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Most employers in Ilocos comply with Labor laws

• **DOLE RO1 inspects 2K establishments including 475 in Ilocos Norte**

By Justin Paul D. Marbella
AO V-Labor Information Officer

The majority of private employers in the Ilocos Region were found compliant with general labor standards (GLS), the DOLE said.

This finding was revealed in the 2022 Labor Inspection Program conducted by the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1. The DOLE RO1 reported the said finding in the recently-concluded 2022 Yearend (Pls. turn to page 5)

MOA inked to promote Paoay Sand Dunes

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte has strengthened its partnership with the Municipal Government of Paoay and the Paoay Sand Dunes Service Cooperative

through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to promote and preserve an “iconic” tourist attraction in this historic town. Paoay is home to the

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PBBM optimistic PH will attain economic prosperity by 2028

MANILA, (PIA) -- President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday expressed optimism that the Philippines will attain economic prosperity in the coming years as the administration presented



Pres. Marcos Jr.

to the public the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, the country’s blueprint for socioeconomic development over the medium term.

“We look towards the future with hope, with optimism. But our gaze can only go as far as what we have done to unburden the life of the ordinary Filipino,” Pres. Marcos said during the Philippine Development Plan

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Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc awarded P3,000 cash incentives to each of the province’s 760 Barangay Nutrition Scholars during the distribution held at the Centennial Arena, Laoag City. Presidential Decree No. 1569 mandates the deployment of one BNS in every barangay throughout the country to monitor children’s nutritional status and/or link communities with nutrition and related service providers. (pgin-cmo)

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Guest Editorial:

Congress is in full support of PBBM admin's priority agendas

The Congress of the Philippines expressed full support for the priority agendas of the current administration.

During a meeting with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday, January 27, Speaker of the House of Representatives Atty. Martin G. Romualdez and Senate President Juan Miguel Fernandez Zubiri articulated the full support of both legislative houses by passing the priority bills of the government that will boost economic growth and uplift the lives of Filipinos.

One of the priorities is ratifying the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) which will help market the Philippine product abroad and enhance exportation.

Other Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) priority agendas such as the Condonation of Unpaid Amortization and Interest on Loans of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and the AFP Amendment on Fixed Term were also discussed during the meeting.

Both houses also committed to passing this first quarter the following health bills:

- Medical Reserve Corps Act
- Center for Disease Prevention and Control Act
- Virology Science and Technology Institute of the Philippines Act

Meanwhile, the President guaranteed his support to the sovereign wealth fund also known as the Maharlika Investment Fund. He then instructed to add all necessary safeguard provisions to protect the fund and to avoid corruption and mismanagement.

The President has been actively presenting the administration's priority agendas during his state visits and business trips abroad in pursuit of boosting the economy and providing a better life for Filipinos. (KSAA – PIA CPSD)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Don't just read the Bible. Live it

A man once bragged that he read the Bible from cover to cover several times. But someone remarked, "People who read the Bible from cover to cover, know only the cover."

Just reading the Bible is not enough. What's most important is to ponder God's message or what He is telling you, then applying it in everyday life.

For instance, after reading Jesus' messages to forgive not just seven times but 70 times seven (meaning unlimited) or "Honor your father and mother," or "You shall not kill or steal," you should then reflect and put them into practice when they apply to you, considering these as the will of God.

There's a story about a priest and his friend, who owned a soap factory. As they

were out taking a walk, the soap maker said cynically, "What good is religion? Look at all the troubles, violence, and miseries of the world after thousands of years of preachings and exhortations about goodness, justice, and peace."

The priest said nothing. They continued walking until they noticed children playing in a muddy canal. Then the priest said, "Look at those kids. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on those youngsters. Of what good is your soap?"

The soap maker got peeved and sharply reacted, "But, Father, you ought to know that soap cannot do any good unless it is used."

"Ah exactly," replied the priest. "So, it is with Christianity and its teachings. They are ineffective unless they are used

(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)

or put in action."

Jan. 23-29 is National Bible Week and culminates this Sunday.

Let us remember that the teachings of God as contained in the Bible are there not as a burden or restriction of our freedom but rather serve to guide us and work for our own personal good and, collectively, as a nation.

Take, for instance, God's command of fidelity to one's spouse. Some men feel restricted of their freedom to enjoy the company of other women or, worse, disregard the vows they professed in marriage. Infidelity, however, inflicts deep emotional wounds, bitter quarrels, which can lead to a broken family.

Moreover, God's command, "You shall not steal," is imposed not only to curb greed or shun graft and corruption but also the

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

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

Why mental health is an alarming cause for concern in schools nowadays

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Just a week ago, on January 20, a 13-year-old Grade 7 student was stabbed to death by his 15-year-old classmate inside the Culiati High School in Tandang Sora, Quezon City due to jealousy over some major misunderstanding. What is quite ironic was that the assailant and the victim were neighbors in their compound, which is near the school where they were classmates. Most recently, a 12-year-old student from San Jose del Monte, Bulacan shot himself inside his school restroom using his police officer father's service pistol, resulting in the hapless boy's death. In a separate incident in a private school in Davao, a Grade 9 student was caught wrestling his classmate and pummeling the defenseless adolescent in a fit of rage; the school has launched its own investigation into the violent incident.

These three major incidents have stirred the hornet's nest among not a few netizens, especially parents, teachers, school leaders, and students. These reflect the harrowing, sordid experiences of students having to cope with the rattling stress brought about by limited face to face classes, distance learning issues, domestic and public violence, poverty, unwarranted life changes,

illnesses, and other similar factors. Although there are students who commit transgressions against their classmates and others due to factors beyond their control such as mental illnesses that cause them to act irrationally, such is no excuse to tolerate their actions, some of which also tend to border on the almost criminal.

With the prevalence of mass media and its openness even to our youth, the young tend to be exposed to wanton violence, bloodshed, gore, and ornery behaviors as seen in television series episodes and even live newscasts. Home and community environments that are known to be tumultuous and are breeding grounds for immorality and criminality are also major factors in our learners' imbalanced mental health. As a result, our learners tend to imbibe maladaptive and sometimes deviant behaviors, especially if one has been subjected either directly or indirectly to severe abuse, neglect, or major local and national conflicts such as wars and calamities.

Why is mental health an alarming cause for concern in our schools today?

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Learners who have been subject to discrimination, physical and verbal bullying from peers and elders, traumatic experiences, and crimes against their honor tend to be more vulnerable to mental health problems than those who have been showered with love, care, and protection. Many of these types of learners are from low-income families and hence, they do not receive proper intervention, treatment, and guidance from professionals such as psychiatrists, counselors, therapists, and teachers.

There are children with special needs who suffer from mental health problems because there are cruel and inconsiderate people who belittle them and brand them as worthless, burdensome, unsociable, deviant, and dull. Unfortunately, with the pandemic wreaking havoc on our lives and our world, some children with special needs find it quite difficult to learn online and thus give up, either momentarily or altogether.

Talking about mental health, especially in the olden days, was considered taboo for many would associate having mental health problems with being recidivistic, irrepressible, incapable of managing one's affairs, and morally bereft. A possible reason behind this backward mentality is the propagation by mass media outfits of stereotypes of people with mental illnesses. Another likely explanation is that we all tend to refuse to accept that mental illnesses exist; to prepare ourselves for this reality, we all need to console ourselves with the fact that mental illnesses are manageable and treatable, with some also curable.

The lack of guidance counselors in public schools exacerbates the prevalence of mental health issues especially among our young. Such was commonplace especially in the distant past. However, with many well-trained and licensed guidance counselors working in public schools, addressing mental health issues will be much easier if only students (and teachers as well) are encouraged to open up.

We all need to learn how to speak up against stigmata related to mental health, especially in our schools. Our teachers, parents, and administrators and officials are not superheroes who seem to be immune to maladies; rather, they are authoritative mortals who also happen to be human. As for our students, they need to be cared for, appreciated, affirmed, supported, and protected in order to prevent them from being torn apart by academic stress, economic issues, and domestic brouhahas, among other problems that seem to lurk more and more as years pass.

Now is the time for all of us to do something about the increasing cases of suicides, bullying incidents, unwanted pregnancies, abuses, and breakdowns before we all fall apart as a society.

Despite the darkness brought about by mental health issues being covert among many of our young learners and also our teachers, we trust our DepEd Secretary VP Sara Duterte-Carpio and her team to provide us with encouragement, enlightenment, and empowerment. We also pray that CHED Chairperson Dr. J. Prospero "Popoy" De Vera III and TESDA Director-General Danilo Cruz to heed our call for making mental health wellness a staple across all education systems nationwide.

NALAING, KABSAT!

Your Ilocano Educator would like to congratulate our Marcos Social Media Alliance (MSMA) friends, loyalists and pro-government social media influencers

who are making a great impact in our society through their videos on the good works of the Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. administration, for their increased viewership and for having more subscribers who believe in them. They are not only intelligent but also humorous, loyal to our country and government, hardworking, honest, caring, and loving to their families and friends!

MSMA is composed of Mami Peng, TIGER99, Ahl Libugha, TRUNKZ REACTS CHANNEL, BUGTEETH CHANNEL, and Banat Boy (all channel names stylized according to how they appear on YouTube) plus yours truly (Spox Jet Channel) as one of the newest kids on the block. To all loyalists and pro-government supporters, please subscribe to the MSMA-affiliated vloggers' YouTube channels to get a daily dose of the latest news coupled with fearless views and love for country!

Nalaing, MSMA! Dios ti agngina ket ay ayaten kadakayo!

GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO!

GUESS WHAT: Difficulty in setting appointments and inaccessibility are two of the remarkable characteristics of the managers of this television/radio station known nationwide. My source, an applicant who applied to be a corporate communications executive, told me that s/he kept on following up on his/her application yet received no feedback. My source even emailed the president of the media organization but to no avail. As a result, my source has learned how to distrust media executives from known stations.

What are the lessons of the story? As a boss, be accessible. Never show superiority by being as hard to reach as Bhutan or Tibet. Learn how to read and respond accordingly emails every day. Do not ever give false hopes or no honest, direct feedback at all.

GUESS WHO: Who is this known young rapper who has become a swell-headed jerk? As relayed to me by source, a friend who is a tricycle driver, he has known this rapper to be hubristic and opportunistic even when our subject was not yet famous. This rapper, who is related to a known media personality by consanguinity, also tends to grandstand especially on stage and upstages his/her fellow performers.

What are the lessons of the story? Be humble especially when on top. The people you meet on your way up are those who will also meet you on your way down. Cultivate a reputation for being truly kind and amiable, not diffident and despicable. Help aspiring performers who are truly gifted, determined, and teachable to develop their talents and support them always instead of upstaging them.

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unabated violation of the commandment leads to the country's economic poverty and eventual perdition.

When you think about it, there's no other choice but to follow God's will since it shows us the path to eternal life and true happiness.

Thus, Jesus said categorically, "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away" (St. Luke, 31-23).

The lighter side. A small boy asked a friend why his 80-year-old grandma was always reading the Bible.

"Because she's cramming for her final exam!" he replied.

Note: The Bible should not be read only when one is already in the "pre-departure area" but must be read constantly as guide to our to God's kingdom.

BIBLE is acronym for: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

"The Bible should be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions of need." — Anon.

