property together with the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-39790**

A parcel of land (Lot No. 11414-C, Psd-01-064024, being a portion of Lot 11414, Cad. 195, Laoag Cadastre, LRC Rec. No. 1221) situated in Brgy. Nstra. Sra. De Visitacion, City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 11417; on the SE., along line 203 by Lot 11415, both Cad. 195, Laoag Cadastre; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Magat Salamat Street(7.00 m. wide); and on the NW., long line 4-1 by Lot 11414-B of the subdivision plan; containing an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE (441) SQUARE METERS, more or less. Registered in the name of Honeybelle A. Stobbink, married to Peter Anton Stobbink of Brgy. 46, Nalbo, Laoag City.**

In the event that public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 30, 2022**, without further notice.

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

April 21, 2022, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte

**XAVIER F. GACHO**  
Clerk of Court V & Acting  
Provincial & City Sheriff Ex-Officio

BY:

**NICOMEDES C. CANTORNA**  
Sheriff-In-Charge  
RTC, Branch 12, Laoag City

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased DR. RHEA ANDREA G. BISMONTE-DOMINGO consisting of a bank deposit under Account No. 00000305828-4 and her share over bank deposit under Account No. 000000669810-2, both are deposited at Security Bank Corporation, Laoag City has been adjudicated by her heirs Don Napoleon T. Domingo II and Don Napoleon Bismonte Domingo as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Melchor B. Guillen; as per Doc. No. 181; Page No. 38; Book No. LXXVII; Series of 2022.

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, 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 **VENUS SERVILLANA G. BACOLCOL** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for Change of First Name from **SERVILIANO** to **VENUS SERVILLANA** and Correction of Entry of Sex from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in her Certificate of Live Birth, who was born on **October 16, 1962 at Piddig, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Lorenzo Garcia and Inocencia Santiago**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 8, 2022**.

(SGD.) ROSALINDA E. JOSE  
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 Currimao

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **PERLA O. GAJES** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **“PILAR”** with Petition No. **CFN-003-2022** to **“PERLA”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **PILAR OAMIL** who was born on **February 14, 1962 at Currimao, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Pedro Oamila and Lapaz Alega**.

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

(Sgd.) MERCY P. MADIGAL  
Municipal Civil Registrar

April 25-May1, 2022  
& May 2-8, 2022\* Ilocos Sentinel

**AFFIDAVIT OF WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ARSENIO M. QUILEZA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot 3172-C, Psd-01-071591, being a portion of Lot No. 3172, Cad 195, situated in Barangay Balacad (now Balatong), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2012000015 is the subject of an Affidavit of Waiver of Rights executed by his heirs before Notary Public Atty. Juan Conrado A. Respicio II as per Doc. No. 205; Page No. 41; Book No. DCLVI; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ARSENIO M. QUILEZA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot 3172-C, Psd-01-071591, being a portion of Lot No. 3172, Cad 195, situated in Barangay Balacad (now Balatong), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2012000015 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication executed by his legal heir Grace A. Quileza before Notary Public Atty. Juan Conrado A. Respicio II as per Doc. No. 97; Page No. 20; Book No. DCLV; Series of 2022.

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

**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF MINOR DON ANDREW NAJORDA**

**SPOUSES DONALD M. NAJORDA AND FELINAR B. NAJORDA, Petitioners.**

**Sp. Proc. No. 17825 FOR ADOPTION**

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**ORDER OF HEARING**

This petition is for the adoption of Don Andrew Najorda, who shall be known as Don Andrew Balicoco Najorda, if the court grants this petition. Finding the petition and

attachments to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets the hearing of this petition on August 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Regional Trial Court Branch 11, Marcos Hall of Justice, City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

The court directs the petitioners to cause at their own expense, before the hearing of this petition, the publication of the copy of this Order at least once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Ilocos Norte or City of Laoag.

Furnish the Office of Solicitor General, the Public Prosecutor, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the biological parents of the adoptee copies of this Order.

