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“Capitolympics” bolster camaraderie-Gov. MMM

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The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte headed by Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, conducted the weeklong “Capitolympics” held at the Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena in Laoag City.

Combining the words “Capitol” and “Olympics,” the sporting event kicked off on November 6 with a grueling match between Cluster H’s Violet Team and Cluster C’s Blue Team.

The Violet Team dominated the Men’s Volleyball category when both competitors saw action on November 7.

Meanwhile in the Women’s category, the Violet Attackers humbled again the Blue Spikers with a score of 2-1.

Moreover, the Governor and his team displayed their unrivaled strength with a final score of 93-31 for the qualifying match on the Basketball category.

Aside from the ball games, the employees also competed in other events such as the Sipa Challenge, Tug of War, Obstacle Course Race, and Zumba Competition.

In his opening message for the Capitolympics, the Governor

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Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc (right) and DMW Assistant Secretary for Public Policy and International Cooperation Atty. Mario Zinampan (left) discuss the benefits of migrant workers from the MOA which the PGIN and key government agencies, namely the Department of Migrant Workers, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) signed last October 9, 2023. (Photo by PCO)

“Remember the unaccounted victims of Yolanda” – PBBM



Pres. Marcos Jr.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. urged the Taclobanons on Wednesday not to forget the victims of super typhoon Yolanda, especially those who have lost their lives and those who were not accounted for.

In his speech during the 10th Yolanda Commemoration Anniversary in Tacloban City, President Marcos noted that it

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PNP regional office’s priority: cops’ morale, welfare dev’t

CAMP BGEN OSCAR M FLORENDO – “We in and effectiveness,” said Police Regional Office 1 PBGEN JOHN C CHUA, PGEN BENJAMIN C PRO 1 Regional Director on ACORDA, JR.’s 5-Focused welfare of personnel to Monday (November 6, 2023).

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Guest Editorial:

Measles cases in PH surge by 299% this year - DOH

According to the data shown by the Department of Health (DOH), the measles cases this year across the country increased almost 300% from January 1 to October 14, 2023 compared to the total measles cases from last year.

Based on DOH's latest epidemic-prone disease case surveillance, a total of 458 registered measles cases were recorded in 2022 and 1,829 this year, equivalent to 299%.

With the continuous increase of measles cases the DOH together with developmental partners United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organization (WHO) continues the drive of the "Chikiting Ligtas" campaign program.

"I think this is expected kasi the past year, ang baba ng MMR vaccination natin sa mga bata. In fact, hindi tayo nakaabot doon sa 90% na kinakailangan (I think this is expected because the past year, the MMR vaccination among children is low. In fact, we did not reach the 90% vaccine coverage needed)," Infectious diseases expert Dr. Rontgene Solante said in the public briefing on Wednesday, November 8.

"If we can remember also, we had measles outbreaks in 2018 and 2019, so it becomes a cycle now na kapag mababa ang vaccination rate sa mga bata ay tataas ang mga kaso (When children's immunization rates is low, the number of cases increases), and this is now the result because of the low vaccination coverage that the country had for the past two to three years," he added.

Due to the low immunization coverage, the program aims to lessen the measles cases and other infectious diseases by giving a free vaccination to the children – the most cost-effective protection against measles.

The local government also cooperated with DOH by giving a memorandum to barangay-level local government units urging them to support the measles vaccination to avoid the cycle of measles outbreak in the country.

According to the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) and World Health Organization (WHO), the most effective prevention with Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) is community-wide vaccination.

Prevention

1. Get the MMR shot and be vaccinated.
2. Maintain proper hygiene and keep your hands clean.
3. Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
4. Avoid sharing food, water, utensils and other items contaminated by saliva.

The WHO said that there is no specific treatment for measles thus experts usually give recommendations only to relieve the symptoms until the immune system fights off the virus.

The DOH advised people who got infected to drink enough water and treatments for dehydration and eat healthy food. And see a doctor once the symptoms get worse because measles is highly infectious that can cause death.

For more information on DOH vaccination programs, contact your local health centers. (Sophia Marie Navalta/PIA-NCR Trainee)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Why the five virgins were foolish

Sometime ago, a news item in Divisoria, Manila, related about how burglars broke into a shop. This would not have raised eyebrows at all since the incident took place in a notorious place. What made it amusing was that it happened to a company that manufactures burglar-proof glass windows!

"It never occurred to us," said the owner of the store, "to put our own burglar-proof glass in our own door."

The story shows how oftentimes we take things for granted and how lacking we are in preparedness. This is highlighted in this 32nd Sunday's parable of the 10 bridesmaids (Mt. 25, 1-13).

The 10 bridesmaids are watching and waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom. The ritual requires the bridesmaids

to escort the bridegroom to the wedding celebration. But the bridegroom comes late. So, the bridesmaids doze off.

At midnight a call is made "to come out and meet him." The bridesmaids rise and trim their oil lamps. But the lamps are sputtering.

Five of the bridesmaids had the foresight to bring extra oil; five did not. The five who were prepared to keep their lamps burning are able to enter the wedding place with the bridegroom, whereas the five, who were unprepared had to rush off to buy oil. Due to the delay, they were locked out, unable to enter.

Jesus' parable sounds as a warning against cramming or last-minute improvisation whether in one's work or spiritual life. Those who don't heed God's

(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)

call and who lack foresight will find themselves shut out. The message is a fitting sequel to our celebration of All Souls' Day.

We should live wisely. We should not be concerned only with our present day-to-day needs and material pursuits but have an eye on our ultimate end. Let us not cram or prepare for it in the last minute. To do so is like starting to pack up when your bus is already in front of your house to fetch you.

Once there was an aging wealthy man who lived alone and began to make preparation for his demise. He bought a memorial plan along with an expensive coffin. Then he executed his last will and testament. Not too long after, he died of heart failure. This man made provision, but it was for his body only and none for his soul.

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

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

DECONGESTING THE BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM:

IS IT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO OUR ACADEMIC WOES?

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Just last November 2, my family and I paid a visit to my cousin and her husband in their family home in Villasis, Pangasinan. As I entered the house in my first-ever visit, I happened to exchange pleasantries and anecdotes with Tita Dahl, my cousin's mother-in-law who happens to run their family-owned school. One of the topics happened to be about the recent move of the Department of Education to decongest the basic education curriculum. Tita Dahl expressed her relief over the department's action, which happened to be one of the solutions of the agency to reform the basic education curriculum.

Why is it only now that DepEd has thought of decongesting the curriculum? Good move, Secretary VP Sara Duterte-Carpio, though it's later than expected!

With the numerous subjects and topics that have crowded our recently previous basic education curriculum (which, lest I forget to tell you all, was based on the K-12 curriculum), many teachers and students have complained that the topics covered cannot be finished in such a short span of time (one academic year for basic

education in the Philippines is equivalent to ten months). It is a well-known fact that the previous administration of the impervious and recalcitrant former education chieftain and dominatrix Empress Queen Czarina Madame Generalissimo Commandant Dr. Leonor M. Briones wanted to align our basic education curriculum with those of our international contemporaries, especially the United States of America, Singapore, United Kingdom, Malaysia, and other developed countries.

Did LMB succeed in her mission? A resounding NO!

What is the point of crowding our already-discombobulating basic education curriculum? It was not until I started teaching that I realized that such is the reality. What I can see is that DepEd has been attempting to equate the increased number of contents per subject area with increased quality of education. However, such is not the case and will never be.

To be blunt as I have always been, our schools (especially public schools) have been cramming

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due to the excessive number of lessons per subject. As a result, our teachers have been scrambling to comply with all the lessons yet end up not covering some. Ditto for our students, they suffer the most.

I cannot fathom why DepEd has not realized that the basic education curriculum must have been overhauled eons and eons ago. Hemming and hawing seems to be their order of the day for they do not fully maximize their consortium with education practitioners, researchers, advocates, and stakeholders to hold public consultations. Moreover, DepEd lacks the initiative to reach out to different cultural, academic, and socio-civic groups in order to come up with a curriculum that is not only uniting but also empowering to all learners across generations.

In order for the basic education curriculum to be truly decongested, further research and restructuring must be undertaken in order that the curriculum would be streamlined in terms of timeliness and relevance to the demands of our society and the world in general. I cannot stress this without mentioning that unless all of us do something about our basic education curriculum and improve it, it will unceasingly be going to the dogs.

Good job, DepEd...if you will undo the damage that has been done to our education system, beginning with decongesting, reforming, and tweaking the basic education curriculum (which, lest I forget to underscore, you purport to profess)!



The official event poster of 5TH ImPACT Summit 2023, which will be held on November 25, 2023 at Discovery Suites in Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila. The poster is courtesy of Philippine Advocates for Consultants and Trainers, Inc. (PACT).

PACT ORGANIZES MAJOR FIRST FACE TO FACE SUMMIT SINCE THE POST-PANDEMIC PERIOD

To reach out to more and more homegrown

Filipino thought leaders here and abroad, the Philippine Advocates for Consultants and Trainers (PACT) will hold its first post-pandemic face-to-face event, called the 5th ImPACT Summit 2023, on November 25, 2023 (Saturday) at the Clermont Function Room of Discovery Suites in Pasig City, Metro Manila. The event will be held from 08:00 AM to 05:30 PM.

One of the main aims of the conference is to teach all thought leaders how to improve on their business strategies in order for their businesses and practices to be relevant to the times. A second aim is to help all thought leaders to develop appropriate and effective branding and promotion strategies, especially now that social media is being utilized as a powerful tool for promoting one's practice and business. Finally, the conference aims to train all thought leaders to develop enter-training strategies in order to keep their clientele interested.

The five speakers to be featured in the event are Mr. Jerry Ylao, Mr. Venchito Tampon, Mr. Jayson Lo, Mr. Pocholo Gonzales, and Ms. Sha Nacino, who are all experts in their respective fields of endeavor and also inspirational speakers and thought leaders.