Bible quips. Q. Which servant of God was the greatest sinner/flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible? A. Moses. Because he broke all 10 Commandments at once. (That is, when he threw down the stone tablets inscribed with the 10 Commandments)

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.

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PBBM.....(page 1)

2023-2028 Forum in Pasay City.

"These are truly bold plans, but I have the confidence in the brilliant minds who will become our partners in realizing the vision contained in this document and faith in the capacity of our people," he said.

The PDP is the country's plan for economic and social transformation. Framed by Pres. Marcos' 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda—which seeks to address short-term issues confronting the country and medium-term constraints to rapid growth and inclusion—the Plan seeks to effect economic transformation toward a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society

The Plan is also geared toward the realization of the AmBisyon Natin 2040, the Filipino people's collective vision for the long term.

In the next six years, Marcos said his administration's overall goal for the Philippines is to "reinvigorate job creation and accelerate poverty reduction by

steering the economy back to its high-growth path and effect economic transformation."

To attain this goal, the Chief Executive encouraged Filipinos to follow a whole-of-nation approach to effectively implement the PDP and elevate the country to new heights.

"After all, the success of our government and our nation lies in all of us working together — we need to cooperate and to collaborate so we can realize our goals moving forward," Pres. Marcos said.

"Together, let us channel our energies in creating an economy that works for everyone and gives every Filipino, no matter their circumstances, a better life," he added.

To recall, the PDP was formulated through several months of consultative and collaborative engagements with government agencies, local government units, development partners, sectoral experts, private sector and stakeholder groups, and the general public. (PIA-NCR)

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward.--Amelia Earhart

ILOCOS SUR

Ilocos Sur farmers receive 6.8M worth of agri support

CANDON CITY, Ilocos Sur -- Input interventions such as foliar spray fertilizer, specifically bio-cozyme, N.E.B, carrageenan, and amino plus, were distributed to farmers in Ilocos Sur today to service more than 27 hectares of rice land across the 23 municipalities of District 2.

Five associations namely Calao-an Farmers and Fisheries' Association, Ranget Bileg Farmers' Association, Sibsibbu

Rang ay Association Inc., Lancuas AMIA Integrated Farming Association, and Kallumsing Rangtay ti Panagrang-ay Association - along with the Cervantes local government - received two units of pump and engine set, one multi-cultivator, three hand tractors, and one hauling truck.

This activity was led by Ilocos Sur 2nd District representative, Hon. Kristine Singson Meehan. (DA-Rafis Ilocos Region)

ILOCOS SUR

First fun dog show in Vigan features Ilocano culture

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) — The Ilocano culture was highlighted in the recent and first-ever fun dog show in this city.

The stars of the event, the dogs, showed up at the Plaza Burgos donning Abel Iloko as coat, Vigan longganisa worn as necklace, a replica of the Vigan empanada with fresh longganisa installed on their backs, and one even pulling a kalesa or a buggy following the theme "Vigan Pride".

Likewise, the pet owners took up the challenge as some of them wore coordinated outfits such as apron, Abel Iloco bolero and skirt, and cowboy-inspired costume, among others.

The show was organized by the City Veterinary Office led by the city veterinarian Dr. Rayeth Robeniol.

They included three categories introducing the Asong Pinoy (aspin) breed category which usually was not part of such events.

Suyen Aquino, a fur-parent, commended the city government and

the veterinary office for initiating the activity and for including Aspin.

"We would like to commend the City Veterinary Office for organizing an event with inclusivity to aspins because their breed is usually discriminated against, so we are thankful to them for this," she said.

She brought two of their family's dogs, an aspin named Burrito and American bully named Jack Daniel, which both won the first prize in their respective categories.

She mentioned that the event is a great opportunity for the dogs to have fun.

She further reminded others of the responsibility and commitment required of pet-parents, and that it is not just a financial obligation.

"We should also treat them like family, in my family's case our food is also our dogs' food, and our bed is also where they sleep. To everyone, be kind to animals because like humans they have lives too," she said.

The city vet also gave

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LA UNION

Gov't employees exhibit #LaUnionPROBINSYAnihan to increase the province's blood supply

Government employees from the Province of La Union proved that they are called not just to serve the people but also to save lives as they took part in the Blood Donation Drive initiated by the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) on January 24, 2023 at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Kaprobinsiaan government employees from different PGLU Offices, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Education, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Land Bank of the Philippines; and uniformed personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Fire Protection and Philippine

National Police gathered to voluntarily donate blood in support of the PGLU and Provincial Health Office's (PHO) objective to increase blood supply in the province.

A total of 42 bags of blood donations were collected from the said activity which were immediately turned-over to the La Union Medical Center, the Provincial Blood Bank of La Union.

The PHO, through their Medical Technologist II and Provincial Blood Coordinator Ms. Jonalyn V. Fernandez, gave appreciation to all blood donors. She also hopes that through their noble acts, they would inspire and encourage more volunteers to do the same and save lives.

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LA UNION

World Surfing League Competition, naganap sa La Union

LUNGSOD NG SAN FERNANDO, La Union (PIA) -- Naganap ang World Surfing League La Union International Pro nitong Enero 20-26 sa San Juan, La Union.

Ang naturang aktibidad ay naisagawa sa pagtutulungan ng United Philippines Surfing Association (UPSA), Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), at Department of Tourism (DOT)-Region 1.

Sa kanyang mensahe, nagpahayag ng pasasalamat si Governor Raphaelle Veronica Ortega-David sa mga tao sa likod ng malaking kompetisyon.

"I would like to acknowledge the United Philippines Surfing Association and Department of Tourism-Region 1 for your hard work in pursuing an ideal approach to develop the surfing talents of our potential kaprobinsiaan and kababayan surfers and for your dynamic promotion of sports,

tourism, not only in La Union, not only in Ilocandia, but in the entire country," ani David.

Nasa mahigit 200 surfers ang lumahok sa kompetisyon na nagmula pa sa iba't ibang panig ng mundo kabilang ang Indonesia, Japan, at Australia.

Sa isang linggong pagpapamalas ng galing sa larangan ng surfing, nasungkit ni Rogelio "Jay-r" Esquivel, Jr. ang championship matapos ang men's longboard qualifying series 1000.

Ani Esquivel, "Sobrangnagpapasalamat po kami sa lahat ng mga kababayan natin na sumuporta, nanood, nag-cheer para sa amin. Dahil dito, mas lalong pinapalakas ang loob namin. Masyado ninyo kaming pinupush na, i-level up talaga 'yong skills na kung ano ang meron kami."

Nagkaroon din ng paglagda ng

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PANGASINAN

Pangasinense designer's creation brings 'Pinoy pride' at 71st Miss Universe stage

The Philippines may not have won the Miss U crown and have ended its semifinal streak in the recent Miss Universe tilt, but all is not lost.

Filipino creativity and talent still shone brightest at the 71st Miss Universe as Pinoys, including a Pangasinense, dominated the Miss Universe scene in more ways than just winning the crown.

ICYDK, a number of Filipino fashion designers have created stunning outfits for a handful of international delegates.

But a Pangasinense designer, Rian Fernandez, made a big splash in the universal stage and became the talk of the pageant industry as he created the gown of Miss Universe 2022 R'Bonney Gabriel, who is half-Pinoy by the way.

Gabriel made history by becoming the first Filipino-American to win

Miss Universe.

For her remarkable accomplishment, Fernandez has been the one behind her stunning pieces – from her local to state, national to international competitions.

"Hindi lang kasi client 'yong turingan namin, parang family na. Masarap sa feeling na makikita 'yong candidate mo na nagsa-succeed," he said in an interview.

It's definitely a flex to now include a reigning Miss Universe to his list of achievements and deservingly so

For this, the provincial government of Pangasinan has recognized Fernandez, 38, who was originally from Alcala town, for showcasing the talent of a Pangasinense.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan passed a resolution on Monday authored by Board

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PANGASINAN

LGU-Dagupan to launch a Balay Silangan reformation facility for drug offenders

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) - The city government of Dagupan recently conducted an inspection of the proposed site for the Balay Silangan, a facility that will serve as a reformation area for drug offenders.

The proposed site is located at A.B. Fernandez West in Barangay Poblacion Oeste.

Mayor Belen Fernandez led the inspection along with Dagupan Philippine National Police officer-in-charge PLTCOL Vicente Castor Jr., City Engineer officer-in-charge Josephine Corpuz, City Local Government Operations Officer Roma Soriano, and City Social Welfare and Development officer-in-charge Irene Ferrer.

Balay Silangan is viewed as an alternative approach to address illegal drug use and help drug offenders or dependents become self-sufficient and

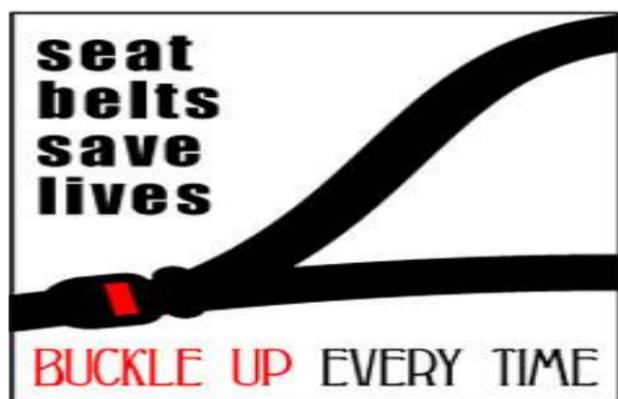
law-abiding members of the community.

As stated in Resolution No. 2 series of 2018 of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) and Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency will implement the Board's national drug control strategy or the national anti-drug campaign program alongside the concerned government agencies.

The requirement for a local government unit to be declared drug-cleared includes having a Balay Silangan.

Meanwhile, PDEA granted Barangay Pogo Grande the certificate of drug-cleared barangay on January 5, 2023 in Urdaneta City during the Turn-over Ceremony of Drug Cleared Certificate and Resolutions and Awarding of Certificate of

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Performance Assessment held on January 23-24, 2023 in Binmaley, Pangasinan.

DOLE RO1 inspected a total of 2,506 business establishments in 2022, resulting in a 110% accomplishment rate from its target of 2,280 establishments.

Of this number, a majority, or 86.71% were found to be compliant with GLS.

DOLE Regional Director Exequiel Ronie A. Guzman said these numbers are reflective of the generally-healthy labor environment in the region.

"This shows that even when businesses and enterprises are still recovering from the economic impacts of the pandemic, employers are still mindful of their obligations to their workers," RD Guzman said.

A total of 56,293 workers were subjected to the inspection activities.

Here's the number of inspected establishments: 475 in Ilocos Norte, 609 in Ilocos Sur, 538 in La Union, 280 in western Pangasinan, 322 in central Pangasinan, and 282 in eastern Pangasinan.

Mostly inspected were micro (1-9 workers) at 1,331 establishments; small (10-99 workers) at 1,077; medium (100-199 workers) at 61; and large (200 and above workers) at 37.

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Commendation.

Mayor Fernandez congratulated the officials of Brgy. Pogo Grande for the appointment of the barangay as completely drug-free.

Establishments are GLS-compliant when they are proven to observe minimum wage rates, social coverages (SSS, Philhealth, Pag-Ibig), and other statutory monetary benefits.

In Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) standards, DOLE RO1 accounted 71.91% compliance rate in 2022.

"While this is at par with the guiding compliance rate of 70%, improvements can be made. For 2023, we shall strengthen our efforts to ensure more establishments are compliant to OSH," RD Guzman said.

