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# More aid to Ilocano folks - Gov. MMM, Rep. Sandro

● **P9.5-M TUPAD fund to help 1,600 beneficiaries**

Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc and Rep. Ferdinand Alexander “Sandro” Marcos (1st district, Ilocos Norte) jointly assured increased financial assistance to their Ilocano constituents by expanding institutionalized programs for this year 2023.

In a press conference on Jan. 5, Governor Manotoc expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Office of Congressman Marcos and the Department of Labor and Employment for their assistance to the province like the TUPAD

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## No significant increase of COVID-19 cases in Ilocos after holidays - DOH

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The Department of Health-Ilocos Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD-1) reported on Wednesday that no significant

increase of COVID-19 cases is noted in the region after the holiday season.

In a virtual presser of the Philippine Information

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## PBBM orders inspection of smuggled onions before release to markets

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday ordered the phytosanitary inspection of smuggled onions to ensure their safety before they are released to the market.

“The problem with the



**Pres. Marcos Jr.**

onions we’ve been trying... since kasi ang dami nating nahahanap na smuggled onions, pinipilit kong ilabas diyan sa market [and] unfortunately, we do not know the source of these onions. So they all have to be inspected. Hindi puwedeng random,” President Marcos said in a Cabinet meeting.

The chief executive raised the need to tap third-

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Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc (left) administers the oath-taking of 1st IP provincial board representative Cheryll Bromeo Tabangay, a Tingguian tribe native, during a ceremony held at the provincial auditorium, Laoag City on January 11. She was elected via a nomination process by different tribal leaders here in accordance with the National Commission of Indigenous People’s mandatory law to have one IP representative on every provincial board. (Photo by PGIN-CMO | A. Yanos. Related story on Page 9

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*Guest Editorial:*

**DepEd to present revised K-12 curriculum Jan. 30**

The Department of Education (DepEd) is set to present a revised K to 12 (Kinder to Grade 12) curriculum by Jan. 30.

According to Malacañang press briefer Daphne Oseña-Paez, this was among the topics discussed during a Cabinet meeting presided by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday.

“The Department of Education, the Secretary VP [Vice President] Inday Sara Duterte presented the plans for inclusive learning, support for teachers, improving the curriculum. The DepEd will be presenting a revised K-12 curriculum for basic education on January 30,” she said in a report by the Philippine News Agency.

The current K-12 program in the Philippines, which was implemented in 2012, covers kindergarten, six years of primary education, four years of junior high school, and two years of senior high school to prepare graduates for tertiary education, middle-level skills development, employment and entrepreneurship.

Marcos earlier asked Duterte to carefully review the K-12 program, citing the need to “develop” and “refine” the great pool of Filipino talent.

He also wanted the country’s literacy rate to improve under his administration.

In his first State of the Nation Address in July last year, Marcos said the Philippines should do better in international rankings when it comes to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Also during the Cabinet meeting, Marcos asked the Department of Social Welfare and Development to remain on heightened alert amid the inclement weather.

Likewise, Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla presented achievements in 2022 and plans for 2023.

“He highlighted the justice department’s theme of compassionate justice in keeping with the directive of the president who asked that he check on legal representation of prisoners based on the President’s experience in Ilocos Norte where he remembered that many prisoners didn’t have access to lawyers,” Oseña-Paez said.

Achievements in other agencies including the Departments of the Interior and Local Government, Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Energy, Labor and Employment, Health, Migrant Workers, Environment and Natural Resources were also discussed.

Oseña-Paez said the President also reminded agencies to “know what each other is doing” and “maximize the synergy in order to work together to achieve the 8-point socioeconomic agenda.” (PIA-NCR)



**WORD ALIVE**

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Gap between Sto. Niño devotion and conduct**

This Sunday, the immensely popular feast of the Sto. Niño in the Philippines, is celebrated. Rich and poor, young and old alike maintain a strong, if not fanatical, devotion to the Holy Child. Colorful fiestas and processions are held in his honor.

In the gospel, Jesus teaches: “Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Mark 13,15).

“Like little children,” what does that mean? What is it about a child that Jesus liked and valued so much?

The emphasis is on being childlike, not childish; hence, Christ-like.

One endearing quality about the child is innocence and simplicity. When I was in grade school, I used to play with all

kinds of kids in the neighborhood. My parents would warn me not to mingle with “dirty” kids from the depressed areas. But as a child, I didn’t see any difference or minded it if they came from poor or rich families.

Children are honest and straightforward. “Hindi plastic.”

A mother was once entertaining a priest in their house. She bragged how she instilled her children the love of reading the Bible. She called her five-year-old daughter. “Dear, would you get the book that we all love to read?”

The child ran to the parents’ bedroom and forthwith came bringing a book. “Here it is, Mama,” the young girl said.

When the mother saw it, she turned red with embarrassment.

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

It was the catalogue of fashion wear! The child handed the book because she saw it innocently “as the book everybody loved.”

The other quality a child possesses is his spirit of dependence and trust. This is shown, for instance, when a toddler crossing the street puts its hand in the hand of the father and mother.

This dependence is true also with God. It requires true faith and a healthy fear.

The absence of dependence is shown concretely when a man has no more time for God. Work and pursuit of money take his place or when he believes that he can do and get everything he wants with the power of his talent, wealth and intelligence.

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**THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR**

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

**EDCOM 2: Is it the real answer to all our education-related issues and concerns?**

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From left to right: The title card of THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR SHOW first episode on EDCOM II, which was live streamed last January 07 (photo courtesy of ETR); Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, the chairperson of the Committee on Basic Education, Culture, and Arts (photo courtesy of Senator Gatchalian’s official website).

Just recently, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian announced that the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) will commence late this month. The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Culture, and Arts sponsored Republic Act 11899, which seeks to create EDCOM in order to address contemporary issues from primary to tertiary education through forums, research, and laws that aim to improve the state of education in the Philippines.

Senator Gatchalian is co-chairperson of EDCOM II and is responsible for handling the basic education sector. His co-chair, Senator Francis Escudero, is responsible for tertiary and technical education.

Why can we consider EDCOM II a breakthrough and a breath of fresh air in the Philippine education landscape?

Determining the actual needs of our learners and objectively evaluating the state of education

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# This year, PGIN continues 'Libreng Sakay' program

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte said it would continue the "Libreng Sakay Program" this year as the Metro Ilocos Norte Council distributed "free ride" stubs to 780 recipients at the Centennial Arena, Laoag City on January 11.

The recipients were composed of indigent students, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities of Laoag and San Nicolas, Bacarra, and Sarrat towns. All received 10 stubs each, worth Php 500.

Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc started

the "Libreng Sakay" program in 2020 to provide free transport services to medical workers, bank employees, grocery store employees, and other front-liners at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, under the "Pantawid Pasada" program, all tricycle

and jeepney drivers, including operators who are members of MINC, received gas vouchers to help transport the riding public in partnership with the participating gas stations in the province.

The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office headed by Lilian

Rin selected the deserving recipients by coordinating with the LGUs' social welfare offices.

