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Ilocos Norte 1st district Rep. Ferdinand Alexander Marcos (left), assisted by PNP Provincial Director P/Col. Julius Suriben, awards a certificate of livelihood assistance to one of the 27 beneficiaries under the INPPO's Pangkabuhayan ni Manong Pulis program during a simple ceremony held on August 7, 2022 at Camp Valentin Juan, Laoag City. (Photo courtesy of FAM fb)

**PBBM says gov't moving to simplify tax system**

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on Monday said the government is working towards the simplification of the country's tax system.

"So ganoon din ang iniisip namin kasi isipin ninyo we are trying to simplify 'yung payment ng BIR (Bureau of Internal Revenue)," Marcos said in an interview during his visit to the vaccination site at Pasig City Sports Complex.

The chief executive issued the statement after he vetoed a bill granting tax exemptions to the honoraria, allowances, as well as other benefits given to election workers.

Marcos cautioned against the creation of a new tax category, noting that this would open the structure to leakage, confusion, and red tape.

"Ngayon kung lalagyan natin ng bagong kategorya 'yan and there will be more chance of leakage, the confusion, mas mahirap gawin, eh mas magkakaproblema baka 'yung

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# DENR-R1: Paoay Lake has "lowest coliform"

• The lake is regarded as PHL's famous international rowing center

by Edison Justin B. Deus

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) of Region I has recorded the lowest level of coliform in the legendary Paoay Lake, Paoay, Ilocos Norte as per laboratory samples collected last June following the efforts of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) to comply with the Department's recommendations to ensure the quality of water at the province's natural attraction.

In January 2022, the laboratory analysis of DENR-EMB Region I showed 5,400 most probable number (mpn) of coliform-group organisms per 100 ml. By the end of the Second Quarter, the department recorded only 33 mpn per 100 ml, which means that the level is way below the 100 mpn per 100 ml that is deemed safe for swimming.

PGIN's rehabilitation efforts, which include enforcement of environmental laws and monitoring of concerned communities' compliance

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## DOH kicks-off 'pinaslakas' workplace vaccination in Ilocos Region

Department of Health (DOH) Ilocos Assistant Regional Director Helen D. Tobias yesterday led the ceremonial vaccination of employees of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas - La Union Regional Office, including their families, to jumpstart workplace immunization.

"Workplace vaccination has its own benefits both to

employers and employees. First it is cost effective as it decreases time missed from work to get vaccinated and also reduces absences due to illness. It also improves morale because if the workplace is 100% vaccinated, everyone can feel safe and secure from the Covid virus," Dr. Tobias stated.

"This is one of the strategies that we will be doing, ilalapit po

naming sa lahat ng nasa target list ang Covid vaccine upang lahat mabakunahan at walang maiwanan. Kailangan po nating magpabakuna ng booster shots upang lumakas ang panlaban natin sa virus at mapangalagaan ang ating kalusugan. The end goal is to protect employees, customers, and other

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*Guest Editorial:*

**Global warming: More discussions needed**

The climate crisis is getting worse. The on-going heat wave hitting Europe, the United States, China and other countries is one proof of the severity of the climate crisis. For the first time in decades, temperatures in these places have reached unprecedented levels.

In Greenland, due to the comparatively high temperature, huge icebergs are melting fast. This is a big problem to polar bears whose icy habitats have been disappearing and their food supply diminishing. Hungry bears are now moving farther inland, scavenging in garbage dumps for food.

Here in the U.S., the extreme temperature is igniting forest fires in the West, dislocating families and threatening to decimate centuries-old oak trees in the Yosemite mountains and other areas.

In the Philippines, due to climate change, typhoons and floods have been getting worse every year.

A New York Times report noted: "It's difficult to blame any particular heat snap on climate change without extensive scientific analysis, but heat waves like the ones in Europe, Asia and North America this summer are typical of what scientists expect as the globe warms — more frequent, longer lasting and more dangerous."

The same report stated: "Heat waves in the United States jumped from an average of two per year in the 1960s to six per year by the 2010s. And it's all part of an overall warming trend: The last seven years have been the warmest in the history of accurate worldwide records."

It is similar to the heat waves of the 1930s when the Dust Bowl devastated agriculture and the economy.

Fearing that the whole world is now facing worsening climate disasters, many leaders like US President Joe Biden have been seeking fast actions on the climate crisis.

In an urgent call, Pope Francis urges world leaders to tackle the climate change like other crises, stressing that global warming hurts poor and indigenous people most.

He said rich countries have an "ecological debt" because they were the ones that had caused the most environmental pollution over the past two centuries.

Measures have been taken to address global warming but so far, these have done little to ease the problem.

From our standpoint, we see that one reason behind the worsening crisis is the nonchalance attitude of many people towards the crisis.

According to a recent survey by researchers at Yale University, only 35 percent of Americans say they talk about global warming occasionally.

In the same survey, it was noted that "many people tend to keep quiet about climate change because they fear getting into nasty arguments."

Researchers at Indiana University say that "when we do talk about climate change, we help make addressing it more of a priority in people's minds, increasing support for action."

We agree. The climate crisis is a time bomb that keeps ticking away. If no effective actions are taken soon, it would explode into a worldwide conflagration. (FilStarNews)



**WORD ALIVE**

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Avoid cramming**

There's a story about a happy and close-knit family. One of their recreations is trying their luck in the lotto. The father would buy some tickets and give them to his children as well as their 85 years-old lolo (grandfather).

One day the father bought some again. When the winning numbers were published, lo and behold, one of their tickets won the jackpot of ₱20 million! And the ticket was in the hand of their grandpa.

They were afraid to divulge the news to him fearing of his weak heart. They invited a close priest-friend, instructing him to gently break the news to the lolo.

The young priest readily accepted the invitation. When he reached the house, he received the instruction then proceeded to the lolo's room. They exchanged greetings

and pleasantries, and when the priest was about to leave, he said casually, "By the way, lolo, supposing you won the lotto and win the jackpot of ₱20 million, what will you do with it?"

"What, ₱20 million?" replied the lolo, "That's a big amount, Father." The grandpa paused for a moment then smiled, "Father, here's what I'll do. I'll give ₱15 million to my children and grandchildren... and give you ₱5 million!"

Excited and overjoyed, the young priest collapsed and died of heart attack! (To think it was the old man who had a weak heart!)

That amusing story may well illustrate how unexpected death can happen. In this 19th Sunday of the gospel, the Lord reminds us to be "wide awake" and prepared. "Be on

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guard," Jesus says, "the Son of Man will come when you least expect him" (Lk 12,40).

Preparedness is the beginning of true wisdom. "It will go well with those servants whom the Master finds watching on his return," Jesus teaches.

Let's not cram or prepare in the last minute. To do so is like starting to pack up when your bus is already in front of your house to fetch you.

How is this "preparation" to be undertaken? Many make preparation by buying a lot in a memorial garden or a vault in a columbarium. For some, they execute a last will and testament which, by the way, can be a source of unending clashes and disputes due to unequal distribution of the properties. For disgruntled heirs, they employ their

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**THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR**

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

**Reviving our glory through English proficiency**

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June 30, 2022 was a red-letter day for a majority of us Filipinos who had been waiting with bated breath for President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. (aka PBBM) to formally assume office. Just 11 days before, Vice President Sara Duterte-Carpio had her inauguration in her native Davao City, which was attended by many.

In his inaugural speech, President Marcos Jr. reiterated the importance of developing English proficiency among us Filipinos. Such was also underscored during PBBM's recent and first State of the Nation Address (SONA) last July 25.

As a result of PBBM's emphasis on English proficiency development among our compatriots, his statement caused people to be divided for it was polarizing, as others would say. There are naysayers, such as the notoriously leftist Alliance for Concerned Teachers (ACT) with the notoriously controversial France Castro as sitting representative, who refuse to accept the reality that English happens to be the language for science and technology, commerce, governance, medicine, law, and other related fields. Still, there are some others

who laud PBBM's pronouncement on the revival of our proficiency in English. There are even others who emphasize that English must be taught along with one's first language (L1) and Filipino, thus the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE).

Through the years, our global reputation as one of the most fluent speakers of English has steeply declined due to so many factors. One of these happens to be mass media, which tends to propagate the erroneous use of English (and Filipino). For instance, in many newscasts by mainstream media outfits, the dominant language nowadays is Filipino (although there are English-language newscasts). Another factor is that many entertainment industry denizens tends to raise eyebrows whenever there are celebrities whose English is flawless and crystal-clear. Several other factors include crab mentality among our fellow Filipinos; refusal to read English-language reading materials published here and abroad; lack of access to quality education and literature on the part of Filipinos from far-flung territories; and,

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many other factors.

When we learn English, does it diminish our Filipino-ness?

The obvious answer is no.

To prove that being proficient in the universal language bolsters our Filipino-ness, I would like to underscore its role in making us shine internationally. English helps us to establish a foothold in the international scene, both professionally and culturally. When we learn to communicate with others in English in different contexts with little to no effort, we glorify our own identity and culture through our speech and actions. Developing fluency and competency in English empowers us to become more forward-thinking not only in terms of pursuing academic excellence but also upgrading our professional standards, thus being on par with our international counterparts. Learning English along with our first language and other languages has proved to promote intellectual flexibility and induce increased cognitive sharpness among people.