So ordered.  
Done this 7th day of March 2022 at the City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(SGD.) BONHOEFER V. BERNARDEZ  
Assisting Judge

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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, notice is hereby served to the public that **MARCY CALAOAGAN CAPANGYARIHAN** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **“MARLY”** to **“MARCY”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARLY ANTONIO CALAOAGAN** who was born on **December 13, 1978 at Solsona, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Jimmy D. Calaoagan and Corazon C. Antonio**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 9, 2022**.

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

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& May 2-8, 2022\* Ilocos Sentinel

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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 **DOLORES V. FERNANDEZ** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **ANDREA** to **DOLORES** in the birth certificate of **ANDREA C. VIERNES** who was born on **October 31, 1938 at Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Emigdio Viernes and Valentina Castillo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 9, 2022**.

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

April 25-May1, 2022  
& May 2-8, 2022\* Ilocos Sentinel

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SIMPLICIO PAULINO and LEONORA PAULINO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 27004, situated in the Barrio of San Mateo, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2011000154 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Absolute Sale executed by their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Ed Von Allan F. Cid; as per Doc. No. 233; Page No. 48; Book No. 18; Series of 2022.

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# DOST certifies 11,822 electoral boards in Region 1

11,822 out of 12,266 Electoral Board (EB) members in Region 1 were certified by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 1 EB Certifiers on March 1 to April 15, 2022 under DOST's Certification Program for Electoral Boards.

The DOST is mandated by the Republic Act No. 9369 (RA No. 9369) or the Amended Automated Election Law to certify the Electoral Boards (EBs), as an information technology capable person to use the Vote Counting Machines (VCM). The law requires at least one (1) of the members of the EBs to be capable of operating the VCMs.

The EBs were trained by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) prior to the Certification Program. The EBs will facilitate the voting and counting of votes in their respective polling places and are responsible for the supervision and control of the election in their assigned voting centers or polling precincts during the 2022 National and Local Elections on May 9, 2022.

The DOST Certifiers administered the proficiency tests to the EBs in various testing centers. The Certification Process was undertaken in two parts: Online

Theoretical examination which is composed of 40 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 60 minutes; and the Practical Examination or Hands-on test on the VCM operation which was scheduled to be completed within 30 minutes. The EB members were required to take and pass both the online theoretical and practical examinations.

The 11,822 Certified EBs are composed of 1,635 EBs from Ilocos Norte, 1,899 from Ilocos Sur, 1,821 from La Union, and 6,467 from Pangasinan. These EBs, formerly known as BEI or Board of Election Inspectors, have undergone both Theoretical and Practical Examinations on the operation of the VCM.

Meanwhile, EB Certification Portal, an innovation introduced for the DOST Certification Program, served as a management system for the administration of the certification. The portal served as a venue for the EBs in taking

their Online Theoretical Examinations. Through the portal, the exposure of the EBs and the DOST Certifiers to possible Covid19 transmissions was limited. Likewise, the portal significantly helped the DOST Certifiers in facilitating the Certification for the EBs especially on the conduct of the theoretical examinations and generation of pertinent reports.

The RA No. 9369 aims to increase public trust in the outcome of elections using automated technology for voting, counting, canvassing, transmission, consolidation, and recounting of the votes. The DOST as mandated by the law, conducts Certification Program for the EBs to ensure that the EBs who will operate the VCMs have proper knowledge on operating the machine. This will further increase the trust, confidence of the voters towards the use of Automated Election Systems. *(Michael John C. Maquilang)*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 18, BATAK CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE OF JUNE B. RAÑADA,

JUNE B. RAÑADA,  
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BADO, ILOCOS NORTE, THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED THEREBY,  
Respondents.

Certificate of Marriage of June B. Rañada and to CHANGE THE PARENTS' NAME of the petitioner from MARINO A. RAÑADA AND ISABEL C. CARANGIAN to **BENJAMIN A. RAÑADA AND CYNTHIA B. RAÑADA** in the Certificate of Marriage of June B. Rañada.

