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DOH: Leptos cases in Ilocos soar to 106%

• 33 deaths in less than 9 months compared to last year's 18 in the same period

The Department of Health-Ilocos Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD-1) recorded a 106% increase in leptospirosis cases during the period from January 1 to September 16 this year compared to the same period in 2022.

Records showed that during the same period in 2022, the Region had some 107 leptospirosis cases while for this year it had increased to 221 cases.

Here's the breakdown: 89 cases in Pangasinan; 75 in Ilocos Sur; 38 in La Union; and 19 in Ilocos Norte.

The number of deaths related to leptospirosis climbed to 33 compared to 18 deaths during the same period last year.

The case fatality rate was 14.9 percent.

Medical Officer IV Rheuel Bobis of DOH-CHD-1 said the increase in leptos cases was attributed to the recent typhoons which had caused heavy rainfalls and floods in the region, thus bringing the public to a higher risk of contaminated waters.

Bobis added that another
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Senator Imee Marcos hands over the symbolic key of firetruck to Burgos (Ilocos Norte) Mayor Cresente Garcia during the turnover ceremony on September 26 at the Senate of the Philippines. Sen. Marcos donated two (2) brand new firetrucks, one each for the Municipalities of Burgos and Solsona in Ilocos Norte. Also in photo are Gov. Matthew Marcos Manotoc, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Chief Director Louie Puracan and SFO3 Keith Howell C Cuevo, Burgos Acting Municipal Fire Marshal. *(Photo by PGIN-CMO)*

PBBM: Whole-of-nation approach needed to curb proliferation of illegal drugs

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. stressed on Thursday the need for a whole-of-nation approach to ensure that the country will be rid of the proliferation of illegal drugs through prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and law enforcement.



Pres. Marcos Jr.

"We must take a whole-of-nation approach to seriously curb the proliferation of illegal drugs. This includes prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and law enforcement to ensure that we implement the Philippine Anti-

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COMELEC-Ilocos Norte gives tips for smooth voting process on Oct. 30

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC)-Ilocos Norte is reiterating some reminders for a safe and smooth voting process come October 30 for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election (BSKE) 2023. During a virtual presser, lawyer Alipio Alonzo Castillo III, provincial election supervisor of COMELEC-Ilocos Norte, listed some tips that voters can follow during the election day including voting early to avoid long lines. Manual voting and

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Guest Editorial:

DOH cautions public to practice preventive measures vs leptospirosis

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The Department of Health-Ilocos Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD-1) advised the public to practice preventive measures against leptospirosis as the Ilocos Region recorded a spike in cases.

In a virtual presser of the Philippine Information Agency-Regional Office 1, the DOH-CHD-1 noted 221 leptospirosis cases in the Ilocos Region from January 1 to September 16.

Of which, 89 were logged in Pangasinan; 75 in Ilocos Sur; 38 in La Union; and 19 in Ilocos Norte.

This year's leptospirosis cases are comparatively higher than the 107 cases recorded in the same period in 2022.

Despite the increase in cases, Medical Officer IV Rheuel Bobis of DOH-CHD-1 said that the health issue had not yet reached the epidemic threshold.

Nonetheless, Bobis said the DOH-CHD-1 remains steadfast on the prevention, control, management, and surveillance of leptospirosis as stipulated in the Department Memorandum No. 2023-0309 issued by the health department in August.

In its advocacy campaign, DOH-CHD-1 emphasizes on prevention, thus encouraging the public to practice various measures such as avoiding wading in dirty or contaminated waters, practicing good personal hygiene, cleaning wounds on legs and feet, and not drinking from possible contaminated water sources.

“Kung hindi talaga maiwasan na lumusong tayo sa tubig baha o maruming tubig ay magsuot po ng proteksyon gaya ng bota at iba pa,” Bobis said.

He added, “At siguruhing maghuhugas ng mga paa gamit ang malinis na tubig at sabon pagkatapos mababad sa kontaminadong tubig.”

Further, Bobis noted that it is also important to observe environmental sanitation and proper solid waste management.

The DOH called for communities to search and destroy rats' habitats, clear drainages and canals, and ensure safe food and potable drinking water.

“Ang malinis na kapaligiran, hindi lang leptospirosis ang maiwasan kundi pati ang ibang food and water-borne diseases gaya ng pagtatae, cholera at iba pa,” he stated. (JCR/AMB/CGCC, PIA Region 1)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Yes to God but no action

A man died and went to heaven. At the Pearly Gate, St. Peter welcomed him then gave a tour around. As they were entering a big hall, the man recoiled with fear, seeing so many tongues hanging inside.

“St. Peter, how weird this place is! Why are there so many tongues hanging?” the man said. “Those are the tongues of those who had many good intentions but never acted on them. Only their tongues reached heaven,” St. Peter answered.

In this 26th Sunday's gospel the Lord relates the parable of the two sons. The elder son, who was told by his father to work in the vineyard, said that he would go, but never went. Like the owners of those tongues in the above story, he had the good intention but never acted on it.

The younger son who was also told to work, refused to go, but later regretted it and went. “Which of the two did the will of the father?” Jesus asked. The chief priests and the elders of the temple answered correctly, “the second.”

The younger son represented the tax collectors and prostitutes whose lives had been a “no” to God, but repented and entered the kingdom of God. In contrast, the elder son symbolized the Jewish leaders who professed to be religious but did not respond to John the Baptist's call for repentance.

Jesus was proposing this little “quiz” to see not how smart his listeners were but to drive home the point that, in their relationship with God, it is not what you say nor your

(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)

good intentions that matter most but rather what you do.

There's a saying that goes, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.” We have good intentions about many good things but we do not carry them out.

For instance, we intend to give up those habits like excessive drinking, eating, and recreations that are destructive to our lives. We intend to get rid of our cheating, selfishness and dishonesty. Husband and wife intend to join a Marriage Encounter or Couples For Christ to enrich their marital relationship. Some intend to re-examine their values and priorities. But they have so many other things on their minds that they do not have time to follow them through.

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

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

PASADO @ 25: ISANG NATATANGING ALAY PARA SA ISANG NATATANGING PANGKAT NG MGA DALUBGURO

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Si G. Allen Dizon habang pinasisinayaan ang PASADO Exhibit; Si Bb. Liza Lorena (gitna) kasama ng ilang mga taga-PASADO habang tinatanggap ang GAWAD PASADO Lifetime Achievement Award. Mga larawan mula kay G. Eduardo Teodoro B. Ramos, Jr.

Nagdiwang kamakailan lang ng ika-25 anibersaryo ang Pampelikulang Samahan ng mga Dalubguro (PASADO) sa pamamagitan ng ika-25 Gawad PASADO at ng ika-20 pambansang pagpupulong. Ang mga pangyayari ay naganap sa National Teachers' College sa Quiapo, Manila mula sa Setyembre 22 hanggang 23.

Ang tema ng PASADO para sa kasalukuyang taon ay Rebolusyong Industriyal 4.0: Explorasyon at Perspektiba sa Wika, Pelikula, at Panitikan. Ang conference chairperson ay si Dr. Moreal “Mic” Camba ng University of Asia and the Pacific, katuwang si G. Michael Bryan Rosilla ng

Mabalacat City Colleges.

Nagsimula ang pangyayari sa pamamagitan ng ika-20 na pagpupulong ng PASADO sa isang hybrid na pamamaraan, na kung saan ay lumahok hindi lamang ang mga onsite na kalahok kundi maging ang mga online na kalahok. Ang unang tagapanayam para sa “Karanasan sa Pagbuo ng Teleserye” ay ang kilalang manunulat para sa pelikula at telebisyon na si G. Jerry B. Gracio, na kung saan ay nagbahagi siya ng kanyang mga gawain at karanasan noong siya ay nagsisimula pa lang sa pagsusulat para sa mga teleserye. Makaraan

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Over 91K Ilokanos benefit from Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair

LAOAG CITY, Ilocos Norte (PIA) – Some 91,594 residents from the different towns of Ilocos Norte benefit from the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) held on September 23 to 24 at the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) campus here.