"Alam po natin na, dahil po sa inflation ay tumataas ang presyo at mas mahirap ang buhay and to make ends meet. Kaya nandito po kami bilang buffer," Governor

Matthew Marcos Manotoc told the recipients.

MMSU student Neil Villaruel of Laoag thanked the Governor saying it is a great help to students like him who are financially struggling amid the fuel oil hike and soaring prices of prime commodities. (Mariell Pahinag, PGIN-CMO)

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(in all aspects, of course) are what EDCOM II espouses and commits to undertake. Such is not only warranted by the times but also the much-needed, concrete measure that we all need for we are all education stakeholders.

Through the years, our education system has suffered so much not only in terms of quality but also in terms of quantity for more and more youth have decided to forego formal education due to poverty, bullying, familial problems, and other similarly debilitating problems. Setting our sights on the bureaucratic and national levels, we can presuppose that a majority of our education secretaries before VP Sara Duterte-Carpio have tried but failed to overhaul our basic education system.

It is a requisite, indeed, for basic education to be scrutinized, assessed, overhauled, and then reviewed annually because basic education is the cornerstone of human development, further education, and full integration into civilized and productive society.

As I have discussed in the first episode of my Saturday online show The Ilocano Educator Show (link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK6be\\_zbyE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK6be_zbyE)), which broadcasts live on my YouTube Channel Spox Jet Channel and is wholly inspired by this column, I have discussed several education-related problems together with our loyal subscribers and viewers, which shows everyone's growing enthusiasm to be involved in positive change in education.

Some of the recurring education issues that we have discussed on the January 07 episode of TIES were on the polarizing K to 12 curriculum implementation; mismatches between education and career especially among senior high school graduates; subpar international assessment results in literacy, mathematics, and science; prevalence of communism and leftism especially at private and state universities and colleges; bullying in classrooms; corruption within school division offices and regional divisions, and, several other problems.

What is noteworthy about EDCOM II is that several people and institutions have been appointed to the board, such as Pasig City Mayor Victor Ma. Regis Sotto, Rev. Fr. Joaquin Bernas of Ateneo de Manila University, former Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) director-general Irene Isaac, Philippine Institute for Development Studies, and several others.

Although the appointees have different political affiliations and are from various backgrounds, they have been selected due to their vast experiences in management and their commitment to uplifting the state of Philippine education.

If anyone were to ask me whether or not EDCOM II is the finite and sole answer to all our education-related issues and concerns, the real answer lies in our commitment to doing our part in ensuring that our education system is in superb working order.

WATCH THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR SHOW ON SATURDAYS AT 09:30 PM (PHILIPPINE STANDARD TIME), ONLY ON SPOXJET CHANNEL AND HOSTED BY YOUR ILOCANO EDUCATOR.

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NALAING, KABSAT!

Your Ilocano Educator would like to congratulate our two featured personalities for this segment:

1. XCE Enterprises, one of the homegrown manufacturers of coin-operated cell phone chargers found at convenience stores and other similar

establishments, will be building its first-ever regional office in Pililia, Rizal. One of the top honchos of XCE Enterprises happens to be Dr. Benedict David, who was featured a few issues ago in this segment.

2. Tita Valentina "Teena" Shotwell Clemente, host of the weekday show Anghel Ng Masa, which airs over Armed Forces Radio (DWDD 1134 KHZ), for the successful outreach program to the children of Antipolo City, Rizal last December together with several members of the Media and Civil Affairs Group (MCAG), which is under the Civil Relations Service (CRS) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. She was ably assisted by her son Kaiser and her friends.

Continue inspiring our fellow Filipinos, XCE Enterprises and Tita Teena, together with MCAG and Kuya Kaiser! I doff my hat to you on your remarkable achievements!

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GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO!

GUESS WHAT: Hiding from their creditors and shortchanging their speakers are among the nefarious activities of this so-called professional organization engaged in academic training and research and headed by a young doctorate degree holder known for being extremely ambitious. My source, who was a regular resource speaker and facilitator for the organization in question, has not been paid his/her honoraria from previous learning events, of which s/he was the resource person. There was a time when my source called the cell phone number of the organization and s/he was shocked to learn that the number has not been in service.

What are the lessons of the story? Be upfront especially in terms of fiduciary matters. Be brave enough to fulfill your obligations, no matter how late it may be. Learn how to be practical in managing your expenditures. Temper your ambitions for these may suffocate you later on.

GUESS WHO: Who is this now-deceased actor/director/educator who was secretly as libidinous as Mary Magdalene or Salome? My source, who was then a young theater aspirant, recounted to me years ago that our subject in question has a predilection for tricycle drivers, construction workers, and other working-class men. One time, when our subject alighted from a tricycle, s/he propositioned the young, handsome, and hunky driver, who gave in to our subject's advances. Ostensibly, his/her spouse divorced him/her due to his/her doble-kara life. In fairness to our subject, s/he is still widely respected up to the present.

What are the lessons of the story? Be faithful to your spouse. Keep your predilections under wraps if you can (and cannot resist your eccentricities). Be careful when going on dates of all kinds. Remember to protect your reputation at all costs.

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If you have suggestions in terms of the education-related topics that you want me to feature, please feel free to send me an email to [edteo.ramos@yahoo.com](mailto:edteo.ramos@yahoo.com) or to [coachjet.inspirations@gmail.com](mailto:coachjet.inspirations@gmail.com). You may also message me on Facebook through any of my two working accounts: Jet Ramos (personal) and SpoxJet Ramos (new and publicly official; renamed after my YouTube Channel). Please subscribe to my YouTube Channel Spox Jet Channel and watch UKP (Ulat, Komentaryo, at Payo) from Mondays to Fridays at 09:30 PM, and The Ilocano Educator Show (TIES) on Saturdays at 09:30 PM. Agyamanak ket Dios ti agngina!

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Religious devotions like those of the Sto Niño and Black Nazarene are indeed, fantastic and phenomenal. However, what bears examining is that such pious acts should have a deeper internal effect on daily life, that is, translated in the devotees' deeds and moral conduct.

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Concretely, if after the grand festivities, devotees go home and continue to be unkind, unjust, and unforgiving to their fellowmen or are engaged in corrupt practices and vices, their pious acts are defective, inconsistent and merely ritualistic. Hence, the need to bridge the gap between pious devotions and day-to-day life and conduct.

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Vatican II in the chapter "The Church Today" states: "Nor are they any less wide of the mark who think that religion consists in acts of worship alone."

"This split between the faith which many profess and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age."

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Let's continue to cultivate a childlike piety in the Sto. Niño.

Jesus himself said, "Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven."

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Stories to ponder. A politician has a strong devotion to the Sto. Niño. After an election, he won through cheating and vote buying. He asked the parish priest to say a Thanksgiving Mass.

Lesson: Having a devotion to the Sto. Niño is good but it doesn't jibe with the politician's cheating.

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A wealthy matron owns many businesses. In her mansion are religious images and antique statues hanging around her sala. She goes to Mass every day and receives Holy Communion.

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However, her numerous workers are grumbling since they're not paid their just wages. Someone said sarcastically, "Ang boss natin dasal ng dasal, masama naman ang asal" (Our manager is always praying but her conduct is unjust).