RD Guzman also set the agenda that for 2023, the DOLE RO1 shall prioritize to inspecting medium and large establishments. He had talked with social partners including the SSS to ensure the sustainability of compliance.

"These are steps we take ahead. In February, our inspectors shall take part in the National Labor Inspection Summit, where amendments in the inspection guidelines are anticipated to be discussed," said RD Guzman.

The 2022 Labor Inspection results also showed top non-compliance areas such as overtime pay, holiday pay, and basic wage pay for GLS; and the absence of a first aider, safety officer, and OSH program for OSH.

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memorandum of understanding ang PGLU kasama ang UPSA, at DOT bilang simbolo ng pagkakaisa sa pagpapalawig sa industriya ng turismo.

League La Union International Pro ang kauna-unahan at pinakamalaking surfing competition na naganap sa probinsya. (Kathlene Joyce Ramones/PIA La Union)

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minor and special awards such as early birds or the first to sign up for the pre-registration and at the event proper, anti-rabies ambassador, best in attire, darling of the crowd and many more.

time this is to promote our advocacy of responsible pet ownership."

Meanwhile, the first prize for all the categories is P3,000, whereas the second prize is P2,000 and the third price is P1,000.

Moreover, in her speech, Dr. Robeniol said, "This is one of the ways we can show that we are not only focused on livestock, at the same

All the dogs that joined the fun dog show received pet kits, and won supplies during the games. (Aila Villanueva/PIA Ilocos Sur)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased LEON A. LAGADAN and ALEJANDRA A. LAGADAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 12694, Cad 398, situated at Brgy. Quiling Sur, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-56838 is the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Absolute Sale executed by their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Reynaldo A. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 5; Page No. 01; Book No. I; Series of 2023.

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Publication Notice

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that SHERICK DULDULAO MATEO has filed with this Office a petition for change of First Name from "SHIRLEY" to "SHERICK" in the Certificate of Live Birth of SHIRLEY DULDULAO MATEO who was born on January 19, 1979 at Bacarra, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Antonio Mateo and Corazon Duldulao.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than January 30, 2023.

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

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Gov't employees.....(page 4)

The PHO targets to conduct two blood-letting activities for this year to increase the province's blood supply, hence, the PHO continues to provide information and sends a message across the province drawing attention to the role of voluntary blood donation in saving lives while participating in

the call of La Union PROBINSYAnihan.

The PGLU remains committed in its effort to increase awareness and intensify blood donation activities in the province for easier access and timely supply of safe and quality blood and blood products in the province to help those in need and save lives. (PGLU)

Pangasinense.....(page 4)

Members Rosary Gracia Perez-Tababa and Nicholi Jan Louie Sison to recognize Fernandez's talent and honor his achievement of showing the world the talents of Pangasinenses.

"The provincial government of Pangasinan constantly recognizes the achievements of outstanding Pangasinenses for their valuable service to the Filipino people and laudable contributions to the nation," the resolution reads.

Fernandez finished a degree in Communication Arts at Saint Louis University in Baguio City and being a member of the university's theater group ignited his passion for designing

costumes.

Also inspired by his grandmother, a seamstress, he pursued fashion studies at LASALLE College of the Arts in Singapore and he is a member of the Council of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Fashion Designers.

His ensemble was featured in Vogue Italia magazine and a piece of his garment was exhibited in Music Through Your Veins in London, England.

He also obtained awards such as Designer of the Year in the Indrajark International 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand; named as one of the Best Designers of the Northern Philippines; and Outstanding Designer during Pilipinas Fashion and Style Week 2018.

Further, he is one of the sought after designers

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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MOA inked.....(page 1)

Paoay Lake National Park and the Paoay Sand Dunes, both regarded as premier destinations for rowing competitions and movie film locations, respectively.

The legendary lake has served as the venue for multiple stages of the International Regatta Competition, while the sand dunes spot was the location of "Himala," which was voted "Best Film of All Time from the Asia-Pacific Region" in the 2008 CNN Asia Pacific Screen Awards.

The MOA was jointly signed by Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, Paoay Mayor Shiella Galano, and Gilbert de los Santos of the Sand Dunes coop.

The MOA aims to protect the livelihood of cooperative members, boost development, and use the said tourist attraction as a pillar of the municipality's economic recovery.

"The MOA strengthens the bigger responsibility of the coop to take care and

sustain the sand dunes, ecology/environmental-wise," said Xavier Ruiz, senior tourism operations officer.

LGU Paoay, on the other hand, will generally oversee the further improvement of the Sand Dunes attraction. It will intensify its info-and-promo campaign and other services for the welfare of tourists and visitors.

Its newest attractions are the "Balancing Act: A Colored Cairn in the Field Sand," a solar-powered sculpture, and "Reflection of Rebirth," a mirror installation that highlights the vastness of the tourist spot, may be said to be the little Sahara desert of the North.

Paoay Sand Dunes tourist spot has been a popular destination for thrill-seeking adventurers interested in dune-bashing, sandboarding, and 4x4 driving. It also pioneered film tourism events in the province by hosting major multimedia production companies.(pgin-cmo)

in Thailand and has launched his personal protective clothing line at Times Square, New York City.

As Fernandez's work is well-known through his gowns that deeply resonate with his wearers, this year's Miss Universe competition was a sweet victory for his career.

"You have to do the things that you love and you will never have to work a day in your life. There is a perfect timing for everything. If it's not now, maybe some other time, you can blossom," he said.

On Instagram, Fernandez shared the meaning of the gown, which he named "Phenomenal Queen."

He said that the color black represents "competence and sophistication," while

the gunmetal accents "epitomize strength and remarkable resilience" of the beauty queen.

Fernandez also noted that the black onyx and the glass mirror drops symbolize reflection and self-growth, adding that the fringe skirt and blue sapphire Swarovski stones stand for the movement of life and the new era of emerging women, respectively.

In one of her interviews, Gabriel, a fashion designer herself, expressed her gratitude to Fernandez who designed all of her gowns

"Thank you, Rian for making this beautiful dress. Maraming salamat po!," she said. (April Bravo/PIA Pangasinan)

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Civil Case No. 17621-65 for CANCELLATION OF TITLE and REVERSION

X-----X ORDER

NOTED for the record is the Manifestation, received in Court on 5 January 2023, filed by the plaintiff, through counsel. Let the pleading be appended to the record of the case.

The prayer of the plaintiff, through counsel is GRANTED. Ilocos Sentinel is hereby directed to cause the publication of the Summons and the Amended Complaints, to the exclusion of the Annexes, in the interest of fairness.

The publication of the Summons and the Amended Complaint will be for three (3) consecutive weeks. The defendants are given sixty (60) days after the completion of the publication, to file their answer.

SO ORDERED.

10th day of January 2023, Laoag City, Philippines.

(SGD.) MYRA SHEILA M. NALUPTA Presiding Judge

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X-----X ORDER

In today's scheduled Hearing on the Pendency of Pleadings, the Republic of the Philippines was represented by the Regional Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Office, Region I, San Fernando City, La Union, duly represented by the following counsels, who were at their office in San Fernando City, La Union, to wit:

- 1) Atty. Santiago L. Pagaddut, Jr. - lead counsel; 2) Atty. Claro Ramolete, Jr. - collaborating counsel; and 3) Atty. Joanne Margarette Macob - collaborating counsel.

The private defendants - Ms. Jean C. Dela Cruz and her children: Jhan Key C. Dela Cruz and Jeana Rea Kaye C. Dela Cruz were all based in Canada and were represented by their counsel - Atty. Joel R. Garcia, who joined the proceedings from his law office in Batac City, Ilocos Norte.

The following observations by the Court were agreed to by the counsels:

- 1) The Special Power of Attorney (SPA) authorizing Atty. Joel R. Garcia as the Attorney-In-Fact of the wife and children of the late Arnulfo B. Dela Cruz has not been filed in Court; 2) Arnulfo's wife - Ms. Jean C. Dela Cruz is a private defendant on her own and as a surviving spouse of Arnulfo together with the surviving children, as substituted heirs; 3) The answer of the private defendants was not properly executed since there was no verification page. The Manifestation by Ms. Jean C. Dela Cruz filed on 12 April 2022 is merely a pleading but cannot be considered as her Answer to the Amended Complaint.

Upon the manifestation of Atty. Joel R. Garcia that the present address of Ms. Jean C. Dela Cruz and her children in Canada is in a geographic location which makes difficult for them to have any documents executed in the nearest Philippine embassy. Therefore,

the necessary documents such as the Special Power of Attorney (SPA) and/or an Answer to be filed and verified would prove to be challenging for them. Thus, the service of the counsel to be considered as service to parties will not apply in this case because Atty. Garcia has not been properly given the power to execute the Answer for and in behalf of the defendants. Thus, the Summons will have to be served via the traditional way under the 2019 Amendments of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure, which is extra-territorial service of summons.

"Section 17. Extra-Territorial Service. - When the defendant does not reside and is not found in the Philippines, and the action affects the personal status of the plaintiff or relates to, or the subject of which is, property within the Philippines, in which the defendant has or claims a lien or interest, actual or contingent, or in which the relief demanded consists, wholly or in part, in excluding the defendant from any interest therein, or the property of the defendant has been attached within the Philippines, service may, by leave of court, be affected out of the Philippines by personal service as under Section 6; or as provided for international conventions to which the Philippines is a party; or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in such places and for such time as the court may order, in which case a copy of the summons and order of the court shall be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the defendant, or in any other manner the court may deem sufficient. Any order granting such leave shall specify a reasonable time, which shall not be less than sixty (60) calendar days after notice, within which the defendant must answer." (Emphasis supplied.)

The Amended Complaint and its Annexes and the Summons should be published in a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks, covering the address of the disputed parcel of land/public land in Laoag City and Ilocos Norte, at the expense of the plaintiff- Republic of the Philippines, represented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Regional Office, Region I, San Fernando City, Province of La Union.

The private defendants are given sixty (60) days from the completion of the publication to file their Answer to the Amended Complaint.

SO ORDERED.

Done via videoconference this 7th day of November 2022, at Laoag City, Philippines.

(SGD.) MYRA SHEILA M. NALUPTA Presiding Judge

NOTE: FOR INQUIRIES ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, please contact us:

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4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) Represented by: The Regional Executive Director for Region I Plaintiff DENR Region 1 San Fernando, La Union

5. MR. ARNULFO B. DELA CRUZ Defendant Barangay No. 35 Billoca 2906 Batac City, Ilocos Norte

6. MS. JEAN DELA CRUZ Defendant Barangay No. 35 Billoca 2906 Batac City, Ilocos Norte

7. MR./MS. JHAN KEY C. DELA CRUZ Substituted Defendant Barangay No. 35 Billoca Batac City, Ilocos Norte

8. MS. JEANA REA KAYE C. DELA CRUZ Substituted Defendant Barangay No. 35 Billoca Batac City, Ilocos Norte

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10. MR. VICTOR C. DABALOS Forester Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Barangay No. 7-B Giron Street Castro Avenue 2900, Laoag City

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Civil Case No. 17621-65

For CANCELLATION OF TITLE and REVERSION

X-----X SUMMONS

TO: MS. JEAN C. DELA CRUZ Barangay No. 35 Billoca 2906 City of Batac Ilocos Norte

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required, within sixty (60) days after the service of this summons upon you, to file this Court and serve on the Plaintiffs your answer to the complaint, copy of which is attached, together with the annexes. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated 12 March 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds thereof as defenses in the Answer. If you fail to answer which the time fixed, the plaintiffs will take judgment by default and may be granted the relief applied for in the complaint.