The two-day serbisyo fair gathered about 40 government agencies offering more than 60 government programs and services for Ilokanos.

In Laoag City, presidential son and Ilocos Norte First District Representative Sandro Marcos led the opening ceremony where he said this program is a promise fulfilled by the administration to bring government services closer to every Filipino.

“The Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair is here to ensure that essential services reach every corner of our nation, from Pambansang

Pabahay applications to awarding of livelihood kits, AICS, TUPAD, medical and health services, the convenience of passport on wheels and license renewals, farmer assistance, the reintegration of benefits for OFWs, and a vast array of government services,” Marcos added.

Congressman Marcos, together with Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta Marcos,

and Ilocos Norte Second District Representative Angelo Marcos Barba, also led the ceremonial distribution of various agriculture machinery and inputs, livelihood kits, financial assistance, and other equipment to the beneficiaries.

Moreover, a Kadiwa ng Pangulo market was also put up during the BPSF for local businesses and farmers to sell their fresh produce and grocery items at a discounted price.

One of the highlights of the Kadiwa Market was the P25.00 per kilo of rice sold by the National Food Authority.

For Erica Tolentino, a first-time job seeker, the serbisyo fair was also a one-stop shop for her to process documents and secure her government IDs.

“Nag-avail ako ng mga services ng Pag-IBIG Fund, SSS, at nag-apply for a police clearance. Maganda itong serbisyo fair na ito para sa mga kapwa ko fresh graduates para hindi na iisa-isahin na puntahan ang mga government offices para makakuha ng kailangang mga documents for employment,” she said.

Judy Ann Ganal, a Training for Work Scholarship (TWSP)

scholar of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), expressed her appreciation to the agency for their continued support of her education through the distribution of the Training Support Fund.

“Malaking tulong ito sa aming mga scholars at nagpapasalamat kami sa mga sponsors lalo na sa TESDA sa kanilang suporta para mabigyan kami ng quality education na magagamit namin sa aming mga trabaho,” she said.

The BPSF was also simultaneously launched in Camarines Sur, Leyte, and Davao de Oro as it is expected to be launched in other provinces in the country. (Emma Joyce Guillermo/PIA Ilocos Norte)

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ang pagsasalita ni G. Gracio ay nagsimula ang unang sesyon para sa kabuuang pagpupulong, na tungkol sa pagtuturo at panitikan at kung saan ay nagbahagi ng kani-kanilang mga papel ang mga nakapangkat na presenter para sa unang sesyon.

Sa hapon naman, nagsalita ang ikalawang tagapanayam, si Bb. Reg Paraiso (na naging kinatawan para sa orihinal na tagapanayam na si G. Alvin J. Buenaventura), na nagsalita tungkol sa kahalagahan ng intellectual property at pagsunod sa batas tungkol dito. Naganap kalaunan ang ikalawang sesyon tungkol sa pagtuturo at kultura, na kung saan ay nagbahagi ng mga pananaliksik nila ang mga mananaliksik para sa ikalawang sesyon. Makaraan ang ikalawang pagbabahagi ng mga pananaliksik ay pinasinayaan ang eksibit ng PASADO sa ikaapat na palapag ng National Teachers College. Ang panauhing pandangal para sa pagpapasinaya ng eksibit ay ang multi-awarded na aktor sa pelikula at telebisyon na si G. Allen Dizon, na mas kilala sa kanyang papel na Dr. Carlos Benitez sa teleserye ng GMA-7 na Abot-Kamay Na Pangarap.

Kinabukasan, noong ika-23 ng Setyembre, ay sinimulan ang ikalawa at huling araw ng pagpupulong ng PASADO sa pamamagitan ng pagbabalik-tanaw na isinagawa ni Dr. Ricky Dela Cruz, na mula sa Dr. Carlos Lanting Memorial Colleges at ang emcee para sa komperensiya, kasama si Dr. Roberto Ampil ng University of Santo Tomas. Naganap ang ikatlong panayam nang magsalita ang dekanong ng College of Liberal Arts na si Dr. Rhoderick V. Nuncio, na mula sa Departamento ng Filipino. Si Dr. Nuncio ay nagsalita tungkol sa wika, kaalaman sa midya, at internet. Nang matapos ang ikatlong panayam ay naganap ang ikatlong sesyon, na tungkol sa pelikula at pagsasalin. Noong hapon ay naganap ang film showing ng Katips, na isinulat at idinirehe ni Atty. Vincent “Vince” Tañada at nanalo ng ilang mga parangal sa Ika-25 Gawad Pasado. Makaraan ang film showing ay naganap ang ikaapat na panayam, kung saan ay nagsalita ang Vice President for Academics ng National Teachers College na si Dr. Edizon Fermin tungkol sa mga hamon sa edukasyon sa kasalukuyang panahon. Noong gabing iyon ay isinagawa na ang 25th Gawad Sining Sine ng PASADO sa bulwagan ng NTC sa ikaapat na palapag.

Kabilang sa mga nanalo sa Ika-25 Gawad PASADO, na para sa taong 2022, ay ang Family Matters (Cineko Productions) para sa PinakaPASADONG Pelikula ng Taon; Nuel Naval (Family Matters) at Vincent “Vince” Tañada (Katips) para sa PinakaPASADONG Direktor ng Taon; Janine Gutierrez (Bakit ‘Di Mo Sabihin); at, Jeric Gonzale (Broken Bloom) at Baron Geisler (Doll House) para sa PinakaPASADONG Aktor. Ang PinakaPASADONG Katuwang na Aktres ay sina Nikki Valdez (Family Matters) at Elora España (Walker) habang ang PinakaPASADONG Katuwang na Aktor ay si Nonie Buencamino. Ang PinakaPASADONG

Batang Aktres ay si Althea Ruedas. Ang pelikulang may pinakamaraming napanalunang mga parangal ay ang Katips (PinakaPASADONG Pelikula sa Paggamit ng Wika; PinakaPASADONG Disenyong Pamproduksyon; PinakaPASADONG Dulaang Pampelikula; PinakaPASADONG Sinematograpiya; PinakaPASADONG Editing; at, PinakaPASADONG Musika); napanalunan naman ng Family Matters ang PinakaPASADONG Istorya at ng Bakit ‘Di Mo Sabihin ang PinakaPASADONG Tunog.

Napanalunan naman ng Broken Booms ang PinakaPASADONG Pelikula sa Pagkapantay-Pantay ng Kasarian. Ang mga bituin ng teleseryeng Maging Sino Ka Man na si Barbie Forteza at David Licaucó ang itinanghal na mga PinakaPASADONG Dangal ng Kabataan; si Bb. Forteza rin ang nanalo ng PinakaPASADONG Aktres sa Telebisyon. Si Bulacan Vice Governor Alex Castro ay itinanghal na PinakaPASADONG Lingkod-Bayan habang si G. Gracio ang PinakaPASADONG Guro. Ang beteranong mamamahayag na si Jeff Canoy ng ABS-CBN ang nagwagi ng parangal na PinakaPASADONG Mamamahayag sa Larangan ng Kamalayang Pilipino. Ang PinakaPASADONG Aktor para sa Telebisyon ay si Dennis Trillo. Napanalunan ni Elvin Jay Macanlalay ang PinakaPASADONG Bagong Manlilikha ng Pelikula habang ang Naisangangayan a Daga ni Melder Ritz Gomez ng Ylocostar Films at Mariano Marcos State University ang nagwagi ng parangal na PinakaPASADONG Dokumentaryong Pampelikula.