To revive our glory through English proficiency, we must begin within our immediate families and communities by learning English with the help of our native languages. As guardians of our culture and heritage, we must utilize English as a tool in preserving our native languages through research, promotion, and other forms of scholarship. We also need to take great pains to speak our native languages- especially those that are on the brink of extinction- and use them along with English not only for translation purposes but also for these languages to be on equal footing.

I would like to underscore the point of enhancing our English proficiency in order to prepare us for entrepreneurship (not that employment in itself is a negative thing, but we have to be more and do more) in case many of our learners (and us) would like to soar higher and eventually reach greater heights.

Let us all revive our national glory through English proficiency!

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ERRATUM: For the past several weeks, I have been mentioning that Coach Jet’s Weekday Inspirations will resume its live videos in mid-June. Instead of June, it should be September. I apologize to you all for the oversight.

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GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO!

GUESS WHAT: Uncontrollable hubris and overpowering dominance are two of the not-so-secret traits of this famous Filipino so-called culinary icon. Our subject in question happens to

run several restaurant chains. My source, who was a hotel and restaurant management major at the time s/he first encountered our subject, whispered to me about some unflattering stories about the chef in question, such as his/her beastly temper, intemperate and derogatory language inside and outside the hot kitchen, and dastardly treatment of kitchen staffs (including chefs). According to other reliable sources, our subject also tends to trumpet his/her accomplishments frequently, most especially the restaurants s/he runs and co-owns with several partners as well as his/her media appearances and product endorsements.

What are the lessons of the story? Be a friend to all and enemy to none. Remember to keep both feet on the ground. Let your accomplishments speak for themselves. Never steal others’ thunder and rob them of their confidence.

GUESS WHO: Who is this president of an SUC somewhere in Luzon who is as unreachable and erratic as Mount Kilimanjaro and almost inaccessible? My source, an HMO professional, got to know about our subject through research since one of my source’s tasks is prospecting. At first, our subject was cordial and reserved when s/he was first contacted by my source. However, during the subsequent calls, either the line of the SUC president was busy or the president himself/herself dropped the call. To add insult to injury, the SUC president was also ambiguous in his/her answers. Therefore, what my source did just recently was to complain about our subject through the 8888 hotline. S/he was raging like a bull because s/he could not forget the effrontery of the SUC president in question.

What are the lessons of the story? Be accessible because you are serving the people. Never let hubris get into your head and creep into your system. Do not make your professional contacts resent you. Learn how to be definite in giving answers.

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lawyers to settle disputes but, sadly, spend more for lawyer’s fee than the “microscopic” property!

The material and physical preparation before dying is fine. However, that’s not enough. What’s more important is spiritual preparation and bringing eternal provisions to the next life.

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Making spiritual provisions living an upright life following God’s will and commandments, and reaching out to the less fortunate brethren. This is very clear in Jesus’s teaching in the Last Judgment, “When I was hungry, you gave me to eat...Enter the Kingdom of heaven.”

Finally, let’s not forget partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus explicitly said, “He who eats my

Flesh and drinks my Blood will live to eternal life.”

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Let’s live in such a way that when the Master returns, as the gospel warns, we may not have to regret when the Lord judges us.

In the words of a spiritual writer, “A life well lived today makes every yesterday a dream and every tomorrow a vision of hope.”

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with regulations, have significantly lowered the coliform level and improved the quality of water at the lake. It continues to monitor the compliance of residents with Republic Act No. 11038, or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Area Systems Act of 2018, which seeks to regulate livestock raising and prohibit grazing along the lake shore to maintain the safety of the waters.

Moreover, PGIN looks forward to finally utilizing science and technology interventions in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology, particularly through the application of “vigormin,” a low-cost solution to reduce the coliform level due to wastewater, drainage systems, and residual solid waste accumulating in the lake during surface runoff.

DENR-EMB Region I already collected water samples on July 27 for the start of the Third Quarter testing. The coliform level is expected to decrease

as PGIN, the Municipal Government of Paoay, concerned barangay councils, and socio-civic groups continue their weekly clean-up at the lake.

Meanwhile, as the site of a newly opened water park, Paoay Lake has played a key role in reviving the tourism sector in the province, reestablishing the reputation of Ilocos Norte as one of the most desirable “new normal” destinations.

Moreover, the 387-hectare “pollution-free” lake was regarded as an international rowing center because it served as a training and competition site for rowing associations and international lake sports competitions in the past.

Through this recent development, PGIN has again increased the potential of Paoay Lake to host safe recreational opportunities by ensuring a revitalized natural environment. (Edison Justin B. Deus, PGIN-CMO)

“Para maging mas maayos ang pagbigay pati ng ayuda. ‘Yung national ID we are counting on the national ID to help with that. Kung sakali hawak na nila ‘yung national ID, wala na. Hindi na sila mag-a-apply, hindi na sila kahit na anong gagawin. Basta’t papadala na lang namin ‘yung ayuda,” he said.

In his first State of the Nation Address, the President said the government expects to issue 30 million physical IDs and 20 million digital IDs by the end of 2022.

“The target is to accomplish the issuance of about 92 million IDs by the middle of next year,” he said. | PND

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stakeholders.”

Tobias added that the regional office together with various local government units are committed to reach the targets and all avenues will be utilize to make the vaccine easily accessible to all. The workplace vaccination activity will visit all public, including private offices in all the provinces of the region.

“Vax posts will be established in markets, schools, terminals, communities and places where people frequent including house-house visits, especially to seniors who are not able to go to vax centers.”

As of August 1, 2022, a total of 8,332,018 doses

were administered.

Fully vaccinated individuals at 3,759,101 and those who have at least one dose at 3,999,767.

A total of 159, 849 senior citizens received first booster dose. Individuals aged 12 and above with first dose of booster shot at 934,304 and those who received their second booster dose at 70,676.

Tobias encouraged everyone to avail of the Covid booster shots. “Hindilamang inyong sarili ang binibigyan nyo ng proteksyon kundi pati na ang inyong pamilya. Kaya’t tayo ng magpabakuna. Sa PinasLakas lahat tayo ay protektado!” she assured.

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iba, the red tape, makakain lang ng red tape ‘yan. So that’s one reason why we did not do it,” he said.

Marcos, in his message to lawmakers, stated that the proposed bill “runs counter to the objective of the government’s Comprehensive Tax Reform Program to correct the inequity in the country’s tax system and negate the progressivity of the reforms introduced under the Republic Act No. 10963 or TRAIN Law.”

Despite the veto, the chief executive assured that his administration would still provide support to poll workers through targeted budgetary spending.

Marcos likewise explained that the system of granting assistance or subsidies to Filipinos is already existing.

“And then, doon tayo magdadagdag ng ayuda and we do not have to put a new section, a new category sa pagbayad ng tax dahil ang sa pagbigay ng ayuda, ‘yung buong makinarya na pagbigay ng ayuda ay nandiyan na. Sasabihin na lang natin okay isama natin doon sa mga magiging beneficiary ang mga election workers,” he said.

The President further noted that the government is banking on the national ID or the Philippine Identification System in streamlining the granting of assistance.

ILOCOS NORTE

Laoag City gov't prohibits parking near Sinking Bell Tower

LAOAG CITY, Aug 3 (PIA) – Owners of public vehicles, especially tricycle drivers, are prohibited to park near the Laoag City Sinking Bell Tower after it sustained minor damages from the magnitude 7.0 earthquake on July 27, Assistant City Engineer Manuel Aurelio advised.

Mayor Michael Marcos Keon, along with Bishop Renato Mayugba, went to visit and inspect the bell tower.

The site is open for tourists, but they are advised to take safety precautions and stay far from the damaged part where bricks might fall.

“In general, it is still safe, but I advise that we remove all breakable parts of the sinking bell tower and subject it to retrofitting for the safety of the people visiting this historic infrastructure,” Aurelio said.

According to Keon, there was no significant damage caused by the

earthquake apart from some bricks that fell from the side of the bell tower and cracks on its retrofitting during his initial assessment right after the earthquake on July 27.

Further, Keon expressed his appreciation for Senator Imee Marcos’ visit to the city, including the bell tower.

“I am delighted that Senator Imee came here, and I know that the senator is ensuring that the earthquake did not severely damage this heritage site, so I welcome her presence,” Keon said.

Before the initial visit and assessment, personnel from the Laoag City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), in collaboration with the staff of St. William the Hermit Cathedral, cleaned the debris and removed some grass.

Moreover, the sinking bell tower in the city was

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ILOCOS SUR

DOLE Consults with Construction ITC in Ilocos Sur for Post-Earthquake Interventions

The Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1) held a consultative meeting with the Construction Industry Tripartite Council (ITC) of Ilocos Sur on August 3, 2022, via teleconferencing, to assess needs and concerns of the industry which may have surfaced due to the earthquake last week.

“We reach out to you today to know how your sector is faring after the quake, so that we at the DOLE would understand how we can be of help,” said Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos.

The DOLE was glad to note that there were no construction workers nor employers who were casualties in the calamity. “But while we are thankful that all of you are safe, we continue to underscore our call for occupational safety and health,” said RD Ramos.

DOLE RO1 underpinned the importance

of the DOLE’s Construction Safety and Health Program (CSHP), wherein permits must be secured prior to the construction project to ensure safety and security of all workers in construction sites.

While they supported that CSHP is integral to ensure safety, the tripartite council members offered inputs to DOLE to make the application process more efficient. One of which is to make CSHP application fully electronic.