WITNESS the Hon. MYRA SHEILA M. NALUPTA, Presiding Judge of the Court, this 7th Day of November 2022, at Laoag City.

(Sgd.) ELEANOR N. VALDEZ-DE PERALTA Court Stenographer III/ Office-in-Charge (OIC) Branch Clerk of Court

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SPOUSES ARNULFO B. DELA CRUZ AND JEAN C. DELA CRUZ, AND THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF LAOAG CITY, ILOCOS NORTE, Defendants.

Civil Case No. 17621-65 For Cancellation Of Patent/ Title And Revision

AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, through the OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (OSG), in compliance with the Honorable Court's Order dated 12 May 2020, respectfully states:

land since 1960.

6. On 01 February 2012, Free Patent No. 012812-12-00577 was issued in favor of private defendant.

7. Thereafter, the free patent was registered by public defendant Register of Deeds of Laoag City. Consequently, Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. 2014000064 was issued in the name of Arnulfo B. Dela Cruz, married to Jean C. Dela Cruz.

8. Private defendant, in violation of Section 12 in relation to Section 33 of R.A. No. 10023, misrepresented in his RFPA that he, through his predecessors-in-interest, has been in actual occupation, actual residence, and continuous possession of the subject lot since 1960. In truth and in fact, the land is still undeveloped, has no actual occupant and has existing residential structure.

9. Since private defendant Arnulfo B. Dela Cruz obtained Free Patent No. 012812-12-00577 through fraud and misinterpretation, this present action for Reversion is this filed, and the corresponding OCT No. 2014000064 must be revoked and the subject lot reverted to the Republic.

NAMES OF WITNESSES

10. Plaintiff will present the following witnesses: a.) Engr. Anita L. Iringan-Member of the DENR - Fact Finding Team;

b.) Ms. Jane G. Bautista-Chief, DENR Records Management Division and; c.) Other additional witnesses whose testimony is material and relevant for the just resolution of the case.

SUMMARY OF WITNESSES' TESTIMONY

11. Engr. Anita L. Iringan will testify that she is a member of the DENR Fact-Finding Team which conducted an investigation on the reported irregularities in the issuance of RFPs involving a 16-hectare land, situated in Barangay Navotas, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte; that she found out that the 16-hectare land, which includes the subject lot, has no actual occupants and has no built residential houses, structures, improvements or on-going construction; and that the Fact-Finding Team recommended, among others, that the 16-hectare land be reverted to the Republic, and that the corresponding patents and certificates of title issued and canceled for violation of R.A. 10023.

12. Ms. Jane G. Bautista will attest that she has in her official custody the defendant's Residential Free Patent Application, DENR Memorandum dated 13 August 2014, Investigation Report dated 5 September 2014, Investigation Report dated 31 March 2017, Sketch Plan and Plotting, and Geo-tagged Photographs.

13. Plaintiff intends to ask the Court for a court-supervised ocular inspection that will be attended by the parties and the Branch Clerk of Court who shall record his/her observation/description of the subject lot on whether there are occupants and residential houses, structures, improvements or on-going construction therein.

DOCUMENTARY AND OBJECT EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLEGATIONS

14. Plaintiff will present the following documentary and object evidence: a.) Exhibit "A" - Identification Card of Engr. Anita L. Iringan

b.) Exhibit "B" - DENR Special Order No. 99-981

c.) Exhibit "C" - DENR Memorandum dated 13 August 2014

d.) Exhibit "D" - Sketch Plan and Plotting

e.) Exhibit "E" - Investigation Report dated 05 September 2014

f.) Exhibit "F" - Investigation Report dated 31 March 2017

g.) Exhibits "G", "G-1" to "G-7" - Geo-tagged Photographs

h.) Exhibit "H" - Identification Card of Ms. Jane G. Bautista

i.) Exhibit "I" - Residential Free Patent Application

j.) Exhibit "J" - OCT No. 2014000064

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that judgment be rendered in favor of herein plaintiff:

1. DECLARING Free Patent No. 012812-12-00577 and OCT No. 2014000064 in the name of private defendant Arnulfo B. Dela Cruz, married to Jean C. Dela Cruz as null and void ab initio;

2. ORDERING the reversion of Lot No. 10 Block 6, CSD-01-023787-D, covered by the said patent and title to the mass of the public domain; and

3. ORDERING private defendants Spouses Arnulfo B. Dela Cruz and Jean C. Dela Cruz to surrender the owner's duplicate of OCT No. 2014000064 to public defendant Register of Deeds of Laoag City and directing said Register of Deeds to cancel the same as well as the original thereof and all other Transfer Certificate/s of Title derived therefrom; and

4. ORDERING the private defendants, their privies, agents, successors-in-interest and any other person claiming interest under said titles to vacate the premises and desist from representing or exercising any acts of ownership or possession thereof.

Other just and equitable forms of relief are likewise prayed for.

Done in Makati City for Laoag City, 02 September 2020.

JOSE CALIDA Solicitor General OBP Lifetime No. 015360, 8-16-16 Roll No. 24852 MCLE Exemption No. VII-OSG000228, 11-8-19

(Sgd.) DEREK R. PUERTOLLANO Assistant Solicitor General IBP Lifetime No. 01927 Roll No. 36444 MCLE Compliance No. VI-0001182, 11-16-16 drpuertollano@osg.gov.ph

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OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City Email Address: efile@osg.gov.ph Telephone Number: 812-7980

MANIFESTATION

(Pursuant to Rule 13 of the 2019 Proposed Amendments to the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure)

The OSG, pursuant to Section 9, Rule 13 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended by A.M. No. 19-10-20-SC, respectfully manifests its consent to service by electronic means through the official e-mail address efile@osg.gov.ph. For this purpose, only pleadings, motions, notices, orders, judgments, and other court submissions transmitted to the official e-mail address until 5:00 p.m. of any working day will be considered officially served on said day, and any e-mail received beyond said time will be considered served only on the next working day. Kindly furnish a copy to the handling lawyer/s whose e-mail addresses appear herein.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH BENJAMIN P. TAGSA State Solicitor

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, ATTY. CRIZALDY M. BARCELO, CESO III, Filipino, of legal age, and the Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Region I, La Union with office address at Government Center, Sevilla, San Fernando, La Union, after having been sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and state:

I have caused the preparation of the foregoing complaint for cancellation of patent/title and reversion. The allegations in this complaint for cancellation of patent/title and reversion are true and correct based on my own knowledge and official records of the DENR.

The foregoing complaint for cancellation of patent/title and reversion is not being filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation, and the factual allegations therein have evidentiary support after reasonable opportunity for discovery.

There is no other action or proceeding involving the parties and issues raised in this petition that has been commenced, or is pending with the Supreme Court of Appeals, or any Division thereof, or any tribunal or agency.

If I should thereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding

has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, the Honorable Court, or any of its different divisions, or any tribunal or agency, I undertake to promptly inform the aforesaid courts and other tribunal or agency thereof within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

(Sgd.) ATTY. CRIZALDY M. BARCELO Regional Executive Director DENR Region I

SUBSCRIBE AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 06 NOV 2020 at Laoag City affiant showing to me his/her DENR Identification Card No. OSEC-DENRB-BIR4-52-2014 as competent proof of his identity.

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(Sgd.) JAY RONALD EMIL JOHN D. LABRADO JR. NOTARY PUBLIC Province of Ilocos Norte and Laoag City Commission No. 2018-09; Until December 31, 2020 Roll of Attorneys No. 68901-05/30/2017 IBP No. 089634- 12/26/2019 PTR No. 2043087- 01/02/2020 MCLE Compliance No. VI-0005294 TIN 270-421-051-000

Section 2.2 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-12 or the "Rules and Regulations for the Issuance of Patents to Residential Lands under Republic Act No. 10023."

Section 1. Qualifications. - Any Filipino Citizen who is an actual occupant of a residential land may apply for Free Patent Title under this Act: Provided; That in highly urbanized cities, the land should not exceed two hundred (200) square meters in other cities, it should not exceed five hundred (500) square meters; and in all other municipalities, it should not exceed one thousand (1,000) square meters; Provided further, That the land applied for is not needed for public service and/or public use.

Section 3. Application. - The application on the land applied for shall be supported by a map based on an actual survey conducted by a licensed geodetic engineer and approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and a technical description of the land applied for together with supporting affidavit of two (2) disinterested persons who are residing in the barangay of the city or municipality where the land is located, attesting to the truth of the facts contained in the application to the effect that the application thereof has, either by himself or through his predecessor-in-interest, actually resided on and continuously possessed and occupied, under a bona fide claim of acquisition of ownership, the land applied for at least ten (10) years and has complied with the requirements prescribed in Section 1 thereof.

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SUMMONS

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You are hereby required, within sixty (60) days after the service of this summons upon you, to file this Court and serve on the Plaintiffs your answer to the complaint, copy of which is attached, together with the annexes. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated 12 March 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds thereof as defenses in the Answer. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiffs will take judgment by default and may be granted the relief applied for in the complaint.

WITNESS the Hon. MYRA SHEILA M. NALUPTA, Presiding Judge of the Court, this 7th Day of November 2022, at Laoag City.

(Sgd.) ELEANOR N. VALDEZ-DE PERALTA Court Stenographer III/ Office-in-Charge (OIC) Branch Clerk of Court

Received original copies together with the copies of the complaint for service

Date Deputy Sheriff SHERIFF'S FEE PAID UNDER O.R. No. By:

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 65 LAOAG CITY

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), REGION I, SAN FERNANDO CITY, LA UNION, Plaintiff,

-versus-



Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
 Province of Ilocos Norte
 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 Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R. A. 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **JANET ACOSTA LARANANG** has filed with this office, a petition for the correction of entry of DATE OF BIRTH from **"7-18-69"** to **"JULY 13, 1969"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JANETE LARANGNG** whose parents are Benjamin Laranang and Soledad Acosta.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 6, 2023**.

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

January 23-29, 2023
 & January 30-February 5, 2023* *Ilocos Sentinel*

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ESTANISLAO M. ASUNCION** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **WENCESLAO** to **ESTANISLAO** in the birth certificate of **WENCESLAO ASUNCION** who was born on **September 28, 1971** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Fortunato Asuncion** and **Carlina Macuray**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 6, 2023**.

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

January 23-29, 2023
 & January 30-February 5, 2023* *Ilocos Sentinel*

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 **REGINO LAMUG ALMAREZ** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **"REGINO ROY"** to **"REGINO"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **REGINO ROYALMAREZ** who was born on **June 7, 1962** at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Rodrigo Almarez** and **Florencia Lamug**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 6, 2023**.

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

June 24-30, 2019
 & July 1-7, 2019* *Ilocos Sentinel*

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.

Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2023* *Ilocos Sentinel*

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: **MITSUKOSHI**; Type of Body: **TRICYCLE**; Motor No.: **161FMJE1127188**; Chassis No.: **LF3PCK508EB007110**; Model: **2014**; MV File No.: **0101-00000047315**; 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.

Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2023* *Ilocos Sentinel*

DEED OF ADJUDICATION OF REGISTERED REALTY WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **TEODORICO BAGAOISAN** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 8, Pcs-01-002510 (AR) VLT, being a portion of Lot 7372-A, Psd-1-013791 (OLT), situated in Barangay **Nalbo**, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. C-593 has been adjudicated by his heirs **Emelinda M. Bagaoisan**, **Tedji M. Bagaoisan** and **Irene Glory B. Corpuz** and simultaneously sold unto **Reynaldo B. Bugaoisan** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Pristine Amber C. Aurelio**; as per Doc. No. 49; Page No. II; Book No. VIII; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **ANDRES S. EDROZO & ASUZENA del ROSARIO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 16026 of the Vintar Cadastre Cad 577-D, situated at Barangay **Mabanbanag**, Vintar, Ilocos Norte, covered by **Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo (K.O.T.) Blg. P-75592** has been adjudicated by their heirs **Wyrlo Del Rosario Edrozo** and **Marjolyn Victoria Edroso-Collado** and simultaneously sold unto **Alexander C. Vinoya** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Nestor T. Corpuz**; as per Doc. No. 363; Page No. 74; 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 **IGNACIO DAMO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot Nos. 34724-B and 34724-C, PSD-01-034654, situated at Barangay **06 San Juan**, **Bautista**, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 22109 has been adjudicated by his heir **Maximo P. Damo** and simultaneously sold unto **Sps. Juanito B. Castro** and **Melanie G. Castro** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Erme S. Labayog**; as per Doc. No. 167; Page No. 34; Book No. CXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **LEONARDO DACUYCUY** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3318, situated at Brgy. **13 San Gabriel I**, **Bacarra**, Ilocos Norte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 20-006-00047 has been extra-judicially settled among his heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Alvier T. Galapon** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Keith Jamaica L. Collado**; as per Doc. No. 366; Page No. 75; Book No. X; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **PAULINO MARTIN** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 25960-C, situated in Brgy. **55-A**, Laoag City, covered by TCT No. T-26712 has been extra-judicially settled among his heirs **Balbina M. Martin**, **Evelyn M. Asuncion**, **Anabella M. Sagucio**, **Fe M. Santiago**, **Marcial M. Martin**, **Rogelio M. Martin**, **Vilma M. Balantac** and **Leticia M. Ramos** and simultaneously sold unto **Nicoracion M. Pascual** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Juan Conrado A. Respicio II**; as per Doc. No. 397; Page No. 80; Book No. DCLXI; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **VENANCIO MENOR** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2190-F of the subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 2190, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 1138), situated in the Barrio of **Calayab (now) Balacad (before)**, City of **Laoag**, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-25753 has been adjudicated by his heir **Jermelina M. Corpuz** and simultaneously sold unto **Maria Regina C. Gameng** a portion of said lot equivalent to **1,197 sq.m. (Lot 7)** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Josephus R. Nerez**; as per Doc. No. 430; Page No. 78; Book No. LXXXVII; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF IDENTIFICATION OF HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the HEIRS OF **PATRICIO GUITTAP** are the registered owners of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 32801 and 32803, Cad-398, both situated at Brgy. **Sumader**, **Batac**, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. P-15220 and P-14456, respectively; that **Teodulo S. Guittap** and **Fe Caridad Solsoloy Ordonia** are identified as the Heirs of **Patricio Guittap** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Francisco A. Musni**; as per Doc. No. 249; Page No. 51; Book No. CXXXVII; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **NICANOR M. MARTIN** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 25960-A, situated in Brgy. **55-A**, Laoag City, covered by TCT No. T-26710 has been extra-judicially settled among his heirs **Concepcion S. Martin**, **Felicidad Martin Ramelb**, **Nicoracion Martin Pascual**, **Teresita Martin Sebastian** and **Daniel S. Martin** and simultaneously sold unto co-heir **Nicoracion Martin Pascual** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Juan Conrado A. Respicio II**; as per Doc. No. 81; Page No. 18; Book No. DCLXXVI; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **VENANCIO MENOR** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2190-F of the subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 2190, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 1138), situated in the Barrio of **Calayab (now) Balacad (before)**, City of **Laoag**, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-25753 has been adjudicated by his heir **Jermelina M. Corpuz** and simultaneously sold unto **Gabrielle Angelu C. Gameng** a portion of said lot equivalent to **1,197 sq.m. (Lot 8)** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Josephus R. Nerez**; as per Doc. No. 429; Page No. 78; Book No. LXXXVII; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE of UNSEGREGATED PORTION of a PARCEL of LAND

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the deceased **VICTORINA TOLENTINO** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 110, Pls-859-D, situated at Brgy. **Aring**, **Badoc**, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-55533 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs **Avelino D. Tolentino**, **Nancy Tolentino-Naidas** and simultaneously sold unto **Ofelia I. Palacpac** an unsegregated northern portion of said lot equivalent to **4,785 sq.m.** in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **Da Vinci Crisostomo**; as per Doc. No. 244; Page No. 50; Book No. CDXXXIX; Series of 2022.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY SHERIFF MARCOS HALL OF JUSTICE LAOAG CITY

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.), Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARINA A. BADUA, Mortgagee.

RE: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage Property under Act 3135, as amended

CASE NO. 18-2022

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CERTIFICATE OF SALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

I, XAVIER F. GACHO, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen with postal address at the Office of the Provincial and City Sheriff, Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City, in my capacity as Acting Provincial and City Sheriff Ex-Officio of Ilocos Norte and Laoag City, do hereby certify that, pursuant to the petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the above-named mortgagee, as well as the notice of auction sale issued in connection therewith, a public auction sale took place and held on November 17, 2022 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Main Entrance of Municipal Hall, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte under my direction and/or through my authorized deputy, whereby the properties hereunder described was sold to Atty. John John P. Felipe with postal address at #97 Brgy. 27, M.H. del Pilar St., Laoag City, in the amount of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P 1,600,000.00) only, Philippine Currency, as the highest bidder at the time of sale, all rights, shares and participation which the above-named mortgagor have or might have had in the real property hereunder described together with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 022-2019000008

Andalucia Tower Unit No. 910 Floor No. 9th Floor Area --- 170.21 SQUARE METERS "BALAI CONDOMINIUMS" (1ST TOWER) PROJECT Located at Brgy. 1, San Francisco, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte Owner: Marina Badua Address: 2164 Puha St. Honolulu Hawaii and Brgy. Taguipuro, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte

X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X

That the amount bidded was applied for the satisfaction or to the payment of the obligation secured by the mortgage, including legal fees.

That this sale herein made is subject, however, to the right of redemption by the person or persons so authorized by law within the reglementary period as prescribed by law, as the case may be.

Laoag City, Philippines, December 7, 2022.

(Sgd.) XAVIER F. GACHO Acting Provincial and City Sheriff Ex-Officio

(Sgd.) ARCHIE V. CAJIGAL Sheriff-In-Charge

APPROVED BY:

(SGD.) MYRA SHEILA M. NALUPTA Executive Judge

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BEFORE ME, personally appeared Atty. Xavier F. Gacho, Acting Provincial and City Sheriff of Ilocos Norte and Laoag City, with Community Tax Certificate No. 13335439 issued on February 16, 2022 at Piddig, Ilocos Norte, known to me and to me known personally to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his own voluntary act and deed.

This instrument deals with the CERTIFICATE OF SALE executed by the above-named officers in favor to Atty. John John P. Felipe, for and in consideration of P 1,600,000.00. this Certificate of Sale consists of three (3) pages including this acknowledgment and pertains to the sale of Condominium Unit covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 022-2019000008, Unit 910, 9th Floor Andalucia Tower "Balai Condominiums" (1st Tower) Project with Floor Area of 170.21 square meters, situated at Brgy. 1, San Francisco, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte together with all the improvements erected thereon, and duly signed by said officer in accordance with law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my notarial seal, this 16th day of January 2023 in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.

(Sgd.) ATTY. ANGELI B. GAPUZAN

Notary Public for Ilocos Norte Notarial Commission No. 2022-67 until December 31, 2024 3/F Boy Const. Bldg., Brgy. 2, San Nicolas, I.N. Roll No. 70028 - June 2, 2017 IBP LIFETIME No. 017748; 06/23/2017 - I.N. PTR O.R. No. 0787901N; 01/03/2023 - I.N. MCLE Compliance No. VII-0009381; 02/12/22 TIN: 945-977-080

Doc. No. 29; Page No. 6; Book No. I; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ONOFRE C. RAQUINIO pertaining to a motor vehicle particularly a Tricycle with Franchise under Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit (MTO) Case No. TC-2019-11-B49B-23 described as Make: HONDA/MOTORCYCLE; Serial/Chassis Number.:KB509 445712; Motor Number: KB509E 445742; MV File Number.: 0124-00000104064; Plate Number: AO 20073; Year Model: 2013; and Sidecar No.: B49B-23 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously waive all her rights and interest in the above-described tricycle including its Franchise in favor of co-heir Frances Deah A. Raquinio as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 67; Page No. 15; Book No. CXXXIX; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARCELINO GACES pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21041, Cad-734-D, situated in Barangay Baruyen, Bangui, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-55760 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Albert D. Gaces and Ryan D. Gaces and simultaneously sold the aforesaid lot unto Spouses Rowena Z. Vera and Peter F. Vera as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Brian Jay Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 235; Page No. 48; Book No. XXX; Series of 2018.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ANASTACIA MARIANO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 8081, situated in then Barrio of Buttong, Municipality of Laoag, but now Brgy. 49-B, Raraburan, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 021-19778 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs Fely A. Socias and Cristina Alejandro Quinto and simultaneously sold the eastern portion with improvement (residential house) of the aforesaid lot equivalent to 785 sq.m. unto Sps. Richard S. Ranada & Ma. Criselda S. Ranada as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jay Ronald Emil John D. Labrado Jr.; as per Doc. No. 248; Page No. 51; Book No. XXXII; Series of 2022.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION AS SOLE HEIR WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SIMEON ANDRES pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 13062-D of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-186609, being a portion of Lot 13062, Laoag Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1203), situated in the Barrio of San Matias, Laoag City, covered by TCT No. T-11634 has been adjudicated by his heir Juanita Andres-Abiva and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Roberto N. Rialo and Rowena A. Rialo in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Alyssa Marie A. Jacinto; as per Doc. No. 407; Page No. 83; Book No. I; 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, reperedented 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 ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER & QUITCLAIM (Re: Estate of VALENTIN DALIGCON)

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VALENTIN DALIGCON consisting of three (3) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 13389, 13362 and 13725, all covered by Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. P-59851; all situated at Brgy. 12-Maababaca, Piddig, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Juanita Daligcon Madanay, Monica Ventura Madanay, Salvador Sabado Daligcon, Shirley Daligcon Labuguen aka Leonila Daligcon Labuguen, Teresita Daligcon Crisostomo and Manuel Sabado Daligcon and simultaneously quitclaimed all their rights over the three (3) parcels of land in favor of co-heir Salvador Sabado Daligcon as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Aproniano B. Nicolas; as per Doc. No. 62; Page No. 14; Book No. XIV; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased PETRONILO PAROAN and CELERINA SARIAN consisting of five (5) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 10724, 10941, 10727, 11116 and 11124, covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. P-22068, P-20349, P-20350, P-20548 and P-20549; that the first three (3) lots are situated at Brgy. Bil-loca, Batac City, while the last two (2) lots are situated at Brgy. Quiling Norte, Batac, Ilocos Norte, has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Eduardo S. Paraoan and simultaneously donate all aforesaid lots unto donees Edelaida S. Paraoan and Sherwin P. Paraoan, who accepted said donation as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Joel R. Garcia; as per Doc. No. 348; Page No. 71; Book No. CXII; Series of 2022.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that ROGER JR. DE VERA FAGARAGAN has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name (OCRG & LCRO Copy) from "RUBEN" to "ROGER" in the Certificate of Live Birth and Birth Certificate of RUBEN FAGARAGAN who was born on July 25, 1968 at Pinili, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Jose Fernandez and Irenia Fernandez.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than January 30, 2023.