Ang beteranang aktres at dating beauty queen na si Bb. Liza Lorena ang nagwagi ng GAWAD PASADO Lifetime Achievement Award. Natanggap naman ng National Teachers College (ang kinatawan ay si Dr. Maria Elma Cordero) ang GAWAD PASASALAMAT ng PASADO dahil sa pag-host ng Ika-20 na PASADO Conference at Ika-25 GAWAD PASADO.

(NALAING, KABSAT! and GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO! will return next week in order to give way to our special tribute to PASADO.)

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counting will be implemented during the BSKE thus Alipio reiterated that voters must write clearly the names of their bets.

He also encouraged voters to decide before the election day on the candidates they want to vote for and to prepare their list of names of their bets for a faster voting process.

Alipio also reiterated that voters need to check their precinct number and sequence number on or before the election day so they know the exact precinct they will vote at.

“Tandaan po natin na ang pangalan ng kandidato na nasa listahan ‘yon din ang isulat na pangalan, at wala nang dagdag o bawas, at most of all

gandahan ang pagsulat ng pangalan para malinaw sa mga electoral boards o teachers kung ano ang pangalan na sinulat para hindi sayang ‘yong boto,” he added.

In Ilocos Norte, a total of 442,385 are registered voters and are expected to vote on the upcoming BSKE.

The cities of Laoag and Batac and the towns of Dingras and San Nicolas have the biggest number of registered voters.

COMELEC-Ilocos Norte received a total of 15,652 Certificates of Candidacy (COCs) for the 8,942 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan positions to be filled in the province. (Emma Joyce Guillermo/PIA Ilocos Norte)

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ILOCOS SUR

DOH brings health services to IPs of Ilocos Sur

SALCEDO, Ilocos Sur -- The Department of Health – Ilocos Region conducted its third health caravan dubbed as “Bagong Pilipinas Para Sa Mga Katutubo” with the theme ‘Healthy Pilipinas: Bawat Buhay Mahalaga Katutubong Pilipino Kasama Ka’, providing various health and medical services to the “Kankanaey and Bago Tribes” in the town of Salcedo, a 4th class municipality in the province of Ilocos Sur on September 28, 2023.

Secretary of Health Teodoro J. Herbosa, in a video message, encouraged all local government units (LGUs) and partner agencies to continue efforts in alleviating the health and well-being of indigenous people and especially the communities in GIDAs.

“Nagpapasalamat po kami sa lahat ng mga tumulong upang ang health caravan po na ito ay maging matagumpay na maibigay sa ating mga katutubo ang mga kinakailangang serbisyong

pangkalusugan para sa kanila. Patuloy po nating itaguyod ang kanilang kalusugan at siguraduhing hindi sila mapapabayaang at maiiwanan.”

Various services from laboratory, dental, nutrition, mental health, PHILPEN Risk Factor Screening, diabetic retinopathy screening with the provision of prescription glasses, cervical cancer screening, vaccination, and hearing tests and consultations were conducted.

DOH also gave 200 HerbMAP packages, 200 nutriboxes, 90 buntis kits for pregnant women, and 108 oral health packages.

For medical equipment, a total of 3 barangay health service packages were turned over to the municipality of Salcedo to be distributed to selected barangays, and assistive devices including 24 wheelchairs and 11 crutches were given to identified persons with disabilities.

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ILOCOS SUR

Ilocos Sur stages Tourism Fest in celeb for World Tourism Week

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA)—The provincial government of Ilocos Sur celebrated World Tourism Week through the Tourism Festival held on Monday, September 25 at the Provincial Farmers Livelihood Development Center in this city.

Among the guests were tourism organizations and associations, hospitality and tourism program students from various schools and universities, and local officials in the province.

“The province of Ilocos Sur has been an icon of tourism in the country. We are the heaven of vibrant culture, distinct heritage, and beautiful tourist destinations. Today, we honor this identity as we stage One Ilocos Sur Tourism Festival in line with the global celebration of World Tourism Week,” said Governor Jeremias

Singson in his message during the launching of the event.

He also asked the participants to reach out to the provincial government if they have suggestions of potential locations that can be developed into tourist spots, such as waterfalls, forests, and mountain summits with beautiful views, among others.

He added, “Inform us and we will develop. We will create roads, and we will make it beautiful.”

Meanwhile, Angelica Valenzuela, a Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management student from the University of Northern Philippines, shared her experience in joining the event.

“This celebration is a good opportunity because we are being acknowledged, and of course, we also have

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LA UNION

EMB-1 conducts “Dalaw-Turo” on Ozone layer preservation, ecological solid waste mng’t and climate change at local school

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) – Region I of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources conducted an information, education and communication (IEC) campaign dubbed as “Dalaw-Turo” on Ozone Layer Preservation, Ecological Solid Waste Management and Climate Change at Nalvo Norte Elementary School, Luna, La Union on September 27, 2023 in celebration of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer and Ozone Layer Protection Month. It was actively participated by about 110 grades 4-6 learners with their advisers.

EMB-I Regional Director, Engr. Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe warmly welcomed the participants through a video message

and expressed her heartfelt gratitude to School Head, Mr. Arnulfo Libao, and the faculty members of Nalvo Norte Elementary School for partnering with EMB-I in the said IEC activity. She underscored the Montreal Protocol, which is the landmark multilateral environmental agreement that regulates the production and consumption of man-made chemicals referred to as ozone depleting substances (ODS) that damage the stratospheric ozone layer or the Earth’s protective shield that protects humans and the environment from harmful levels of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

On behalf of School Head Libao, Ms. Ruby Nelmidia, Master Teacher

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LA UNION

Senate OKs HB establishing College of Medicine at DMMMSU-SLUC

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – Senators unanimously approved on third reading on September 25 the House Bill 7090 or an act establishing a College of Medicine at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-South La Union Campus (DMMMSU-SLUC) in Agoo, La Union.

This House Bill would help to realize the implementation of the “Doctor Para sa Bayan Act,” which seeks to provide scholarships for individuals who want to study medicine and address the issue of inadequacy in the number of doctors in the country.

As envisioned, the “Doktor Para sa Bayan Act” will help deserving students pursue medical education and training in the hope that they will eventually render services in government hospitals in their hometown,

home province or in any underserved municipality.

According to the House Bill, the College of Medicine at DMMMSU-SLUC shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine Program, including an Integrated Liberal Arts and Medicine Program, consisting of basic science and clinical courses, and using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-oriented approach.

“The primary goal of the College shall be to develop a corps of professional physicians to strengthen the healthcare system of the country, as well as to respond to the human resource development needs of the province of La Union and Region I,” it said.

It added, “The College is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide progressive

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PANGASINAN

Pangasinan Prov’l Cyber Response Team reminds public anew of using free Wi-Fi, shares cyber safe tips

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) – The Pangasinan Provincial Cyber Response Team reminded the public anew to be careful of using free Wi-Fi services to avoid becoming a victim of cyber-attacks.

Archimedes Fernandez, police chief master sergeant, said that public Wi-Fi such as in airports, coffee shops, and malls may seem convenient but can be an open gate to hackers.

“Kapag ikaw ay gumagamit ng public Wi-Fi ay mas prone ka sa cyber-attacks kasi nga open ang mga ports doon, so may chances ang mga online hackers na mangalap ng iyong information,” he said.

Fernandez emphasized that individuals connecting to public Wi-Fi are exposed to identity theft and cyber fraud as hackers can easily intercept sensitive data such as passwords on social media and financial

information.

“Halimbawa ay nag-sign in ka sa iyong Facebook account gamit ang public Wi-Fi, mai-intercept nila iyon. So, may chances na makukompromiso ang iyong Facebook account. Same thing sa iyong online banking account,” he said.