For more details, please visit the PACT website (https://pact.org.ph) and the PACT Facebook Page (Philippine Advocates for Consultants and Trainers, Inc.).

To register for the event, please click the link: https://bit.ly/ImPACTSummit2023 . And for those entities (e.g. businesses and corporations) who are interested to be sponsors of the event, please send an email to inquiries.pact@gmail.com .

(NALAING, KABSAT! and GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO! will return definitely on November 26 in order to give way to the article on the Philippine Advocates for Consultants and Trainers' November 25 event. -ETR)

If you have suggestions in terms of the education-related topics that you want me to feature, please feel free to send me an email to edteo.ramos@yahoo.com or to coachjet.inspirations@gmail.com. You may also message me on Facebook through any of my two working accounts: Jet Ramos (personal) and SpoxJet Ramos (new and publicly official; renamed after my YouTube Channel). Please subscribe to my YouTube Channel Spox Jet Channel and watch UKP (Ulat, Komentaryo, at Payo) from Mondays to Fridays at 02:00 PM (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) and 10:00 PM (Tuesdays), and The Ilocano Educator Show (TIES) on Saturdays at 01:00 PM (new and permanent schedule). Agyamanak, Dios ti agngina, ket ay ayaten kayo!

2K college students from Ilocos Norte second district receive educational assistance

LAOAG CITY, Ilocos Norte (PIA) – A total of 2,000 college students from the second district of Ilocos Norte received P5,000 cash each as educational assistance on Nov. 4 at the Imelda Cultural Center in Batac City.

Senator Imee Marcos led the distribution of the cash aid which is under the Makabasa Latta (Access to Education for All Learners) program and under the services of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

The said program gave preference to tertiary students whose parents were farmers who had their income affected by strong typhoons.

"Pagkatapos ng bagyong Egay, alam naman po natin na hirap na hirap pa tayo na tinamaan. Ngayon, magbibigay tayo ng kaunting tulong sa ating scholars," said Marcos.

One of the student-recipients thanked the presidential sister for the financial assistance which will greatly assist them in meeting their educational expenses.

"Malaking tulong ito para sa akin dahil plano ko pong bumili ng

calculator ko since wala po akong ginagamit since first year po ako at yung natitira ay gagamitin ko as extra allowance ko," said Christine Joy Niño, a student of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Biosystems from Mariano Marcos State University.

The payout coincides with the birthday of the senator. As an Ilokano tradition, Marcos was serenaded with a birthday song, along with senior citizens from Batac City who also celebrate their birthday in November.

She will be turning 68 years old on November 12.

Being the birthday host, the senator treated the crowd with a boodle fight dubbed "#IMEEmukbang" and gave out prizes such as tablet, groceries, and cash to lucky residents.

Continuing the legacy of her late father, former president Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr., she also distributed "nutribun" to children which will help nourish their bodies as each bun is packed with micronutrients that are essential for the kids' health.

(Ma. Joreina Therese Blanco/PIA Ilocos Norte)

Region 1.....(page 1)

Agenda, Police Regional Office 1 has placed a premium on ensuring that appropriate awards, training, assistance, and benefits were given to its personnel.

In his message during the Monday Flag Raising Ceremony yesterday, PBGEN CHUA lauded the PRO 1 personnel for their efforts and sacrifices during the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections 2023, which is followed by All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebration.

"I extend my sincerest gratitude to all of you for rendering selfless duties and responsibilities. Your hard work and sacrifices are indispensable in the successful and generally peaceful Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections 2023, and All Saints Day and All

Souls Day celebration," PBGEN CHUA said.

"Appropriate awards will be given in recognition of their efforts," he averred.

Meanwhile, Police Regional Office 1 has also distributed financial assistance to PRO 1 personnel who were affected by the onslaught of Typhoon Egay in the region last August.

A total of Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP799,500.00) financial contributions were collected by the Regional Comptrollership Division and were proportionally turned over to Police Provincial Offices for distribution. The amount of financial aid given varies on the extent of damages left by the onslaught. ###

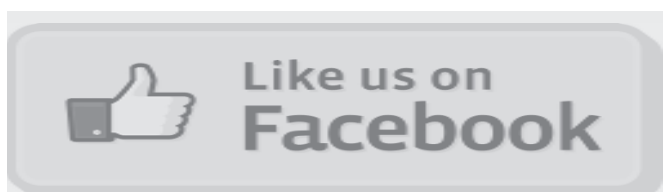
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said the sports event aimed to strengthen the camaraderie, teamwork, and friendship among the PGIN employees.

He added that it should serve as a recreational activity for the employees, and they should enjoy their time together as much as

possible in order to further bolster their bonding.

The Governor's office is always available to provide support for his PGIN family, he assured. – (Jesusa Mae S. Sumaoang, Webster M. Agarpao, and Laurence Alfred R. Espejo/PGIN-CMO Interns)



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ILOCOS SUR

DPWH to build multi-purpose training, health facility in Ilocos Sur town

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) – A multi-purpose training and instructional facility for education, sports building, and primary health care centers will be constructed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in Bantay, Ilocos Sur following its groundbreaking ceremony on November 6.

According to the DPWH, the construction site will have two distinct structures – a multi-purpose building and a skate park, along with ample parking space, which will serve as a convenient place for government events and provide a recreational space for the community.

“This project speaks for its purpose – the multipurpose building will have offices, a basketball court, male and female toilets, a parking lot, and one skate park with a parking lot will also be constructed. Once completed, the project

will serve as a better place for government events and recreational activities especially for the youth, and can also be used as a place for refuge in times of calamities,” said DPWH Regional Director Ronnel Tan in his message read by Project Engineer Angelito Dian.

“These infra projects will course directly benefit the town of Bantay with the Build Better More program of our government, we have to complete not only this multi-purpose building in this town but more projects under the SIPAG program in the years to come,” he added.

The multi-purpose training and instructional facility can accommodate up to 1,056 people and offers 55 parking slots.

It is being implemented through the Sustainable Infrastructure Projects Alleviating Gaps (SIPAG) program funded under the General

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ILOCOS SUR

Ilocos Sur gov’t honors centenarians, seniors

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) — Senior citizens, particularly the centenarians in Ilocos Sur province, were celebrated for their invaluable contributions to society during the culminating activity for the Elderly Filipino Week organized by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur on Tuesday.

The event was conducted at the Provincial Farmers Livelihood Development Center in this city with over 960 participants including the presidents of Barangay Senior Citizens Associations (BSCA) and the 85 centenarians in the province.

The centenarians received certificates of recognition and a cash incentive of P15,000, while the other senior citizens present were given P1,000 cash.

Saturnino Ramos, president of BSCA in Barangay Vical, Santa Lucia town, said this is a good activity for the senior citizens and hoped that they can join the same next year.

He said, “Agyaman tayo ti gobierno probinsial, agyamankami a taga-Santa Lucia iti suporta nga ipapaayda kaniami. (Nagpapasalamat tayo sa lokal na pamahalaan, nagpapasalamat kaming mga taga-Santa Lucia sa patuloy na suporta nila sa amin.)”

During the ceremony, the provincial government also awarded a plaque to Minervina Singson, the 103-year-old Sampung Ulirang Nakatatanda (SUN) National Awardee from Candon City, who is referred to as the Patron of the Arts of the North.

She received her

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LA UNION

La Union implements ordinance banning single-use plastics, styrofoam

San Fernando City, La Union - The Provincial Government of La Union has started implementing an ordinance prohibiting the use of single-use plastics and styrofoam through the enactment of Provincial Ordinance No. 426-2023 or the 2023 Plastic Code of La Union, the provincial government’s Facebook Page post on November 7 shows.

The move according to the post is to ensure the protection of the environment and for the promotion of sustainability, both crucial in order to negate the consequences of plastic use to the climate and local ecosystems.

The regulation according to the provincial government is to promote a change in consumer behavior in order to encourage a zero waste lifestyle and reduce the generation of waste as a result.

Prohibited items with the enactment of the ordinance include plastic and silver-lined paper cups and plates; plastic food containers, rings, lids, pouches, spoons, and forks; plastic

knives, straws, stirrers, clamshells, shopping bags; and plastic thin drinking cups.

Other prohibited plastic items include plastic lobo bags, sachets, wraps, flageolets, buntings, confetti; balloons and sticks, styrofoam, thin-filmed sand bags, plastic take-out containers; plastic bags labeled as biodegradable and oxo-biodegradable; plastic beverage cups, beverage bowls, and beverage trays.

The Provincial Government of La Union’s Facebook Page post says that the regulation shall be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of the province, to cover individuals, consumers, vendors, suppliers, traders, distributors, service providers of business establishments, general stores, industries, institutions, public markers, and recreation and service centers.

The ordinance also prohibits the use of plastic bags and styrofoam as a primary packaging material on wet and dry goods, to include their

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LA UNION

PDEA, PNP destroy marijuana plantation in La Union town

SAN GABRIEL, La Union (PIA) -- The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)-Region 1, along with the La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO), busted a 1,950 square-meter marijuana plantation here on November 7.

According to PDEA Ilocos Regional Director Joel Plaza, around 10,500 pieces of marijuana seedlings and 8,500 pieces of fully grown marijuana plants were uprooted and destroyed during the joint operations of local authorities conducted at Sitio Nakawa in Lon-oy village on the morning of Tuesday.

The destroyed marijuana seedlings and plants have an estimated worth of P2,120,000 which

were all burned onsite during the operation.

Further, Maripe De Guzman, regional information officer of PDEA, said in an interview on November 9 that no suspect was arrested during the operation.

“Yes, we already have an identified suspect but the identity is still conducting thorough verification,” De Guzman said.

The liable individual will face charges for the violation of Section 16 of Article 2 of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2022.