The DOLE also solicited the labor needs of the construction industry, where welders and carpenters were identified to be the topmost manpower needed.

“The construction industry is one of the biggest employers in the region, hence our dialogues with you are essential to further leverage on this industry as a major job generator and economic driver in the region,” said RD Ramos. (JUSTIN PAUL D. MARBELLA)

LA UNION

4K-NPMO visits IP communities in La union

To further identify and assess the needs and capabilities of beneficiaries under the Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo (4K) Program, the Department of Agriculture 4K National Program Management Office (DA 4K – NPMO) and National Commission on Indigenous People along with DA RFO1 4k staff conducted site visitation to the selected Ancestral Domains (AD) in the province of La Union.

In a dialogue between the tribe members and NPMO led by Ms. Lucia Campomanes, 4K Assistant Program Director, the latter mentioned that the project is not designed to change or alter their culture rather it is part of the government’s effort of empowering the Indigenous People/ Indigenous Cultural Communities to alleviate their poverty and to maintain sustainability within their community.

“Hindi ibig sabihin na kaming nasa pamahalaan,

nasa opisina, ay basta magbibigay na lamang, kundi dapat po nating pag isipan kung ano yung nababagay sa inyong lugar”, says Ms. Campomanes.

The 4K program assists IP farmers by providing agri-related livelihood opportunities, investments, and other support services.

Among the interventions already received by the Indigenous People Organizations (IPOs) are vegetable seeds, mushroom starter kits, improved breed of chicken and itik for egg production, and farm machinery and equipment. The recipients have also undertaken training on mushroom production and processing.

Under the program, the Agriculture department will also fund the establishment of a greenhouse in Barangay Alibangsay, Bagulin, La Union after the revalidation of the site.

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PANGASINAN

DOLE’s Livelihood Program Benefits Pangasinenses

The Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1) has poured in livelihood assistance to marginalized and disadvantaged informal workers in Pangasinan, as various livelihood projects were awarded to beneficiaries recently.

Through the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program, low-income workers are given livelihood support to boost their economic activities, thus empowering them as productive members of the society.

In Aguilan, Pangasinan, DOLE RO1 awarded Curambing Pao Farmers Association with a farm mechanization project amounting to P1 Million. The group livelihood undertaking will benefit 91 members of the farmers’ group.

During the turnover of check on July 29, 2022, DOLE RO1 Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos expressed hope that the farmers may now see greener pastures through the livelihood support.

“President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. and DOLE Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma emphasize that government programs should strongly impact the farthest of the communities, and so we are happy that we are able to bring this government aid to you,” said RD Ramos.

In Dagupan City, DOLE RO1 distributed FreeBis (free bicycles) to 30 low-income workers on August 1, 2022. The beneficiaries are persons with disabilities, and those belonging to the LGBTQIA+ community.

A component of the DILP, the FreeBis project helps ease unemployment by providing livelihood opportunities to workers in the formal and informal sectors displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, the DOLE’s emergency employment program continues to foster labor among disadvantaged and displaced workers in Pangasinan.

Through the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/ Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) Program, 1,618 marginalized individuals from Lingayen will be tapped for community work, such as cleaning and disinfection, in all the barangays of the capital town on July 30 – August 8. In exchange of their work, the TUPAD beneficiaries will get P370 daily wage.

RD Ramos handed over the check worth P 5,986,600 to LGU Lingayen on July 29. The project shall be implemented in partnership with the ABONO Party List. (JUSTIN PAUL D. MARBELLA)

ILOCOS SUR

Ilocos Sur among top provinces in revenue collection

VIGAN CITY, Aug. 3 (PIA) – The province of Ilocos Sur landed sixth place among provinces in the Philippines in terms of the efficiency of the collection of locally sourced revenues (LSRs).

The Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) under the Department of Finance (DOF) on Wednesday said the province garnered 98.5%, collecting more than P381.83 million for fiscal year 2021.

The BLGF defines LSRs as income coming from locally collected tax and fees.

Vice Governor Ryan Luis Singson recognized such achievement and thanked the people of Ilocos Sur, saying that it wasn’t only for the provincial government’s benefit but for all Ilocos Surians.

“Nagpapasalamat ako sa inyong suporta at tiwala sa provincial government dahil ang layunin lamang

ng ating mga programa ay maging self-sufficient ang ating probinsya – na kaya nating tumayo sa sarili nating mga paa,” Vice Governor Singson said in an interview on Wednesday.

When asked on the key factors of the provincial government for achieving this, Singson said, “Wala namang sekreto, maganda ang pamamalakad natin noong tayo ang gobernador. Nais ko kasi na maging self-sufficient ang ating probinsya kaya nag-isip tayo ng mga income generating programs upang makamit natin ang progreso at mas marami pa tayong programang maisagawa para sa kapakanan ng ating mga residente.”

He mentioned the collection of quarry fees and the establishment of the Kalsada Task Force as among the programs implemented to attain this.

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## Rep. Sandro Marcos opens congressional office in Ilocos Norte capital, secures at least P550-M fund

Ilocos Norte First District Representative and First Son Ferdinand Alexander “Sandro” Marcos formally opened his congressional district office at the La Tabacalera Complex in Laoag City yesterday, Aug. 4.

“Taos-puso po akong nagpapasalamat dahil sa wakas ay natapos na ang aking District Office. Ang sinabi ko lang sa team ko ay kailangan galingan talaga namin kasi kung hindi aabot ng nine years, sayang lang ang kagandahan nito,” Congressman Marcos, a political neophyte, quipped.

The initial composition of his office includes the Medical Division and Community Affairs Division. Even before the opening, the representative’s office has been helping Ilokanos who require medical, financial, and agricultural support. It has also committed to helping the grassroots by responding to the requests

of various barangay councils.

At present, the office is finalizing its educational assistance to cater to students who are deserving of scholarship grants.

Among the attendees of the event are Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, members of the Ilocos Norte Provincial Board headed by Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta-Marcos, mayors, vice mayors, councilors, and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, representatives of national government agencies, the Chinese Consulate delegation, uniformed officers and personnel, and leaders of the Ilocos Norte United Muslims Association.

“It’s a great honor and pleasure to welcome you here at [La] Tabacalera, which, of course, is a property of the provincial government, and we are very humble to lease it out to pong bagong opisina ng ating congressman. I am sure, much much

noble work and help will be conducted sa office na ito. Congratulations to you all,” Gov. Marcos Manotoc said.

The office was designed by an all Ilokano team of engineers and architects. It was furnished with some locally made and sourced furniture and accentuated with heritage crafts and works by local artists.

“I hope this is the continuation ng pagtulong sa ating mga kakailian (province-mates) at umaasa ako na pagkatapos ng aking termino dito sa distrito, at pinaganda talaga natin ang Ilocos Norte, at maraming tao tayong natulungan dahil sa ating mga ginagawa, I hope that this office will be put to good use and I hope that we will encourage our kakailian na pumunta dito para humingi ng tulong at makatanggap ng ano mang kailangan nila,” Cong. Marcos remarked.

He concluded, “I am grateful for the privilege

and honor of serving the first district of Ilocos Norte.”

Moreover, Cong. Marcos announced that he has already secured at least P 550 million in funding from government agencies, with P 100 million in Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations, P 150 million in Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/ Displaced Workers, P 150 million for Medical Assistance to Indigent Patients, and P 150 million for Local Government Support Fund.

For assistance, please visit the congressional district office at La Tabacalera Complex, next to Museo Ilocos Norte in Laoag City, and bring an updated certificate of residency or indigency, a photocopy of a valid identification card, and relevant documents for your requests, such as a medical certificate or prescription. (Edison Justin B. Deus, PGIN-CMO)

## LEGAL NOTICE

### DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late EDWIN CHUA CORPUZ consisting of three (3) bank deposit under Landbank Savings Account with Account No. 2131-1067-61, PNB Current Account with Account No. 222870002395 and BPI Savings Account with Account No. 3443-0684-05 has been extrajudicially settled among his heirs Eleanor A. Corpuz, Czarina A. Corpuz and Edwin A. Corpuz, Jr. in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 216; Page No. 45; Book No. XXIII; Series of 2022.

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## DOLE aids NL quake victims

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has rolled out its various aid programs for earthquake victims in Northern Luzon

Labor Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma said the move is in response to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s call to concerned state agencies to help calamity-hit provinces in Region 1 and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

He said he has allocated an initial P50 million for emergency employment in the two regions.

Abra is the epicenter of the 7-magnitude quake that struck Luzon early this week. Aside from killing four people and injuring hundreds, the strong tremor also destroyed properties worth billions, resulting to shop closures and job losses.

DOLE wasted no time to deliver assistance in Region 1 and CAR where the adverse impact of the recent disaster was most felt.

To boost the state’s

calamity response, Laguesma said DOLE will start its rehabilitation program for those who lost their jobs due to the tragedy.

“In particular, we are rolling out the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/ Displaced Workers program for the quake victims,” he added.

Laguesma said the program will cover four heavily affected Municipalities in CAR including 37 baranggays in the region.

The labor chief said they have started profiling beneficiaries for the TUPAD program.

He noted that DOLE is an active member of the Rehabilitation and Recovery Cluster under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

“As such, we are mandated to reduce the vulnerability to risks of the poor and marginalized workers,” he added.

