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← Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, together with PAL President/COO Capt. Stanley Ng, PALExpress President Rabbi Ang, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Laoag International Airport, Laoag City on December 15, 2023, following the successful maiden flight of Cebu-Laoag route operated by Philippine Airline. Also in photo are Vice Gov. Cecilia Araneta-Marcos and Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon. (Photo by PGIN-CMO)

**HIV cases in Ilocos hit 296-mark in 7 months**

The Department of Health (DOH)-Ilocos Region disclosed 296 new HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) cases during the period from January 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023.

The new HIV cases were recorded as DOH-Region 1 continued its advocacy to raise awareness and eradicate stigma about HIV and AIDS by empowering communities to be involved in all aspects of HIV plans and programs.

DOH Assistant Regional Director Antonio M. Albornoz, who led the celebration of World AIDS Day in Bantay, Ilocos Sur last November 29, 2023, said that to realize the goals of eliminating AIDS by 2030, it is important to involve community

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**Ilocos Norte now open to southern PH**

● **PGIN initiates Cebu-Laoag direct flight as PAL's new route in air travel**

The Province of Ilocos Norte welcomed the maiden flight of Philippine Airlines' new Cebu-Laoag route, connecting the urban hub of Cebu and Laoag City this morning, December 15, 2023.

The new Cebu-Laoag route was realized through the initiative of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) to bolster the existing connection between Cebu and Ilocos Norte provinces for tourism, business, and leisure travel opportunities offered by both provinces. Earlier this week, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, together with the PGIN's Tourism Office, partnered with PAL and Cebu officials to formally inaugurate the direct flights of the Cebu-Laoag (vice versa) route during a press

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**DOH kicks-off "Ligtas Christmas para Healthy Pilipinas" and "Iwas paputok" campaign in Ilocos**

The Department of Health (DOH) – Ilocos Region together with the City Government of Dagupan kicked-off the "Ligtas Christmas Para sa Healthy Pilipinas" and "Iwas Paputok Campaign" at the Dagupan City Plaza to promote health and active lifestyle during the Christmas season and to

prevent revelers from suffering fireworks-related injuries and accidents during New Year festivities celebration.

Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongeo strongly advised residents to engage only in healthy activities during the holidays. "Alam kong hindi natin maiwasan ang maghanda at kumain ng

masasarap na pagkain gaya ng litson, hamon at iba pa tuwing Pasko at Bagong Taon but we also must practice healthier choices to protect us against many chronic non-communicable diseases, such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer."

"Let us practice food (Pls. turn to page 3)

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*Guest Editorial:*

**DOH asks for community support vs HIV, AIDS**

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) – The Department of Health (DOH)-Region 1’s Infectious Diseases Cluster urged communities to support the fight against Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Dr. Rheuel Bobis, head of the Infectious Diseases Cluster, said “Iyong tema po ng ating selebrasyon ngayong taon ay ‘Let communities lead’, binibigyang halaga po nito yong kontribusyon ng komunidad natin sa paglaban sa HIV at AIDS.”

According to Dr. Bobis, the DOH conducts community-based screening and testing of HIV, and they train community-based motivators and HIV-proficient medical technologists who may screen the vulnerable population.

He encouraged sexually active individuals to check their status and go to social hygiene clinics to get tested for free.

He also assured the confidentiality of their results.

Moreover, he called on the families and loved ones of the people living with HIV to keep showing their support to those fighting their illness.

He said, “Huwag po natin silang layuan, hindi po natin nakukuha ang HIV at AIDS sa pamamagitan ng pakikipag-usap lamang sa kanila; kahit po yakapin natin sila hindi po tayong mahahawa.”

“Kailangan din po nila ng higit na suporta galing sa kanilang pamilya at sa kanilang kaibigan para sa pakikipaglaban sa kanilang karamdaman,” Bobis said in an interview for the Ammuentayo program of PIA Ilocos Sur on Sunday.

The DOH provides free antiretroviral drugs to people living with HIV and community-based screening and testing for free in treatment hubs and primary care HIV facilities including the Ilocos Sur Provincial Hospital - Gabriela Silang in Vigan City, and the Lacasandile Medical Clinic and Diagnostic Center in Tagudin, both in Ilocos Sur.