He added, “Iyon ang disadvantage ng public Wi-Fi kasi walang security.

Kumbaga sa isang bahay ay madaling makapasok ang magnanakaw kung hindi naka-lock ang door.”

In line with the observance of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Fernandez also shared tips to keep personal information secure and safe:

- Become familiar with cyber-attacks and scams such as email phishing, malware, and ransomware.

- A strong password consisting of letters,

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PANGASINAN

DPWH completes multi-purpose building for skill-building of students in P’sinan school

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-Pangasinan Second District Engineering Office completed the construction of a two-storey multi-purpose building at Mangaldan National High School in Mangaldan, Pangasinan.

Esperanza Tinaza, regional public information officer of DPWH, said the structure was also designated as the Home Economics Building of the school to serve as a crucial space for the teaching and learning process.

“Spanning an area of 12.20 meters by 11.150 meters, the Home Economics Building will help enhance the learning experience for high school students by providing them with practical life skills applicable in homes, communities, and society,” Tinaza said in an interview on Tuesday.

The building includes essential features like painting, electrical systems, outlets, lighting fixtures, and amenities such as a spacious activity area for practicums, a kitchen sink, and comfort rooms.

She said, “It provides an environment conducive to conducting various learning activities and practicums related to livelihood skills, entrepreneurship, food and beverage preparation and service, consumer education, dressmaking, and financial literacy.”

The project, which was completed on August 29, 2023, was funded under the General Appropriation Act of 2023 with a total amount of P4,942,819.65.

Meanwhile, the District Engineer’s League of the Philippines (DELPL) launched its sixth annual program dubbed,

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Illegal Drug Strategy and eradicate this health and social menace once and for all," he said in his message delivered by Health Undersecretary Abdullah Dumama Jr. during the 4th Anniversary of the DOH-Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in Agusan del Sur.

The President noted that these strategies to address the problem also entail cooperation between the government and the private sector.

"This also entails the cooperation of government and private sector through early intervention and education in schools, awareness campaigns, and community-based solutions and initiatives," he said.

The DOH-Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, which is part of the anti-drugs effort, continues to be a vital component of the program, according to President Marcos.

"Amidst the harsh realities of drug abuse, this treatment center remains a sanctuary, where individuals can find healing, compassion, and recovery," he said.

"In our pursuit of helping individuals rebuild their lives, we need a supportive environment, like what we have here, to facilitate our patients' transformation," he added.

He likewise enjoined the Filipino public to be part of the efforts to fight the proliferation of illegal drugs in communities.

"I call on every Filipino to be part of our fight against illegal drugs. Be vigilant, report drug-related activities, and support rehabilitation efforts," he said

"Together, we will be the champions of hope for those who are on the path to recovery so that they may contribute positively to society as well," he added.

President Marcos expressed hope that with the government's commitment, Filipinos would be able to enjoy progressive and safe lives free from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs.

"Napakasarap po sa pandinig: Bagong pag-asa, bagong simula, bagong buhay para sa Bagong Pilipinas at sa mga Bagong Pilipino," he said.

"Sama-sama po nating isakaturapan ito," he added.

The drug treatment and rehabilitation center is considered the largest in CARAGA. | PND

If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner. Tallulah Bankhead

Senate OKs.....(page 4)

leadership in these areas." Earlier, La Union Second District Representative Dante Garcia made an initiative to author House Bill 2807 establishing the College of Medicine at DMMMSU-SLUC to address the shortage of doctors who will be deployed in far-flung areas as the institution will be more accessible to the prospective doctors of Region 1.

This year, Senator Imee Marcos also filed Senate Bill No. 2095 supporting the establishment of a College of Medicine at DMMMSU-SLUC as this measure will enable aspiring medical professionals to complete their education at the best institution in the area.

During the groundbreaking of the identified construction site

of the College of Medicine building in December last year, Senator Marcos said "The creation of the College of Medicine in DMMMSU-SLUC will remind the MARCOS medical program of my father, former President Ferdinand E. Marcos, Sr. MARCOS is an acronym for Medical Assistance for Rural Community and Other Sectors."

DMMMSU was created on January 15, 1981 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1778, which was signed by President Marcos, Sr.

It is the lone state university in La Union that offers quality and accessible world-class education to the residents of La Union and nearby provinces. (April Bravo/PIA Region 1)

Word Alive.....(page 2)

Jesus' parable is a warning. Besides warning us, Jesus also expresses hope. That's why even public sinners like the prostitutes and corrupt tax collectors, who repented, were forgiven.

We may have been slaves to some sin in the past or have been sensual like Mary Magdalene, dishonest like the tax collector Matthew or violent like Paul who persecuted the early Christians, but we can rise from our sins. We can renew ourselves. There's always hope — as long as we are alive.

The lighter side. A man approached his priest-friend and bragged, "Father, I got rid of my vices." "How did you do it?" the priest replied. "I stopped drinking through will power; gambling? will power; smoking? will power." The priest said, "How about womanizing?" "Err, power failure," he

said sheepishly.

"But I'm trying hard to overcome it, father."

A man to his friend: "I went to see my doctor about my heart ailment. He told me to change my lifestyle. No smoking, no drinking, no meat."

"So what happened, did you change your lifestyle?" the friend said. "No, I changed my doctor." (Isn't that our attitude to God's prescription for a better life, too?).

Support seminarians. A certain benefactress, Anna Marie Babasa, wrote: "It's been proven time and again that if you share your blessings with the less fortunate, the Lord will bless you all the more."

Help our seminarians. Donate any amount or sponsor a seminarian's schooling good for one year? For inquiry, e-mail me at: belsvd@gmail.com.

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numbers, and symbols is highly recommended.

- Enable two-factor authentication on your accounts for an extra layer of security.
- Keep your operating system or software including antivirus up to date.
- Clear the unsolicited emails and links you receive so you will not be tempted to open them and become a victim of phishing.

- Use trusted antivirus and anti-malware software.

Fernandez urged the public to report any suspicious activities or transactions to the Pangasinan Provincial Cyber Response Team located at the People's Astrodome in Tapuac, Dagupan City or they may call their hotline number +63 949 881 9643. (Jenrie C. Del Rosario/PIA Pangasinan)

Ilocos Sur stages.....(page 4)

things to learn from here. It is great to have the support of the provincial government because, through this, we can deepen our understanding about our tourism."

Activities for the festival included a grand parade during the kick-off and different competitions

for schools and universities namely the Tour Guiding Competition, Tourism Quiz bee, Cultural Dance Competition, TouReelsMo, Souvenir Making Contest, and the Stakeholder's Night, which concluded the event. (Aila Villanueva/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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contributing factor was the eased restrictions among the youth to move around freely as the country lifted the public health emergency.

"Based on data, the most commonly affected group are those aged between 15 to 19 years old," Bobis said during the virtual presser of the Philippine Information Agency-Regional Office 1 on Wednesday.

Most of the patients this year were male, comprising 90.5 percent.

Meanwhile, for leptospirosis

hospitalization, Bobis reiterated that it is now covered by PhilHealth.

Under the Universal Health Care Law, every Filipino is eligible to avail of the confinement benefits provided by the government.

Further, Bobis noted that the health department had issued Department Memorandum No. 2023-0309 to establish the guidelines for the prevention, surveillance, and management of leptospirosis. (Caren Grace Cabanayan/PIA Region 1)

DOH brings.....(page 4)

Scholarships were also offered for eligible Kankanaey and Bago students who are willing to Allied Health Courses like pharmacy and medical technology.

A total of 1,500 beneficiaries were given health and medical services during the activity.