PDEA remains steadfast in its drive against illegal drugs. (Caren Grace Cabanayan/PIA Region 1)

PANGASINAN

DOH to build super health center in Pangasinan town

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The construction for the “Super Health Center” in Agno, Pangasinan is now underway as the Department of Health (DOH) Ilocos together with the local government unit (LGU) of Agno completed the groundbreaking ceremony on November 8, 2023.

The healthcare facility will be located along the provincial highway in Barangay Bangan-Oda which is five kilometers away from the town proper.

According to Regional Local Health Support Division Chief Jimuel Cardenas, the facility will be a one-stop-shop for all outpatient medical services.

“Magkakaroon ito ng mga pangunahing serbisyong medikal na kinakailangan ng mga pasyente. Sa pasilidad na ito ay mabibigyan na sila ng mga kinakailangan nilang serbisyo upang hindi na sila lumayo at mahirapang bumiyahang mga kinakailangan upang makapagpagamot sa ibang ospital,” Cardenas emphasized.

“The facility will have a project cost of P10 million funded under the Health Facilities Enhancement Program - General Appropriations Act 2023

but due to the commitment to healthcare, LGU-Agno has pledged to provide a financial supplement of P2 million to complement the amount given by the national government for the facility,” he added.

The Super Health Center will have services from an outpatient clinic and consultation, pharmacy and dispensary, primary clinical laboratory, clinical microscopy, microbiology/parasitology, radiology, birthing and lying-in, tuberculosis consultation with direct sputum smear processing and microscopy capability.

Agno Mayor Gualberto Sison thanked the DOH for selecting Agno as one of the beneficiaries of its super health center project.

“Nagpapasalamat kami sa mga biyayang ipinagkakaloob ng DOH at makakaasa po kayo na patuloy po naming itataguyod ang mga programang pangkalusugan para sa kapakanan ng aming mga residente,” Sison said.

He added, “Once this Super Health Center is completed, we will ensure that it will provide the necessary health and medical services to improve the health of our constituents.” (April Bravo/PIA Region 1)

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has been a decade since Eastern Visayas was struck by the strongest typhoon, “but its memory remains indelible in everyone’s hearts and thoughts.”

“The devastation we suffered included over 6,000 lives lost, over 28,000 injured, over a thousand missing, and over 3 million families affected. And to this day, we still do not know the true scope of our loss because we grieve and we mourn our dead,” President Marcos said.

“But we must always keep a special place in our hearts for those who we lost, who are uncounted for ... So, even if that is the case, let them not be unremembered. So when we grieve and mourn for our dead, keep a special

place in your heart for those who have not been known to have gone but we know in our hearts, we know the loss that we feel,” he added.

“Let us always pray for them,” the President said.

President Marcos attended the 10th Yolanda Commemoration Anniversary in Tacloban City where he led the wreath laying at the Yolanda Memorial Monument and the distribution of land titles to typhoon survivors.

The chief executive also saluted the Yolanda survivors for their indomitable spirit and character amid all the challenges left by the super typhoon. PND

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Jesus reminds us to be like the wise virgins. Already now, he tells us: "Store up treasures in heaven." (Mt 6,20). By "treasures" Jesus refers to our good works while we are still in this world and the faithful observance of the will of God as summed up in the 10 Commandments: "Honor your father and mother; thou shalt not kill; commit adultery; steal; not bear false witness."

but once; any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any one, let me do it now. Let me not neglect nor defer it, for I shall not pass this way again.***
Send ahead your treasures. One way of doing this is by helping our needy seminarians and sick indigents we are helping like leukemia patient Alison Genesis L. and five-year-old accident victim Joshel C., and others.

In his parable of the Last Judgment (Mt 25,31ff.), Jesus stresses to do good works. "When I was hungry you gave me to eat, sick and in prison and you visited me, enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Pope Francis said, "Our acts of charity are our "passports" to Heaven."

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The lighter side. In the USA, a book titled: "How To Change Your Wife in 30 Days," sold a million copies in one week. But the author discovered that the title had a spelling error!

The correct title should have been: "How to Change Your Life in 30 Days." After the correction, for a whole month, only five copies were bought. (Lesson: People are more interested in changing others rather than their own selves).

Let's live in such a way that in our last moment we may not regret - much like the foolish bridesmaids in today's parable.

We end with the words of John Dunne. "I shall pass this way

DPWH to build.....(page 4)

Appropriations Act 2023 with a total amount of P250,000,000.

"As we assemble here, we collectively herald the advent of a new era, one marked by progress and prosperity for our beloved municipality... May this project serve as a symbol of unparalleled growth and development in the municipality of Bantay," said Mayor Samuel Parilla.

In an interview, Vice Mayor Samuel Parilla II thanked the support of the DPWH in ensuring the realization of the LGU's shared vision and success.

"Nabayag nga arapaaptayon a maddaan ti kastoy a proyekto ta ammomi a maysa daytoy kadagiti kasapulantayo. Very supportive ti DPWH isu nga agyamantayo kaniada - DPWH Regional Office I ken Ilocos Sur First District Engineering Office, ta no ania ti kayat ti pangiyawatanda ket iso met laeng ti

maaramid. Amin-amin a no ania diay kasapulan ti ili a Bantay ket isu ti intayo inpa-design (It has been a longtime dream of our local government unit (LGU) to have such a project as this is one of our needs for the community. The DPWH has been very supportive and for that we are grateful especially for the DPWH Regional Office I and Ilocos Sur First District Engineering Office because what they implement here are based on our needs.)," said Vice Mayor Parilla.

He added that the project is set to be completed in 2025.

In the early stages of construction, the DPWH stated they have undertaken the removal of structures and obstructions, relocation of existing structures, excavation for rooting, and the installation of steel H-Piles to guarantee that the project is off to a solid start. (Joyah Mae Quimoyog/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ED-MERILYN DULIG LONGBOY, specially the FIRST NAME OF THE CHILD from "ED-MERILYN" to "MARYLYNE" and the DAY AND YEAR OF DATE OF BIRTH from "NOVEMBER 6, 1958" to "NOVEMBER 5, 1959", under CIVIL REGISTRAR-GENERAL NO. 345,

MARYLYNE LONGBOY BATTULAYAN, Petitioner.

-versus-

ROLANDO YAMBALIA BATTULAYAN, ROLANDO LONGBOY BATTULAYAN, JR., LOVE JOY LONGBOY BATTULAYAN, AMADO DULIG LONGBOY, LUISITA CARIDAD LONGBOY CONIGUEN, NESTOR DULIG LONGBOY, VILLAMOR DULIG LONGBOY, LORLYN FLODELIZ P. ULIT, in her capacity as the CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR (LCR), BATAK CITY, ILOCOS NORTE, THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN AND

CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL (NSCRG) OF THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR-GENERAL (OCRG), PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), and ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED THEREBY, Respondents.

SP. PROC. NO. 5820-17

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ORDER

This is a verified Petition filed on August 10, 2023 by Marylyne Longboy Battulayan through counsel, seeking the cancellation/correction of her Certificate of Live Birth UNDER CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL NO. 345, to correct the entry on Column 3 on the first name of the child from "ED-MERILYN" TO "MARYLYNE" and on Column 6 on the date of birth from "November 6, 1958" to "NOVEMBER 05, 1959".

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the initial hearing thereof on January 25, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Session Hall of this Court located at the Hall of Justice, Batak City, Ilocos Norte, at which date, time and place, all interested parties may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

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

Also, let copies of the Petition and this Order be furnished the City Civil Registrar of Batak, Ilocos Norte; the Office of the Civil Registrar General; the Office of the City Prosecutor of Batak and the Office of the Solicitor General.

SO ORDERED. Given this 16th day of October, 2023 at Batak City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(Sgd.) FELIX G. SALVADOR Presiding Judge

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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JOSE R. TACOTACO PARTICULARLY THE DATE OF BIRTH FROM FEBRUARY 26, 1946 TO JANUARY 23, 1945,

JOSE R. TACOTACO, Petitioner.

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BADCOC, ILOCOS NORTE, PHILIPPINE STATISTICIAN AND CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY AND ALL PERSONS WHO HVE CLAIM OR ANY INTEREST OR WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY, Respondents.

SP. PROC. NO. 5833-17

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SUN award from the Coalition of Services of the Elderly, Inc. for her 56 original compositions, arrangement of more than 100 psalms, and the composition of Candon City's Hymn.

Moreover, in his speech during the event, Governor Jeremias Singson encouraged the senior citizens to stay healthy.

"My dear brothers and sisters, the provincial government has organized the celebration for you to enjoy and [for us] to acknowledge your extraordinary contribution to our society. I hope that we maintain our health, and this activity is our way of showing our love for the senior citizens," he said.

The National

ORDER

This is a verified Petition filed on October 11, 2023 by Jose R. Tacotaco through counsel, seeking the correction of his Certificate of Live Birth particularly his date of birth from "February 26, 1946" to "January 23, 1945".

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the initial hearing thereof on JANUARY 23, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Session Hall of this Court located at the Hall of Justice, Batak City, Ilocos Norte, at which date, time and place, all interested parties may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

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

Also let copies of the Petition and this Order be furnished the Local Civil Registrar of BADCOC, Ilocos Norte, the Office of the Civil Registrar General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Batak and the Office of the Solicitor General.

SO ORDERED. Given this 18th day of October, 2023 at Batak City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(Sgd.) FELIX G. SALVADOR Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:
1. Atty. Cherie Mae F. Aguinaldo
2. Provincial Prosecutor's Office
3. Office of the Civil Registrar General
4. Office of the Solicitor General
5. Office of the Clerk of Court

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use for the re-packaging of vegetables.

Plastics and styrofoam used as secondary packaging materials for wet goods, frozen food, and other products are also prohibited.

The packaging of granular items such as beans, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, and other items on a "tingi tingi" basis is meanwhile exempted from the ordinance.

Penalties for violating the ordinance shall be a P2,000 fine for the first offense, a P3,000 fine for the second offense, and

5,000 fine for the third and succeeding violations.