“Patuloy din po ang pamimigay natin ng proteksyon, provision ng condoms, at information, education, and communication materials para mas tumaas ang awareness ng ating kababayan patungkol sa HIV and AIDS,” Bobis said.

The DOH disclosed that there were a total of 296 cases of HIV and AIDS in the Ilocos region recorded from January 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023.

According to the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU), 45 new HIV cases were recorded in July 2023.

The province of Pangasinan logged the highest number of confirmed cases with 28, followed by Ilocos Sur with six, Ilocos Norte and La Union both with four cases and Dagupan City with three. (Aila Villanueva/PIA Ilocos Sur)



**WORD ALIVE**

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Give love on Christmas**

Gaudete, which means “rejoice,” “be joyful,” is the message of this 3rd Sunday of Advent. That’s why the liturgical color for this Sunday is not violet but pink.

The Sunday tells us to be “joyful in hope” because Christ the Messiah has already redeemed us. However, we should do our part in saving ourselves.

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The message of the joyful Advent is that while we should be happy and put our faith and trust in the Lord, we should still do our part and effort to succeed. For instance, if we pray to pass the board exam, we have to burn the proverbial “midnight oil.”

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If we ask God for good health, we must avoid eating fatty food rich in cholesterol or “collaterals,” as someone said; and if we pray for national progress, our political leaders

should avoid bribery and other corrupt practices.

As the worn-out saying puts it, “God helps those who help themselves.” In local parlance, “Nasa Diyos ang awa, nasa tao ang gawa.”

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In this Gaudete Sunday, John the Baptist is telling us, too, that our joyful Christmas should be translated into concrete acts of Christian love. It’s not enough to rejoice. We should also do something tangible and concrete in reaching out to the needy and less fortunate.

John the Baptist, who preached openly to the people, was asked for guidance: “What must we do then?” (Lk 3,10).

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The Baptist’s reply was simple and direct. “If anyone has two tunics, he must share with the man who has none.

(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)

And the one who has something to eat must do the same” (Lk 3,11). Then, to those who were using their positions of power to exploit, cheat and intimidate people, John said, “No more!”

In other words, “faith alone” in God is not enough. Faith should bear fruit in active works of love (cf. Gal 5,6).

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Recently I met Fr. Arnold Abelardo, a Claretian priest, who has a center in Nueva Ecija for the rehabilitation of youths apprehended from “tokhang” raids. Fr. Arnold tells the police to send them to his rehab center and give them the necessary treatment.

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Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD, a confrere of mine, has likewise a center called “Kalinga” which takes care of street children providing food and even

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**THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR**

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

**WHY LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES MUST BE CONVERTED TO SUCs**

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I have been teaching at a city college for a good number of months now. My current position requires me to teach communication- and language-related general education courses, which is better compared to my pre-pandemic teaching stint. For one, I am currently finishing my academic course work for my PHD degree in applied linguistics. In addition, I am immersed in my media work and in other preoccupations that merit my time and expertise. Lastly, I was hired almost on the spot.

A city college is just one of those educational institutions that comprise local universities and colleges (LUCs). Its slightly higher status counterpart is a city university, which is also still at the mercy of a particular local chief executive (along with the dynasty that lords over a given LGU, so to speak).

During the time that I have been working for my current educational institution, I have discovered a lot of shenanigans that local government units (LGUs) have been committing against stakeholders of the universities and colleges they directly manage.

The fact that mayors and governors wield

much power and tend to abuse it cannot be gainsaid, especially in the Philippine context. For one, there are local chief executives who act like warlords especially if they do not get what they want; a perfect example is one former representative from a province in Southern Luzon (who later became a senator) who would wield his gun whenever he did not get his way. Moreover, many local governments are responsible for managing the purse strings of their respective territories and releasing the funds, which they tend to delay depending on their moods and partisanship.

There are some local universities and colleges that are established...but for the wrong reasons. One palpable reason is that local chief executives want to boost their egos and beef up their credentials in any way possible, so they establish public universities or colleges to make them a part of their so-called “legacies”. Another reason is that some of these local government pinheads (which is a more apt term to use, so to speak) want to pit their “creations” with more established state colleges and universities to prove that they can be behemoths, but only in their warped dreams

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briefing held in Mandaue City, Cebu on December 11, 2023.