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Support seminarians. We Filipinos are very blest because there are still many young men who wish to become priests and missionaries. However, some are financially hard-up due to financial crisis resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

May I appeal to our readers to contribute or sponsor our seminarians' schooling good for one year.

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party inspectors to conduct phytosanitary inspections to check for transboundary diseases.

Some of the confiscated onions were not fit for human consumption based on the previous inspections, the President said, as he pointed out that the cost of inspection is 5,000 per kilo, which is much higher than the value of the onion.

“So ‘yun lang ang quandary natin. We are trying to negotiate with third parties to do the inspection. But right now we are still reviewing all of that,” Marcos said.

“They really have to be very safe kasi just one batch na makalusot, maraming magkakasakit talaga. So that’s the situation there,” the chief executive pointed out

The price of the agricultural commodity skyrocketed to over P700 per kilo, with authorities blaming unscrupulous traders

and hoarders for the unreasonable price of onion in the country.

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) earlier said it is eyeing to donate the remaining shipments of seized agricultural products, including onions, to Kadiwa stores.

BoC Commissioner Yogi Filemon Ruiz, in a press conference on December 28, said more than 500 container vans of smuggled agricultural items are still at the ports where they were confiscated.

The Marcos administration has launched the Kadiwa program to allow the public to buy agricultural products at cheaper prices amid the rising costs of basic goods.

Under the “Kadiwang Pasko” program, farmers, fishermen and microentrepreneurs were allowed to sell their products directly to the public. #

LA UNION

DA, PLGU La Union ink MOA on PAFES

Binding all efforts towards modernizing the agriculture industry in the province of La Union through the Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Extension System (PAFES), the Department of Agriculture in Ilocos Region led by Regional Executive Director Annie Bares inked the Memorandum of Agreement with La Union Governor Raphaelle Veronica Ortega-David in a ceremonial MOA signing activity held at the Ariana Hotel, Paringao, Bauang, La Union.

Held on January 9, 2023 with the presence of the various stakeholders including the academe, civil society organizations and the DA’s attached and line agencies, the MOA signing signaled the strong partnership and collaboration of DA and the Provincial Government of

La Union together with the various partners to carry-out agri-development programs and projects in the province through the PAFES.

In her message during the event, La Union Governor Ortega-David recognized the essence of sealing a partnership with the various stakeholders as it allowed her administration to ameliorate the already established programs and projects, thereby generating a community of satisfied and contented farmers and fisherfolks.

Finding the MOA signing as a huge step in achieving the province’s vision of making La Union the heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon, she likewise reassured her 100 percent commitment to ensuring effective and doable agri-development

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LA UNION

La Union gov’t conducts renewal of fishing boat, fisherman’s license

SAN FERNANDO CITY (PIA) – The City Government of San Fernando, through the City Agriculturist Office, conducted renewal of boats, fisherman’s license, and free fishing boat insurance application in this city, on Jan. 3.

The registration and renewal activity, under the city ordinance’s coastal

resource management, aims to help fishers be granted the right to gain access to the fishery resources and to engage in fishing activities.

“Layunin ng programang ito na mabawasan ang occurrence ng mga illegal fishings,” said Mary Jane Alcedo, city agriculturist.

For renewal of boats, fisherfolks are advised to provide their requirements including barangay clearance, certificate of ownership, cedula, and inspection certificate.

“Kapag bago ang kanilang bangka na ipaparehistro, kailangan po na magdala ng sariling life vest,” Alcedo said.

Failure of compliance subjects the fishers to a fine of ₱2,000.00 and some additional surcharge fees based on the city’s ordinance.

The month-long activity which operates on weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will run until January 31. (Kathlene Joyce Ramones/PIA La Union)

PANGASINAN

Pangasinan honors World War II veterans

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) – The provincial government of Pangasinan led the commemoration of the 78th Lingayen Gulf landings anniversary and 16th Pangasinan Veterans Day held on January 9 to honor the bravery, sacrifice, and patriotism of World War II freedom fighters.

The commemoration started with a thanksgiving mass, which was followed by the wreath laying ceremony and commemorative program conducted at the Veterans Memorial Park at the Capitol Complex in Lingayen town.

In a message, Department of National Defense undersecretary and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) administrator Reynaldo Mapagu assured that PVAO will remain committed to its mission of ensuring the welfare and well-being of the veterans.

“We will continue to

work for the strong and united Filipino veterans community, and lobby for veterans benefits both pension and non-pension benefits,” Mapagu said.

He shared that a 15-bed capacity veterans ward at the Region 1 Medical Center in Dagupan City can soon be utilized by veterans and their dependents once the equipment are complete for it to be fully operational.

“All veterans and their dependents can avail of the services of the hospital. All services will be free, zero billing, and PVAO will pay for their expenses,” he said.

As veterans and beneficiaries residing in remote areas in the country cannot easily travel to access treatments provided by the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City, the establishment of veterans wards around the country will allow veterans to

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PANGASINAN

P’sinan police director supports PNP internal cleansing, submits courtesy resignation

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) – The provincial director of the Provincial Police Office in Pangasinan has submitted his courtesy resignation as his support to the campaign of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on the Philippine National Police’s (PNP) internal cleansing.

PCol. Jeffrey Fanged, provincial director of Pangasinan PPO, said the police force sincerely supports the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (SILG) Atty. Benjamin Abalos, Jr. amidst putting an end to recurring issues facing the PNP in illegal-related activities and cleanse the ranks from misfits and scalawags in the service.

“I firmly believe in the wisdom of our SILG and our superior officers in the PNP. Truly, we have to live a life of purpose; let the choices we make be the compelling reasons to show who we authentically are; police officers with a heart that

cares, with hands to serve and a conscience to guide all our desires,” he said.

He said the courtesy resignation is also an opportunity to remind the public that Pangasinan PPO remain steadfast in the police’s campaign against illegal drugs and continuously intensify all efforts and operations to sustain peace and order in the province of Pangasinan.

It can be recalled that when Fanged assumed position as the provincial director of Pangasinan PPO, he vowed to focus on internal cleansing and directed the local police chiefs in the province to spearhead crime prevention and crime solution.

Before his assumption as provincial police director in Pangasinan on August 19, 2022, Fanged has also served as chief of Luzon, Integrity Monitoring and Enforcement Group (IMEG). (Elsha Marie Arguel/PIA Pangasinan)



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Agency-Region 1 with DOH-CHD-1, Medical Officer IV Rheuel Bobis said although there were new cases recorded after the celebrations of Christmas and New Year, where exposure and risk to transmission is higher, the increase was bare minimum.

“Nakitaaan natin ng pagtaas ng kaso ang rehiyon kumpara sa bago mag-Pasko pero ito ay bahagya lamang at not significant,” Bobis said.

As of January 10, the region has logged a total of 129,188 confirmed cases; of which, 125,490 patients had recovered and 3,520 individuals succumbed to death due to infection.

Based on said latest bulletin, the number of active cases is at 178, mostly recorded in Pangasinan with 48 cases and Dagupan City with eight cases while there are 49 infections in Ilocos Norte; 26 in Ilocos Sur; and 47 in La Union.