Assistant Regional Director Rodolfo Antonio M. Albornoz, said that the health caravan is a part of Universal Health Care to provide health services to IP communities and residents in GIDAs.

"Bawat buhay po at mahalaga at kailangan nating pangalagaan. At tungkulin po ng DOH, bilang tagapagtaguyod kalusugan, ay mabigyan ng dekalidad na serbisyong pangkalusugan ang ating mga katutubo saan mang sulok ng bansa. Kailangang silang mapangalagaan at hindi dapat maisantabi, at maibigay sa kanila ang karapat-dapat na serbisyo o benepisyo na binibigay ng ating gobyerno."

"Ang DOH regional

office po ay patuloy na nakaantabay sa mga pangangailangang pangkalusugan ng ating mga katutubo upang maiparating sa kanila ang mga serbisyo ng ating gobyerno," Albornoz assured.

Ilocos Sur has the biggest IP population in Ilocos region with a total of 96,396 (46%) and 9,022 can be found in the town of Salcedo.

The "Bagong Pilipinas Para Sa Mga Katutubo" health caravan was conducted in partnership with the local government of Salcedo, Ilocos Sur, Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Sur Provincial Health Office, National Commission on Indigenous People – Region 1, Ilocos Training, Regional Medical Center, Ilocos Sur Medical Center, the Philippine Dental Association of the Philippines – Ilocos and Abra Chapter, Drugstore Association of the Philippines – Ilocos and Abra Chapter and the Red Cross – Ilocos Norte Chapter. (Glen S. Ramos)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE PROPOSED PROCLAMATION DECLARING SOME AREAS OF BARANGAY SULONGAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASUQUIN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS MINERAL RESERVATION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21, the Consolidated Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order (CDAO) for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as "The Philippine Mining Act of 1995", the hereunder described area in the Municipality of Pasuquin, Province of Ilocos Norte, containing feldspar, mica, silica and other strategic minerals is proposed to be declared as Mineral Reservation, to wit:

Technical Description (Projected in Luzon 1911)

Corner	Latitude	Longitude
1	18° 24' 12.0" N	120° 36' 30.0" E
2	18° 24' 12.0" N	120° 37' 31.0" E
3	18° 23' 8.0" N	120° 37' 31.0" E
4	18° 23' 8.0" N	120° 36' 30.0" E

With an area of **Three Hundred Fifty-Two and 28/100 (352.28) hectares**, more or less as shown in in the attached topographic/location map.

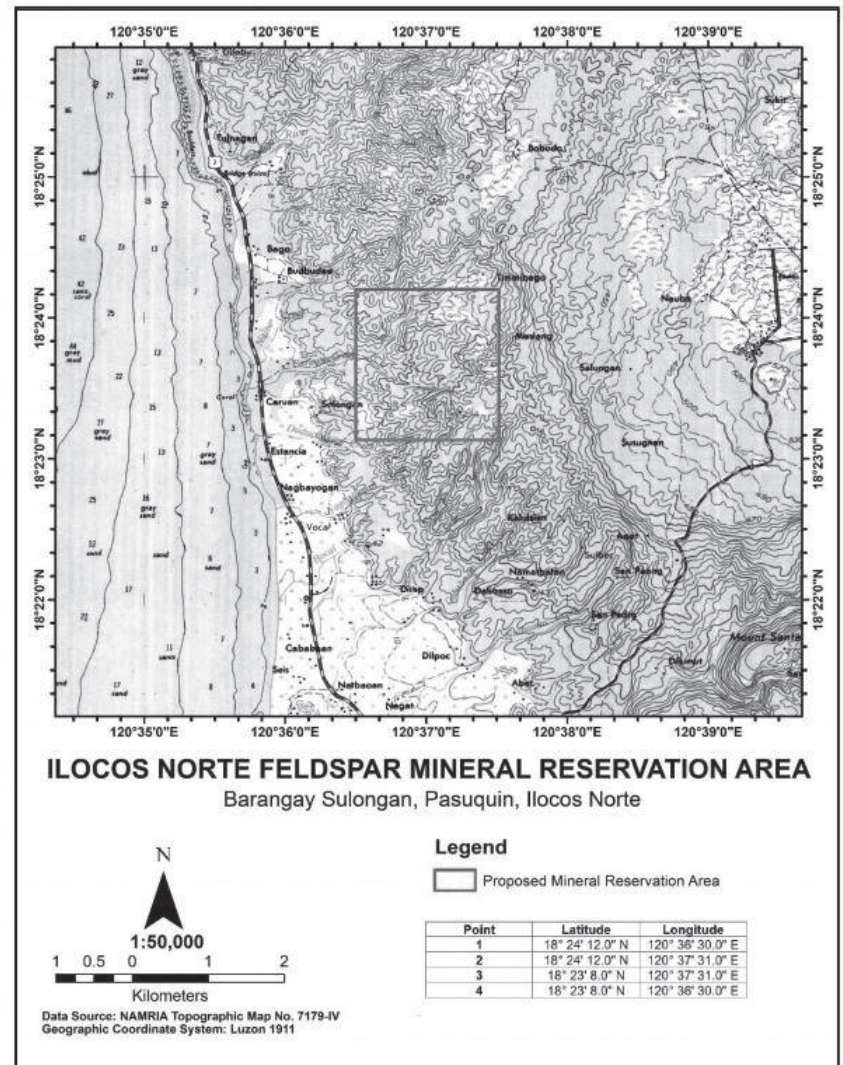
Any and all person interested to air their views regarding the establishment of the mentioned mineral reservation are hereby notified of the following schedule of Public Hearings:

Venue	Date	Time
Barangay Hall of Sulongan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte	October 25, 2023	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Position paper relative to the proposed declaration will be accepted in the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Region I, DENR-1 Bldg., Gov't. Center, Sevilla, San Fernando City, La Union on or before the above date.

August 22, 2023. San Fernando City, La Union, Philippines.

ENGR. CARLOS A. TAYAG, CESE
 Regional Director



"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE"

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DPWH completes.....(page 4)

"Gamit Pang-Eskwela, Handog ay Saya" recently were provided with snacks and tumblers. by distributing school supplies to 150 students at Puyao Elementary School in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, and Pinalpal Elementary School in Sison, Pangasinan. District Engineer Maria Venus Torio of the DPWH-Pangasinan 3rd District Engineering Officer and president of the DELP-Region 1 Chapter led the distribution of office supplies and instructional materials to teachers, while students and parents were provided with snacks and tumblers. "This initiative aims to inspire and boost learners' confidence to excel academically," Torio said. She added that providing school supplies demonstrates a commitment to nurturing young minds for future success. She also urged stakeholders to collaborate in maintaining an accessible and inclusive educational environment. (April Bravo/PIA Region I)

Ilocos Norte police now preparing for BSKE 2023

LAOAG CITY, Ilocos Norte (PIA) – The Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office (INPPO) started conducting peace dialogues, deployment of quick response teams, and other safety protocols to ensure a safe and peaceful Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) this October 30. According to PCOL Julius Suriben, provincial director of INPPO, their first step was to transfer police officers who have relatives who are election candidates stationed in the same town. The second step was the deployment of quick reaction teams to augment police stations in the province to enforce the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) gun ban and other prohibitions on the Omnibus Election Code.

Suriben added that the INPPO already collected 125 firearms from candidates and private citizens in compliance with the Comelec gun ban; 106 of which were voluntarily surrendered and 19 were confiscated. As of posting, the INPPO has also spearheaded 20 Peace Covenants, Unity Walks, and Oath and Signing of Integrity Pledges in some towns in the province. This program by the INPPO gathers the candidates in the towns, along with security personnel, civil society organizations, religious sectors, and other volunteers to participate in a peace walk, a dialogue, and pledge to follow protocols in the election process and campaigning. Some barangays in the towns of Pagudpud, Pasuquin, Bacarra, and Pasuquin are under the

yellow zone, which means that these areas have a history of election-related incidents in the last elections, possible employment of partisan armed groups, the occurrence of politically motivated election-related incidents and had been previously declared under COMELEC control.