In 2013, Cebu and Ilocos Norte forged a sisterhood to promote tourism, agriculture, renewable energy, and potential investment opportunities.

PALearlier announced the new domestic route will operate twice weekly with the following schedule: Flight PR 2251 will leave Cebu for Laoag every Tuesday and Friday at 7:35 a.m., arriving at 10:05 a.m., while PR 2252 will depart from Laoag on the same days at 10:25 a.m., reaching Cebu by 12:35 p.m.

During the welcoming rites, Gov. Marcos Manotoc warmly greeted the visitors from PAL and Cebu, saying, "I'm so glad to see you this morning, we have truly

made history. We're on the first commercial flight from Cebu to Laoag. We are very excited because we are opening up our province, our small, humble province of Ilocos Norte, to the central and southern Philippines."

"We are grateful to Philippine Airlines for this partnership, and we know that both of us will do everything we can to make sure this route is not only sustainable but also accessible for the benefit of both provinces of Cebu and Ilocos Norte," he added.

Officials said the province of Ilocos Norte achieved another breakthrough and has opened its borders for visitors to experience and enjoy an array of tourist attractions, scenic views, and other hidden gems.

Moreover, they further

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said that it paved the way for business and leisure travelers to expand their entrepreneurial pursuits and other potential areas of investment in the province.

To entertain the flight passengers, tourism

stakeholders, and Cebu-based online influencers, the PGIN hosted the "Mini Himala sa Buhangin! Arts and Music Festival" held at the famous Sand Dunes in Paoay, Ilocos Norte.— (PGIN-CMO)

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**bathing service as part of the children's hygienic training.**

There are owners of companies and malls who concretely apply acts of charity. God bless them. There are other numerous ways whereby we can "give love" like visiting a sick relative or friend, contributing for the support of orphanages and houses of the handicapped.

**The gospel today tells us to be joyful because Christ has saved us. Bear in mind that "giving love" to the less fortunate, especially on Christmas, makes us truly happy and joyful.**

**Christmas sharing. In the spirit of today's sharing, let's support our seminarians. They are our future priests, missionaries, and bishops. We cannot have them if we don't support seminarians**

now. Keep on sharing and feel the reward of peace, joy and love. Share any amount or sponsor a seminarian's schooling for one year.

**The lighter side. In this joyous season of merrymaking and endless Christmas parties, remember this commandment: "Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator."**

Beggar with outstretched hand says to a wealthy man: "Please, sir, be kind ... even if it's only for a cup of coffee."

Rich man: "Here... this will buy you 10 cups of coffee."

After a week, the beggar meets the rich man and growls: "Hey, you almost killed me. The 10 cups of coffee caused me high blood!" (belsvd@gmail.com)

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(or nightmares, which can be more appropriate to use). Additionally, LGUs headed by corrupt political kingpins from dynasties use LUCs in order to inveigle their constituents to be indebted to them in perpetuity.

Now that I know the bitter truth about LUCs, it is about time that the administration be transferred to the state and that the breadth of these educational institutions be statewide. These are my top five (5) reasons why LUCs must be converted to SUCs once and for all:

1) THE STATE CAN BETTER MANAGE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES THAN LGUs. Let us face the fact that every local chief executive—whether a mayor or a governor—has biases for or against certain personalities and organizations. Because local chief executives have their egos get the better of them and sometimes cost them their sense of conscience, they hold the purse strings and cut them off whenever even the pettiest of issues hound their so-called "creations". With the state as administrator of public universities and colleges, management will be centralized and no stone shall be left unturned, especially in terms of funding for students and of retaining top talents with chances of permanency.

2) LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES TEND TO TURN THEIR LOCAL COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES INTO THEIR FIEFDOM. With free rein that they possess, local chief executives have the proclivity to claim their "creations" as their own when in fact these local colleges and universities are from the people's taxes. Mayors or governors who lay their hands on the LUCs their respective administrations manage also tend to become swell-headed and sometimes petulant.