The positivity rate declined at 3.4% from the 5.5% in the previous week.

Bobis said this is the initial assessment

as of Tuesday because the full effect of the previous celebrations on the COVID-19 trend is expected 14 days after the exposure.

“Sa ngayon ay hindi pa makikita talaga ‘yong full effect ng mga naging exposure noong holiday celebrations dahil inaasahan na after two weeks pa ito mararamdaman talaga,” he explained.

This improvement on the COVID-19 status of the region, compared to the past two years, was associated with the high vaccination coverage achieved last year.

Bobis said the region exceeded its 3,777,439 target and fully vaccinated some 3,859,067 or 102.16%.

Also, 1,480,081 first booster doses and 305,042 second booster shots were administered among the eligible population in the region.

The health department commits for more strengthened vaccination strategies this 2023. (*Caren Grace Cabanayan/PIA Region I*)

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receive healthcare services without the need to travel far.

“Kasi hindi lahat nakakapunta sa VMMC kasi nalalayuan sila kaya this is our way of reaching out to them,” he added.

During the program, the provincial government and PVAO also recognized the oldest eight out of the 48 living veterans in the province by giving them plaques and P10,000 cash each.

Recipients of the PVAO Service Awards are PFC Ricardo C. Manzano (97 years old), PVT Pedro T. Hiteroza (98), PVT Juan DG Cristobal (98), PFC Marcelo M. Tapiador (98), CPL Victorina G. Urmaza (99), PFC Hospicio N. Mallari (101), CPL Adriano S. Salomon (102) and PFC Valentin M. Untalan (106).

According to PVAO, there are 49 surviving war veterans in the province as of December last year, and most of them are already bedridden.

Cristobal, who died only on Jan. 2, was represented by his granddaughter during Monday’s annual ceremony.

Meanwhile, Governor Ramon Guico III said the provincial government is developing the Capitol grounds and many of the significant cities, municipalities and locations in the province to give a fitting tribute to the veterans who fought for the liberation of the Philippines during World War II.

Guico urged all local government units to allocate funding and give importance to cultural and historical mapping.

“Many of our veterans have already passed on,

it is high time also that history and very significant events should be passed on to the next generation,” he said.

He added, “Rest assured, the province of Pangasinan will enshrine the efforts and sacrifices that you have done for our country so that the future generation will not forget you and will draw their inspiration and strength from what you did during the second World War.”

Surviving World War II veterans and their families also availed of free medical services such as check-up and consultation, medicines, and vitamins right after the commemorative program.

The medical mission conducted by the Provincial Health Office is an annual component activity of the twin events.

Also part of this year’s commemoration is the launching of the “War of Our Fathers: A Brotherhood of Heroes” photo and artifact exhibit at the Pangasinan Training and Development Center I.

Renato Claravall, president and chief operating officer of the Philippine Veterans Bank, said the exhibit puts together various materials, including archives of the United States Naval and the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia.

“We hope that this project provides insight to the events that were involved in the liberation of the country and the Filipino’s bravery as well,” he said.

The exhibit is open to the public for free from 9a.m. to 5p.m., Mondays to Fridays until January 14, 2023. (*April Bravo/PIA Pangasinan*)

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programs and projects to improve the living conditions of the people of La Union.

“Rest assured that I am 100 percent committed in ensuring that the provincial government of La union will effectively do its part to serve our kapolinsiyaan,” Governor Ortega-David said.

Meanwhile, Ms. Sharon Viloria, the Assistant Provincial Agriculturist of La Union in her discussion of the Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Extension Programs (CPAFEP) identified the coffee as one of the major commodities that shall be given priority interventions along with the seaweeds, rabbit, cacao and goat thru PAFES.

According to Ms. Viloria, the province will be improving the production of Arabica and Robusta coffee varieties with the provision of various interventions to the identified partner farmers by way of area expansion.

Among the interventions identified are the provision of quality planting materials, provision of organic

fertilizers, organization and accreditation of coffee growers, provision of irrigation as well as postharvest facilities, pests, and disease management, capacity enhancement training, farm-to-market roads, market development, and entrepreneurial support as well as the establishment of mother clonal garden that shall serve as the source of quality planting materials.

For all these projects, the province of La Union shall need an initial Php757,000 to be taken out from the Region’s total budget on PAFES for the year amounting to P3.1 million.

Also present during the MOA signing are the League of Municipal and City Mayor of La Union President, Balaoan Mayor Aleli Concepcion, League of Municipal and City Agriculturist President, Ms. Rizalina Quiros, Jr., PAFC- La Union Mr. Rodolfo Abrio, OIC-Provincial Agriculturist Ms. Agnes Grace Cargamento and Mr. Renato O. Hernandez, Chairman of the La Union Coalition of Civil Society Organization, among others.##

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program. According to the young Marcos, his office allocated P9.5 million for the 2023 TUPAD program to help some 1,600 Ilocano beneficiaries.

Under the TUPAD scheme, the beneficiaries will receive P6,000 cash compensation by working on a government project for 15 days.

“Me and the governor always look for ways together and kahit nagpapasalamat siya sa amin, maliit na bagay

lamang ‘to kumpara sa lahat ng ginagawa ng PGIN para sa amin sa Congressional Office. So, I hope we can continue to work together,” Rep. Marcos said.

The TUPAD priorities in both districts are the victims of recent calamities and typhoons in the province.

Other services from the PGIN and Rep. Marcos congressional office include food subsidy, educational and medical assistance, among others. (*Mariell Pahinag, PGIN-CMO*)

**APO Hawaii turns over ‘Go Math’ books to schools in Laoag City**

LAOAG CITY, Jan. 3 (DepEd) – The Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Hawaii Chapter has turned over books to five school beneficiaries with the goal of increasing reading and learning in kindergarten to grade 4.

A total of five ‘balikbayan’ boxes of Mathematics books were distributed to selected elementary schools here namely: Shamrock, Agripino P. Santos, Cabeza, Eulalio F. Siazon, and Calayab Elementary School on December 28, 2022.

City Schools Division Superintendent Vilma D. Eda said that the materials are timely to the needs of the learners in line with the program of the Department of Education’s Reading and Numeracy.

The books titled “Go Math” will serve as supplemental learning resources for teachers and learners for a wider scope of competencies with alignment of the United States (US) curriculum to the Philippines’ basic education curriculum.

“The Schools Division Office through our Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) has already aligned the learning competencies of these books to our current curriculum, so it will be easier for our teachers to use them,” Eda said.

According to Marlyn S. Ventura, education program supervisor for Mathematics, and lead person for the alignment of the learning competencies, the ‘Go Math’ books are centered on activities as learning material.

“The books are activity-based. Each activity will develop the learners’ writing and reading skills. In terms of the competencies, we aligned the content of the book with our essential competencies to serve as

the basis for the teachers as to when they will use it,” Ventura said.

Meanwhile, APO ACNA Former Vice President Thom Pascual who represented APO Hawaii President Geovanni del Rosario stated that their group is always willing to help because doing so is a privilege for them and their members.

“We hope that these materials will be a great help to the learners. This is not only to encourage our youth but to help us reach our goals to increase literacy and learning with the DepEd,” he said.