The Court hereby sets the initial hearing of the Petition on **June 7, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.** at the session hall of this Court located at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Batak City, on which date, time and place, all interested parties may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Ilocos Norte and the City of Laoag.

Let also copies of this petition and this Order be furnished the Civil Registrar of Badoc, Ilocos Norte, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Manila, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, Batak City, Ilocos Norte, and the Office of the Solicitor General, Manila.

SO ORDERED.  
Batak City, April 11, 2022.

(SGD.) MARIA CORAZON M. LABRADOR  
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

- 1) Atty. Joshua Kaye Q. Agcaoili Cruz Balbas Agcaoili Law Office Rm. 33 La Angela Bldg. 26 Gen. Segundo Ave., Brgy. 13 Laoag City
- 2) The Municipal Civil Registrar Badoc, Ilocos Norte
- 3) Office of the Civil Registrar General Philippine Statistics Authority Manila
- 4) Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village Makati City
- 5) Office of the Provincial Prosecutor Batak City

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Sp. Proc. No. 5774-18

**ORDER**

This is a verified Petition for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Marriage, filed by June B. Rañada of Brgy. Gabut Sur, Badoc, Ilocos Norte, thru counsel, asking that after due publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the respondents to CHANGE AND CORRECT THE MIDDLE INITIAL OF JUNE B. RAÑADA FROM "C" TO "B" in the

Republic of the Philippines  
**Office of the City Civil Registrar**  
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 Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R. A. 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSENDO JR. DELOS SANTOS TAMAYO** has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's **date of birth** from "**APRIL 30, 1965**" to "**MARCH 30, 1965**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROSENDO JR. DELOS SANTOS TAMAYO** who was born on March 30, 1965 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Avenicia Delos Santos and Rosendo Tamayo.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 9, 2022**.

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

April 25-May 1, 2022  
& May 2-8, 2022\* Ilocos Sentinel

**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ANTONIO, LUISA and CARIDAD, all surnamed MARIANO, consisting of their respective ONE THIRD (1/3) undivided share over two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 21562 and 23350, situated at Barrio San Matias, Municipality of Laoag (now Laoag City), both covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-11970 has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jerry D. Alejandro as per Doc. No. 374; Page No. 75; Book No. XXXVII; Series of 2003.

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R.A. 10172

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

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

CCE-0057-2022 (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 **MARICEL RARANGOL PACARIEM** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for correction of Sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GHICEL RARANGOL PACARIEM** who was born on April 18, 2005 at Batak, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are **George V. Pacariem** and **Maricel B. Rarangol**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 8, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **LORLYN FLODELIZ P. ULIT**  
City Civil Registrar

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PUBLICATION NOTICE  
R.A. 10172

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

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

CCE-0061-2022 (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 **ROSEMARIE Y. FERNANDEZ** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for correction of entry in Date of Birth from "**JUNE 06, 1971**" to "**MAY 30, 1971**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROSEMARIE A. YAGOS** who was born at Batak, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are **Jose Yagos** and **Jesusa Asuncion**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 8, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **LORLYN FLODELIZ P. ULIT**  
City Civil Registrar

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*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."*

— **H. Jackson Brown Jr., P.S. I Love You**

R.A. Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ANTONIO C. GUZON** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name in his Birth Certificate from "**POLICARPO**" to "**ANTONIO**", born on **December 15, 1964** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** unto parents **Orlando Guzon and Rosario Castro**.

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

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

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& April 25-May 1, 2022\* *Ilocos Sentinel*

R.A. Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LOLITA RUTH E. SALUDARES** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**LYDIA CASMERITA**" to "**LYDIA**" in the Birth Certificate of **LYDIA A. BALLESTEROS** who was born on **November 10, 1949** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Santiago Ballesteros and Maria Andres**.

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

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

April 18-24, 2022

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**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 **MARY BLANDINA R. SUGUITAN** has filed with this Office, a Petition for **Correction of Date of Birth (OCRG & LCRO Copy)** from "**JUNE 1, 1963**" to "**JUNE 2, 1963**" in the Certificate of Live Birth and Birth Certificate of **MARY-BLANDINA U. RAMEL** who was born on **June 1, 1963** at **Pinili, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Jaime Ramel and Marcela Umadac**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 2, 2022**.