The ordinance, which was enacted on September 18, shall take effect after a grace period of six months after its enactment and another six months for a warning violation without penalties.

Establishments are meanwhile given six months from the effectivity of the ordinance to rid their remaining plastic and styrofoam inventory and enable consumers to adjust. (Chester Trinidad/PIA La Union)



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AND CITY SHERIFF
LAOAG CITY

ILOCOS CONSOLIDATED
COOPERATIVE BANK (ICCB),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. REYNOLAN A. TEODORO
And JANICE D. TEODORO,
Mortgagors.

CASE No. 03-2023

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by SOCORRO O. DOMINGO, Branch Manager of ILOCOS CONSOLIDATED COOPERATIVE BANK - SOLSONA BRANCH, with Business address at Barangay Juan, Solsona, Ilocos Norte, against SPS. REYNOLAN A. TEODORO and JANICE D. TEODORO, as Attorney-in-Fact of ROLY V. TEODORO of Barangay San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 9, 2023 in the amount of NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P950,000.00) excluding penalties, Attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure. The undersigned or his duly authorized Deputy will sell at public auction on December 7, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon or soon thereafter at the Office of the Provincial Sheriff Ex-Officio or Clerk of Court, Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City, to the highest bidder, for cash and in Philippine currency, all rights, shares and participations which the mortgagor have or might have had in the hereunder described real property together with all the improvements erected thereon, by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney executed by Roly V. Teodoro dated January 24, 2020 and was duly notarized by Atty. Isidro Corpuz under Doc. No. 50, Book No. IXXXVI Series of 2020 and to wit:

MORTGAGED PROPERTY

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14010 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11823 designated as Lot No. 184346, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Right of Way; on the NE, along line 2-3 by Lot 184353, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Canal; and on the SW. along line 4-1 by Lot 184338, Cad-906. Containing an area of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (18) SQUARE METERS with market value of Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 2,350.00) and with assessed value of Nine Hundred Forty Pesos (Php 940.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14011 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11822 designated as Lot No. 184347, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Canal; on the NE.; along line 2-3 by Lot 184352, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Irrigation Canal; and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 184337, Cad-906. Containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (559) SQUARE METERS with market value of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Pesos (Php 10,430.00) and with assessed value of Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php 4,170.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14067 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11821 designated as Lot No. 184348, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 184351, CAD-906; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Irrigation Canal; on the SW along line 3-4 by Lot 184336, Cad-906; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Irrigation Canal. Containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (453) SQUARE METERS with market value of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 8,450.00) and with an assessed value of Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Pesos (Php 3,380.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14012 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11825 designated as Lot No. 184349, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Irrigation Canal; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 184350, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Irrigation Canal; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 184335, Cad-906. Containing an area of NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX (926) SQUARE METERS with market value of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Pesos (Php 17,280.00) and with an assessed value of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Pesos (Php 6,910.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14013 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11824 designated as Lot No. 184350, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 184366, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Irrigation Canal; on the SW along line 3-4 by Lot 184349, Cad-906; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Irrigation Canal. Containing an area of NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT (968) SQUARE METERS with a market value of Eighteen Thousand Sixty Pesos (Php 18,060.00) and with an assessed value of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Pesos (Php 7,230.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-13065 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11820 designated as Lot No. 184351, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Irrigation Canal; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 184365, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Irrigation Canal; and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 184348, Cad-906. Containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN (487) SQUARE METERS with a market value of Nine Thousand Ninety Pesos (Php 9,090.00) and with an assessed value of Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Pesos (Php 3,640.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-13005 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11819 designated as Lot No. 184352, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 184364, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Irrigation Canal; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 184347, Cad-906; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Canal. Containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (518) SQUARE METERS with market value of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php 9,670.00) and with an assessed value of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php 3,870.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-13006 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11818 designated as Lot No. 184353, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 184363, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Canal; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 184346, Cad-906; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Right of Way. Containing an area of EIGHTY SEVEN (87) SQUARE METERS with a market value of One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Pesos (Php 1,740.00) and with an assessed value of Six Hundred Ninety Pesos (Php 690.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14005 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11829 designated as Lot No. 183825, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 183824, Cad-906; on the NE., along lines 2-3-4 by Lot 183834, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Irrigation Canal; and on the SW., along line 5-1 by Lot 183818, Cad-906. Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (354) SQUARE METERS with a market value of Six Thousand Six Hundred Ten Pesos (Php 6,610.00) and with an assessed value of Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Pesos (Php 2,640.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14006 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11828 designated as Lot No. 183826, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 183833, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Brgy. Road; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 183817, Cad-906; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Irrigation Canal. Containing an area of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE (1,951) SQUARE METERS with a market value of Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Pesos (Php 38,920.00) and with an assessed value of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php 15,570.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14065 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11826 designated as Lot No. 183828, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Canal; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 183831, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Irrigation Canal; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 183815, Cad-906. Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (336) SQUARE METERS with a market value of Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php 6,270.00) and with an assessed value of Two Thousand Five Hundred Ten Pesos (Php 2,510.00).

An agricultural land covered by KOT Blg. P-14008 declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0027-11827 designated as Lot No. 183829, Cad-906 situated at Brgy. San Marcelino, Dingras, Ilocos Norte. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Irrigation Canal; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 183830, Cad-906; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Canal; on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 183814, Cad-906. Containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400) SQUARE METERS with a market value of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Pesos (Php 7,460.00) and with an assessed value of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Pesos (Php 2,990.00).

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the

NEWSBIT

4 barangays in Batac City achieved drug-cleared status

BATAC CITY --After successfully complying with all the parameters set forth for the Barangay Drug Clearing Program, four new barangays from the City of Batac are declared drug-cleared by the Regional Oversight Committee for Barangay Drug Clearing Program. These barangays are Parangopong, Magnuang, Baoa West and Dariwdiw.

This achievement is part of the Barangay Drug Clearing Program, a national government initiative aimed at eradicating illegal drug use and trade at the community level. It requires the absence of drug-related activities, community involvement in anti-drug efforts, and the successful execution of awareness, prevention, and rehabilitation programs.

After undergoing a rigorous process, these eight barangays have demonstrated cooperation between community leaders, law enforcement, and residents in creating safe environments.

Their application for the barangay drug-clearing program was supported and assisted by the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) headed by Mayor Albert D. Chua.

Punong Barangay Luis Battulayan of Parangopong, Christopher Fontanilla of Magnuang, Leovino Baranda of Baoa West, and Rey Ventura of Dariwdiw, together with the CADAC members, personally defended their Barangay Drug-Clearing Application at Pangasinan on November 10. (CGB)

property hereunder above-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In the event the public auction sale should not take place on the scheduled date, it shall be held on **November 24, 2023** without further notice.

Laoag City, October 13, 2023.

XAVIER F. GACHO
Acting Clerk of Court

By:

(Sgd.) **RONALD LUISITO P. BLANCO**
Sheriff-in-charge

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0175-2023

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), a notice is hereby served to the public that **MELVIN MENDOZA ADINA** has filed with this Office, a Petition for correction of entry in the Date of Birth of his Certificate of Live Birth from "**04 October 1987**" to "**29 September 1987**". He was born on **October 4, 1987** at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** unto parents Nicolas B. Adina and Carmen D. Mendoza.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **November 19, 2023**.

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

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SPOUSES WILMA A. URBANO and LORENZO R. URBANO, represented by Their Attorney-In-Fact, **EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO** Plaintiffs,

-versus-

SPOUSES JUVELYN N. RAMOS and VIRGILIO Q. RAMOS ROBERT FRANCIS AGCAOILI, LEONARDA LAMPITOC and ANGEL FELIX CORPUZ, Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 3592

For: OWNERSHIP, QUIETING OF TITLE, DECLARATION OF NULLITY AND SALE, POSSESSION AND DAMAGES

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ORDER

A Motion for Leave of Court to Effect Service of Summons by Publication with the attached affidavit of plaintiff Ms. Eva Marie D. Dumlaio, for the service of summons upon the defendant Leonarda Q. Lampitoc was filed on 15 September 2023.10.19

In its motion, the plaintiff moved that Summons be served by publication to defendant Lampitoc who is now alleged to be abroad with no specific address.

Perusal of the records shows that the 17 July 2023 Report/Return on Service of Summons¹ states that the 5 June 2023 Alias Summons was returned unserved because the residential address of defendant Lampitoc at #87 Waling Waling St., Roxas District, Quezon City, was demolished and now owned by St. Peter's Plan.

WHEREFORE, finding the motion to be impressed with merit, the Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication is **GRANTED**.

Let a copy of this Order and Summons to be issued to the defendant Leonarda Lampitoc, together with the Complaint, be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Ilocos Norte and Laoag City, and another copy be served to the defendants and be sent by registered mail at their last known address at #87 Waling Waling St., Roxas District, Quezon City, and Brgy. 30-B Sta. Maria, Laoag City, at the instance and expense of the plaintiff, in accordance with Section 17, Rule 14 of the Rules on Civil Procedure, as amended.

Further, let another copy be posted in the bulletin board of the Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City, and at Brgy. 30-B Sta. Maria, Laoag City, where the property subject of this case is located.

The defedants are given a period of **Sixty (60) days** from the date of publication or from receipt of the copy of the summons, whichever is earlier, within which to file their respective answer or responsive pleading.

The Branch Clerk of court is **ORDERED** to issue the necessary Summons.

SO ORDERED.

Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, 25 September 2023.10.19

(Sgd.) **MARTY P. CACHAPERO**
Judge Designate

Copy furnished:

1. **CORPUZ AND CID LAW OFFICES (ATTY. BRIAN JAY CORPUZ / ATTY. ED VON ALLAN F. CID)** Counsels for the Plaintiffs Alcud Building Lagasca Street Barangay No. 12 San Isidro Laoag City

2. **CASTRO & ULEP LAW OFFICES (ATTY. JOHN PAUL V. RAMOS)** Counsel for the Defendant Spouses Ramos 2/F Esteban Castro Electronics Building Brgy. 3 San Ildefonso San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte jpvillanuevaramos15@yahoo.com

3. **MS. EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO** Attorney-In-Fact of the Plaintiffs Brgy. 30-A Suyo Laoag City

4. **MS. JUVELYN N. RAMOS** Defendant Brgy. 30-B Sta. Maria Laoag City

5. **MR. VIRGILIO N. RAMOS** Defendant Brgy. 30-B Sta. Maria Laoag City

6. **MR. ROBERT FRANCIS Q. AGCAOILI** Defendant Brgy. 30-B Sta. Maria Laoag City

and

Dingras District Hospital Dingras, Ilocos Norte

7. **MS. LEONARDA LAMPITOC** Defendant Brgy. 30-B Sta. Maria Laoag City (Address in the Complaint)

and

#87 Waling Waling St. Roxas District, Quezon City

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-versus-

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RAMOS and VIRGILIO Q. RAMOS, ROBERT FRANCIS AGCAOILI, LEONARDA LAMPITOC and ANGEL FELIX CORPUZ, Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 3592

For: OWNERSHIP, QUIETING OF TITLE, DECLARATION OF NULLITY AND SALE, POSSESSION AND DAMAGES

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SUMMONS (By Publication)

TO: **MS. LEONARDA LAMPITOC** Defendant Brgy. 30-B Sta Maria Laoag City

and #87 Waling Waling St., Roxas District, Quezon City

GREETINGS!

You are hereby required within **SIXTY (60) DAYS** after the service of summons upon you to file with this court, and serve to the plaintiff/s, your answer to the Complaint, a copy of which is attached together with the annexes. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default and may be granted the relief applied for in then Complaint.

Witness my hand under the seal of this Court, this 27th day of September 2023, at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **MA. ROWENA A. FERNANDEZ**
Branch Clerk of Court

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DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF SALE, POSSESSION, AND DAMAGES

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COMPLAINT

(WITH A VERY URGENT PRAYER FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION/ TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (TRO) AND REMOVAL STRUCTURES)

PLAINTIFFS, through counsel, most respectfully aver that:

1. **PLANTIFFS SPOUSES WILMA A. URBANO AND LORENZO R. URBANO** are of legal age, Filipino and residents of 1602 Daisy Court Richmond, California, United States of America. They are represented by their Attorney-in-fact, **EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO**, single, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Brgy. 30-A, Suyo, Laoag City, as evidenced by the *Special Power of Attorney*, docketed as Doc. No. 2491, Page 1, Book 1, Series of 2021 before **ADRIAN AUDREY L. BACCAY**, Vice Consul in the Consulate of the Republic of the Philippines, San Francisco, California, marked and made an integral part of the **Judicial Affidavit of EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO**, as **Exhibit "A"**.

2. **DEFENDANTS SPOUSES JUVELYN N. RAMOS AND VIRGILIO Q. RAMOS** are of legal age, Filipino and residents of Brgy. 30-B. Sta. Maria, Laoag City.

3. **DEFENDANTS ROBERT FRANCIS Q. AGCAOILI** is of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of Brgy. 30-B, Sta. Maria, Laoag City.

4. **DEFENDANT LEONARDA LAMPITOC** is of legal age, Filipino, widow and her last known residence is Brgy. 30-B, Sta. Maria, Laoag City. Despite diligent efforts, her present address cannot be ascertained. Respondent Spouses Ramos did not want to divulge her present residence during the barangay conciliation.

5. **DEFENDANT ANGEL FELIX CORPUZ** is of legal age, married, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. 30-B, Sta. Maria, Laoag City.

CAUSES OF ACTION

6. Plaintiffs are co-owners of two parcels of land, designated as **Lot No. 11968** and **Lot No. 12135** of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag City, and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-34529** and **TCT No. T-34530**, respectively. The afore-said titles show that Plaintiffs are co-owners by two-thirds (2/3) parts of both parcels of land. Certified electronic copies of the titles are marked as **Exhibits "B" and "C"**, respectively, in the **Judicial Affidavit of EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO**.

7. Lots 11968 and 12135 are declared under **TD No. 17-0045-00945** and **TD No. 17-0045-01270 (Exhibits "D" and "E")**, respectively, in the Judicial

Affidavit of EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO respectively. **For jurisdictional purposes, the subject matter of this case is Lot No. 12135 with a current assessed value at P36,450, hence, within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Trial Court level.**

8. Moreover, Plaintiffs are co-owners of the **ONE-THIRD (1/3)** portions of the two lots in the name of **TOMAS C. LAMPITOC**, who died intestate, as the shares of **BENJAMIN LAMPITOC**, son of Tomas Lampitoc, was adjudicated and sold to them through the heirs of Benjamin Lampitoc. Such co-ownership over the 1/3 share is covered by the *Deed of Adjudication and Absolute Sale* docketed as Doc. No. 367, Page No. 73, Book No. I, Series of 2002 in the Notarial Register of Atty. Justino T. San Juan, a notary public of Manila, Philippines, **duly registered in the Registry of Deed of Laoag City**, a certified electronic copy of which is made an integral part hereof and marked as **Exhibit "F"** in the **Judicial Affidavit of EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO**.

9. For a clearer picture, a summary is being illustrated on the extent of the ownership of the Plaintiffs in the 1/3 shares of Tomas Lampitoc over **Lot No. 11968 and Lot No. 12135**:

Lots	Total Area	Areas sold to the Plaintiffs (based on the Deed)	Areas of Plaintiffs' ownership of the 2/3 portion	Areas of Plaintiffs' ownership of the 1/3 portion in the name of Tomas Lampitoc
Lot 11968	4,174 sq.m.	3,130.49 sq.m.	2,782.67	347.82
Lot 12135	1,016 sq.m.	761.98 sq.m.	677.33	84.65

10. With this, Plaintiffs have undivided shares of **347.82** and **84.65** square meters, respectively, of the 1/3 shares to the lots in the name of deceased Tomas Lampitoc. In fact, a building owned by the Plaintiffs is erected over Lot 12135.

11. Just this year, Plaintiffs were shocked to know that the vacant portion of **Lot 12135** was fenced with *bikal* (thin type of bamboo). when investigated, it was Defendants Spouses Ramos who caused the fencing thereof. A **photograph** is marked as **Exhibit "G"** in the **Judicial Affidavit of EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO** to show the area enclosed.

12. Such fencing necessitated the calling for a barangay conciliation against Spouses Ramos. In the conciliation, Spouses Ramos categorically said that **they bought 231.75 square meters of the 1/3 shares of TOMAS LAMPITOC through one LEONARDA LAMPITOC, widow of CARLOMAGNO PONCE LAMPITOC**. They claimed that the 231.75 is the three-fourths (3/4) of the 1/3 share of Tomas Lampitoc to Lot 12135. When asked to show her proof or document of sale, they resisted and sarcastically said, *"Is it by force to show our legal documents [to them or to anyone] if it's not necessary?"* Nevertheless, Barangay Captain Glenford

T. Paguirigan of Brgy. 30-B, Laoag City furnished the Plaintiffs through Messenger a **photograph of the Deed of Adjudication and Absolute Sale** of the transaction showing the **Defendant Robert Francis Q. Agcaoili** served as the Attorney-in-Fact of Defendant Leonarda Lampitoc in allegedly selling the 231.75 square meters of Lot 12135. A printed copy of the photograph of the **Deed of Adjudication and Absolute Sale** docketed as *Doc. No. 227, Page 46, Book No. DCXVI, Series of 2021* in the Notarial Register of Atty. Juan Conrado Respicio and was executed on June 22, 2021 is marked as **Exhibit "H"**. The Plaintiffs reserve the right to avail of the modes of discovery under the Rules of Court to compel the Defendants in surrendering the original copy of the alleged Deed.

13. Worse, Spouses Ramos made and arranged a conditional sale with Defendant Angel Felix Corpuz which resulted in improvements on **Lot 12135**. A photograph of the latest situation of the vacant lot of **Lot 12135**, now containing a bahay kubo and tiled pavements, is marked as **Exhibit "I"** in the **Judicial Affidavit of EVA MARIE DUMLAO**. Improvements were introduced by Defendant Corpuz to the extreme prejudice of the Plaintiffs, as co-owners of the lot. Their consent was never sought for it.

14. From the claim of Spouses Ramos that they bought the 231.75 sq. meters of the lot, the alleged sale, and all derivative acts arising thereof, must be nullified or invalidated, grounded on serious legal flaws, and ownership rights of the Plaintiffs must be enforced.