(Sgd.) AMI RUEL S. COLOMA OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD
Zip Code No. 2919



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE, HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2022 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Melvyn B. Calvan, II., Municipal Vice-Mayor/ Presiding Officer,
Hon. Rex Constantino S. Benemerito, Jr., Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Efren F. Cimatu, Jr., Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Imelda B. Llanes, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Nestor M. Asuncion, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Nathaniel S. Edu, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Mercedes R. Carizal, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Reynald M. Garvida, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Melvin A. Viernes, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Renz Carlo N. Sacsac, SK Representative.

ABSENT:

Hon. Mariecel R. Garvida, ABC Representative.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022B-032

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2012-055”

WHEREAS, Municipal Ordinance No. 2012-055 is the ordinance regulating the granting of franchise for Tricycles in the Municipality of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte,

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend certain provisions of the ordinance to adapt to the exigency during the occurrence of pandemic, war, and other causes that affects the non-operations of MTF holders for a long period of time,

WHEREAS, the Tricycle operators are yearning to extend the validity period of franchise, from five (5) years to ten (10) years to compensate their loss opportunity to earn a living during the occurrence of Covid-19 Pandemic and to fully recover from the adverse effect of the pandemic,

WHEREAS, tricycle operators must secure certificate of Good Moral Standing, as a documentary requirement to their application for renewal of MTF and annual Tricycle Business Permit issued by the Business Permits and Licensing Office,

WHEREAS, there is need to increase fare rate due to instability of oil prices,

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend certain provisions as set forth in Municipal Ordinance No. 2012-055, in order to adapt to the changing times such as the occurrence of pandemic, soaring or instability of oil prices, war and the likes, adjust the validity period of MTF and require Certificate of Good Moral Standing from BPLO as attach document in renewing MTF and Annual Tricycle Business Permit.

WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Nathaniel S. Edu duly seconded by Honorable Efren F. Cimatu, Jr., Honorable Reynald M. Garvida and Honorable Melvin A. Viernes, be it ordained that

Section 1. There should be added subsections and amendments for Section 3 of Municipal Ordinance No. 2012-055.

“Section 3-A xxxxxxxxxxxx CLEARANCES
3.10 court clearances (MCTC/RTC)
3.11 Certificate of Good Moral Standing (from BPLO)

Section 2. Section 8 of Municipal Ordinance No. 2012-055 and provision of additional subsections to read as follows:

Section 8 of Municipal Ordinance No. 2012-055 read as follows:
Section 8 xxxxxxxxxxxx
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8.11 The MTF shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years from date of approval to compensate on lost possibility of earnings of MTF holders brought by Covid-19 Pandemic.

8.11 a. MTF holders who fails to renew their franchise, fails to renew their motor vehicle registration during the occurrence of pandemic, war, and the likes that causes the non-operational of units for a long period, be given special consideration allowing documents of unregistered motor vehicles as attachment in their application for franchise renewal. Provided that, there is no verified violation committed and reported to the Sangguniang Bayan prior to the processing of their application of renewal. Provided further, that said unit be restricted at applicants dwelling pending the approval of their MTF.

8.17 MTF grantee or driver shall initially charge the approved fare or rate; Php 15.00 for the first kilometer and Php 2.00 for every succeeding kilometers. Senior Citizens, Persons with disabilities and students be charge Php 12.00 for the first kilometer and Php 1.60 for every kilometer thereafter. Provided, that in case of special trip, the driver must first get the consent of the passenger before departing the destination. Without the consent of the passenger, the rate must be strictly followed.

8.18 MTF grantee or driver shall charge the special trip tour, Php 750.00 for the North Bound Tour inclusive of going to Kabigan Falls, Blue Lagoon, Patapat Viaduct, Agua Grande an Rock Formation and Burgos Light House. Provided, that on the South Tour, existing memorandum of agreements, ordinances and national laws be properly observed upon entry on the territorial jurisdiction outside of the Municipality of Pagudpud. Provided, further, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Pagudpud shall be the sole authorizing body responsible for the increase and decrease of fare rates for Special Trip Tour by a 2/3 votes of all members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 3. Provisional increase of fare be granted during exigency due to adverse effects of instability of oil prices, pandemic, war and other causes of downfall of economy. A petition from the existing association of MTF holders, thorough study of the Sangguniang Bayan, properly endorsed, motioned by the Committee on Transportation, concurred by the majority members,

and the approval of the Local Chief Executive (LCE) are needed. Provided that a provisional decrease of fare be granted when there is an abrupt decrease of oil prices and its by-products. Granting of provisional decrease of fare be determined on the existing price of oil from the effectivity of this ordinance. Provided, further, that a petition for decrease of fare be initiated by any tricycle commuter duly endorse to the Local Chief Executive or to the Sangguniang Bayan for appropriate action.

Section 4. No MTF grantee or driver is allowed to convey passenger without a valid business sticker issued by the Municipal Treasury upon payments of all fees needed in the renewal of Tricycle Business Permit every January. Provided, said sticker be place in front of the sidecar of the tricycle. This would be a deterrent on the eradication of “colurum tricycles”.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. Any ordinance or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect upon the approval and the necessary posting are required by law.

VOTING on the above ordinance was as follows:

IN-FAVOR- Sangguniang Bayan Members Benemerito, R. C. Jr., Cimatu, E. Jr., Llanes, I., Asuncion, N., Edu, N., Carizal, M., Garvida, R., Viernes, M., and SK Representative Sacsac, R. C.

NOT IN FAVOR: None.
ABSTENTION: None.

I HEREBY certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

(SGD) **SALVACION E. LAGUNDINO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

(SGD) **MELVYN B. CALVAN, II**
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
November 24, 2022

APPROVED:

(SGD) **RAFAEL RALPH L. BENEMERITO, II**
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE, HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2022 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Melvyn B. Calvan, II., Municipal Vice-Mayor/ Presiding Officer,
Hon. Rex Constantino S. Benemerito, Jr., Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Efren F. Cimatu, Jr., Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Imelda B. Llanes, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Nestor M. Asuncion, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Nathaniel S. Edu, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Mercedes R. Carizal, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Reynald M. Garvida, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Melvin A. Viernes, Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Renz Carlo N. Sacsac, SK Representative.

ABSENT:

Hon. Mariecel R. Garvida, ABC Representative.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022B-033

“AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANIMAL OWNERS TO LEASH THEIR ANIMALS UNLESS CAGED OR KEPT INSIDE A FULLY FENCED LAWN WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AUTHORIZING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AN ANIMAL POUND AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE PROPER USE AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the LGU to ensure safety of people within the jurisdiction of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, residents and non-residents;

WHEREAS, the increasing number of motorcycle accidents are due to stray animals roaming in the streets;

WHEREAS, people who opted to bike are often chased by stray animals endangering their lives;

WHEREAS, a lot of people walking along streets are being chased by stray animals threatening to bite them;

WHEREAS, there are animal owners who are irresponsible and prefer their animals to go stray;

WHEREAS, these animal owners are apathetic or show no concern at all even their animals would chase people that are walking and even those that are riding on bikes or motor bikes;

WHEREAS, animals not leashed, caged or kept inside a fully fenced lawn are the ones chasing people;

WHEREAS, it is for these reasons why the Sangguniang Bayan on motions or suggestions of Barangay Captains enacts this ordinance;

WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Nestor M. Asuncion duly seconded by Honorable Efren F. Cimatu, Jr. and Honorable Nathaniel S. Edu, be it ordained that

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as “**THE 2022 ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANIMAL OWNERS TO LEASH THEIR ANIMALS NOT UNLESS CAGED OR KEPT IN A FULLY FENCED LAWN WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE**”.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. Consistent with the declared policy of the State to safeguard life, ensure public health and safety, and promote the general welfare of the people. To this end this Code is enacted.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Code, the following words and phrases shall mean and be construed as hereunder indicated:

- a. ANIMAL OWNER – refers to any person who has possession in terms of title or proprietorship or has actual control of an animal.
- b. DOMESTICATED ANIMAL – refers to any animal species which are tamed and within the household of residents.
- c. SMALL ANIMAL – refers to any animal weighing one (1) kilogram or less but not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) kilograms.
- d. LARGE ANIMAL – refers to any animal weighing at least one hundred fifty-one (151) kilograms and above.
- e. ANIMAL POUND – refers to a fixed enclosure complete with personnel and facilities for the temporary keeping of stray animals found within the municipality, to be hereinafter referred to as the “Municipal Pound.”
- f. STRAY ANIMAL – refers to any animal such as dog, cat, poultry, horse, goat, cow, carabao, wildlife, exotic and endangered species and the like at loose or elsewhere wandering in public places within the town without being accompanied by its owner.
- g. WILDLIFE – refers to any animal species which naturally evolves or establishes its population in the wild without human aid or intervention.
- h. LEASH – a strap or cord for restraining and guiding a dog or other animals
- i. FULLY FENCED LAWN -a lawn that is secured with fence where animal cannot get in as well as get out of the place
- j. CAGE – a structure where animals are confined
- k. ANIMALS -domesticated animals like dogs, cats, pigs, goats, carabao, cow, horse

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- a. No person shall be allowed not to register his animal in the barangay.
- b. No animal owner shall be allowed not to leash their animals, put their animals in cage, keep their animals in a fully fenced lawn.
- c. No person shall allow his/her animal to wander elsewhere in any public places within the municipality without the company of its owner and that their animal should be leashed even in their company
- d. No person shall be allowed to carry his animal in a vehicle without leash except when the animal is completely enclosed inside the vehicle
- e. It shall be also unlawful to bring pets during the conduct of fiestas, public gatherings and programs and the like.
- f. It shall be unlawful for any personnel of the Municipal Pound to maltreat, torture, poison, or inflict suffering or harm to any impounded animal.
- g. It shall be unlawful for any person to oppose, resist, or interfere with Municipal Pound personnel from performing a duty mandated of such personnel to perform pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANIMAL POUND.

- a. There shall be established animal pound in the municipality to be officially named as Pagudpud Animal Pound and to be referred to hereinafter as the Municipal Pound.
- b. The Municipal Pound shall exclusively function as temporary lockdown for all seized stray animals.
- c. The pound shall be situated at a definite site within the Municipality, with an environment not harmful to animal health and safety, this to be determined and designated for by the Municipal Mayor pursuant to the town’s subsisting zoning plan.
- d. The Municipal Pound shall be administered by the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist and shall consist of facilities necessary to properly carry out the purposes and functions of an animal pound.
- e. Funds necessary for the establishment and operation of the Municipal Pound shall be appropriated in the Municipal government’s annual budget and/or any supplemental appropriation as the case may be, subject to the pertinent provisions of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. AUTHORITY TO IDENTIFY STRAY ANIMALS, SEIZE AND IMPOUND.