"Yong mga identified areas na ito, ang gagawin natin we will be meeting the candidates to have a conflict resolution session. With this, kasama natin ang religious sector and other members of the community to try to patch things up and encourage the candidates to not result in violent activities to disrupt the election process," Suriben said.

The INPPO also has a total of 859 COMELEC checkpoints around the province to ensure safety. (Emma Joyce Guillermo/PIA Ilocos Norte)

Over 600 farmers, fisherfolk, AEWs join Ilocos leg Info Caravan

Bringing closer to the people of Ilocos Region the services of the Department of Agriculture, a total of 600 farmers, fisherfolks and agri-extension workers trooped to the Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena on Sept. 20, 2023 for the Ilocos leg of the National Information Caravan, spearheaded

by the Department of Agriculture thru the Agriculture & Fisheries Information Division (AFID), in partnership with the DA-RFO I - Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Section (RAFIS). Carrying the theme "Masagagang Agrikultura, Maunlad na Ekonomiya tungo sa Bagong Pilipinas," the information caravan in Ilocos Region is part of a series of caravans being conducted by AFID nationwide to equip farmers and fisherfolk and other agri-stakeholders with relevant agricultural information that is vital in achieving inclusive growth for the entire agri-sector. "Information is such a potent component of development. The conduct of activities like this Information Caravan is a crucial strategy, an effective platform where we can bring together in one setting the important information about our (Pls. turn to page 7)

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Municipality of Dingras

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARCELIANO J. CAMACHO JR.** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name in his Birth Certificate from "**MARTILLANO**" to "**MARCELIANO JR.**" who was born on **January 15, 1975** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Marceliano Camacho** and **Valentina Jacinto**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 8, 2023**.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FELICENCIA D. SILVESTRE** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name in her Birth Certificate from "**CARMEN FELICENCIA**" to "**FELICENCIA**" who was born on **July 8, 1957** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Laureano Dela Cruz** and **Irene Duldulao**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 8, 2023**.

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

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Municipality of Banna (Espiritu)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Dionisia R. Martinez** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**LIBRADA**" to "**DIONISIA**" in the Birth Certificate of **DIONISIA G. RAMOS-MARTINEZ** who was born on **June 21, 1958** at **Banna, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Paterno Ramos** and **Mercedes Guiang**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 10, 2023**.

(Sgd.) **JUDY RABAGO MADES**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Badoc

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **BELINA DIOSO TACOTACO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**PABLO**" to "**PABLITO**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **PABLO TACOTACO** who was born on **June 29, 1951** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Leoncio Tacotaco** and **Victoria Tabuyo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 9, 2023**.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. JOHN V. LADERA**
OIC- Municipal Civil Registrar

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EMB-1 conducts.....(page 4)

I, opened the learning activity in high spirits and sincerely thanked EMB-Region I for holding the "Dalaw-Turo" in their campus.

Mr. Ezekiel Salinas, EMB-I Environmental Management Specialist II, gave a brief introduction to ozone layer, its importance, major contributors to ozone layer thinning, and the world's action towards its healing. He enumerated the major contributors to the thinning of the ozone layer and gave emphasis to Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) contained in some of the mass-produced aerosols and refrigerants. He also elaborated on the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, which is an international agreement to gradually reduce the consumption and production of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). Mr. Salinas also shared with the pupils ways on how they can contribute to protecting the ozone layer.

Environmental Monitoring Officer (EnMO) Mark Chris Orine presented the salient features of Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. He also discussed the types and sources of solid waste, segregation at source, establishment of materials

recovery facility (MRF), small scale composting in households and schools, and the roles of the local government unit in the implementation and enforcement of RA 9003. Mr. Orine emphasized the 3Rs approach in managing solid waste: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Engr. Renato Nisperos, EMB-1 Climate Change Alternate Focal Person, discussed the basic concepts of climate change, its drivers and impacts, climate change adaptation and mitigation, global action on climate change, Philippines' commitment on climate change, and DENR's climate change-related programs. He also shared with the students ways on how they can help fight climate change.

On behalf of Regional Director Hipe, the Environmental Education and Information Unit turned over IEC materials to the educators of Nalvo Norte Elementary School. Advocacy tumblers, throw pillows, canvas bags, and foldable fans were given to the winners of question-and-answer games.

In December 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed September 16 of every year to be the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date when the Montreal Protocol was signed in 1987. (EMB-1 fb)

CITY NEWS

DOT and CGB conduct "Kulinarya" workshop as part of tourism month celebs

BATAK CITY -- As part of the September Tourism Month Celebrations, the Department of Tourism (DOT), in collaboration with the City Government of Batak's Tourism and Events Section, recently conducted a two-day seminar and workshop for local food industries, aptly named "Kulinarya."

Aimed at uplifting the standard of local culinary offerings, the "Community-Based Tourism Kulinarya Workshop" is a specialized training program from the DOT. The workshop's core objective focuses on instilling essential food handling techniques among community members to ensure hygiene and aesthetic presentation for tourists and visitors. Chef Cocoy Ventura, a DOT-accredited trainer and tourism advocate served as the resource speaker.

Each participant was given a bag of essential kits by the City Government. In addition, the DOT further strengthened their support by distributing a set of starter kits to every attendee.

Participants unanimously expressed appreciation for the chance to refine their skills and contribute more profoundly to Batak's food industry.

The conduct of the "Kulinarya" workshop stands out as a testament to the commitment of the City Government of Batak led by Mayor Albert D. Chua in enhancing its tourism landscape, especially in the culinary domain. (CGB)

Over 600.....(page 6)

programs and projects in the Department that we want our farmers to know and understand so they can actively partake in our efforts to attain agricultural development.", said Engr. Dennis I. Tactac, DA-RFO I's Regional Technical Director for Operations who represented Regional Executive Director Dr. Annie Q. Bares during the program.

Dwelling on the topics such as Credit and Financial Assistance program by DA-ACPC; Agri-enterprise Development by DA-AMAS; El-Niño mitigation and adaptation strategies by the Fields Operations Division (FOD), African Swine Fever (ASF) updates by BAI; and the Masagana Rice Industry Development Program.

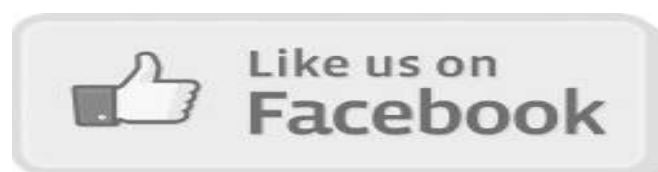
The information caravan also provided an opportunity for the participants to get direct answers to their queries, issues and concerns through the booths set-up at the venue which showcased DA's programs

and services.

To provide a festive mood of the event, and as a token of gratitude to the active participation of the farmer-participants, a raffle draw was held as part of the activity where prizes such as cash, bags, caps, grocery items, vegetable seeds, fruit tree seedlings were given. IEC materials and other collaterals were also provided to the participants as supplement to the information that they have acquired from the event.

Making the event more meaningful is the presence of Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon who warmly welcomed the participants with his message during the opening program.