Former President of APO Hawaii, Melvin Calivoso, APO Hawaii Director John Jacinto, and officers and members of Alpha Phi Omega Laoag Ilocos Norte Alumni Association (APOLINAA) headed by Miguel Antonio also attended the turnover ceremony.

Mr. Raymund Liongson, a graduate of Shamrock Elementary School and a member of the APO Hawaii organization was instrumental in obtaining the books from Nimitz Elementary School in Honolulu, Hawaii.

“We express our gratitude to our brothers and sisters in APO for their donation in support of the programs of the Department,” Eda said.

APO is an international organization that provides numerous services to the community as it is imbued with three cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service.

The SDOLC is set to conduct an efficiency survey of the school beneficiaries to determine the impact of these learning materials on the learners. (*By CHERRY JOYS.DISCAYA-GARMA/ Division Information Officer/Department of Education- Laoag City*)



## Ilocano learners win in International Math Competition

Sarrat National High School math wizards bring home 2 Bronze Medals and 3 Merit Awards in the World International Mathematical Olympiad (WIMO) held in Bangkok, Thailand, January 6-9, 2023.

Charlie Quetula and Cesar Respicio Jr. each won a Bronze Medal in the Senior Secondary, while Jesrel Gudoy Jr., Christian Ray Malvar, and Ma. Cassandra Reich Duque each won a Merit Award.

The participants in the WIMO are the 676 Gold Medalists from the Final Rounds of the Hong Kong International Mathematical Olympiad (HKIMO), Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad (TIMO), and Big Bay Bei (BBB)



**Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc congratulated the five Ilocos Norte public school students who won in the recent World International Mathematical Olympiad in Bangkok, Thailand. The Governor gifted each of them with cash incentives. Also in the photo are DepEd division superintendent Dr. Joann Corpuz, other school officials, and coaches. (Photo by PGIN-CMO/A. Yanos)**

Mathematical Olympiad from 15 participating countries in the world. The learners must be able to get a Gold Award from the HKIMO, TIMO, and BBB for them to qualify in the WIMO.

Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Joann Corpuz said that the competition was tough, as it was a gathering of the best math wizards, but the learners were able to bag medals and awards; and

the Schools Division of Ilocos Norte salutes the hard work and dedication of the learners and their coaches. (By Michael Malvar/ DepEd Tayo Ilocos Norte

## More trees planted at MMSU to establish 'health tourism' hub

A health and wellness tourism hub may soon develop at the Mariano Marcos State University main campus with more trees planted at the Biodiversity Conservation Learning Center and Leisure Park today, January 13.

MMSU President Shirley C. Agrupis initiated the tree planting activity in the area, along with the university administrators, faculty, staff, and students. They planted 120 seedlings composed of 28 native tree species and two bamboo species.

"This activity is in preparation of a bigger dream for this place," President Agrupis expressed, declaring the soon-conversion of the biodiversity park into a 'Health and Wellness Tourism' hub. This plan will align with the establishment of the H & W Complex at the MMSU College of Medicine.

Once developed, the hub "will serve those who want to revive and renew their physical and spiritual well-being," she added.

The MMSU president bared the project has already gained endorsement from the provincial government, hoping the project will get adequate funding support from the Commission on Higher

Education. Campus executive director Joselito Rosario said planting more trees in the biodiversity park will surely enhance the floral diversity of the area. "This will also benefit students and faculty who are using this area as a field laboratory for their classes," he added.

Tree planting has been a tradition and advocacy of the MMSU as part of its commitment to preserve the environment. This activity started in 2017 with the launching of the Green Wall project in the Batac campus. More trees have also been planted at Nagbacsan site, Dingras, and Laoag campuses.

All of these are in pursuit of a vibrant and engaging, culturally-focused university campus, one of the ACHIEVE agenda of PSCA. These also serve as the university's contribution to the provincial government's "Green Wall of Ilocos Norte" and the National Greening Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. (Daniel P. Tapaoan, Jr. /StratCom)

## DENR mediates over 600 land dispute cases in 4 years

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has resolved a total of 606 land dispute cases or around 43 percent of the 1,419 cases referred to its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program since 2019.

This was disclosed by DENR Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs and ADR Committee Chair Michelle Angelica Go during the awarding ceremony for Best ADR Officers (ADROs) which was the highlight of the DENR's National ADR Day 2022 celebration held last December 6 at its central office in Quezon City.

Noting that previous delays in resolving land dispute cases feed "mistrust" in the DENR, Go said the speedy resolution of land cases through the ADR mechanism raises the agency's integrity which, she said, is "a crucial determinant of citizens' trust in government."

According to Go, the 606 mediated cases over the four-year period "is quite a feat" considering the longer time and costly expenses these cases would have entailed if resolved through court litigation.

Go said the ADR mechanism benefits disputants in terms of time

and costs compared to resorting to filing lawsuits where two parties are put through an adversary system and court decisions are based on the merits of the dispute.

The DENR's adoption of ADR mechanism was pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 9285, or the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004 and DENR Administrative Order (DAO) 2005-18, which called for the adoption of the ADR principles and procedures in the resolution of conflicts.

Some 412 ADR mediations were conducted in 2022 mostly via online, exceeding by 110 percent last year's 376 ADR mediations conducted.

Go attributed the increase in ADR mediations last year to the full implementation of DAO 2021-01 entitled "Guidelines on the Conduct of Virtual Alternative Dispute Resolution Proceedings in the Resolution of Land Claims and Conflicts and Other Natural Resources Disputes in the Department" issued on Jan. 29, 2021.

Besides RA 9285, DAO 2021-01 is likewise pursuant to RA 11494

or the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" which spells out measures for COVID-19 response and recovery interventions and to the Supreme Court's Administrative Circular No. 37-2020 that calls for the pilot testing of hearings through videoconferencing.

The lands sector is the first to be adopted in the DENR's ADR program. In 2018, a comprehensive 80-hour accreditation training was conducted for the purpose.

Of the 427 individuals who completed the training program, active ADROs presently stand at 346 following the transfer to other government agencies or retirement of the other 78 ADROs.

According to Go, majority of the DENR-ADROs are non-lawyers which is an advantage as opposed to lawyer-ADROs.

"As mediation facilitators, ADROs go beyond the legalese. The mindset should not be legalese. You get out of that box and it's better if the ADRO is a non-lawyer," Go pointed out.

She expressed optimism over the program's further institutionalization at the

agency and rollout in the mining and forestry sector citing the support given by DENR Secretary Antonia Loyzaga at the opening of the ADR photo exhibit held in the morning of the awarding.

"The environment chief expressed appreciation for the number of non-lawyers in DENR's roster of ADROs as she noted that dispute resolution requires a mindset that is not legalese," Go bared.

Go also said the DENR is currently boosting its ADRO recruitment and accreditation with its plan to roll out the ADR mechanism to the forestry and mining sectors as well.

Named as 2022 Top ADROs were Mildred Atienza Pascual (DENR Region IV-B), Sebastian Miguel Magat (DENR-Region II), Alexis Valdez Abrasaldo (DENR-Region II), Jose Angelo Nermal Fabila (DENR-Region VI) and Orland Julius Moscardon Padios (DENR-Region VI).