3) MANY STAFFS TEND TO REMAIN IN STATUS AS CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES. This is not only unacceptable but also detestable! Que horror! Many LUCs here in the country practice exploitation of talents instead of retention, thereby promoting unfair labor practices. As a result, there are still many teachers and non-teaching staffs who remain under contract. Ano ito, TV station?

4) THERE ARE SOME RAPACIOUS LOCAL

CHIEF EXECUTIVES WITH CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. I know of one local chief executive whose family owns their eponymous college. Such is the reason why they fail to develop the college under the jurisdiction of their LGU. That example alone evokes deep-seated resentment and even rancor among employees of LUCs.

5) THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO TEND TO BE IMMersed IN THE INTRICATE POWER PLAY IN LUCs. I know of some of these so-called "leaders" who are more of corporate micromanagers than mission-driven academic leaders. They tend to suck up to the powers-that-be at the expense of loyalty to their colleagues and students (and the general public) simply because they want to perpetuate their stay in power and expand their ego, in the process never waking up from the stupor brought about by their illusions.

I pray for the day that all LUCs be converted into SUCs in order that transparency, accountability, honesty, and fairness be exercised by those who have the right to manage these educational institutions, and that is the national government, which is naturally the representative of all of us Filipino taxpayers.

(NALAING, KABSAT! and GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO! will return definitely on December 31 since your columnist will be on vacation for the Christmas season.)

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 then watch UKP (Ulat, Komentaryo, at Payo) from Mondays to Fridays at 02:00 PM and The Ilocano Educator Show (TIES) on Saturdays at 02:00 PM (new and permanent schedule). Agyamanak, Dios ti agngina, ket ay ayaten kadakayo!

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moderation. Eating a variety of foods and consuming less salt, sugars and saturated and industrially-produced trans-fats, are essential for a healthy diet. Lagi nating iisipin na ang lahat ng sobra ay nakasasama sa ating kalusugan," she reminded.

To celebrate a safe and healthy holiday season, DOH encourages the public to practice and follow healthy habits such as "Iwas Papatok," "Healthy Handaan" and "Healthy Celebration".

Sydiongco also told the public to find alternative ways to make loud noises. "Mas importante ang health and safety sa pagsalubong ng Bagong Taon. And the best way to celebrate the New Year is to be with your family, spend quality time with everyone at home and plan together for the coming year."

The "Iwas Papatok" Campaign was launched in Pangasinan, the province with the highest number of casualties during last year's revelry with a total of 74 fireworks-related injuries (FWRI) followed by La Union with 16, Ilocos Sur – 7 and Ilocos Norte – 3, for a total of 100 FWRIs for 2022-2023.

Data from the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit

(RESU) also revealed that children aged 5 to 9 years old are the most affected age group. Among the types of FWRI were blast and burn and eye injury.

For 2021-2022, a total of 67 FWRI cases were recorded with the province of Pangasinan with the most number of FWRI with 40, La Union with 11 and Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur both with 8 casualties each. Most affected age group were 20 to 14 years old.

"Kwitis" or skyrockets is the major cause of injury. It is designed to propel from 40–50 feet before exploding. Although it is legal to buy and sell this type of firework, it still poses a danger, especially to untrained hands who want to use it.

"Kung hindi talaga maiwasang gumamit ng mga fireworks dahil ito ay naging tradisyon na ng karamihan sa atin, mangyaring ipaubaya sa mga may edad ang paggamit at pagsindi sa mga ito, Huwag utusan at ipaubaya sa mga bata upang sila ay malayo sa disgrasya."

"Let us keep our children away from fireworks. Salubungin natin ang Pasko at Bagong Taon na ligtas," Sydiongco concluded. (Glen S. Ramos/DOH Ilocos Region)

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**LA UNION**



**PANGASINAN**

**Vigan City gov't awards community service vehicles to 39 barangays**

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) – All 39 barangays in this city have received the community service vehicles given by the city government through its disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) fund.

Six barangays namely, Mindoro, Baracca, Paoa, Pantay Laud, Pantay Daya, San Pedro, and Barangay III were the last to receive their service vehicles on December 2 before the lighting of the city's Christmas tree in front of the City Hall.

Each vehicle is equipped with first aid kits and an oxygen tank, according to the city DRRM office in an interview on December 5.