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

April 18-24, 2022

& April 25-May 1, 2022\* *Ilocos Sentinel*

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **POMPEYO R. CRISOLOGO** consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 1-D-1 and 1-D-2, Psd-01-031651, both situated at Brgy. Puyupuyan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 022-2014000045 and 022-2014000046 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto Spouses **Urbano De Luna Guerrero III and Maricar A. Guerrero**; Miles **Sidrick Guerrero** and **Sid Christopher Guerrero** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Francisco A. Musni**; as per Doc. No. 324; Page No. 66; Book No. CXXXIV; Series of 2022.

April 18-24, April 25-May 1 & May 2-8, 2022\* *Ilocos Sentinel*

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **POSIDIO MARTIN** consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 24635 and 24645, both situated in the Barrio of Vira, Laoag City, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 15250 has been adjudicated by his legal heir **Tomasa S. Martin**, duly represented by **Jonah B. Raquinio** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Melvyn T. Guillermo**; as per Doc. No. 248; Page No. 50; Book No. LXI; Series of 2022.

April 11, 18 & 25, 2022 \**Ilocos Sentinel*

**ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **ANTONIO FERRER** pertaining to a one-half (1/2) undivided share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1518, situated at Brgy. 2 Ablan, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-14809 has been adjudicated by his legal heir **Adeline Abellon a.k.a Adeline Abellon and a.k.a. Adelyne Abellon Ferrer**; and simultaneously sold unto **Ronald M. Ronduen** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Joel R. Garcia**; as per Doc. No. 417; Page No. 85; Book No. CX; Series of 2022.

April 11, 18 & 25, 2022 \**Ilocos Sentinel*

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **LUCRECIO M. BALURAN** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 14354-H, Psd-01-068750, situated at Brgy. Saud, Municipality of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-24087 has been adjudicated by his heirs **Felecisima C. Baluran and Louie C. Baluran** duly represented by **Rafael Ralph L. Benemerito II** and simultaneously sold a portion of said lot equivalent to 733 sq.m. unto **Imarie Abecia Akutsu** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Alexandra Elyze R. Alcid**; as per Doc. No. 498; Page No. 101; Book No. 2; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **LUCRECIO M. BALURAN** consisting of two parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 14354-J and 14354-K, Psd-01-068750, being a portion of Lot 14354 Cad-738-D, both situated at Brgy. Saud, Municipality of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-24089 and T-24090, respectively has been adjudicated by his heirs **Felecisima C. Baluran and Louie C. Baluran** and simultaneously sold aforesaid lots unto **Joseph Sto. Niño Bernos** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Alexandra Elyze R. Alcid**; as per Doc. No. 524; Page No. 106; Book No. 2; Series of 2021.

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RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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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 **MARIA LIZA S. MARQUEZ** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **LISA, MARIE GALIZA** to **MARIA LIZA** in the birth certificate of **LISA, MARIE GALIZA** who was born on **December 15, 1961** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Lydia Galiza and Lamberto Sao**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 2, 2022**.

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

April 18-24, 2022

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DONATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **MARGARITA RESQUIR** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 37623 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, before Lot 5131-A, Csd-15177 Cad. Case No. 19 (LRC) Cad. Rec. No. 1151, situated in the Barrio of Gabu, Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-418-L has been adjudicated by her heir **Francis Resquir** and simultaneously donated a portion of said lot equivalent to 300 sq.m. unto **Alexander Mario R. Rentegrado**, who accepted the donation, as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Francisco A. Musni** as per Doc. No. 326; Page No. 66; Book No. CXXVI; Series of 202.

April 25, May 2 & May 9, 2022\* *Ilocos Sentinel*

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **POSIDIO MARTIN** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 24672, situated in the Barrio of Vira, Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 15250 has been adjudicated by his legal heir **Tomasa S. Martin**, duly represented by **Jonah B. Raquinio** and simultaneously sold unto **Cristopher B. Jacinto** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Melvyn T. Guillermo**; as per Doc. No. 233; Page No. 50; Book No. LXI; Series of 2022.