15. **First, Defendant Leonarda Lampitoc has no oita of right to sell the ideal portion of the property in the name of Tomas Lampitoc, his father-in-law.** Allegedly drawing her right from her deceased spouse, Carlomagno Lampitoc, she cannot directly claim any successional right to the estate of Tomas Lampitoc without the settlement of the estate of all compulsory heirs. In *Intestate Estate of Petra V. Rosales and Rosales vs. Rosales, et al.*¹ the Supreme Court said:

"Indeed, the surviving spouse is considered a **third person as regards the estate of the parent-in-law.** X x x

By the same token, the provision of Article 999 of the Civil Code aforesaid does not support petitioner's claim. A careful examination of the said Article confirms that the estate contemplated therein is the estate of the deceased spouse. The estate which is the subject matter of the intestate proceedings in this case is that of the deceased Petra V. Rosales, the **mother-in-law** of the Petitioner. X x x

16. **Second, the legitimate** (Continue on next page)

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compulsory heirs of Tomas C. Lampitoc are living abroad and in close contacts with the Plaintiffs, thus, Defendants Spouses Ramos cannot assume too much to any valid claim. Same with the Plaintiffs, they were shocked to learn that someone is disposing of the estate of Tomas Lampitoc without their consent. Tomas has four children - Benjamin, Emma, Carlomagno, and Rolando. The **heirs of Benjamin Lampitoc sold the 1/4 Tomas' Lampitoc's share of the Lot 12135 to the Plaintiffs**, as previously alleged. The presence of legitimate heirs of Tomas Lampitoc also clear in the *Deed of Adjudication and Absolute Sale (Exhibit "F")*, as it says:

WHEREAS, Tomas C. Lampitoc was survived by his legal heirs, namely: **Benjamin P. Lampitoc**, married to Natividad Agustin Lampitoc; **Emma P. Lampitoc**, married to Daniel Apostol; both of ...x x x; **Rolando Lampitoc**, married to Cecilia Sian, x x x... and **Carlo Magno Lampitoc**, married to Leonarda Quetola . . . (3rd paragraph)

Reuben Lampitoc, son of deceased Rolando Lampitoc, who lives in Canada, together with his siblings, are also now readying to join this Complaint and/or to file legal actions against the Defendants for their illegal acts, possibly to file criminal/civil actions against responsible individuals. But because of the difficulty of mobility in going to the Philippine consul in securing necessary papers brought about by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, they will eventually file the necessary pleadings to vindicate their rights over the property in issue as soon as possible.

17.Plaintiffs, being **co-owners** of the dominant area (761.98 sq.m.) as well as the **undivided portion of Lot 12135** is also greatly prejudiced with the illegal maneuvers of the Defendants. They even have the preferential right to buy out the remaining portion of it over third persons, as a matter of legal right. Assuming *arguendo* that the sale of the portion of Lot 12135 is valid, there was **no valid notice** given to Plaintiffs about the sale. Spouses Ramos are even withholding and hiding documents pertaining thereof because of its patent nullity.

18.With these, it is necessary that the ownership rights of the Plaintiffs, be enforced and the alleged sale of Leonarda Lampitoc, **who is now apparently hiding**, to Spouses Ramos, and the consequent contractual agreement of Spouses Ramos to Angel Felix Ramos, be struck down as it is **illegal and extremely prejudicial** to the Plaintiffs and the legitimate consulsory heirs of Tomas C. Lampitoc, being the registered co-owners of the property.

19.Plaintiffs tried to resolve the matter in a barangay conciliation but everything went into futility. Attached as **Exhibit "J"** is the **Certificate**

to **File Action** issued.

GROUND IN SUPPORT OF THE VERY URGENT PRAYER FOR ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND/OR A WRIT OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO STAY ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTS OF DEFENDANTS AND REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES.

20.The Plaintiffs earnestly replead by reference the foregoing allegations as if herein set out in full.

21.The continuing aggressive actions of Spouses Ramos and Angel Felix Corpuz in introducing improvements over the undivided portion of Lot No. 12135 based on a void/invalid sale, or any derivative contract, is extremely prejudicial to the interest of the Plaintiffs and the compulsory heirs of Tomas Lampitoc. Defendants are taking advantage of Plaintiffs' residence abroad to perform acts that could result in irreversible damages to them.

22.As shown in **Exhibit "I"**, they have already put nipa hut and tiled pavements over the property, the continuation of which must be stopped.

23.With these, there is obviously an on-going miscarriage of justice. As there is no more plain, adequate, speedy and practical remedy in the ordinary course of law that would prevent the adulteration of the property subject of controversy, a **temporary restraining order (TRO) and/or a preliminary injunction should be issued by this Honorable Court commanding the stay of any subsequent act or conduct of improvement, use, and/or disposition of Lot 12135 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag City made by the Defendants, and of any third person. Correspondingly, it is corollary that improvements, as far as practicable, shall be removed.**

24.The Plaintiffs and the legitimate co-owners who are the compulsory heirs of Tomas Lampitoc have already suffered much prejudice and will suffer graver and irreparable injury, unless this Honorable Court enjoins, though a restraining order or citation of preliminary injunction, for any conduct of improvement, use, and/or disposition of the undivided portion of Lot 12135.

25.The Plaintiffs are willing to post bond in such amount as the Honorable Court, as provided for by law, to warrant the issuance of such relief/s.

WITNESSES TO BE PRESENTED

26.Petitioner intends to present the following witnesses:

- a. **EVA MARIE DUMLAO** - the Attorney-in-Fact of the Plaintiffs, who will narrate the circumstances of to substantiate and support this Complaint, identify documents, and other related matters.

b.**REUBEN LAMPITOC**- one

of the living compulsory heirs of Tomas Lampitoc, who will join and support the grounds of this Complaint, to identify documents, and other related matters. *[Due to the extreme urgency of the matter, and the difficulty in securing necessary papers in the Philippine Consulate in Canada, we will submit the Judicial Affidavit later soon.]*

For good causes as allowed by the Rules of Court, Plaintiffs reserve the right to present additional witnesses.

DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITS

27.Petitioner intends to present the following Documentary Exhibits:

- a. **Exhibit "A"**- *Special Power of Attorney*, docketed as Doc. No. 2491, Page 1, Book 1, Series of 2021 before **ADRIAN AUDREY L. BACCAY**, Vice Consul in the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines, San Francisco, California - to prove the proper representation of the Attorney-in-Fact in this case; and as part of the testimony of the witness.
- b. **Exhibits "B" and "C"** - certified electronic copies of **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-34529 and TCT No. T-34530**, respectively - to prove the ownership rights of the Plaintiffs, and the registration status of the lots, and other matters related thereto; and as part of the testimonies of the witnesses.
- c. **Exhibits "D" and "E"** - **TD No. 17-0045-00945 and TD No. 17-0045-01270** - to prove ownership rights of Plaintiffs, for jurisdictional purposes for Lot 12135, and other matters related thereto.
- d. **Exhibit "F"** - certified electronic copy of *Deed of Adjudication and Absolute Sale* docketed as Doc. No. 367, Page No. 73, Book No. 1, Series of 2002 in the Notarial Register of Atty. Justino T. San Juan, a notary public of Manila, Philippines - to prove that Plaintiffs bought 761.98 square meters of Lot 12135 from Benjamin Lampitoc, which is 2/3 of the property, plus the 84.65 sq. meters share of Benjamin to the 1/3 remaining share of Tomas Lampitoc; that Tomas Lampitoc has four children, and other matters related thereto.

e. **Exhibit "G"** - Photograph of the vacant portion of Lot 12135 - to show that the area was illegally fenced with bikal (thin type pf bamboo) by Defendants Spouses Ramos; and other matters related thereto.

f. **Exhibit "H"** - **Deed of Adjudication and Absolute Sale** docketed as Doc. No. 227, Page 46, Book No. DCXVI, Series of 2021 in the Notarial Register of Atty. Juan Conrado Respicio (*original copy, reserved, to avail of the modes of discovery under the Rules of Court*) - to prove the illegal

conveyance and contract of Defendants pertaining Lot 12135, which is the subject matter of the controversy; and other matters related thereto, and part of the testimony of the witnesses *[Original copy shall be produced through the appropriate mode of discovery under the Rules]*

g. **Exhibit "I"** - **Photograph of Lot 12135** - to prove that Defendant Angel Felix Corpuz is very aggressive in introducing on **Lot 12135**, now containing a bahay kubo and tiled pavements, in extreme prejudice of the Plaintiffs and the heirs of Tomas Lampitoc; and other matters related thereto.

h. **Exhibit "J"** - **Certificate to File Action** - to prove efforts of settling the case in the barangay level but was not successful; and other related matters.

i. **Exhibit "K" series- Official Receipts (reserved)** reflecting coast of the suit - to prove the cost of the suit as Plaintiffs were forced to litigate due to Defendants' illegal acts.

j. **Exhibit "L"** - Official Receipt of attorney's fees - to prove that Plaintiffs paid actual expenses as attorney's fees because they were forced to litigate due to Defendants' illegal acts.

For good causes as allowed by the Rules of Court, Plaintiffs reserve the right to present additional documentary exhibits.

PRAYERS

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed unto this Honorable Court that:

- 1. **As a preliminary citation to be ventilated in an intended hearing, temporary restraining order (TRO) and/or a preliminary injunction should be issued by this Honorable Court commanding the stay of any subsequent act or conduct of improvement, use, and/or disposition to Lot 12135 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag City made by the Defendants, and of any third person. Correspondingly, it is corollary that fences and improvements made, as far as practicable, shall be removed, and possession be surrendered to the Plaintiffs.**
- 2. After due notice and hearing, a judgment be rendered, as follows:
 - a. Affirm the co-ownership rights of the Plaintiffs over **Lot 12135** of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag City, enforcing therein all the applicable rights appurtenant thereto to protect their interest therein over the Defendants;
 - b. Declaring the sale made by Leonarda Lampitoc to the 231.75 square meters of Lot No. 12135 to Spouses Ramos covered by the **Deed of Adjudication**

and **Absolute Sale** docketed as *Doc. No. 227, Page 46. Book No. DCXVI, Series of 2021* in the Notarial Register of Atty. Juan Conrado Respicio **NULL AND VOID**, or any subsequent or derivative contracts made thereof.

c. As far as applicable and practicable, to quiet the ownership rights of the Plaintiffs over the **Lot 12135** against the Defedants;

d. Defendants to surrender the possession of the vacant portion of Lot 12135 now occupied by Defendant Angel Felix Corpuz;

e. Defendants to pay the cost of the suit, as well as attorney's fees;

f. Defendants to pay exemplary damages of P10,000.00 for their illegal acts;

Other just and equitable relief and remedies are likewise prayed for.