The DENR regional offices I, II, IV-B, VI and X also received the Top Pool of ADRO Awards in recognition of their support to institutionalize the ADR mechanism within their respective areas of jurisdiction. ###

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**ORDER**

Filed before this Court on November 25, 2022 is a verified Petition by Michelle Venosa Aganus, though counsel, seeking to make corrections in her birth record, to wit:

- a) Correct Entry No. 3 pertaining to petitioner's name from "MICHELLE VENOSA AGANUS" to "MICHELLE BATANG AGANUS"
- b) Correct Entry No. 12 pertaining to the name of petitioner's mother, from "LILY VENOSA" to "LILIA BATANG".

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the initial hearing thereof on **FEBRUARY 21, 2023** at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Session Hall of this Court located at the Hall of Justice, Batak City, Ilocos Norte, at which date, time and place, all interested parties may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

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

Also, copies of the Petition and this Order be furnished the Local Civil Registrar of Pilini, Ilocos Norte; the Office of the Civil Registrar General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Batak; and the Office of the Solicitor General.  
 SO ORDERED.

Given this 13th day of December, 2022 at Batak City, Ilocos Norte.

(Sgd.) **FELIX G. SALVADOR**  
 Presiding Judge

- Copy furnished:
- 1. Provincial Prosecutor's Office
  - 2. Atty. Alyssa Marie A. Jacinto
  - 3. LCR Pilini, Ilocos Norte
  - 4. Office of the Civil Registrar General
  - 5. Office of the Solicitor General
  - 6. Office of the Clerk of Court

Dec. 26, 2022, Jan. 2, 2023 & Jan. 9, 2023\*Ilocos Sentinel

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE CANCELLATION/ CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MICHELLE VENOSA AGANUS PARTICULARLY HER MIDDLE NAME FROM "VENOSA" TO BATANG AND HER MOTHER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME FROM "LILY VENOSA" TO "LILIA BATANG",

MICHELLE VENOSA AGANUS,  
 Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PINILI, ILOCOS NORTE; NATIONAL STATISTICIAN AND CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA); SONNY B. AGANUS; LILY B. AGANUS; CHICKLET B. AGANUS; KEYLEE B. AGANUS; JAMLEY B. AGANUS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY.  
 Respondents.

X-----X  
**SP. PROC. NO. 5796-17**

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FABIAN BARTOLOME consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 63153 731-D and 65939 731-D, both situated in Brgy. Sangil, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-57493 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Leocadia B. Cadaoas and simultaneously sold unto Maria Victoria Bartolome as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Keith Jamaica L. Collado; as per Doc. No. 373; Page No. 76; Book No. X; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FAUSTINO ROBUERTO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 128, Psd-1-000052, being a portion of Lot 40-D-22 of the Cadastral Survey of Marcos, situated at Brgy. Lydia, Marcos, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. E-326 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Maria P. Robuelto and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Hector A. Lorenzo and Donna R. Lorenzo as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. John John Felipe; as per Doc. No. 175; Page No. 35; Book No. LXXIV; Series of 2016.

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 Local Civil Registry Office  
 Province of Ilocos Norte  
 Municipality of Dingras

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **LARY CALIBUYOT-BATOON** has filed with this Office, a petition for **Correction of Entry** in the **Sex Column** in her Birth Certificate from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**", born on **June 20, 1962** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** unto parents **Antonio Calibuyot and Remedios Serrano**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 16, 2023**.

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

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Republic of the Philippines  
**Office of the City Civil Registrar**  
 Ilocos Norte  
 Laoag City

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **ABDENAGO BENZON PARUNGAO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**ABEDNIEGO**" to "**ABDENAGO**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ABEDNIEGO BENZON PARUNGAO** who was born on **November 11, 1962** at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Luis C. Parungao and Lolita V. Benzon**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 16, 2023**.

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

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**Local Civil Registry Office**  
 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 **JOSEFINA B. BISARES** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the DATE OF BIRTH from "**FEBRUARY 05, 1961**" to "**JANUARY 25, 1961**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSEFINA PASCUAL BAGAOISAN** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Juan Bagoisan and Visitacion Pascual**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than **January 20, 2023**.

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

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ROMEO PASTRANA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4-D-2A-B-7-B-2, situated in Brgy. Puyupuyan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 022-2011000050 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Waiver of Rights executed by his legal heirs before Notary Public Atty. Jerry C. Villegas Jr.; as per Doc. No. 404; Page No. 92; Book No. VIII; Series of 2023.

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

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

CCE-0045-2022 R.A. 10172 December 27, 2022  
 CFN-0006-2022

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 **MARLON C. MACAYSA** has filed with this Office a Petition for **correction of entry in the child's sex** from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**"; and in the child's date of birth from "**JULY 06, 1971**" to "**JUNE 6, 1971**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MILDRED C. MACAYSA**, who was born on **June 6, 1971** at **Paoay, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Mariano Macaysa and Loreta C. Cabacungan**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 16, 2023**.

(Sgd.) **LEONA JACQUELINE R. GAJETON**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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Publication Notice  
 R.A. 10172

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

**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 **CHARLIE PAGURAYAN TABIEROS** has filed with this Office, a petition for **Correction of Entry in the Child's Sex** from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CHARLIE PAGURAYAN TABIEROS** who was born on **May 30, 1972** at **Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Ireneo C. Tabieros and Florida D. Pagurayan**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 16, 2023**.

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

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased JULIO F. PASCUA, JOSEFA M. PASCUA, ENRIQUE M. PASCUA and ESTERLINA PASCUA ACENA pertaining to their respective share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1729, Cad 576, situated at Brgy. Pias Norte, Currimao, Ilocos Norte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 20-06-009-00397 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto the Municipality of Currimao, Ilocos Norte, duly represented by its Municipal Mayor Edward T. Quilala as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Maria Louisa M. Que; as per Doc. No. 195; Page No. 040; Book No. 003; 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), Notice is hereby served to the public that **MERILYN B. BAGAOISAN** has filed with this Office, a petition for **Change of First Name** in her Birth Certificate from "**MERLINDA**" to "**MERILYN**" and **Correction of Entry** in her **Date of Birth** from "**March 24, 1961**" to "**March 25, 1961**", born at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** unto parents **Lauriano Balantac** and **Filomena Bayudan**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 22, 2023**.

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

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM AND ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **BASILIA VALENCIA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot 2360, situated at Dingras, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 3596 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Quitclaim and Absolute Sale executed by legal heir **Bernadette Eileen Aguilar-Taylan** before Notary Public Atty. **Erme S. Labayog**; as per Doc. No. 226; Page No. 47; Book No. CX; Series of 2023.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **ROGER J. UMIPIG** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 25 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in Brgy. Gabu Sur, Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-172-L has been adjudicated by his legal heir **Crisanta P. Umipig** and simultaneously sold unto **Cathleen L. Ubay, Joshua Miles L. Arimboyutan, Jesus Carlisle Jr. U. Arimboyutan** and **Jesse Catniss U. Arimboyutan**, both minor, represented by their mother, **Cathleen L. Ubay**, as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Jerry C. Villegas, Jr.**; as per Doc. No. 467; Page No. 95; Book No. IX; Series of 2023.