Authority is hereby granted to the following local government personnel to identify stray animals, seize and cause the impoundment of any stray animal right at the instance of its sighting:

- a. The Municipal Agriculturist or any officer or staff under his office;
- b. Deputized enforcers to be determined by the Office of the Mayor;
- c. Barangay Officials and Tanods;
- d. Philippine National Police (PNP) Personnel.

SECTION 7. REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS.

Animal owners are required to have their animals registered in the barangay. Non-compliance means penalty as provided by section 14 per animal not registered.

SECTION 8. NO CONTACT APPREHENSION OR NO SEIZURE OF THE STRAY ANIMALS.

Animal owners who do not leash their animals, or put them in a cage or keep them in a fully fenced lawn and had been identified by any of those people under section 6 above shall be fined by PhP500.00 without seizing the stray animal.

SECTION 9. IMPOUNDMENT.

When the person under Section 5 had not yet leashed or kept his animals in a cage after five (5) days:

- a. His/her stray animals shall be seized and impounded at the Municipal Pound until such time that the same are properly released to its lawful claimant.
- b. Impoundment and release of any such animal/s shall be pursuant to the following guidelines:

- (1) Impoundment period shall not exceed five (5) days including Saturdays and Sundays, except when impoundment for more than the prescribed period is necessarily called for by medical reasons, in which case the animal owner of such impounded animal shall be duly advised.
- (2) All animals impounded pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall be fully entitled to proper custody, care, shelter and sustenance.

- c. Animals which have died within the impoundment period shall be disposed of according to proper veterinary and health procedures. The Municipal Pound shall not take any responsibility whatsoever for any animal death, except when such death can be proven to have been due to

neglect or deliberate cruelty on the part of the staff concerned.

d. No wildlife, exotic or endangered animals seized while wandering in public places shall be subject to impoundment but, right upon capture, be forthwith committed for proper care and custody to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), except: that when upon capture such wildlife is found to have been exhibiting symptoms of communicable diseases, then same shall be euthanized pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Administrative Order No. 21, Series of 1999, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct in the Euthanasia for Pets/Companion Animals and Slaughter of Animals for Food as amended by AO. No. 13 Series of 2010.

e. No bomb-sniffing, drug-sniffing or any police dogs shall for any reason be subject to impoundment.

f. Any animal owner may opt to voluntarily commit an animal for temporary custody at the Municipal Pound for a period not to exceed ten (10) days, subject to payment of the prescribed fees. Custodial days shall be from Mondays through Fridays, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays.

SECTION 10. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT.

a. Within twelve (12) hours starting from the time an animal was committed for impoundment at the Municipal Pound, the personnel-in-charge shall locate and identify its animal owner, after which notice of impoundment shall forthwith be issued and served to such person.

b. When no animal owner shall have been located and identified with the impounded animal the same shall ipso facto be deemed abandoned, thus be properly disposed in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Section 9 of this Ordinance.

c. The personnel-in-charge of the Municipal Pound shall, from time to time, make a list of all impounded animals thereat, complete with corresponding identifiable description to include kind, breed, color, and other unique markings, if any there be, and post such list at designated public posting boards within the municipality.

SECTION 11. REDEMPTION.

a. An animal owner may, at any time within the regular working hours after due receipt of the notice of impoundment issued pursuant to Section 8 (a) of this Ordinance but not to exceed 5 days after impoundment, redeem an impounded animal right upon payment of the necessary fees and incidental charges.

b. Whenever an animal owner, after due notice, deliberately refuses or neglects to redeem an impounded animal within the allowable period herein prescribed, she/he shall be made to pay a fine corresponding to P500.00 for each day of default, or render community service equivalent to one (1) day for each day of default.

SECTION 12. DISPOSITION. The following rules shall govern the disposition of animals impounded at the Municipal Pound:

a. Unclaimed animals at the Municipal Pound shall ipso facto be deemed abandoned, thus become eligible for adoption and may be released to any interested party after the lapse of three (3) days from the time of impoundment, provided: that such animal does not exhibit symptoms of any communicable disease.

b. Whenever no interested party may opt to adopt, the Municipal Agriculturist shall have the right to cause such abandoned animal to be sold at a public auction.

c. Abandoned animals exhibiting symptoms of any communicable diseases shall forthwith be euthanized pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Administrative Order No. 21, Series of 1999, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct in the Euthanasia for Pets/Companion Animals and Slaughter of Animals for Food.

d. No abandoned animal shall be euthanized without the approval of the Municipal Agriculturist.

e. Abandoned animals eligible for adoption shall, before its release to any interested party, be administered with anti-rabies vaccine. Deliberate omission or neglect on the part of the personnel-in-charge at the Municipal Pound to perform this responsibility shall subject such person to administrative and/or criminal sanctions.

f. Fees and other proceeds collected and accumulated in connection with the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be held in trust by the Local Government Unit to be allocated only for the procurement of vaccines and other priority purchases of the Municipal Pound or other activities or programs relative thereto. Allocation and disbursement of said funds shall be done in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Chapter 2, Title V of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 13. ANIMAL OWNER’S LIABILITY CLAUSE. Animal owners shall be liable to any accident, lost of life, destruction of property as a result of these unkept animals.

SECTION 14. PENALTY CLAUSE. Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall subject the violator to the following fines as penalties:

- a. Five hundred Pesos (P500.00) for first offense;
- b. One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) for second offense; and
- c. Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) for third and subsequent violations.

SECTION 15. CONSTITUTION OF MONITORING TEAM. The Local Chief Executive through an appropriate order shall constitute a committee who shall supervise and monitor the implementation of this ordinance whose members shall be but not limited to:

- a. Municipal Agriculture Office as the team leader
- b) Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer
- b) Municipal Tourism
- c) one representative from the PNP
- d) ABC President
- e) Two (2) representatives from an NGO to be designated by the Local Chief Executive, as members. The Team shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities: a) Act as recommending body to the Local Chief Executive for effective/proper implementation of the Ordinance; b) Oversee the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign of every barangay; c) Monitor compliance of every stakeholder to the Ordinance; d) Formulate a system of rewards and incentives for complying stakeholders

SECTION 16. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Local Chief Executive and the committee as specified under section 15 shall formulate Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective and efficient implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE. The provisions of previous local enactments, resolutions, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is found or decreed to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected by such findings or decree shall remain to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its full publication in any newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Ilocos Norte.

VOTING on the above ordinance was as follows:

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IN-FAVOR- Sangguniang Bayan Members Benemerito, R. C. Jr., Cimatu, E. Jr., Llanes, I., Asuncion, N., Edu, N., Carizal, M., Garvida, R., Viernes, M., and SK Representative Sacsac, R. C.

NOT IN FAVOR: None.

ABSTENTION: None.

I HEREBY certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

(SGD) **SALVACION E. LAGUNDINO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

(SGD) **MELVYN B. CALVAN, II**
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
November 24, 2022

APPROVED:

(SGD) **RAFAEL RALPH L. BENEMERITO, II**
Municipal Mayor
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approved by the FDA.

c. Over-the-counter medicine – this refers to medicine used for symptomatic reliant or minor ailments and which may be dispensed without a prescription.

d. Pharmaceutical products – refer to drugs medicine, biological, pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical product/specialties, veterinary products veterinary biologists and veterinary medicinal products.

e. Pharmacist refers – to a health professional who has been registered and issued a valid certificate or registration and Professional identification card by the PRC and the Professional Regulation Board of Pharmacy.

f. Pharmacist only OTC medicines – refer to over-the-counter medicines classified by appropriate government agencies to be obtained only from licensed pharmacist, with mandatory pharmacist advice on their selection and proper use.

g. Prescription Medicine – refer to the medicines which can only be dispensed by a pharmacist to a patient, upon presentation of a valid prescription from a physician dentist or veterinarian and for which a pharmacist's advice is necessary.

h. Sari-sari stores – refer to retailing stores selling a general line of merchandise classified as micro-enterprises.

SECTION 3. GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS – In accordance to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-025 hereunder are strictly followed:

1. Pursuant Section 30 of Republic Act No. 10918, otherwise known as the Philippine Pharmacy Act prohibits the compounding, dispensing, selling or resulting of pharmaceutical product through retail drug outlets not licensed by the Food and Drugs Administration.

2. Sari-sari store and other similar retail outlets and micro-enterprises are prohibited from dispensing, selling, or reselling prescription a pharmacist- only OTC Medicines as defined and classified by the FDA, as their medicine may only be dispensed by or obtained from a licensed pharmacist and with said licensed pharmacist's advice, pursuant to RA10918.

Owners of these establishments may, however, apply for authorization from the FDA to dispense, sell and resell pharmaceutical products limited to household remedies and OTC drugs (which are not pharmacist-only) by securing the requirements outlined in the immediately succeeding paragraph.

3. Other stores such as convenient stores. Cooperative-run stores and other small medium enterprises which intend to sell household remedies and OTC drugs (which are not pharmacist-only) are first required to apply as Retail Outlet for Non-Prescription Drugs (RONPD) pursuant to FDA CIRCULAR No. 2014-028 and secure the following:

- A license to operate (LTO) from the FDA;
- The employment of the supervision and oversight of a duly registered licensed pharmacist, pursuant to Section 31 (b) of RA 10918; and
- Other requirements imposed by the FDA on its LTO applicant.

4. The distribution of COVID-19 drugs shall be governed by polices set forth by the FDA and Department of Health.

5. The possession, dispensing, selling, or reselling of counterfeit pharmaceutical products are prohibited and shall be governed by the provision of RA 8203.

SECTION 4. The Local Government Unit in coordination with the Municipal Health Office Philippines National Police and the Barangays are enjoined to assist in the information education campaign and enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PENAL PROVISION. Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be penalized by a fine or not less than One Thousand Pesos (PhP1, 000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP2, 500.00) and revocation of their business permit in accordance with the Revised Penal Code as the case maybe.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE- All Ordinances, resolution and other issuances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE- If for any reason any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid unconstitutional by appropriate agency or office, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE- This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

VOTING on the above ordinance was as follows:

IN-FAVOR: Sangguniang Bayan Members Cimatu, E. Jr., Asuncion, N., Edu, N., Carizal, M., Garvida, R., Viernes, M., ABC Representative Garvida, M., and SK Representative Sacsac, R. C.

NOT IN FAVOR: None.

ABSTENTION: None.

I HEREBY certify to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

(SGD) **CATHERINE V. AGREDA**
Local Legislative Staff Officer I
Temporary Secretary

ATTESTED:

(SGD) **MELVYN B. CALVAN, II**
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE, HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2022 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Melvyn B. Calvan, II.,	Municipal Vice-Mayor/ Presiding Officer,
Hon. Efren F. Cimatu, Jr.,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Nestor M. Asuncion,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Nathaniel S. Edu,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Mercedes R. Carizal,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Reynald M. Garvida,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Melvin A. Viernes,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Mariecel R. Garvida,	ABC Representative,
Hon. Renz Carlo N. Sacsac,	SK Representative.

ABSENT:

Hon. Rex Constantino S. Benemerito, Jr.,	Sangguniang Bayan Member,
Hon. Imelda B. Llanes,	Sangguniang Bayan Member.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022B-035

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISPENSING, SELLING AND RESELLING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN SARI-SARI STORES AND OTHER SIMILAR RETAIL OUTLETS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.”