April 11, 18 & 25, 2022 \**Ilocos Sentinel*

**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH QUITCLAIM AND PARTITION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **EUSEBIO TOMAS** and **SATURNINA BARRUGA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 10710, with improvements thereon, situated in Poblacion (Barrio of San Agustin), Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 18460 is the subject of Deed of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate with Quitclaim and Partition executed by their heirs before Notary Public Atty. **Francisco A. Musni**; as per Doc. No. 230; Page No. 47; Book No. CXXXIV; Series of 2022.

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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 **HARRISSON Jr. M. DEUS** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **HARRISON II** to **HARRISON JR** in the birth certificate of **HARRISON M. DEUS II** who was born on **January 26, 1987** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Marisa Mendoza and Harrison**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 2, 2022**.

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

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**DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **HONORATO HERNANDO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2929, situated at Brgy. 40 Balatong, Laoag City, covered by Tax Declaration No. 08-058-01956 has been adjudicated by his sole heir **Gli Acosta Hernando a.k.a. Glicerio Acosta Hernando Jr.** and simultaneously sold a portion of said lot equivalent to 772.16 sq.m. unto **Maria Cristina A. Apostol** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Brian Jay Corpuz**; as per Doc. No. 338; Page No. 69; Book No. 26; Series of 2020.

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# ATI calls for entries for 2022 PALAYTIMPALAK

L A B R A D O R , Pangasinan, Apr. 29 (PIA) – The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center I (ATI-RTC1) is calling all interested Farmers’ Cooperatives/Associations and Organizations in Region I to submit their entries for this year’s PALAYTIMPALAK: Search for Top Performing Rice-Based Integrated Farms (RBIF).

Jeimelie Constantino, rice point person of ATI-RTC1, said the search aims to reinforce the adoption and implementation of the RBIF in rainfed and irrigated areas in the region and help the farmers increase their production and income.

“RBIF system is a production system that promotes diversification,

intensification and integration of different commodities in rice farm enterprises. Rice as the main component and can be integrated with vegetables, livestock, fisheries, vermicomposting, mushroom, and other farm activities that involve value adding and marketing,” Constantino said.

Constantino said the PALAYTIMPALAK, which was launched by ATI-RTC 1 in early 2021, is open to all farmers’ cooperative, association or organization with rainfed or irrigated planting area.

To qualify for the search, interested participants should be an active farmer cooperatives, associations or organization who is duly be registered

to the Department of Agriculture (DA)-Regional Field Office and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR); must have an official receipt; and officers or members of the organization have attended training on RBIF system.

She added that interested participants should also have an at least 0.5ha (5000sqm) and at most 1.0ha (10,000sqm) with area devoted for rice and vegetables that is compact (owned by association or rented by the association or owned by the member of the association with memorandum of agreement/understanding between association and the owner).

“One half of the area should be planted with rice, one-tenth or more for

vegetable production and the remaining area will be for other enterprises, if any,” she added.

Constantino said for the submission of entries, the qualified farmer association shall be endorsed by the local government unit through a letter of intent addressed to Dr. Rogelio Evangelista, center director of ATI-RTC 1.

She said participating farmers shall send their entries until May 31, 2022 to [rtc1.dcc@ati.da.gov.ph](mailto:rtc1.dcc@ati.da.gov.ph) cc: [riceatirtc1@gmail.com](mailto:riceatirtc1@gmail.com) with attached copy of DA registration, BIR, official receipt, farm plan with calendar of activities and farm lay-out; and copy of certificates of five members who attended training on RBIF system. (ELSHA MARIE S. ARGUEL/PIA Pangasinan)

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## Ilocos Norte.....(back page)

the natural beauty and culture of the province while highlighting strong family ties, values, and traditions. It follows Lola Lolita’s adventures as she goes on an unforgettable journey of rediscovering joy.