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **TOMASA MARTIN, CRESENCIA MARTIN-TAYO, CLARITO MARTIN** and **ERLINDA MARTIN-CABANGON** pertaining to their shares over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-11002, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 12928-B, 12928-C and 12928-D, all described on plan, (LRC) Psd-106415, LRC Cad. Record No. 1206, situated in the Barrio of Sta. Joaquina, City of Laoag, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-8526 has been extrajudicially settled among the heirs the above-described portion consisting of 741 sq.m. only and simultaneously sold the same portion of the aforesaid lot unto **Walter Hilario Carrasco** and **Judelyn Rasos Andres** as per instrument before Notary Public Atty. **Melvyn T. Guillermo**; as per Doc. No. 522; Page No. 105; Book No. LXII; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **GERALDINE DEL ROSARIO CARLA** pertaining to a motor vehicle with Franchise covered by Certificate of Registration No. 196542172 described as Make: **MITSUBUKOSHI**; Type of Body: **TRICYCLE**; Motor No.: **161FMJE1127188**; Chassis No.: **LF3PCK508EB007110**; Model: 2014; MV File No.: **0101-0000047315**; Plate No.: **AA 70663**; Sidecar No.: **0020-11** has been adjudicated by her legal heir **Alexander A. Carla** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Melchor B. Guillen**; as per Doc. No. 202; Page No. 42; Book No. LXXVIII; Series of 2022.

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

CFN-0001-2023 (RA 9048)  
CCE-0003-2023 (RA 10172)

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2013 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **DANIELA DIPAN NANCA** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for Change of First Name in her Certificate of Live Birth from "**DANIEL**" to "**DANIELA**" and Correction of Entry in Sex Column from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**", born at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** unto parents **Dante Nanca** and **Melody Felipe Dipan**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 22, 2023**.

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

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **BLAS, MATILDE, IRENE, CELESTINO, ANITA, GUILLERMO** and **LEANDRO**, all surnamed **ALMAZAN** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1586, situated at Brgy. Balacad, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title T-13204 (TCT T-13204) has been adjudicated by their heirs **Jimmy Macario Quilon, Norman Noel Bañez, Nellie S. Lorenzo, Chris Darrel Manalo Almazan, Emma Almazan** and **Nenita B. Sales** and simultaneously sold unto **Narciso F. Molina, Jr.** and **Donnalyn A. Molina** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Isidro Corpuz**; as per Doc. No. 100; Page No. 21; Book No. CCIX; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **EDUARDO G. SORIANO** pertaining to a motor vehicle with Franchise described as Make: **KAWASAKI**; MV File No.: **0101-00000501801**; Motor No.: **BC175AEB01758**; Model: 2017; Chassis No.: **BC175J-B24743**; Type of Body: **MC W/ SIDECAR**; Series: **BC175J** has been adjudicated by his legal heirs **Nelia S. Soriano, Weslie S. Soriano, Jackie Lou S. Bermejo** and **Queency S. Cometa** and simultaneously quitclaimed in favor of co-heir **Queency S. Cometa** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **John Paul V. Ramos**; as per Doc. No. 62; Page No. 13; Book No. LIX; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **JUAN MARTIN** pertaining to his share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 70019, Cad. 578, situated at Poblacion 4, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 2013000133 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs **Rodora V. Martin**, represented by **Gestanona G. Salvador** and simultaneously sold unto **Spouses Ronald I. Garduque** and **Lylymay C. Garduque** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Nestor T. Corpuz**; as per Doc. No. 426; Page No. 86; Book No. XXVIII; Series of 2022.

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Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **NIDA M. SANTOS** pertaining to a bank deposit with the Philippine National Bank, JP Rizal Laoag Branch with account number 223110369337 has been extrajudicially settled among her heirs **Jeremias T. Santos, Jennie Lee Ann M. Santos** and **Jerome Jay M. Santos** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Erme S. Labayog**; as per Doc. No. 205; Page No. 44; Book No. CVIX; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **FLORABISTA RAGUAL ACHUELA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21285, situated at Brgy. Salbang, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-45608 has been adjudicated by her sole heir **Lapaz R. Achuela** and simultaneously sold unto **Sps. Emmanuel D. Galutira** and **Lailani S. Galutira** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Nestor T. Corpuz**; as per Doc. No. 366; Page No. 75; Book No. XXVIII; Series of 2022.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **CATALINA ACHUELA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21286, Cad-445-D, situated at Brgy. Salbang, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-29938 has been adjudicated by her sole heir **Juanita Dadoy** and simultaneously sold unto **SPS. EMMANUEL D. GALUTIRA** and **LAILANI S. GALUTIRA** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Nestor T. Corpuz**; as per Doc. No. 367; Page No. 75; Book No. XXVIII; Series of 2022.

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# Third Level Officers of PRO 1, undergo Drug Test

Camp BGen Oscar M Florendo – Third level officers as well as some Police Lieutenant Colonels of Police Regional Office 1 have undergone surprise drug testing today, January 9, 2023 at PRO 1 Conference Room.

The said drug testing was conducted immediately after the Third level Officers have signed their courtesy resignation in support to SILG and CPNP’s appeal to all PNP full colonels and generals to submit their courtesy resignation as part of the government’s efforts to rid the police force of officers involved in the illegal drug trade.

PRO 1 Regional Director, PBGEN JOHN C CHUA, led the whole command in signing his courtesy resignation,

followed by PBGEN CARLITO M GACES, Deputy Regional Director for Administration and all other Police Colonels.

A total of 17 Third level PCOs have signed their courtesy resignation equivalent to 100% of their total number. Meanwhile, 34 senior officers underwent the surprise drug test.

In a statement, PBGEN CHUA proudly said that all drug tests yielded negative results for the use of dangerous drugs. “This is a way to manifest our full support to our SILG and CPNP. Also, in this manner, we could prove to the people that we have a clean and clear conscience and that we are deeply rooted in the fight against illegal drugs,” PBGEN CHUA said.

# Tabangay sworn in as first IP representative of SP-province

G o v e r n o r Matthew Marcos Manotoc swore into office Tingguian tribe member Cheryll Bromeo Tabangay as the first Indigenous People mandatory representative of the Ilocos Norte S a n g g u n i a n g Panglalaawigan during a ceremony held at the Provincial Capitol auditorium, Laoag City on January 11, 2023.

The oathtaking was witnessed by SP chair and Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta-Marcos, National Commission of Indigenous Peoples

Regional Director Harriet N. Abyadang, Nueva Era Mayor Aldrin R. Garvida, Vice Mayor Caroline A. Garvida, and representatives of the province’s various cultural minorities.

“We must know that soon-to-be Bokal Cheryll will not only be the voice of Nueva Era and the voice of her tribe, but also the voice of all Indigenous People of Ilocos Norte. So, we ask that Ma’am Cheryll, keep that in mind as we move forward, we must listen to all of our Indigenous People and make sure that all their interest, their goals, and their needs are heard and accommodated

by the SP,” Gov. Manotoc said.