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect to promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides that:

“Every local government unit shall expertise the proper expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to balance ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.”

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8203 otherwise known as the Special Law in Counterfeit Drugs, prohibits any person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, donating, distributing, trafficking, brokering, exporting, importing or processing counterfeit drugs; NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Melvin A. Viernes, duly seconded by Honorable Efren F. Cimatu, Jr., Honorable Nathaniel S. Edu and Honorable Reynald M. Garvida, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in law, in session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as “**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISPENSING, SELLING AND RESELLING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN SARI-SARI STORES AND OTHER SIMILAR RETAIL OUTLETS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.”**

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS: As used in this Ordinance, terms are defined hereunder:

a. Counterfeit pharmaceutical product – refer to pharmaceutical product which do not contain the amounts as claimed, with wrong ingredients without active ingredients or with un sufficient quality of active ingredient, which results in the reduction of the products safety, efficacy, quantity, strength and purity. These also refer to the products that are deliberately and fraudulently mislabeled with respect to identify and/or source or with fake packaging, and can apply to both branded and generic products.

b. Household remedies – refer to any containing pharmaceutical substances of common or ordinary use to relieve common physical anthers ad which may be dispensed without a medical prescription in original packages, bottles per containers of which the nomenclature has been duly

Mobile training laboratories to boost tech-voc in far-flung areas

More residents in far-flung areas are set to benefit after the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), today, January 23, turned over mobile training laboratories (MTLs) to its 10 regional offices which aim to bring its skills training program to remote areas nationwide.

According to TESDA Director General Danilo P. Cruz, the said MTLs would mobilize the delivery of skills development and livelihood programs in far-flung areas, particularly those that are located in identified conflict-affected communities, disaster-prone provinces, and provinces with high poverty incidence.

"The MTLs are training facilities that

can be easily transported from one place to another within the province. It is composed of tools, equipment, and training packages put in a trailer," DG Cruz said.

The beneficiaries of the said MTLs are the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), CARAGA, and Regions II, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI, and XII.

These will offer qualifications such as Photovoltaic Systems Installation NC II, Bread & Pastry Production NC II, Food Processing NC II, Organic Agricultural Production NC II, Carpentry NC II, Plumbing NC II, Electrical Installation Maintenance NC II, and Agricultural Crop Production NC II.

Likewise, the MTLs are expected to produce a

total of 5,180 enrollees and 6,662 graduates annually.

"These MTLs show that TESDA is committed to providing skills training and livelihood programs to Filipinos, especially to those located in far-flung areas and those belonging to the marginalized sector," the TESDA chief said.

For his part, TESDA spokesperson Deputy Director General Aniceto D. Bertiz III explained that the MTLs are aligned with the National TESDA Plan's (NTESDP) strategy of TVET for Social Equity for Workforce Inclusion and Poverty Reduction.

"We, in TESDA, are one with the current administration's thrust to reduce the poverty rate in the country. We aim to reach disenfranchised

youth failing to reach the doorsteps of a tech-voc school and give them learning and economic empowerment," he said.

Meanwhile, aside from the MTLs, TESDA has also turned over 16 service vehicles to selected regional and provincial offices to further enhance their mobility and capability to provide speedy service.

These are TESDA regional offices in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Regions III, IV-A. Other recipients are TESDA provincial offices in Mt. Province, Ilocos Sur, Isabela, Palawan, Sorsogon, Negros Occidental, Bohol, Samar, Zamboanga del Norte, Bukidnon, Davao de Oro, North Cotabato, and Agusan del Sur. (TESDA)

DOH launches Herbmap homecare package in Ilocos region

The Department of Health (DOH) - Ilocos Region through the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC), launched the Herbal Medicine Access Program (HerbMAP) to benefit the marginalized and underserved households in San Emilio, Ilocos Sur yesterday, January 25, 2023.

Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco stated that the HerbMAP is in support of the goals of the Universal Health Care for free access to essential medicines.

"Ang HerbMAP ay naglalayon na makapagbigay ng epektibo at de-kalidad na gamot at produktong herbal na makakatulong sa pangangalaga ng kanilang kalusugan ng ating mga kababayan. Prayoridad nating mabigyan ng libre ang mga residente na nasa GIDA (Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas) at kabilang sa listahan ng mga nasa marginalized and underserved population."

"The program provides safe, effective and quality herbal medicines and products manufactured by PITAHC which promotes and advocates the use of traditional medicines and products to Filipino households to treat common ailments," Sydiongco emphasized.

Included in the HerbMAP homecare package are one box of

lagundi tablets for the treatment of cough and asthma, one bottle of virgin coconut oil for food supplement, antibacterial soaps including guava soap used for washing of wounds and sore and "akapulko" soap for use in washing of skin problems caused by fungal infections like scabies and ringworm."

Ms. Helen A. Posilero, Regional Program Manager for traditional and herbal medicines said that they will be prioritizing the distribution of HerbMAP packs in identified GIDAs of Ilocos Sur province.

"Napakaimportante po na mai-promote po natin ang paggamit ng herbal medicines dahil marami po tayong mga halaman at bungang kahoy na nakapagbibigay sa ating katawan ng kaginhawaan at lunas."

"We will be reaching out to all residents of GIDAs in Ilocos Sur for them to be able to access herbal medicines and products which will provide them treatment and care for chronic illnesses," Posilero added.

Meanwhile, San Emilio Mayor Joey Warren A. Bragado expressed his utmost gratitude to DOH and PITAHC for selecting his local government unit as a beneficiary of the HerbMAP initiative of the health department. (GLEN S. RAMOS/DOH-Ilocos Region)

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the largest province in the region, for their strong support in the implementation of key programs, such as the TUPAD. "We would not have accomplished so much without the kind assistance and accommodation of these hardworking mayors," RD Guzman said. He also thanked the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, through Governor Ramon Guico III, who also graced the meeting.

"For 2023, we anticipate innovations and enhancements on our program implementation, and our partnerships with LGUs shall be key to fully realize this," RD Guzman said. "Hence, the LMP shall be a strategic venue for us to reach out to you all - our dearest leaders and decision-makers in the communities."

DOLE RO1 is set to also meet with the LMP Chapters in La Union, Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte. (JUSTIN PAUL D. MARBELLA)

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH AGREEMENT OF PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased Spouses JULIAN PAGUIBITAN and CATALINA CALUYA aka CATALINA CALUYA PAGUIBITAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 24379, situated in Brgy. Tabug, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-22902 is the subject of Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Agreement of Partition executed among the legal heirs Lolita P. Verdadero, Lucina P. Yaba, Wilhelmina P. Advincula, Floramante C. Paguibitan, Erlinda P. Salvador, Editha P. Rambayon, Suerte P. Castro and Nelson C. Paguibitan before Notary Public Atty. Joel R. Garcia; as per Doc. No. 46; Page No. 11; Book No. CXIV; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased Spouses GUILLERMO T. DAQUIOAG and GREGORIA DUMBRIQUE DAQUIOAG pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4586-D, situated at Barrio Mang-ngato, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-19068 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Guillermo Dumbrique Daquioag, Jr. and Evelyn Daquioag Trazo and simultaneously sold the aforesaid lot unto Kevin Ed O. Apostol and John John P. Felipe in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Luciano R. Caraang; as per Doc. No. 348; Page No. 70; Book No. CXC; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased GREGORIO SALUDARES and SATURNINA TECLA pertaining to a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Saludares, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 1971 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs Lour Angel Nacnac, Lloyd Maurice Imperial Nacnac and Lei Anne Nacnac Borja as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Paul Christian M. Agustin; as per Doc. No. 18; Page No. 5; Book No. I; Series of 2022.

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assistance of the DTI so that the Philippine mango and dragon fruit may be endorsed for exhibition in this year's China International Import Expo, the biggest buying event in China.

Bai and Zhao also spoke with Mariano Marcos State University President Dr. Shirley Agrupis for future investment collaboration of the university with the Chinese government. The university showed its various existing research projects and facilities in the campus where technologies are developed such as the black garlic, Nipa alcohol production,

and at the Tuklas Lunas Center, among others.

Meanwhile, farmers raised concerns on technology support to resolve Mango cecid fly infestation, increase rice production through China's super hybrid rice variety and other rice production technologies, irrigation support and access to sufficient fertilizer supply.

Ilocos Norte already had a long-term cooperative relationship with the Chinese government through its sister province, Shandong, dating back its establishment in 2002. (DA-Rafis Ilocos Region)

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Chinese diplomats visit Ilocos farms, eye possible partnerships

As an offshoot of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s recent official trip in China, Manila assigned diplomats Mr. Bai Xun and Mr. Zhao Yiguang held a visit to various farms in Ilocos Norte.

Representing the Ministry of Agriculture in China, Bai and Zhao had a direct consultation with farmers to discuss on commodities with potentials for the Chinese market.

Assisted by DA-RFO I Regional Executive Director Dr. Annie Q. Bares, Regional Technical Director for Operations Engr. Dennis Tactac and representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), the group made a courtesy call with key officials of the Province thru Atty. Pancho Jose of the Office of the Governor, Mr. Edwin Cariño, Technical Consultant of the Office of 1st District Congressman Sandro Marcos and OIC-Provincial Agriculturist Teresita Bacnat.

Citing the high cost of fertilizer which are usually imported from China, Atty. Jose sought possible assistance on a cheaper supply to satisfy the requirements of farmers on their farm productions in Ilocos Norte.

Mr. Cariño likewise suggested possible collaborations on aqua culture production, technology that will hasten soil fertility mapping efforts that will aid in determining suitable crop productions of the province, possible marketing tie ups, and likewise mentioned the black garlic produced by MMSU, among others.

Field tours were conducted at the Editha Dacuy-cuy-owned REF MAD dragon fruit farm in Burgos, Ilocos Norte, the Bacarra Sanjera Farmers' Association rice fields, and Ricardo Tolentino's Mango King Food Products in Laoag City.

On trade and industry, the diplomats recommended the

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Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon (left) and Vice Mayor Rey Carlos Fariñas (right) lead the ceremonial re-opening for the operation of Laoag City Cockpit Arena in Barangay 1 San Lorenzo, Laoag City on January 26, 2023. The Sangguniang Panlungsod chaired by Vice Mayor Fariñas earlier approved an ordinance granting the franchise for the re-opening of the cockpit under new management. Also shown in the photo are city councilors John Michael Fariñas, Roger John Fariñas, Jeff Fariñas, and Jason Perera. (Photo by Laoag CMO)

DOLE RO1, LMP to Forge Ties for Stronger Labor & Employment in LGUs

Fully cognizant of the power of local government unit (LGU) in effective implementation of key programs of the national government, the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1 (DOLE RO1) remains steadfast in

building collaborative ties with LGUs in the region.

This was underscored as DOLE RO1 led by Regional Director Exequiel Ronie A. Guzman met with League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) Pangasinan Chapter

on January 23, 2023 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Upon the invitation of LMP-Pangasinan President and Lingayen Mayor Leopoldo N. Bataoil, RD Guzman graced the chapter's first general assembly for 2023.

DOLE RO1 presented its employment facilitation services, and provided information on labor market.

In the meeting, RD Guzman expressed his deepest gratitude to the local chief executives of

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