The conduct of the info caravan nationwide by the AFID is expected to generate greater awareness among its stakeholders about DA's programs and projects that hopes to spur further agricultural development in the country. (DA-Rafis Ilocos Region)



DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late RUFINA A. BAGALAY consisting of eight (8) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 25864, 12138, 34092, 33300, 3830-P, 3830-P, 11993 and 26520, all are located in Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P33418, Original Certificate of Title No. P32482, Original Certificate of Title No. P34827, Original Certificate of Title No. P34663, Tax Declaration No. 14-010-00381, Tax Declaration No. 14-010-00382, Tax Declaration No. 14-008-00355 and Tax Declaration No. 14-018-01190, respectively is the subject of Deed of Adjudication and Sale executed by her sole heir Dolores Bagalay Denus unto herself before Notary Public Atty. Ernielino B. Labrador; as per Doc. No. 3; Page No. 1; Book No. II; Series of 2016.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late SAL FLOJO AKA SALUSTIANO FLOJO and BERNITA R. FLOJO consisting of a Condominium Unit with Unit No. 3015 covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 066-2010002330, located at Grand Soho Makati in Makati City, Philippines has been extrajudicially settled by and among their legal heirs Dante R. Flojo, Glenn P. Flojo and Mari-Angeline Flojo Elliott unto themselves as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; as per Doc. No. 254; Page No. 56; Book No. CCXCIII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late VICENTE VALENTINO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 15, CSD-1-002157, situated at Brgy. Cali, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. E-1222 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Felicitas Tungpalan-Valentino and Joselito T. Valentino unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Aila Marie M. Casela as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Kathleen Ann Bonador-Gumiran; as per Doc. No. 343; Page No. 69; Book No. XIX; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late PAULA LAMUG, EULALIO LAMUG, LEONA LAMUG, FELIPE LAMUG, ELIZA LAMUG, SOTERA LAMUG, VISITACION LAMUG and IRENEO LAMUG pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot No. 11948 and 11951, both situated at Brgy. 30-B, Sta. Maria, Laoag City, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-2253 has been extra-judicially settled by and among their legal heirs Rudolf T. Joaquin, Romualdo T. Joaquin, Jr., Rosemarie Suzanne T. Joaquin, Ronald T. Joaquin, Renita J. Rebolledo, Rosalind J. Valdevieso, Rommel Hermogenes T. Joaquin and Rowelglocella T. Joaquin unto themselves as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; as per Doc. No. 37; Page No. 9; Book No. CXX; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUICLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late ELISEO B. BONILLA and PACIENCIA GUTIERREZ BONILLA pertaining to their respective shares over two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 5481 and 5605, both situated at Brgy. 22 San Guillermo, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, both covered by T.C.T. No. 022-2010000195 has been adjudicated by their legal heir Juanita Bonilla Piedad unto herself and simultaneously quitclaimed all her rightful rights over the aforesaid lots in favor of Bernadette Piedad Senado in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Luciano R. Caraang; as per Doc. No. 463; Page No. 93; Book No. 222; Series of 2023.

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Municipality of Banna (Espiritu)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Norma G. Pablico** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**ADELINA**" to "**NORMA**" in the Birth Certificate of **NORMA ILA GALINATO-PABLICO** who was born on **March 25, 1953** at **Banna, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Perfecto Galinato** and **Catalina Ila**.

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

(Sgd.) **JUDY RABAGO MADES**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late SAL FLOJO AKA SALUSTIANO FLOJO pertaining to the 1/2 share of a Dollar Savings Account at the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Kalayaan, Quezon City branch under Savings Account No. 00001994069302 has been extrajudicially settled by and among his legal heirs Dante R. Flojo, Glenn P. Flojo and Mari-Angeline Flojo Elliott unto themselves as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; as per Doc. No. 275; Page No. 56; Book No. CCXCIII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late NAPOLEON NERI A. DOMINGO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 100459 Cad 578, Pasuquin Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Puyupuyan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-70912 has been extrajudicially settled by and among his legal heirs Fanny Carmelita T. Domingo, Leo Carmelo T. Domingo, John Carl T. Domingo, Don Napoleon T. Domingo II and Lawrence Paulo T. Domingo unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Glenda Wisco Stuckenbrock as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 355; Page No. 72; Book No. XXXVI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FLORENCIA B. QUIBIN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5427 of the Batac Cadastre, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-31239, situated at Brgy. #34 Dariwdiw, Batac, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by her legal heirs Pacifico C. Quibin, Ezperanza Q. Ignacio and Luis B. Quibin unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Sonanito Pidal and Jayson A. Pidal as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; as per Doc. No. 444; Page No. 90; Book No. CCLXXII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late SPS. LUCIO NICOLAS and MARIA BARTOLOME pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 24005 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in the Barrio of San Matias, Municipality of Laoag (now Laoag City), covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 14936, under Tax Declaration No. 17-0024-00212 has been adjudicated by their legal heir Jovita B. Marcos-Calamaan unto herself in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; as per Doc. No. 436; Page No. 89; Book No. CXV; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late NICASIO PASCUAL DELA CRUZ pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 20382, situated at Brgy. 60-B, Madiladig, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-39108 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Alma Dela Cruz Tambua, Alwin Dela Cruz, Nick Dela Cruz and Allan Dela Cruz unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Joselito C. De Vera in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Michael M. Garces; as per Doc. No. 469; Page No. 95; Book No. LXVII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late EUGENIA FLORENTINO and ROSITA F. ARANZANSO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 90086, Cad-578, situated at Brgy. Poblacion 2, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. 2016000079 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Florendo M. Florentino, Gloria Florentino-Ragasa, Elena Florentino-Garcia, Anita Salvacion Florentino-Aranzanso, Jessie Florentino Aranzanso and Janette Aranzanso-Langit unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto co-heir Jessie F. Aranzanso in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 509; Page No. 103; Book No. XXXVII; Series of 2023.

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AAFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late CRISTALITA T. MANUEL pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5837-A, PSD-1-01959, being a portion of Lot 5837, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1171, situated at the Barrio of Bengcag, City of Laoag, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-33944) 021-2023000378 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Benjamin Joseph F. Manuel unto himself in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Michelle Ivy R. Candelaria-Mangabat; as per Doc. No. 328; Page No. 67; Book No. II; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late SPOUSES DOROTEO MARCOS and BERNARDA GAMBALAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 20731-B, situated at Brgy. Tabug, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered under Tax Declaration No. 05-043-00876 has been extrajudicially settled by and among their legal heirs Gregorio G. Marcos and Estelita M. Rosario unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Reymund C. Agtunong in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; as per Doc. No. 447; Page No. 91; Book No. CCXCIV; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late JUANITO PAJINAG pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7667-A, Csd-1-002884, situated at Brgy. Napu, Badoc, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. TCT 2020000504 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Rosario Pajinag unto herself and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Ronald Castro and Carina Lumaguip-Castro in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; as per Doc. No. 218; Page No. 45; Book No. CCLXX; Series of 2023.

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CSC Ilocos hails exemplary government workers, state universities

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The Civil Service Commission-Regional Office 1 (CSC-RO1) honored the significant contributions of civil servants in the region during the Regional Recognition and Awards Rite in accordance with the 2023 Honor Awards Program (HAP).

This is the concluding activity for the celebration of the 123rd Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA) held at the CSC-RO1 Hall of Learning on September 21.

Among the awardees is the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) which received the Bronze Award, Maturity Level 2, for the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM).

The PRIME-HRM is a mechanism that empowers government agencies by developing their human resource management competencies, systems, and practices toward Human Resource (HR) excellence.

CSC chairperson Karlo Nograles commended DMMMSU's HR management practices in the post-pandemic landscape.

"Your commitment [to] transformative human resource management and programs enable an environment that promotes

efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness," Nograles said.

Dr. Antonio Ogbinar, vice president for Administration and Quality Assurance, received the award representing the university president Dr. Jaime Manuel, Jr., alongside other executives and HR officers of DMMMSU.