Laguesma said DOLE is also eyeing to tap other

recovery measures that include employment facilitation through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) for individuals who lost their jobs.

“The activity will include referral, placement, and the conduct of Special Risk Allowance (SRA) and job fairs in the region,” he added.

In Region 1, DOLE delivered assistance in Ilocos Sur and vowed to help other parts of the province in the coming days.

Using TUPAD, Laguesma said DOLE tapped 800 emergency workers to participate in clearing, cleaning up and recycling operations in Vigan City.

Similar undertakings were done in seven other towns namely Lidlidda, Sugpon, Caoayan, San Emilio, Galimuyod and Santa Cruz, he said.

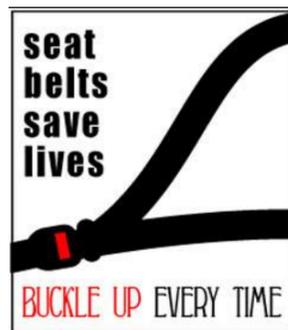
“They started working yesterday (July 28) to provide help to affected communities,” the Labor Secretary said, adding that

a total of P4,666,400.00 was allotted for the program.

He said DOLE is also going to support other areas affected by the disaster. “Help is on the way to the other three provinces of Region 1 where TUPAD will also come into play,” Laguesma said.

“Field offices of DOLE in Region 1 are now in coordination with the local government units and other agencies for convergent assistance,” he added.

The Labor chief said TUPAD is the DOLE’s initial action to address the needs of the quake victims. “We shall tap other available programs very soon to help our needy countrymen,” Laguesma added. ### OD



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likely constructed after the 1707 earthquake and located about 80 meters from the door of St. William the Hermit Cathedral, with a foundation of 90 meters (300 feet) and a height of nearly 45.72 meters (150 feet) locally made of bricks joined by molasses and juice of leaves from a local plant called sablot mixed with lime and sand and reinforced with four huge columns on each

corner and a winding staircase leading to the belfry.

It is believed to be sinking at a pace of one inch a year.

Architecture scholars have dubbed the bell tower an “Earthquake Baroque” type of construction since it has weathered several minor quakes since it was finished. (Ma. Joreina Therese Blanco and Jhon Sherwin DuranPIA Ilocos Norte)

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said technology is to raise crops all year round under a controlled and protected environment as well as to increase local production of off-season crops to make these available in their community throughout the year amid varying conditions.

Moreover, the DA 4k will continue to provide training on composting, feed formulation, and mushroom production and

processing. Meanwhile, three years after its implementation, region 1 has identified 16 IPOs from 10 ADs as beneficiaries of the program. The tribal communities in La Union include Kankaney, Ibaloi, and Bago which can be found in the Ancestral Domains of San Gabriel, Bagulin, and Pugo, among others. (Rafis Ilocos Region)

# Ilocos Norte hospital gets Php75-M fund for expansion, thanks to DOH

LAOAG CITY (PIA), Aug. 3 -- To boost quality health services and to address growing healthcare needs in the province of Ilocos Norte, the Governor Roque B. Ablan Sr. Memorial Hospital (GRBASMH) secures P75 million funding from the Department of Health (DOH).

During the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, the board passed a resolution authorizing Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc to enter into a Memorandum of

Agreement (MOA) with DOH Ilocos regional director Dr. Paula Paz Sydiongco for the implementation of health projects in the province.

The said resolution was sponsored by Board Member Medeldorf Gaoat.

“Upgrading and expanding the GRBASMH does not only address the growing healthcare needs of the people of Ilocos Norte, but also serves as the face of the province when it comes to healthcare response,” said Gaoat.

“It will be captivating to the eyes following

the mantra of Governor Manotoc on Narimat a Salun-at,” he added.

Furthermore, he stated that the provincial hospital is also one of the project recipients of a COVID-19 isolation facility funded under the national government’s Bayanihan to Heal II program amounting to P15 million during the height of the pandemic.

This year, Manotoc has inaugurated nine upgraded health facilities worth P80 million.

Under the Marcos administration, the provincial government

continues to improve its healthcare services, following the order of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to improve vaccination drive and enhance access to primary and specialty healthcare nationwide.

GRBASMH is one of the biggest hospitals in Ilocos Norte, providing basic medical services and accommodating COVID-19 patients at the peak of the pandemic. *(Ma. Joreina Therese Blanco and Jhon Sherwin Duran/PIA Ilocos Norte)*

## ILUKO NEWS

### 2,000+ a manalon ti ciudad ti Laoag, benepisiario ti sabali manen a rikus ti RCEF RFFA

Immawit iti 2218 a manalon nga agmulmula ti pagay ditoy ciudad ti Laoag ti pannakaibunong ti Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund-Rice Farmers Financial Assistance (RCEF RFFA), Agosto 4.

Mainaig iti daytoy, impadanan ni Gob. Matthew Marcos Manotoc ti napalaus a panagyamanna iti Departamento ti Agrikultura (DA), nga iwanwanwan iti agdama ni Pres. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., pakairamanan dagiti pannakabagi ti DA Regional Field Office 1 iti panangidaulo ti Officer-In-Charge a ni Mrs. Erlinda Manipon.

Inlawlawagna a tunggal maysa a manalon ket immawat ti P5,000 a nangitunda iti pannakaibunong ti P11,090,000 para kadagiti manalon iti babaen ti nasao a programa ti DA.

Nupay kasta, inannugot ti gobernador a kurang ti nasao a tulong para kadagiti manalon nga agmulmula ti pagay.

Mainaig iti daytoy, inpanamnamana ti agtultuloy a suporta ti gobierno probinsial kadagiti nadakamat a manalon.

Imbatadna a nakasagana ti gobierno probinsial a mangipaay kadagiti dadduma pay a kasapulan dagiti manalon kas iti soil conditioner, abono, kagamitan ken uray pay makinaria.

Kagiddan daytoy, ginutigot manen ni Gob. Marcos Manotoc dagiti manalon nga agmula ti High Value Crops iti “second cropping season” ken iti “third cropping season”.

Impatalgedna ti naan-anay a suportana kas gobernador ken ti sibubukel a gobierno probinsial kadagiti manalon ditoy probinsia. (PHIN-CMO)

## DOST 1 introduces iSALT in Ilocos Norte

The Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST 1), through its Provincial S&T Center-Ilocos Norte (PSTC-IN), in partnership with the DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI), held a meeting to discuss the possible collaboration of DOST 1 and the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) in introducing the Improved Salt Processing Technology (iSALT) to the province’s salt producers on August 4, 2022, via Zoom meeting.

The DOST-ITDI staff, Senior Science Research Specialist Oliver Evangelista and Science Research Specialist II Jacqueline Dinglasan, as well as the Chief of Staff of PGIN, Atty. Pancho Jose, along with the various Local Government Unit (LGU) representatives from Badoc, Bangui, Burgos, Currimao, and Pasuquin, and other PSTC-IN staff members led by Engr. Benjamin S. Mercado Jr. were present in the meeting.

DOST-ITDI discussed the iSALT’s operation

and provided its broad overview throughout the meeting. The technology was developed to assist local salt producers in the nation in enhancing their output and products in accordance with Republic Act 8172, often known as the ASIN Law. The procedures involve the use either of the three machines: a salt washer, a salt spin drier, and a salt iodization machine.

Following the technological presentation, strategies for expediting the technology transfer to the designated association were addressed. The PSTC-IN was requested by DOST-ITDI to conduct a Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) on the salt maker associations of various LGUs in the province. The TNA will be carried out to acquire the basic information about the associations.

Furthermore, the possible collaboration is viewed as a viable salt development that will help the expansion and long-term viability of the province’s salt sector. *(By: Sheeren Joy N. Engada)*

## PBBM appoints ‘Medal of Valor’ Awardee Lt. Gen. Bacarro as AFP Chief of Staff

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has chosen Lt. Gen. Bartolome Vicente O. Bacarro, commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines – Southern Luzon Command as new AFP chief of staff, Press Secretary Trixie Cruz-Angeles announced on Monday.

“The change of command for the new AFP chief of staff will be on August 8. This will give time for Gen. Bacarro to wind down at the SOLCOM and provide him with the transition to his new position in Camp Aguinaldo,” Angeles said.

A graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, Bacarro was born on Sept. 18, 1966 in San Fernando, La Union. He graduated in the upper quartile of PMA “Maringal” Class of 1988.

Angeles said outgoing CS-AFP Gen. Andres Centino, a classmate of Bacarro in PMA, is slated for a new post befitting a former chief of staff.

Republic Act 11709, signed by President Duterte on April 13 this year sets a fixed three-year tour of duty for the AFP chief of staff, vice chief of staff, the deputy chief

of staff, the major service commanders (Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force, Philippine Navy), unified command commanders, and inspector general “unless sooner terminated by the President.”

“Based on RA 11709, Gen. Bacarro will be the first CSAFP to be given a fixed three-year term,” Angeles said.

Shortly after graduation, Bacarro was assigned with the 5th Infantry Division in Isabela province at the height of the counter-insurgency campaign in the Cagayan Valley from June 1988 until 1995.

For seven years, he held various positions in the 5th ID including platoon leader, company commander, administrative officer, intelligence officer, operations officer, civil-military operations office and secretary to the general staff.

It was during his assignment in Isabela province that he earned his Medal of Valor, the highest award for combat in the AFP. Bacarro was then an Army Lieutenant and serving as commanding officer of the 6th CAA Company, 21st Infantry Battalion, 5th Infantry Division.