December 10, 2021 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

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Valid until April 14, 2022.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, **EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO**, single, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Brgy. 30-A, Suyo, Laoag City, *Attorney-in-Fact* of **PLAINTIFFS SPOUSES WILMA A. URBANO AND LORENZO R. URBANO** who are of legal age, Filipino and residents of 1602 Daisy Court Richmond, California, United States of America, under oath, hereby depose and say that:

(1) I am the Attorney-in-Fact of the Plaintiffs in the above-entitled case who is duly authorized to appear and

sign this Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping; (2) I caused the preparation of the foregoing; (3) I read and undertook the contents thereof and the allegations therein contained true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and/or belief based on authentic records; (4) I have not filed this pleading to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation and the factual allegations therein have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery; (5) I have not commenced any other actions or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, no such action or proceeding is pending therein; if there is such other pending action or claim, a complete statement of the present status thereof, and of we should thereafter learn that the same action or claim has been filed or is pending, we shall report that fact within five (5) calendar days therefrom to the court where our aforesaid complaint or initiatory pleading has been filed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set my hand this 10 Dec 2021 in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines

(Sgd.) **EVA MARIE D. DUMLAO**
Petitioner/ Dumlao
Petitioner/Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this **10 DEC 2021**, in the City of Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, with the affiant exhibiting to me her **UMID CRM -006-0070-3202-0** as proof of her identity; I further certify that I have personally examined the affiant and I am satisfied that she voluntarily executed the same and understood the contents thereof based on authentic documents and records.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. BRIAN JAY CORPUZ**
Notary Public of Laoag City/ Ilocos Norte
Notarial Commission No. 2019-24 /
Valid December 31, 2021
SC Roll No. 61512/03.03.2012
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¹ Page 637-643 of the Records.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ROMUALDO S. MARTIN and ESPERANZA PASCUAL pertaining to the 1/21 share and 1/7 share, respectively, over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 25743-B, Psd-1-010970, being a portion of Lot No. 25743, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1176, situated in the Barrio of Vira, Laoag City, covered by T.C.T. No. T-20007 is the subject of Deed of Extra-Judicial Settlement and Absolute Sale executed by their legal heirs before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc No. 25687; Page No. 2850; Book No. XIV; Series of 2004.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased TOMAS V. VALDEZ pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 19417, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 022-2020000252, declared under Tax Declaration No. 20-19-023-00808, has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Honesto Valdez, Tomas Valdez Jr. and Carmen E. Valdez and simultaneously sold unto Socorro O. Domingo a portion of the aforesaid lot equivalent to 1,000 sq.m. as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Kathleen Ann A. Bonador-Gumiran; Doc. No. 62; Page No. 13; Book No. XXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ALFREDO LABASAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7833, Cad-445-D, situated in Brgy. Callaguip, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-2626 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Nenita Labasan Ramos, Domingo Labasan and Norma Labasan Cabiles unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Glorilyn A. Alagao in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; as per Doc. No. 275; Page No. 56; Book No. CXX; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased EUFEMIA D. LAZO consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 9705 and 9729, Cad-307-D, both situated at Brgy. Barabar, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, both covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-21987 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Manuelito Walter A. Lazo unto himself and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Gerardo Simolata Nagtalon and Jacqueline Coloma Nagtalon a portion of the aforesaid lot equivalent to 977 sq.m., now designated as Lot No. 9729-A, in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Angeli B. Gapuzan; as per Doc. No. 95; Page No. 19; Book No. I; Series of 2023.

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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MELBERT ANDRES BAUTISTA, PARTICULARLY THE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS FROM 12-28-84 SAN JACINTO, PANGASINAN TO "NOT MARRIED"

MELBERT ANDRES BAUTISTA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MARCOS, ILOCOS NORTE, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, IMELDA ANDRES, AND ALL PERSONS, WHO HAVE ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST,
Respondents.

SPEC. PROC. NO.
17985 - 65

for **CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH**

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ORDER

This is a *Petition for the Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth* of Mr. Melbert Andres Bautista registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Marcos, Ilocos Norte and the Philippine Statistics Authority, particularly in the "DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS" column, from 12-28-84 SAN JACINTO, PANGASINAN to "NOT MARRIED".

The Court sets the hearing of the Petition *via videoconference* on **THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2023, AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING,** at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 65, Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City. On said date, time, place, all interested persons adversely affected may appear and show cause why the petition should **NOT** be granted.

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

Let the copy of this Order together with the Petition be furnished the Solicitor General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor (OPP) of Ilocos Norte and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED.

13th day of October 2023,
Laoag City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **MYRA SHEILA M. NALUPTA**
Presiding Judge

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE WITH DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased RODAPIANA RAMOS pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 14432, situated in Barrio Payas, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-32126 has been extrajudicially settled by and among her legal heirs Maria A. Tomas, Modesta A. Alamon and Valentin R. Agduyeng and simultaneously donated the aforesaid parcel of lot unto Donee Kristoffer Nic M. Jacinto who accepted the donation as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Limberge Paul G. Corpuz; Doc. No. 319; Page No. 65; Book No. XXIII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased RICARTE Q. REYNO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 974-B, Bsd-01-002075 (AR) VLT, situated at Barangay Tapao-Tigue, Municipality of Currimaog, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. TC-1807 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Francisca D. Reyno and Danilo D. Reyno and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Jake Anthony V. Tapallas and Krizelle Jahn T. Tapallas as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Marcelino M. Quitoras, Jr.; Doc. No. 425; Page No. 86; Book No. CCXXIV; Series of 2023.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES AND DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ROSALINA B. NAVARRO, ANGELITO B. NAVARRO, SUSAN N. BLAS, ANACLETO P. NAVARRO and JUANITA N. NAVARRO pertaining to a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-20303 has been extrajudicially settled by and among their respective legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto John Immanuel C. Navarro as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jerry C. Villegas, Jr.; Doc. No. 230; Page No. 47; Book No. XVI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES MELQUIADES PASCUAL and MARIA PASION pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21622-A of the subdivision plan PSD-01-045845, being a portion of Lot 21622, Cad 195, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1208, situated at Brgy. San Mauricio, City of Laoag, has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Corazon P. Zambrano, Narcisa Leorina P. Ramos, Joel M. Pascual and Joseph Pascual and simultaneously waived, renounced and quitclaimed the one-half (1/2) portion or 133.50 sq. m. unto co-heir Joseph M. Pascual as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona; Doc. No. 93; Page No. 20; Book No. XII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased LEONORA BARTOLOME pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 259, Cad-574-D, situated at Brgy. Laureta, Solsona, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP 2014000645 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Revelyn V. Cedo unto herself and simultaneously sold unto Charito Bartolome in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; as per Doc. No. 274; Page No. 56; Book No. CXX; Series of 2023.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **EDNA G. BONDOC** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**ESTRE LITA**" to "**TETCHIE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ESTRE LITA G. BONDOC** who was born on **November 23, 1975** at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Solomon Bondoc** and **Leonila Gaspar**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **November 20, 2023**.

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

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased EUGENIO FERMIN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 966 of the Laoag Cadastre, situated at Brgy. 41 Balacad, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, covered under Tax Declaration No. 17-0072-01546 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Mark Teejay Corpuz Pagay unto himself and simultaneously sold unto Abigaile Baltazar Duldulao in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Isidro Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 58; Page No. 13; Book No. CCXXXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ESPERANZA ALMAZAN, CELERINA ALMAZAN, LOURDES ALMAZAN and PAULA ALMAZAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21992 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in the Poblacion (Barrio of San Bernabe) now Brgy. 28, San Bernabe, Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 11697 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Jimmy M. Quilon, Jefferson M. Quilon, Donald A. Quilon, George F. Quilon, Angelita F. Olmedo, Edwin F. Faustino, Erna Crispina F. Almazan, Felix A. Domingo, Rosario A. Domingo, Guia-Mila Almazan Frez Racela, Melanie Almazan Frez De Los Trinos and Procesa Ramirez Mina unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Joseph G. Co and Marissa O. Co a portion of the aforesaid lot equivalent to 2,199 sq.m., now referred as Lot 21992-A in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; as per Doc. No. 262; Page No. 54; Book No. CXX; Series of 2023.

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In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **ARMIDA KATHLEEN ALONZO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from "**ESTRELLA ARMIDA KATHLEEN**" to "**ARMIDA KATHLEEN**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ESTRELLA ARMIDA KATHLEEN DELOS SANTOS ALONZO** who was born on **April 29, 1986** at **Laoag City, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Herminio Alonzo** and **Estrella Delos Santos**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **November 13, 2023**.