The advertisement is a vital step in PGIN’s efforts to accelerate the recovery of Ilocos Norte’s tourism industry, which is a major economic powerhouse in the province and employs thousands, including those in the informal sectors.

INTO and the PGIN Communications and Media Office have worked with its marketing partners, namely the Metro Rail Transit Line 3, the Light Rail Transit Authority, the North Luzon Expressway, and the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway, to install both indoor and outdoor promotional materials in the run-up to the launch day.

On the other hand, a four-day “Press Familiarization Tour” will be sponsored by PGIN for Metro Manila-based journalists from selected broadsheets, online news channels, magazine publishers, and travel blogs. In addition, lifestyle and travel influencers were also tapped to aid in the promotion of Ilocos Norte’s tourism.

After almost two and

a half years of mitigation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the increase in tourist arrivals and bookings over the recent Holy Week has raised optimism that the local tourism industry in Ilocos Norte will continue to help thousands of Ilokanos regain their livelihoods and create more employment opportunities.

According to accommodation reports and travel registration at triages, Ilocos Norte recorded more than 14,000 inbound arrivals during the said period.

In 2012, PGIN’s “Paoay Kumakaway” tourism campaign brought a record-setting two million annual day visitors to the province, and “Lolita” is expected to at least equal the former’s effect as many parts of the world are now easing protocols for travel.

Since thousands of Ilokanos rely on tourism for a living, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc has been initiating recovery measures for the pandemic-affected sector, saying, “Let us make sure that we prioritize the people behind this industry and make sure they are the ones who benefit the most.

The cast of “Lolita” is expected to attend the Ilocos Norte Tourism Gala on May 1.(PGIN-CMO)

# DENR aims to fast-track land titling process until end of 2022

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna has urged the Land Management Bureau (LMB) and other DENR offices to fast-track the land titling procedures that will put an end to land conflicts and insurgency in the country.

Sampulna made the statement following the National Task Force-Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict meeting led by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in Butuan City on April 12.

The event, which was also highlighted by the distribution of 7,000 land patents, enforces President Duterte’s

order to fast-track land distribution as a counter-insurgency measure in the provinces.

“I would like to urge the Land Management Bureau and the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs and supervising undersecretary of LMB to fast-track the titling of all areas because of the fact that 70 percent of the conflict around us is caused by land conflict,” he said during the DENR’s flag-raising ceremony last April 18.

Sampulna also prompted the DENR’s regional officials to fast-track the distribution of lands until the end of the year.

“I hope that all of our regional executive directors can fast-track this, to be monitored by LMB Director Emelyne Talabis, for us to be able to distribute lands until the end of the year,” he said.

Republic Act 10023 or the Residential Free Patent Act mandates the DENR to accept and process applications for free patent titles of residential lands.

As he acknowledged the low number of Filipinos with land titles, Sampulna underscored the importance of bringing the agency’s services to the public to ease the processing of free patents.

“I think by estimate, 30 to 35 percent of our people still do not have titles but they are in possession of tax declaration. This is mainly because they do not want to undergo the

process of land titling, as they do not know who to approach. That is why we have to bring our service to them. Let us be closer to the people to speed up the transactions of the public with us,” Sampulna pointed out.

Moreover, the DENR chief noted that, while the agency handles other environmental sectors, it should also focus on addressing land conflicts.

“There are three reasons the DENR exists. First is to give lands to those without titles. Second is for the country’s natural resources—forestry, mines, and environment. And last, to address conflicts on lands which is a pressing issue at present. Let us concentrate on land conflicts and whoever is in charge should work more,” Sampulna stressed. ###

## DOLE-RTWPB1.....(back page)

RD Ramos said that the latest minimum wage increase in the region was implemented in 2019; with P282 - P340 minimum wage rate.