The Medal of Valor was awarded to Bacarro

on Dec. 21, 1991 for his “conspicuous acts of courage, gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty” during a 10-hour encounter with 150 fully-armed New People’s Army (NPA) rebels who attacked the town of Maconacon, Isabela on Feb. 26, 1991.

In November 2004, he was designated Army spokesperson and chief of public affairs office in Fort Bonifacio. Later on, he became spokesperson of the AFP and chief of the Public Affairs Office in Camp Aguinaldo.

In 2014, Bacarro was designated as the chief of staff of the Army’s 4th Infantry (Diamond) Division. He was also chief of staff for operations (OG3); commander of the 502nd Brigade, 5thID, PA and Commandant of the PMA prior to his assumption as AFP internal auditor.

Bacarro has undergone specialized military trainings, both local and foreign such as the Special Operations Team Training; Paratroopers Course; Basic and Advance Infantry Officers Course in the AFP. His foreign military schooling included the Combined Strategic Intelligence Training Program in Washington

DC; Peace-keeping Operations Course in Canada; Public Affairs Orientation Course in Hawaii and the US Army General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA.

Bacarro’s more than 30 years in the Army earned him other awards and recognitions that include five (5) Distinguished Service Star for exemplary service; one Silver Cross Medal; two (2) Bronze Cross Medals for risking life not combat-related; two (2) Silver Wing Medals; nine (9) Combat Commander’s (Kagitingan) Badges; 36 Military Merit Medals for administrative and combat duties; several Commendations Medals and the Wounded Personnel Medal for wound sustained in combat.

He was also conferred the Philippine Military Academy Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1998. Bacarro is also a member of the Special Forces family.

Bacarro is married to Soledad Bonsato Bacarro of Baguio City. They are blessed with three children: Arnold Wilfred, Tracie Kathlyne and Piolo Jeremy. (OPS)

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“Not only did we gain income from these programs but at the same time, na-promote at napanatili natin ang disiplinang among our residents,” Singson added.

Vice Governor

Singson likewise expressed his gratitude to the leadership of former Vice Governor and now Governor Jeremias “Jerry” Singson to the provincial legislative branch as it has paved the

way for the passage and implementation of such ordinances.

“For the welfare of our Ilocos Surians, I am sure that under his leadership, Governor Jerry Singson will continue these programs,” he said.

Aside from Ilocos Sur, the top 10 provinces in collection efficiency of LSRs are Cebu, Quirino, Aklan, Capiz, Pampanga, South Cotabato, Iloilo, Bulacan, and Zambales. *(Joyah Mae Quimoyog/PIA Ilocos Sur)*

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In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **PRESENTACION M. EVANGELISTA** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**FLORENDA PRESENTACION**" to "**PRESENTACION**" in the Birth Certificate of **FLORENDA PRESENTACION MANUEL** who was born on **November 21, 1952** at **Piddig, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Ceferino Manuel** and **Isabel Duldulao**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **August 14, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **ROSALINDA E. JOSE**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JUANITA LUCERO BORROMEO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**JUANA**" to "**JUANITA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JUANA LUCERO** who was born on **June 29, 1953** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Pio Lucero** and **Tereza Gamponia**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **August 15, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **IRIS GAYLE S. BATALLONES**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DONATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **FLORENCIO C. GALACGAC** and **ROSITAM. GALACGAC** consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 18612 and 18617, both located at Brgy. Bomitog, Espiritu, Ilocos Norte, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-55954 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs **Mely Paz G. Napicog**, **Alberto M. Galacgac** and **Rachelle Mae G. Napicog** and simultaneously donated the said lots in favor of donee **Rachelle Mae G. Napicog**, who accepted the donation as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Francisco A. Musni**; as per Doc. No. 216; Page No. 45; Book No. CXXXVIII; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **YOLANDA A. YABES** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 134668, located at Brgy. 4, San Guillermo, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2013000738 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs and simultaneously sold said lot in favor of **Dilip L. Mansukhani**, **Bindhya D. Mansukhani**, **Girish D. Mansukhani** and **Meera D. Mansukhani-Budhrani** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Emilio Edgar V. Doloroso, Jr.**; as per Doc. No. 51; Page No. 11; Book No. LIII; Series of 2022.

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**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 **DIVINIA TUGAOEN FAGARAGAN** has filed with this Office a Petition for Correction of Date of Birth (LCRO copy) from "**25 JANUARY 1960**" to "**06 FEBRUARY 1960**" in the Birth Certificate of **DIVINIA TUGAOEN** who was born on **25 January 1960** at **Pinili, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Esmeraldo Tugaoen** and **Filomena Tugaoen**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **August 15, 2022**.

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MELANIE MAE BUNGCAYAO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**MYLDA**" to "**MELDA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MYLDA GUILLERMO MALIA** who was born on **October 03, 1961** at **Solsona, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Andres E. Malia** and **Concepcion L. Guillermo**.

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

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

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**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **LETICIA G. GARVIDA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6439-F, Cad-734-D, situated at Barangay Abaca, Bangui, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. C10269 has been extrajudicially settled among her legal heirs **Lynette G. Garvida** and **Gina Marie G. Garvida-Day** duly represented by **Denton Lawrence G. Garvida** and **Denton Lawrence G. Garvida** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Eric T. Garvida**; as per Doc. No. 249; Page No. 050; Book No. XLI; Series of 2022.

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 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 **RENE C. TAMARGO** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **VICENTA JANE** to **JANE** in the birth certificate of **VICENTA JANE RUIZ** who was born on **April 05, 1949** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Leonides C. Ruiz** and **Ester Acosta**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with the Office not later than **August 19, 2022**.

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

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**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 **BRIAN OASAY DAHILIG** has filed with this Office, a Petition for Correction of Entry in Date of Birth from "**MARCH 29, 1986**" to "**MARCH 19, 1986**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **BRIAN OASAY DAHILIG** who was born on **March 19, 1986** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Jimmy P. Dahilig** and **Victoria F. Oasay**.

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

(Sgd.) **IRIS GAYLE S. BATALLONES**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **JUANA PAGTAMA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 869, situated at Brgy. 8 Acosta, Batac City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-3155 has been extrajudicially settled among his legal heirs **Virgilio Daga Pagtama**, and **Virginia Pagtama Caraang** and simultaneously waived all rights, interests and claims in favor of co-heir **Virgilio Daga Pagtama** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Maria Louisa M. Que**; as per Doc. No. 215; Page No. 044; Book No. 001; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **SPS. JUAN CATUDAN** and **SALVADORA ABRANTES** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 35912, Cad-398, situated at Brgy. Capacuan, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. P39393 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs **Virginia C. Corpuz**, **Angela C. Natividad** and **Jonathan C. Natividad** and simultaneously sold unto **Jonathan S. Alupay** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Da Vinci M. Crisostomo**; as per Doc. No. 239; Page No. 49; Book No. CDXXXIV; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **EMILIO R. DUMLAO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 31005, CAD-574-D, located at Brgy. Talugtog, Solsona, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-17476 has been adjudicated by his legal heir **Jovita H. Dumlaog** and simultaneously sold said lot in favor of **Leodegario V. Rondina** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Lourdines C. Dela Cruz**; as per Doc. No. 151; Page No. 32; Book No. XVII; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **EMILIO R. DUMLAO** pertaining to his one-half (1/2) share over the two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 31005 and 30488, both situated at Brgy. Talugtog, Solsona, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-17476 and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP2014001272 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Jo Erika F. Marquez**; as per Doc. No. 55; Page No. 11; Book No. IV; Series of 2022.

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# Recreating Community Relations Program (COMREL) towards resiliency under “Bayanihan to Heal as One”, and beyond

(First of 2 Parts )

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This commentary is built around on three main points:

1. Community Relations (COMREL) is not a new idea and tool in strengthening the role of community and other social actors in the promotion of resiliency during crisis.

2. The government requires community agents, actors and entities in dealing COVID19 if it wants to realize the efficacy of Bayanihan to Heal as One Act.

3. COMREL has been proven as an efficient measure in sectoral partnership between the community, government and private .

## INTRODUCTION

The 2020 pandemic has exposed the fallacies and weaknesses of private and government institutions in the Philippines. Even the largest enterprises with sustainable and strategic management approaches were challenged by the crisis thus, affecting their operations and services. However, the public has seen how these organizations responded using its social responsibility arm in connecting with the masses through introducing various means of assisting and helping communities. We have witnessed from them how their grand strategies in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) were able to respond to challenges of COVID19. But, programs initiated in the midst of the pandemic was confronted with the challenge “how sustainable are these activities?”.

These terms “sustainable” and “sustainability” are already outdated in the same manner that Corporate Social Responsibility is now being replaced by Volunteerism. The term “sustainable” or sustainability, indicates the “ability to sustain.” Unfortunately, that momentum for working with the communes in the 90’s when corporate foundations mushroomed and metamorphosed as public relations tools was missed. The value of an enlightened self-interest was forgotten. And so, the fast running train was missed, so to speak, for a socio-economic and

political change. In the last 30 years, the Philippine government has done a lot of trying to help the poor help themselves; but more harm was done to the Filipinos’ values of self-worth and the people were caught into that trap half-way to “dole outs” with various social palliatives contrary to principles of people empowerment. For instance, the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program” (4Ps) was intended as a social therapy towards gaining a trajectory for self-reliance but as years passed, perhaps unintentionally, it snowballed into dependence for perpetual government support. So today, whenever the country is confronted with the need for data to plan, to lead, to organize and to evaluate certain interventions, we take footnotes to the 4Ps list of recipients as a statistical basis for distribution of social amelioration as in the case of the recently passed Republic Act 11469 otherwise known as “Bayanihan to Heal as One” Act. There is an uninterrupted ballooning budget to sustain the program in an honest attempt to alleviate poverty across the Philippine islands.