“Regardless of the delay, regardless of the wait, regardless of the complications, nandito na tayo. And I would like to congratulate all of us who played a part in this,” he added.

On her part, Tabangay expressed gratitude to the IPs saying “I will not make any promises, but I will do my best to serve and protect the rights and welfare of IPs. I ask for your support and cooperation so that we can uplift our tribes as Indigenous People of Ilocos Norte.”

The Vice Governor formally welcomed

Tabangay as the new ex-officio member of SP under her leadership.

T a b a n g a y ’ s first official work in the office starts on Monday, January 16.

She belongs to the Tingguian tribe of the upland town of Nueva Era.

The province’s other cultural minorities are found in the hinterland towns of Adams, Dumalneg, Carasi, some mountainous parts of Pagudpud, Bangui, Vintar, Marcos, Dingras, and Solsona. (Mariell Pahinag, PGIN/CMO)

# COMELEC to voter registrants: Do not wait for the deadline

D A G U P A N CITY (PIA) – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in Pangasinan has urged all residents, who are not yet registered as voters, to register early and not wait for the deadline of the registration on January 31.

Lawyer Marino Salas, provincial election supervisor of COMELEC-Pangasinan, reminded all residents who are not yet registered to go to the nearest COMELEC office or off-site registration sites in their localities to avoid long queues on the last day of registration.

“Sana mag-

register na po ng maaga, para masiguro na makapagparehistro at hindi na pipila sa araw ng deadline. Uulitin ko po, ang maximum capacity lang na kakayanin ng aming makina na mairehistro sa isang araw ay nasa 400 lamang,” Salas said during the Tongtongan ed PIA media forum on Friday.

Salas said COMELEC Pangasinan is targeting 50,000 new registered voters in Pangasinan from December 12, 2022 to January 31, 2023 for the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

As of January 5, Salas said COMELEC catered to at least 17,971

registrants. Of which, 7,275 are Sangguniang Kabataan voters while 10,690 are regular voters.

He said COMELEC offices in the province are conducting off-site voters’ registration in schools, malls, and even in barangays to bring the voter registration closer to the people.

Salas added that COMELEC is also giving priority to the students and those belonging to the vulnerable sectors, such as persons with disabilities, senior citizens, indigenous peoples, women, LGBTQIA+, and persons with comorbidities during the registration activities.

“Lahat po ito ay

isinagawa namin para po lumapit sa ating mga mamamayan na hindi pa po nagpaparehistro,” Salas added.

Hesaid COMELEC offices in the province are open from 8a.m. to 5p.m. every Monday to Friday, including Saturdays to accommodate those who are not available on weekdays.

L i k e w i s e , Salas said that the extension of the ongoing voters’ registration activities beyond the January 31 deadline is unlikely. (Elisha Marie Arguel and Tyron Wayne Oclay/ PIA Pangasinan)

# DTI reminds business owners to comply with fair trade laws

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) reminded all business owners in Pangasinan to comply with fair trade laws as the agency intensified its inspection and monitoring of business establishments.

DTI Pangasinan Provincial Director Natalia Dalaten warned business establishments in the province to comply with fair trade laws as the agency to avoid being penalized and undergo a rigorous process of adjudication proceedings.

Dalaten said in 2022, the monitoring and inspection team of DTI Pangasinan was able to inspect 3,063 business establishments in the province composed of 1,799 grocery stores and supermarkets, and 1,264 hardware stores, appliances and auto supply stores.

“Of the total number

of monitored business establishments, 18 business owners were issued notice of violation and seven were issued show cause orders resulting in 99.4% compliance rate of business establishments in the province,” said Dalaten.

She said of the 18 non-compliant firms, three were charged under Presidential Decree No. 1572 also known as Accreditation Law, one under Business Name Law and one for Price Tag Law, and 13 firms were charged under Standards Law and Republic Act 4109.

Likewise, Dalaten reminded all consumers to be more cautious and vigilant in buying products and services by always checking product markings, patronizing certified products, and exercising their consumer rights. (Elisha Marie Arguel/ PIA Pangasinan)

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handle sports club, they should have an existing sports club, they are actively participating in sports activities, and such school has available sports area for activities,” Cabacungan said.

The Laoag City schools were Ilocos Norte National High School,

Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trade, and Buttong Integrated School, while the primary schools were Laoag Central, Shamrock, Gabaldon, Faustino Reyes Memorial, Amarosa, and Eulalio F. Siazon.

Among the pieces of equipment that

were distributed were chess boards, various sports balls, sports nets, equipment for the baseball game, and tools for

gymnastics. (By Cherry Joy Discaya-Garma / Division Information Officer/Department of Education- Laoag City)

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# PRO-1 conducts mass oath-taking of 1,897 newly promoted officers

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) -- Some 1,897 newly promoted personnel of the Police Regional Office 1 (PRO-1) took their oath of office at the Marangal Grandstand in this city on January 10.

PBGEN John Chua, Ilocos region police director, administered the oath of office, and the pinning and donning of ranks of the PRO-1 personnel who advanced on their next higher ranks which included 206 commissioned officers and 1,691 non-commissioned officers.

Nine were promoted to police major, 182 were ranked as police captain, and 15 others were promoted to police lieutenant.

On the other hand, eight of the non-commissioned officers advanced to police executive master sergeant, 70 to police chief master sergeant, 129 to police senior master sergeant, 239 to police master sergeant, 637 to police staff sergeant, and 608 police corporal.

Along with the promoted PRO-1 personnel, coming from across the provincial, city, and municipal units, were the 166 personnel from the Regional Support Units.

Chua noted in his keynote message during the oath-taking ceremony that their promotion to higher rank does not equate to more authority but greater responsibility.

"Continue seeking for self-improvement to cope up with the demands of our job and with that appropriate to your ranks," Chua said.

He added, "Magtrabaho tayong tama, carry the discipline and maintain professionalism, 'yan ang kaakibat ng ating mga uniporme."

Meanwhile, Chua calls for continued unity and commitment among the men and women of PRO-1 on serving the Filipino people in the name of peace and order despite the issues and controversies the organization is currently dealing with. (*Caren Grace Cabanayan/PIA Region 1*)



City Schools Division Superintendent Vilma Eda (center) and other DepEd-Laoag officials strike a pose during the distribution of sports equipment to at least nine public school beneficiaries of Laoag. (Photo by DepEd-Laoag) Related story below

## DepEd Laoag City distributes sports equipment to schools

LAOAG CITY, Jan. 5 (DepEd) – The Schools Division of Laoag City has distributed sports equipment to nine school beneficiaries in support of the Department of Education's (DepEd) bid in promoting the holistic development of its

learners. The distribution is under the Sports Supplies and Equipment Enhancement and Distribution (SSEED) Program which aims to provide public schools with learning resources or materials such as

sports devices, tools, and equipment for the establishment of sports clubs in schools. Education Program Supervisor for MAPEH (Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health), Mr. Arsendio Cabacungan said that the school

beneficiaries are selected through criteria set by the Central Office under the SSEED program. "The beneficiaries were selected through criteria such as that the schools should have qualified personnel to

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