During the consultations, various situationer reports were presented to provide context on the wage adjustment talks. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) discussed on Kasambahay Statistics; the National

Economic Development Authority (NEDA) for the Labor Force and Inflation; Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for Suggested Retail Price and Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities; Department of Energy (DOE) on Oil Market Developments and Fuel Oil Prices; and the Philippine Statistics Authority for Poverty Statistics. (JUSTIN PAUL D. MARBELLA)



## DA gives.....(back page)

Pasquin, Ilocos Norte to improve and develop the types of fishes being raised in the province.

The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) and the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation likewise awarded a total of Php483,400 and Php133,556 worth of projects to individuals and farmers groups in relation to palay seed production as well as rice

indemnification project. Of all these interventions provided by the DA to farmers and fisherfolk of Ilocos Norte, Governor Manotoc expressed his gratitude to the DA through Sec. Dar for all the support that the agency is giving which has significantly contributed in the improvement of the farming and fishing industry in Ilocos Norte. (Rafis Ilocos Region)

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i-hub OIC provincial librarian Eric Coloma and his staff warmly welcome the Sangguniang Panglalawigan members of Albay province in Region 5 (Bicol). They arrived in Laoag City for an official visit to Ilocos Norte including a Benchmarking activity at the Ilocos Norte Provincial Library. (Photo by INPL)

## DOLE-RTWPB1 convenes mgmt, Labor reps for wage hike talks

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union -- "We need your voice."

This was the underscored message relayed to various management and labor representatives, as they convened for consultation on minimum wage adjustment in Ilocos Region, by the Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board Region 1 (RTWPB1).

RTWPB1 held the public consultation sessions in Vigan City on March 20, 2022, for labor and management representatives in Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte; and in Dagupan City on April 8, 2022 for La Union and Pangasinan.

A regionwide public hearing was also held on April 20, 2022 in San Fernando City, La Union.

DOLE RO1 Regional Director and RTWPB1 Chair Atty. Evelyn Ramos emphasized that the consultations with

management and labor stakeholders are integral to the decision to increase the minimum wage rate in the region.

"We hear the clamor of the public to increase wage rates, hence Labor Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" Bello III has made a standing order for all wage boards in the country to conduct review and consultations," RD Ramos said.

She emphasized, however, that wage adjustment should undergo rigorous study and deliberations by the wage board.

"This is why we are here. We listen to the concerns of both management and labor sectors; encourage your inputs and carefully study them; and ultimately come to a decision that balances the interest of all sectors," the Wage Board Chair underscored.

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# DA gives 161.32 M worth of agri-fishery projects to Ilocano farmers

A total of Php161.32 million worth of agri-fishery development projects was awarded today by the Department of Agriculture to various farmers associations and cooperatives in Ilocos Norte led by Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar.

In the awarding and distribution held at the Ilocos Norte Agriculture and Fishery Center in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Sec. Dar, together with Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Joseph Manotoc

and other key officials of DA, have awarded and distributed various post-harvest facilities, irrigation network services as well as production inputs to farmers and fisherfolk in both the first and second district in the province.

Of the total project cost, the irrigation network services awarded the largest amount worth Php57.29 million for the construction of small water impounding project, construction and rehabilitation of diversion

dams, construction and improvement of irrigation canals as well as the establishment and installation of solar powered fertigation system.

Five DA attached agencies also shared a total of Php81.9 million worth of projects funded under DA-RFO I. These are from the Philippine Center for Post-Harvest and Mechanization with Php47.4million cost of projects, the Agricultural Credit Policy Council

(ACPC) with Php10 million given to the Bagnos Multi-purpose Cooperative and the Catuguing Multi-purpose Cooperative of Banna and San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, respectively.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has likewise shared a total of Php21.1 million in the total project cost awarded and distributed with the turnover of the multi-species hatchery established in

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## Ilocos Norte launches new tourism ad starring "Lolita"

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) today unveiled a new tourism advertisement for the province, set in iconic local landmarks and starring the character "Lolita," a sexagenarian who has traveled to

Ilocos Norte in search of adventure.

Produced by PGIN, through the Ilocos Norte Tourism Office, and directed by Mr. Jerrold Tarog, Ilocos Norte's new tourism advertisement celebrates

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