"This is an affirmation of our resolute commitment [to] upholding excellent and established human resource enhancement systems, competencies, and practices that enable us to consistently provide quality service to our stakeholders," Ogbinar said.

Also conferred in the Regional Recognition and Awards Rite were the three national semi-finalists from Ilocos Region in the Search for Outstanding Government Workers.

"Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award" recipients were Kris Cristopher Dela Cruz and Raquel Rarang-Rivera, both teachers in the Department of Education (DepEd)-Schools Division Office (SDO) of Alaminos City, Pangasinan.

The "CSC Pagasa Award" category was given to Dr. Ronnalee Orteza, campus director of the Philippine Science High School-Ilocos Region Campus.

Regional winners were also awarded such as Senior Education Program Specialist of DepEd-SDO Alaminos

City Leomar Abarra, Batac City Mayor Albert Chua, and La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO) Provincial Director Lambert Suerte for the "Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award."

The "Dangal ng Bayan Award" regional winners were Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)-Ilocos Norte Jail Chief Inspector Cremencio Alones, Jr., Malued, Dagupan City, Pangasinan Barangay Chairman Filipina Delos Santos, Nibaliw, Bautista, Pangasinan Barangay Chairman Johnny Junio, Pangasinan State University President Elbert Galas, and Provincial Government of (PGO) Pangasinan Supervising Agriculturist Violeta Laforteza.

Lastly for the "CSC Pagasa Award," regional winners were Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) Associate Professor Zaldy Hernandez, and DepEd Alaminos City Nurse Carlo Rabanal.

Also awarded for the aforementioned award were the projects by MMSU entitled "Empowering Communities Through the SOA Program During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The MMSU Experience" by MMSU and "Teen Parent's Clinic Initiative" by PGO Pangasinan Western Pangasinan District Hospital.

CSC Ilocos regional director Hedy Jose Lardizabal recognized the commitment of the civil servants in line with the 123rd Philippine Civil Service Anniversary and expressed his gratitude for making the celebration successful.

Meanwhile, CSC Acting Assistant Commissioner for Human Resource Governance Nerissa Canguilan served as the guest of honor and speaker for the event.

Canguilan noted the importance of adaptability, resiliency, and collaboration, among others in the public service. (Rocky E. Bautista/PIA Region I)

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emphasizes that only Filipino citizens with no pending or approved application as immigrants to any foreign country will be accommodated.

Moreover, the PSHS is providing reviewers to students, which are available on their

campuses and offices of the Department of Science and Technology.

For further information on the exam, interested students and parents may visit the official Facebook page of Pisay Ilocos. (Aila Villanueva/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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activities to be conducted in support of the celebration of the RDC Week from September 25 to 29.

The celebration of RDC Week commemorates the birth of the RDCs as the key structure for regional planning and integrated local planning and investment programming.

It emphasized the role of the RDCs as a key structure for decentralized development planning through the active participation of local government units,

regional line agencies, non-government organizations, the private sector, the academe, legislators, and other entities involved in local and regional development.

The region's celebration of RDC Week aims to highlight the region's triumphs and prospects for the future as orchestrated by the RDC as the highest policy-making body of the region.

The event is timely and relevant because the Kapehan will discuss the government efforts along

the five development sectors, the current economic situation and the prospects as stipulated in the Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028.

The discussion will likewise revolve around the link of various development efforts, thrusts and priorities of the region and the province of La Union as a special guest during the program.

Proposed topics for the Kapehan are the following: economic situation and prospects, inflation, food security,

key infrastructure projects, environmental issues, Seal of Good Local Governance, health concerns, Education: Matatag K-10 program, digitalization, RDP 2023-2028, and local government unit concerns.

Media practitioners and agency information officers are invited during the event to ask their concerns on the topics covered.

The Kapehan will be followed by the meeting proper where the standing agenda of the RDC-1 will be discussed. (April Bravo/PIA Region I)

COMELEC's committee on 'Kontra Bigay' to fight vote buying, selling

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) La Union launched the Committee on Kontra Bigay (Committee Against Giving) on September 19 to intensify the fight against vote buying and vote selling in relation to the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE).

As per COMELEC No. 10946, the committee's tasks include receiving complaints or reports of vote buying, gathering evidence, preparing affidavits of the witnesses, and ultimately filing cases in court.

This coincided with the establishment of the "Kontra-Bigay Complaint Center" which will receive reports on incidents of vote buying and vote selling.

Lawyer Reddy Balarbar, COMELEC Ilocos assistant regional director and acting election officer of San Fernando City, said the commission's goal is to get rid of vote buying and selling as it is considered a societal ill.

"Kasi nga itong ating problema on vote buying and vote selling ay isa itong tinuturing na cancer sa ating demokrasya," Balarbar said.

He added the commission-designated Committee on Kontra Bigay is serious in the fight against illegal activity through a whole-

of-nation approach in collaboration with some government agencies such as the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Anti-Money Laundering Council, among others.

These acts include possession and distribution of money, cards, or campaign paraphernalia that have value, possession or transport of cash exceeding P500,000 five days before election day, among others.

Violators, once proven guilty, may be sentenced to at least one-year imprisonment or a maximum period of six years.

According to COMELEC, one can report incidents through exclusive communication channels, email, and social media like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter.

The Kontra Bigay Complaint Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until October 28, but it will be operational 24 hours a day from October 29 to 31.

"Seryoso po ang Commission on Elections (COMELEC), ang mahuli at makasuhan dito ay may karampatang parusa at diskwalipikasyon at pwede rin silang makasuhan ng election offense," said Balarbar. (Kathlene Joyce Ramones/PIA La Union)

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Pisay Ilocos calls for aspiring scholars to apply for NCE '23

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) — The Philippine Science High School-Ilocos Region Campus (PSHS-IRC) encouraged Grade 6 students in the region and nearby provinces to join their roster of scholars through the National Competitive Examination (NCE) to be conducted on November 18, 2023.

During the press conference held on Tuesday, September 26 at the Advance Science and Technology Building of the school located in San Idefonso town of Ilocos Sur province, Dr. Ronalee Orteza, the campus director of PSHS-IRC, encouraged incoming Grade 7 students and their parents to take the NCE.

“Kung interesado talaga [sila] sa Science at Math, dito po ang best preparatory school to be scientists, engineers, mathematicians, technologists, etc. balang araw. Kung nakikitaan po ng magulang ang mga anak nila na dito ang leaning, sana subukan nila ang Pisay,” she said.

She added, “Kasi

ipinagmamalaki namin na premiere STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education begins at Pisay, and we hope that we can increase the pool of scientists and engineers because the progress of the country depends on science and innovations. I hope maparami ang estudyante natin who will later contribute to the national development.”

Only 15,000 applicants nationwide will be called to take the exam, and only 1,920 qualifiers are eligible to enroll as incoming seventh graders for the school year 2024-2025 at their chosen campus.

All current Grade 6 students who qualify with the requirements may apply until October 13, 2023.

A final grade of 85% or better in Science and Mathematics is required of applicants; however, those who belong in the top 10% of their batch may also apply if they can provide a certification from their current school.

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A Philippine Coast Guard chopper conducts rescue exercises during the Closing Ceremony of the Search and Rescue Auxiliary Training held on September 29, 2023 in Currimaog, Ilocos Norte. (Photo by PGIN-CMO)

RDC Ilocos celebrates RDC Week

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The Regional Development Council Ilocos (RDC-1), through the National Economic and Development

Authority-Regional Office 1 (NEDA-RO1) and in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency Region 1, will conduct the “KAPEHAN ng RDC-1.”

Anchored on the theme, “Region 1: Today and Beyond, a Story of Triumph”, the event is scheduled on Monday, October 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m. at

the La Union Convention Center, Barangay Sevilla in this city where RDC-1 officials will serve as panelists.

This is among the

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