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

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased BENJAMIN TOLENTINO ASUNCION, BLAS TOLENTINO ASUNCION and VENANCIO TOLENTINO ASUNCION pertaining to their respective one-fifth (1/5) share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3202, situated at Brgy. 40, Balatong, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-28477 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs John Barangan Asuncion and Felicitas Asuncion Pascual unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Al Simon Suguitan the three-fifths (3/5) shares equivalent to 3,817.8 sq.m., in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 202; Page No. 42; Book No. XXXVIII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES ISIDRO LIGOT SR. and AVELINA LIGOT pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 11243-B-4, Psd-1-014518, being a portion of Lot 11243-B, (LRC) Psd-85114, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1221, situated at Brgy. 8 Barrio San Vicente, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-21340 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Quitclaim executed by and among their legal heirs Galanor "Nora" Ligor-Cristobal, Leonor Balla Ligor, Janice B. Ligor, Janeth Ligor Callao, Jefferson B. Ligor, Aprill Ligor Pon-an, Sherry Ligor Janzen, Mark Anthony Ligor, Rodelyn D. Ligor, Consolacion R. Ligor, Romeo B. Palisoc, Roma Amor Ligor Palisoc, Roumina Jade Palisoc Delos Reyes, Ritchmond Ligor Palisoc, Rosamonde Ligor Palisoc, Felicisima Ligor Alagos, Nelson Ligor, Lilian Marjorie Ligor Teofilo and Edwin Ligor unto themselves before Notary Public Atty. John-John P. Felipe; as per Doc. No. 295; Page No. 59; Book No. XXI; Series of 2013.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES JOSE R. EVANGELISTA and AGUSTINA ALBORNOZ EVANGELISTA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4683, Cad-445-D, situated at Brgy. Cabangaran, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. P-62903 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Amparo E. Tabije, Consuelo E. Coloma, Rolando Domingo, Perla E. Baldemor, Antonia E. Bruno and Perpetua E. Kalalo unto themselves in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; as per Doc. No. 437; Page No. 89; Book No. CDL; Series of 2023.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED AGATUN MAMUAD MARRIED TO RUPERTA MAMUAD WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased AGATON MAMUAD and RUPERTA MAMUAD consisting of four (4) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 7258, 7391, 7257 and 7620, all situated in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, all covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-1718 has been extrajudicially settled by and among legal heirs Felix Mamuad, Agustin Salvador, Louie Salvador, Lenie Salvador, Nerrisa Salvador, Patrocinio Mamuad, Leoncio Mamuad and William Mamuad unto themselves in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Marcelino M. Quitoras, Jr. as per Doc. No. 498; Page No. 101; Book No. CLX; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SUSANA SOLIMAN and HILARION SOLIMAN, SR. pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1-X, CSD-5183 (portion of Lot 1, Cad-195), situated in the Barrio of Gabu Sur, City of Laoag, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-12-L has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Arturo S. Rosqueta, Eufemia A. Soliman, Orlando Soliman, Wilfred Soliman, Rogelio Soliman, Estella S. Gallardo, Evelyn S. Miguel, Gasbamel P. Soliman, Larry Soliman, Jr. and Stephanie Jackson unto themselves in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 357; Page No. 73; Book No. XXXVI; Series of 2023.

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Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **November 17, 2023**.

(Sgd.) **CLEMENTE S. GALIZA, Ph.D.**
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Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **November 17, 2023**.

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DTI urges content creators to team up with gov't to boost creative industry sector

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Region 1, in partnership with the SIKAP-Creative Content Association of the Philippines, Inc., conducted an AYO Regional Roadshow aimed at establishing strong collaboration between the government and content creators in the creative industry.

AYO means “knock,” which indicates an invitation to creators to gather and share valuable experiences in a single forum.

About 70 content creators from Pangasinan and La Union, primarily in the field of digital micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), participated in the one-day roadshow held at the Monarch Hotel in Calasiao, Pangasinan on November 8.

“You, the SIKAP group, will play a vital role in promoting the creative industry’s advancement. Ito ay bago sa paningin ng opisina ng DTI dahil ang unang pumapasok sa isipan ng tao kapag nabanggit itong ahensya na ito ay tumaas ang presyo, walang suplay, o walang mabili,” Grace Lapastora, assistant regional director of DTI Region 1, said.

“But here comes the Philippine Creative Industry Development Act which brought for the formalization of the people belonging to the creative industry. Iyan ang patunay na ang gobyerno ay pinapahalagahan kayo dahil you are worth it,” she added.

The Philippine Creative Industry Development Act, under Republic Act No. 11904, mandates

the promotion and development of creative industries by protecting and strengthening the rights of creative firms, artists, workers, and other stakeholders.

Meanwhile, Lapastora urged content creators in the region to expand into global markets with the growing possibilities in the industry.

She said the government recognized their contributions and worth to the Philippine economy.

She stated they would create a creative industry in Region 1, thus, encouraging them to get out of their shell, collaborate, and interact with the bigger players in this sector.

Further, Lapastora assured the creators that the national government is committed to developing the creative industry to boost their contribution to the local economy.

Pangasinan’s pride and TikTok superstar Bernie Batin expressed his gratitude to DTI for bringing together creative talents, entrepreneurs, and government agencies to jumpstart the local creative economy by showcasing the immense talent of the regional creative industry.

“Sa mga aspiring na content creators, talagang mahirap sa simula. Pero huwag na huwag po tayong mawawalan ng pag-asa, huwag tayong sumuko at tumigil,” he said.

The second leg of the AYO regional roadshow was held on November 10 in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur and brought together creators from the provinces of Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur. (*Jennie C. Del Rosario/PIA Pangasinan*)

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union - Development efforts have increasingly relied on bottom-up approaches by tapping the expertise of communities in recent years, understanding the power of the knowledge of people living on the ground in crafting priority programs and projects apt for the latter’s current situation.

These participatory and inclusive development processes have aided development projects in Region 01 throughout the years, often with encouraging results.

Projects such as the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have shown the potential of community-initiated projects to affect development in the Ilocos Region.

Programs that has a community participation component has historically led to poverty reduction as well as good governance outcomes, with countries such as Brazil, Indonesia, to name a few, recording positive outcomes from

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to top that of the original proponent’s unsolicited proposal.

Without a challenger, the project may be awarded to the original proponent as early as March 2024.

Otherwise, the project is expected to be awarded by May 2024.

Civil works of the TPLEX extension can then proceed, which is expected to be completed within five years.

The TPLEX Extension Project, which will be implemented through a public-private partnership (PPP), is a 59.4-kilometer four-lane toll road that will start from the TPLEX in Rosario and will terminate in San Juan, both in La Union.

The estimated total project cost is P23.4 billion.

When completed, the

community-driven activities.

The need for community participation through open communication is even more important because the Ilocos Region’s national government agencies (NGAs), much like the nation as a whole, have limited resources and therefore only has limited rooms for error when it comes to projects and programs’ implementation.

It is with the aim of creating an avenue for people to participate that NGAs from the Ilocos Region participated in the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)-led Luzon Leg A of the OGPinas! advocacy campaign for open communication in governance at the Baguio Convention and Cultural Center on November 7.

The activity, which is done in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), advocates for better understanding on the Philippine Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP), the DBM’s

banner program that aims to open more channels of communication to encourage the public to participate in governance and policy-making in the national and local levels.

Executive Order No. 30 institutionalized PH-OGP with its signing on June 2023 as President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.’s support for the open government advocacy of the DBM.

Aside from NGAs of Region 1, the Luzon Leg A of the OGPinas! campaign was also attended by national government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), the Cagayan Valley Region, and Central Luzon Region, with Serbisyo Caravan Booths stationed in the venue for information-dissemination and provision of varied services to clients of participating agencies.

In a recorded message, DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, Chairperson of the PH-OGP Steering Committee, urged participants to voice their concerns in order for issues on governance to be recognized and rectified,

both priorities of the DBM under the OGPinas! campaign.

“Together, let us achieve our vision of an open government and empower others through this platform to make the changes we all desire for the betterment of our country,” Secretary Pangandaman said.

Baguio City Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong meanwhile underscored the importance of transparency and accountability in government service, a thrust that becomes even more apparent through the OGPinas! national advocacy campaign.

“The OGPinas is a platform for collaboration, unity, and collective action. It is a call for every citizen, every community, and every political leader to stand and be a force for positive change,” Mayor Magalong added.

The activity is the third leg of the national advocacy that commenced with the national launching of the PH-OGP on October 11, which was attended by participants from Regions’ IV-A, IV-B, V, and the National Capital Region. (*Chester Trinidad/CCMT, PIA La Union*)

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student of UNP, earned second place during the competition.

“Puspusan ang naging pagrereview namin, minsan ay mayroon din kaming ginagawang group review,” UNP coach Randolph Agup said.

Further, ranking third is Elvis Tabugader, Jr., a student of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the Mariano Marcos State University in Ilocos Norte.

A total of 12 students from different universities and colleges in the region competed during the regional finals.

The board of judges, composed of representatives from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Department of Education, and Department of Trade and

Industry, along with the members of the steering committee, oversaw the fair conduct of the contest.

Winners received various prizes and plaques of recognition while non-winners were given consolation prizes.

According to Philippine Statistics Authority-Regional Statistical Services Office 1 Regional Director Sheila De Guzman, Idica will represent the region during the upcoming national championship in Manila on December 7.

PSQ is a nationwide annual contest designed to test the knowledge and competence in statistics of freshmen college students. (*Caren Grace Cabanayan/PIA Region 1*)

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NEDA Board OKs Swiss challenge for TPLEX extension in La Union

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board on Thursday gave the green light to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to proceed with the Swiss Challenge for the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX) Extension Project.

In a statement, the DPWH said the TPLEX Extension Project obtained the approval to proceed with the Swiss Challenge including the negotiation parameters, terms and conditions between the Government Negotiation Team and the original proponent, San Miguel Holdings Corporation from the NEDA Board chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and attended by DPWH Secretary and NEDA Board Member Manuel Bonoan.

The Swiss Challenge method allows private players to accept contracts from the government

through the process of bidding.

According to DPWH Undersecretary for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and Planning Services Maria Catalina Cabral and DPWH PPP Service officer-in-charge Director Pelita Galvez, the NEDA Board's greenlight for the DPWH to start the Swiss Challenge for TPLEX Extension Project is a much-awaited development as it is one of the 197 Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs) under the Build Better More program the administration of President Marcos.

With the NEDA Board's approval, an invitation for comparative proposals in compliance with the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) Guidelines and the Revised 2022 Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Law Implementing Rules and Regulations, shall be published by the DPWH.

Other parties shall be invited to submit their bids (Pls. turn to page 11)



Mayor Albert D. Chua of Batac City and Mayor Rolando "Klarex" Uy of Cagayan De Oro City led the ceremonial signing of Sister City Agreement between the cities of Ilocos and Mindanao held at the Cagayan de Oro City Hall on November 6, 2023. (Photo by CGB)

UNP champs 27th Philippine Statistics Quiz in Ilocos Region

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The University of Northern Philippines in Ilocos Sur clinched the top two spots

during the 27th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) Regional Championship in Ilocos Region held in this city on November 10.

Kenji Idica, a Bachelor of Science in Physics student at UNP, was named Region 1's young statistics champion this year. On the other hand, Russel Jay Fuentesfina, another BS Physics student, was named Region 1's statistics champion.

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