It looks like corporations have been lost in the process of doing community relations (COMREL) so much so that today, it is nearly classified as unfavorable as it had deviated from its original form. A number of corporate foundations have been legally registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other governing bodies but the concept of “conscientizing” corporate owners was relegated to licensed social workers who were paid to do a “hand-glove” relationship between the “haves” and the “have nots”. As a result COMREL structure was still used as a component of money making for which business organizations were established.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS RESEARCH

There have been numerous studies conducted in the Philippines

on COMREL and most of these researches focus on sectoral engagement in the areas of health, education, gender and development, disaster management, agriculture, and micro-enterprises. However, literature suggest that there is limited armory of knowledge in utilizing community relations studies during the period of pandemic. The availability of tools in responding the crisis is highly perceived by the public as a state responsibility thus, making the role of community out of the arena. This concept of incorporating community relations approaches in dealing with disasters and crises have been proven and regarded as an ideal alternative to the absence and limitation of major institutions in private and government. In a May 2020 opinion column in The Diplomat magazine, the way on how the government responded to the crisis is described as “tragedy of errors”. The most pressing issue could be asked from this is “where is the community in dealing with the crisis?”. This questions prompted the researchers to explore and investigate in locating the potential and critical roles of communities as part of co-operation management in confronting the global disaster.

## THEORIZING COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The (un) popularity of COMREL in the Philippines depends on how actors involved the “others” in reconciling ideological divides between stakeholders’ expectations. The present controversy on the limits, scope and territory of the idea community relations requires an examination of works and accounts that are anchored on the concept of linking groups and entities regardless of their experiences, aspirations and preferences. It probes the issue: who are “these” actors in COMREL? Studying the community and its interrelated parts and agents, is a complex task. To link the government, citizens and the private sector, the prominence of Social Capital theory fits well in

examining relationships within the community. The emergence of this theory was expanded from the works of Putnam (2002) who then introduced social capital as an idea in studying governments (Honburg and Lang, 2010). Putnam had drawn his attention from the successful experience of Tuscany and failed political encounter of Sicily. The success of these two Italian regional governments is based on civic engagement, voluntary group participation of social actors and groups and community relations. The vertical relationships of individuals and institutions are significant requisites for the benefit of the society. On the other hand, Andriniani (2013) defines social capital on its functions from the works of Coleman (1988). He argued that the concept is not a single entity, but a variety of different entities, having two characteristics in common: they all consist of some aspect of a social structure, and they facilitate certain actions of individuals who are within the structure. His explanation lies on the importance of exchanging available resources gained from the relationship. If there is co-operation between interest parties and sectors, cohesion of objectives and realization of goals are attained. This particular mode of interplay avoids free riding from both parties which are expected to contribute from that shared relationship. This entails how both groups will perform based on its potential, availability of resources and contributory factors that are critical in dealing with challenges. He further argued that trust, norms and values are important considerations in sustaining commitment from both parties like the government and community. This not offers new opportunities and prospects only but could result to an established relationship and sustained partnership between entities.

COMREL Stakeholders: Government, Private and Communities  
Reading the full text of Yangzong Hang’s opinionated manuscript

in Aljazeera shows that the political structure in China is not present in other democratic societies so that the intended output or change may be difficult to achieve. He further claims that “even without considering the lack of policy autonomy in many democracies—because they do not have ‘despotic power and must contend with the checks and balances of a democratic system—effective implementation of those draconian containment measures would require a strong state to penetrate society and enforce its decisions.”

This situation which he alleges cannot exist in a democratic society was what actually happened in the Philippines. And with the involvement of House of Representatives and the Senate, the so-called “draconian” measures were implemented. Initially there was minor resistance as is normal in any change process but eventually, the citizenry cooperated with the frontline medical teams and the police force that manned the check points and streets to control the free flow of people and prevent the local transmission of the virus in the outskirts of Manila. There was not much use of force in the implementation of policies to contain the spread of the COVID19. It was as if RA 11460 was giving flesh and meaning to the Filipino values of neighborliness (Bayanihan) to surface at the height of the pandemic. The law was more of giving powers to the LGUs to adopt their interregional policies to implement the law. Indeed it was a way of testing the meaning of empowerment among local executives as envisioned in the Local Autonomy Code of 1991. If there were gains in this whirlwind of events, the next concern is how to appraise those bits and pieces of lessons and put them in the context of structural change.

From the grassroots are the Barangays, a part of the political structure which can be taken by Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as partners in the democratic process. This pattern of partnership between the

Barangays and the NGOs, for instance, is imbedded in the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Law (RA 9003) where this author feels that COMREL is the best way to institutionalize the intent and gains of the said law. Likewise, these measures were employed in the Philippines but done in a gradual manner. Interventions were initiated from the Metropolis and brought down gradually to the provinces giving way to what the Local Executives are capable of doing and what they cannot do as guided by general pronouncements from the national government. Of course, there are times when the national government withdrew certain pronouncements to align or calibrate competencies of the local executives over their inability to implement the RA 11469 taking into consideration the diverse and conflicting political orientation present in a democracy.

In COMREL, putting the NGOs and the Government Organizations (GOs) together is a means for the local executives to interphase with corporate managers first, for the collection of data and diagnostics for a responsive intervention and second, for the skills needed to confront challenges. The private corporations have a rich reservoir of well-trained technical people: the human resource, the finance managers, the production and even marketing managers to assist the local politicians. Such was the case in the COMREL in Davao where the intervention started with “conscientizing” the corporate owners and getting them to rally behind the change process. It behooves upon these experts to reach out to the residents of communities contiguous to the areas where they operate for if they, the “haves” refuse or fail to cooperate, they will lose everything to the “have-nots” in the long run.

How then can COMREL teams be recreated to help to implement RA 11469 to become a key player in the fight against COVID19 and beyond?

(Continue next week)

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**ELEVENTH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 152ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, BANGUI, ILOCOS NORTE, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. MONDAY, 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2022.

**Present:**

Hon. Denton Lawrence G. Garvida	Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Chairman,
Hon. Joy R. Soriano	SB Member,
Hon. Florencio G. Sales, Jr.	SB Member,
Hon. Diosdado I. Garvida	SB Member
Hon. Doddie M. Gaces	SB Member,
Hon. Susan B. Faylogna	SB Member,
Hon. Rogerick C. Balbag	SB Member,
Hon. Anthony N. Campañano	SB Member,
Hon. Florante L. Garvida	SB Member, and
Hon. Ruben G. Alupay, Jr.	LMB Vice-President.

**Absent:**

Hon. Justine Philip M. Meneses	SKF President – On Leave
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 03 - 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES, REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, FORMATS, REQUISITES OF FRANCHISING AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED TRICYCLES FOR HIRE AND IMPOSING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05-03-03.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Sanggunian Bayan of Bangui, Ilocos Norte that:

**SECTION 1** – When used in this ordinance, the following shall mean:

- MTOP - Motorized Tricycle Operators Permit
- FF - Franchise Fee
- FFF - Franchise Filing Fee
- LRF - Legal Research Fund
- FAF - Fare Adjustment Fee
- PO - Processing Officer – assigned by the Office of the Mayor tasked with the administration of tricycle for hire like the processing of application and licence to operate.

**SECTION 2** – An applicant operator must secure an application form at the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan.

**SECTION 3** – Applicants must submit an application form and shall be supported by, and attached therein, one (1) photocopy or authenticated copy of the following:

- Certificate of Registration (CR) of motor
- Current Official Receipt of Registration (OR) of motor
- Any valid ID of the applicant/Birth Certificate
- Certification from the Barangay Captain, attested by the Barangay Secretary and two (2) Kagawad that the applicant is the actual owner of the motorcycle.
- Mayor's Clearance
- Operator shall bring and present the original or authenticated copy of the above mentioned documents and the unit for verification and inspection.

**SECTION 4** – Application for renewal of franchise shall be supported by the following documents:

- Certificate of Registration of motor
- Current Official Receipt of Registration of motor
- Mayor's Clearance
- Endorsement of Tricycle Operators Association

**SECTION 5.1** – There shall be collected a **FRANCHISE FEE (FF)** in the amount of Php 1,667.00 payable before the issuance of franchise. In addendum, the following are the other prescribed fees:

	New	Renewal	Change Motor	Stop Operation	Cancellation	MTOP	Amendment
FFF	250	150	150	25	125		250
LRF	15	15	15	15	15		15
FVF	20	20	20	20	20		20

Provided, however, the organized transport cooperatives with judicial personality shall pay the following fees:

	FFF	LRF	FVF	
For the 1st unit	Php 200.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(No.1 unit)
For each of the additional 5 units				
6th to 10th	Php 180.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(No. 2-6 unit)
11th to 15th	Php 150.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(7-10)
16th to 20th	Php 125.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(10-15)
21st to 25th	Php 100.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(16-20)
26th to 30th	Php 75.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(21-25)
31st and thereafter	Php 50.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(26-30)
	Php 25.00	Php 15.00	Php 20.00	(31 ---)

**SECTION 5.2** – The **FRANCHISE FILING FEE (FFF)**, **LEGAL RESEARCH FUND (LRF)** and **FRANCHISE VERIFICATION FEE (FVF)** shall be paid upon the filing of an application for a franchise based on the number of units.

**SECTION 6** – Every application for the increase of fare shall be charged a FF of Php 150.00 and LRF of Php 10.00. A thorough hearing shall be conducted, and upon approval of the petition by the Sangguniang Bayan of the increase of fare. A **FARE ADJUSTMENT FEE (FAF)** of Php 150.00 for the 1st unit; from the 2nd to 5th units - Php 125.00 each; 6th to 10th units - Php 100.00 each; 11th to 15th units - Php 75.00 each and Php 50.00 per unit in excess of fifteen units, shall be paid to the Treasury Department.

**SECTION 7** – Renewal of franchise should be received by the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan not later than two weeks before the expiry date as embodied in the franchise ordinance enacted for the purpose.

**SECTION 8** - Late applicants for the renewal of franchise shall be penalized by a fine as follows:

- 1 day to 1 week - Php 200.00
- 1 week & 1 day to 2nd week - Php 250.00
- 2nd week & 1 day to 3rd week - Php 300.00
- 3rd week & 1 day to 4th week - Php 500.00

Provided that if more than one month of the delay of filing of applicant for renewal occurs, the application shall be disapproved and the Sangguniang Bayan may issue the side car number of the late applicant to a new applicant, without prejudice to the right of the applicant to file an application for a new franchise.

**SECTION 9** – Owners of tricycle for hire whose application are newly approved by the Sangguniang Bayan shall register as member of the tricycle association within 2 months. Failure to become a member of said organization shall be enough ground for suspension of the franchisee until such time that franchisee submits proof of membership.

**SECTION 10** – Hearing schedule of franchise/s or MTOP's shall be every regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan or a special date as scheduled by a majority of the Sangguniang Bayan Members.

All applicants are required to attend the Committee Hearing as maybe scheduled by the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation for purposes of clarifying issues regarding such applications.

**SECTION 11** – A MTOP Case Number shall be assigned/issued by the Office of the Mayor to every applicant/operator. Likewise, upon approval by the Sangguniang Bayan of the franchise, the side car number shall be issued/ assigned to each unit by the Sangguniang Bayan. Size and color of number is green with 10" long made of reflectorized stickers on a 12"x 12" white painted background.

**SECTION 12** – The Case Number and Sidecar Number assigned to every MTOP holder shall be permanent. In case a MTOP holder increases his/her unit, a new sidecar number shall be issued/assigned to the unit/sidecar.

**SECTION 13** – The Municipal Mayor shall be the only authorized signatory of the MTOP after the application for franchise has been approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**SECTION 14** – Only residents of Bangui shall be granted a MTOP to operate within the Municipality of Bangui.

**SECTION 15** – The following are the policy, rules, regulations and conditions attached to the issuance of a MTOP:

- a. Operator/Driver shall follow, comply and abide by the provisions of RA 4136 known as the Traffic Code of the Philippines; Public Service Act, as amended; and other laws or order applicable to the operation of tricycle-for hire.
- b. MTOP grantee/driver shall charge in accordance with the fare/rates prescribed in Section 2, Table 1 of Municipal Ordinance No. 10-06-2018.
- c. MTOP grantee shall register the herein authorized unit/s under "For Hire" denomination with the Land Transportation Office within thirty (30) days from receipt of MTOP.
- d. The MTOP shall be valid for the period of five (5) years counted from the date of enactment of franchise ordinance.
- e. MTOP grantee shall employ only drivers duly licenced to drive tricycle-for-hire.
- f. MTOP unit holder with a pending case in connection with the operation of his unit/s shall not be grounds for denial for renewal extension.
- g. When the units become non-operational, the MTOP grantee/holder shall report it to the LTO, Sangguniang Bayan and the Processing Officer and pay the corresponding fee.
- h. Every payment made with the Municipal Treasurer for the Inspection Fee, Franchise Fee or the Increase of Fare Fee shall be covered by an Official Receipt (OR) which shall be presented to the Processing Officer for authentication or recording. The MTOP grantee shall safe-keep said OR for future use or reference.
- i. Failure of MTOP Grantee to report the sale or stop-operation of the units shall render the MTOP as still existing and the MTOP grantee shall be liable to pay the corresponding fee/s of the unit/s to include fines and surcharges, if any.

**SECTION 16** – Only three passengers are allowed to ride in a tricycle for hire. Under no circumstances shall the driver allow a passenger to ride at the back of the driver's seat.

**SECTION 17** – The Leonides Garvida Street east of the Alfredo Garvida St. (National Highway) is hereby assigned as LOADING/UNLOADING AREA for north bound tricycles for hire while that of the Edulian Street east of the Alfredo Garvida Street (National Highway) is hereby assigned as LOADING/UNLOADING AREA for all south bound tricycle for hire.

**SECTION 18** – Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall subject the offender, upon conviction, to a fine of Php 500.00 but not more than Php 1,000.00 or an imprisonment of not less than 10 days but not more than 25 days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 19** – Ordinance No. 05-03-03 is hereby amended, and any provision of other ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance is repealed or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 20** - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication.

ENACTED upon motion of Honorable D. Garvida duly seconded by Honorable F. Garvida with the following voting profile:

In favor: (9) Hon. Soriano, Hon. Sales, Hon. D. Garvida, Hon. Gaces, Hon. Faylogna, Hon. Balbag, Hon. Campañano, Hon. F. Garvida, Hon. Alupay,

Against: None Abstain: None

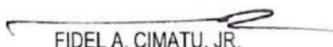
**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
MELANIE C. VALIENTE  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

  
DENTON LAWRENCE G. GARVIDA  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: 12 JUL 2022

  
FIDEL A. CIMATU, JR.  
Municipal Mayor

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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 **JELLYFLOR DAGULO GONGORA** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name (OCRG & LCRO copy) from "**NELY**" to "**JELLYFLOR**" and Petition for Correction of Date of Birth (OCRG copy) from "**JULY 12, 1952**" to "**JULY 02, 1952**" in the Certificate of Live Birth and Birth Certificate of **NELY / NELY DAGULO** who was born on **July 12, 1952** at **Pinili, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Andres Dagulo and Rosa Balbas**.

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

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

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Province of Ilocos Norte  
Municipality of Bacarra

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 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 **ROGELIO A. RAMIL** has filed with this Office, a petition for the change of first name from "**ROBERTA**" to "**ROGELIO**" and correction of entry in the gender/sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROBERTA RAMIL** who was born on **May 13, 1964** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Crispin Ramil and Cristina Afaga**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than **August 12, 2022**.

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

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MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS

**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 **EDEN TANGONAN PASCUA** has filed with this Office, a petition for the correction of entry in the child's sex/gender from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in her Certificate of Live Birth, who was born on **16 August 1993** at **San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Juanito C. Pascua and Julita Tangonan Pascua**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than **August 8, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **ROSEMARIE B. ANTOLIN**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION  
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **ROMAN ANDRADA** and **CECILIO ANDRADA** pertaining to a parcel of land, with improvements thereon, designated as Lot No. 25952 Cad 577-D, located at Brgy. 32 Cabangaran, Vintar, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by their legal heir **Melendrina Tagudan Andrada** and simultaneously waived in favor of **Dickey Jim Andrada Camaquin** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Candida Dorothy Swerte D. Bumanglag**; as per Doc. No. 190; Page No. 39; Book No. XI; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION  
WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **SPOUSES DOROTEO TORRES** and **ANTONIA ISAGUERRE-TORRES** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 35333, Cad 398, situated at Brgy. Parangpong, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title OCT P-20115 has been adjudicated by her legal heir **Urduja I. Torres** and simultaneously sold unto **Spouses Ernesto C. Malicad, Sr. and Mariza Q. Malicad a.k.a Marisa Q. Malicad and Ernesto Q. Malicad, Jr.** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Francisco A. Musni**; as per Doc. No. 152; Page No. 32; Book No. CXXXIII; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION  
OF ESTATE WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **FILIPINAS L. CAGAT** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1481-H, CSD-01-007047 (AR) VLT, being a portion of Lot 1481, situated at Brgy. Mumulaan, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OC-1789 has been adjudicated by her legal heir **Elmer Labtis Cagat** and simultaneously sold the western portion of said lot equivalent to 1,161 sq.m. unto **Carolyn Buduan Pacris and Catherine P. Gacula** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Windell D. Chua**; as per Doc. No. 373; Page No. 76; Book No. CCXXII; Series of 2022.

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# Family Planning Month underscores the importance of wanted fertility

In the context of the devolution plan, the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) renewed its call to the stakeholders, particularly the local government units (LGUs), to continue and strengthen the provision of family planning (FP) as one of the essential health services in the localities.

The National Family Planning (FP) month, observed annually every August, creates awareness on the importance and benefits of FP in promoting the overall health and well-being of the population. The theme for this year's celebration is "Bata, Bata, Planado kang Ginawa!" with the subtheme, "Usap Tayo sa Family Planning dahil ang Pamilyang Planado,

Protektado!" It envisions all Filipinos of reproductive age, specifically those who are 18-25 years old, would be aware of their reproductive health and would be able to plan their family size and practice healthy sexual behaviors.

Based on the 2022 State of the World Population Report, almost half of all pregnancies are unintended every year. Moreover, an estimated 257 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe, modern methods of contraception. Also, reports from the 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) revealed that in the Philippines, 16% of the births were mistimed (wanted at a later time) while 11% were

not wanted at all.

POPCOM, as the mandated agency to promote zero unmet need and responsible reproductive and sexual health, together with local government units, the Department of Health (DOH) and other stakeholders, implements and strengthens various demand generation activities to combat these unintended pregnancies. In effect, these resulted into an increase of family planning users in the country from 7.3 million in 2020 to 7.6 million in 2021 based on the reports from the DOH Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS). This accounts to an increase of 3 percent or 236,153 users. In Region I, the total

current users increased by 2 percent from 467,431 in 2020 to 477,257 in 2021, a reflection of an increase of users from all of the region's provinces.

POPCOM Region I, in partnership with the local government units and partner agencies, will be conducting series of family planning activities (responsible parenthood and family planning orientations and service provisions) and advocacy campaigns regionwide for this year's celebration. With these activities, POPCOM hopes that policy makers, community leaders, and all individuals will be more aware of the benefits of FP and be more empowered to make affirmative decisions about their overall well-being.

# MMSU gears up for full F2F classes

BATAC CITY -- Teaching personnel of the Mariano Marcos State University are now preparing for the reopening of full face-to-face classes this incoming Academic Year 2022-2023.

Today, August 4, department chairs, program coordinators and other faculty members gathered at the MMSU Center for Flexible Learning to set the class schedules for the first semester of Academic Year 2022-2023. The workshop allowed them to properly prepare schedules for all classes under their respective departments.

The newly developed MMSU Scheduling System, to be pilot-tested on the second semester, was also presented during the workshop for comments and suggestions.

Spearheaded by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (OVPA) through the Office of the University Registrar and the College of Arts and Sciences, the workshop forms significant part in making the faculty members ready for in-person classes this month, after a two-year implementation of the flexible learning mode due to COVID-19 restrictions.

VPAA Prima Fe R. Franco said the university is anticipating to welcome more than 15,000 college students due to the addition of two new degree programs: BS Psychology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. (Rheena Mangaoil/Inern/HLY/VBT/DPT/Stratcom)

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in Dingras town; Ilocos Norte Agricultural College in Pasuquin; and, Nagrebcan ES in Badoc; and, Gabu NHS, RB Ablan ES, AP Santos ES, Calayab ES, Amarosa ES, Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades, all in Laoag City.

In La Union, 100 TUPAD workers are distributed in the towns of San Gabriel, Bauang, Rosario and Sudipen. They provide labor in schools such as Bauang North Central School; Duplas NHS; Rosario Integrated School; Balbalayang NHS and

Zaragoza ES.

In Ilocos Sur, where the earthquake caused major destruction, TUPAD workers immediately began on July 28 – a day after the quake. After their clearing and repair of damaged public facilities, they continue in schools in their respective barangays in Vigan City and municipalities of Lidlida, Galimuyod, Sugpon, Caoayan, San Emilio, Salcedo, Santa Cruz, Santa, Quirino, and San Ildefonso. (JUSTIN PAUL D. MARBELLA)

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ang ating mga BADAC ay maayos na gumagana at nakakatulong sa pagprotekta sa mga komunidad laban sa ilegal na droga at mga tagapagpalaganap nito," Abalos said.

BADAC is the grassroots program of the DILG aimed at organizing barangay officials and other stakeholders as first line of defense in countering drug-related crimes in barangays.

Among its responsibilities are identifying drug-affected areas; creating BADAC Plan of Action; equipping Barangay Tanods and BADAC Auxiliary Team on their roles and functions in the campaign against illegal drugs; assisting persons who used drugs (PWUDs) who surrendered to Barangay Rehabilitation and Referral Desk; and, monitoring individuals who are undertaking Community-Based Rehabilitation Treatment.

Treatment.

## A government that listens

DILG Secretary Abalos also assured the LCEs in Northern Mindanao that the administration of President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos, Jr. is a government that listens and actively seeks consultations with local officials and various stakeholders on issues being encountered on the ground.

He noted that the DILG will keep its lines open for all LCEs to be an efficient bridge between the national and local governments.

"Huwag kayong mahihiya sa akin. Do not treat me as a Secretary, it's the other way around. Kayo ang boss ko," Abalos said.

"I'm here to serve you not for me to just give orders. I'm not that kind of person. That is how we shall espouse unity among us, that is how we shall espouse being proactive," he added.

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economic conditions already worsened by the pandemic," said Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos.

"Thus, the DOLE acts with urgency to help unemployed individuals, and capacitate them and leverage on their abilities," she added.

Per directive of Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma and guided by the Terms of Reference (TOR) between DOLE and TESDA, DOLE RO1 has immediately coordinated with TESDA Regional Office 1 to roll out the Skills Training Cum Production.

Consequently, RD Vincent Cifra initially committed to provide 37 training slots for National Certificate II (NC II) on Carpentry.

Said slots are given to 37 trainees from Ilocos Sur, which experienced severe damages given the province's proximity to Abra, the earthquake's epicenter.

The Ilocos Sur trainees will undergo 162-hour Carpentry training on August 3-September 14, 2022. They will receive P160 allowance per day. TESDA will provide

the trainers; while LGUs Tagudin and Burgos shall sponsor the venue, meals and other training needs.

The trainees are from the towns of Burgos (11 trainees), Narvacan (6), and Tagudin (20).

After completion of the training, the DOLE shall also give each trainee a livelihood starter kit worth P30,000 to jumpstart self-employment using their acquired skills.

DOLE RO1 is also in talks with the construction industry employers in Ilocos Sur, through its Industry Tripartite Council (ITC), for referral and possible job placement, using their newly-acquired carpentry skills.

DOLE RO1 was able to identify said trainees through the Public Employment Information System (PEIS), wherein they were registered as jobseekers needing assistance for employment and upskilling.

Qualified skills trainees from Ilocos Norte, La Union and Pangasinan shall also be gathered soon for NC II Programs on Carpentry, Masonry, Plumbing, and Electrical Installation. (JUSTIN PAUL D. MARBELLA)

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Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc (left) administers the oath-taking of the newly elected officers of the Philippine Councilors League - Provincial Federation of Ilocos Norte held on August 3, 2022 at Centennial Arena, Laoag City. (PGIN-CMO)

## In Region 1, TUPAD Workers lend hand in Brigada Eskwela

They say the road to excellence begins in schools, and displaced/disadvantaged workers in Ilocos Region believe just that. And so with their labor, they hope to contribute in paving a promising path for young Ilocano learners.

Through the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) program of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the labor input

of these low-income individuals is maximized and harnessed at the Brigada Eskwela of the Department of Education, which commenced August 1.

Here, classrooms, school grounds and other facilities are cleaned, refurnished, repaired, and readied in time for the re-opening of full-time face-to-face classes by November.

"This TUPAD implementation in schools along Brigada

Eskwela also serves as DOLE's recovery and rehabilitation response to the effects of the strong earthquake which hit Northern Luzon last week," said DOLE Regional Office 1 Director Atty. Evelyn R. Ramos.

"Reportedly, there were classrooms damaged by the magnitude 7 tremor, thus we deployed our TUPAD workers to lend a hand in these light repair works," she

added.

The TUPAD beneficiaries will work for 15 days, after which they shall receive a total wage of P 5,550 each, or P370 per day. The DOLE gave them PPEs and insurance coverage.

In Ilocos Norte, 450 TUPAD workers are now deployed in various schools namely Dingras Elementary School (ES), Bagut ES, and San Marcelino National High School (NHS) all

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## Abalos appeals to LCEs: Strengthen your BADACs

Interior and Local Government Secretary Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos Jr. urged Local Chief Executives (LCEs) to help strengthen the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (BADACs) in their respective jurisdictions as the government looks to sustain the campaign against illegal drugs.

Speaking before Governors and City and Municipal Mayors in Northern Mindanao who undergo the basic Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Orientation in Cagayan De Oro City, Abalos stressed that the Marcos Jr. administration will continue the relentless war against illegal drugs and will focus on addressing the problems on the ground.

Abalos, who

served as mayor of Mandaluyong City for three consecutive terms, emphasized the need for LCEs to help in strengthening BADACs to tackle the drug menace at the grassroots level.

"Humihingi po ako ng tulong about illegal drugs. We will intensify the war on drugs, and we will start at the grassroots. So please, I am requesting you to harness the capability and strengthen your BADACs," Abalos said.

The DILG Chief said BADACs play a critical role in the Whole-of-Government approach in countering the proliferation of illegal drugs in the communities.

"Nanawagan tayo sa mga gobernador at mayors na siguruhin na

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## DOLE Partners with TESDA to Upskill Unemployed Ilocanos Affected by Earthquake

In the aftermath of the Magnitude 7 earthquake, the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1) has partnered with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Local Government Units (LGUs) to

provide technical skills training to unemployed individuals in Ilocos, to empower them towards economic recovery.

"The earthquake has wreaked havoc to properties of marginalized and disadvantaged families in Region 1, aggravating their

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