Benjamin Ablog, punong barangay of Barangay Mindoro, thanked the city

government for its unending support to the barangays.

“Dios unay ti agngina ti city government, dadaulo ni Mayor Bonito Singson ta adda intedna ti kada barangay a community service vehicle ta pagsiaatan dagitoy ta adda oxygen-na, first aid, ta no adda emergency iti rabii kas high blood ken agsaksakit ket adda mausar pangitaray kaniada iti ospital (We are beyond grateful to the city government, led by Mayor Bonito Singson, for this community service vehicle. This will be helpful for the community as it is equipped with an oxygen tank and first aid kit, which is essential especially when somebody suffers an emergency health situation like high blood or any illness,

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**ILOCOS SUR**

**Vigan City gov't begins Holiday season with lighting of Christmas tree**

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur -- To mark this year's Christmas celebration, the City Government of Vigan held the lighting ceremony of its Christmas Tree last December 2, 2023.

City Mayor Jose “Bonito” Singson Jr. together with his family, members of the 8th City Council led by Vice Mayor Randy Singson, Governor Jeremias “Jerry” Singson, PBM Art Oandasan, Ilocos Sur PPSK Federated President Victor Singson, UNP President Dr. Erwin Cadorna, and Msgr. Gary Formoso, all witnessed the lighting of the christmas tree.

In his speech, Mayor Singson warmly expressed his greetings to every Bigueño.

He highlighted the importance of the season where love and sharing of blessings to everyone especially to those in need must be promoted.

Hundreds of Bigueños and tourists flocked in front of the City hall to witness the ceremony while others

watched online. A dance performance by the City scholars and a fireworks display added to the joyful vibes of the evening.

This year's Vigan City Christmas Tree is inspired by the resilience and determination of the Bigueños as well as its colorful culture and tradition of the city. Every layer of the tree is covered with Capiz windows that illuminate with different colors while rotating which symbolizes the fusion of the City's rich cultural heritage and the modernization.

Furthermore, the launching of the newly installed LED information board of the City Government was also held. The said electronic information board is located beside the Provincial Library which aims to provide various information for the city's various programs, projects, activities and other important announcements. *(Vigan PH)*

**La Union town features products in Agri-Tourism Trade Fair**

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) – The local government unit (LGU) of Balaoan continues to celebrate its annual fiesta through the launching of the Agri-Tourism Trade Fair along the Farmers' Civic Center and Municipal Health Office on December 5.

The first-ever trade fair dubbed AgKITA 2023 (AGKakadua para Iti Turismo ken Agrikultura) or the “Sama-sama para sa Turismo at Agrikultura” aims to promote tourism and introduce the town's unique products.

The 17-day activity, which will run until December 22, is in support of the province's vision to be the “Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025”.

In a message, Mayor Aleli Concepcion said the event serves as an avenue for the different local entrepreneurs to showcase

and offer their products to the people not only within the municipality but also to other municipalities and provinces.

“It is truly that Balaoan is an agricultural municipality, so I hope we are contributors through this trade fair para ma-achieve po natin ang minimithi ng Provincial Government of La Union,” said Concepcion.

She also mentioned that participants in the contest are required to display their products such as vegetables, fruits, locally processed products, handicrafts, and native delicacies, among others and sell them at an affordable price during the duration of the trade fair.

Booths representing the barangays of the town which is divided into eight districts were designed to promote their local culture and traditions,

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**NBI brings services closer to Abra communities thru its new Clearance Center**

LA PAZ, Abra (PIA) – Residents in the different municipalities of Abra need not to go outside the province to get clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) following the inauguration and blessing of an NBI satellite office in Barangay Mudeng in this municipality.

League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) National President La Paz Mayor JB Bernos, NBI ICTD Chief Marlou Baltazar, NBI-Vigan agent-in-charge Migdonio Congzon Jr. led the ribbon cutting and inauguration recently.

Bernos thanked partners and assured continuous support to the program that would make life easier for the people of Abra.

“Nagpapasalamat po kami sa NBI and all the support from the different local government units sa pagkakaroon ng Clearance

Center. We only want to bring the services of the NBI in the province of Abra kasi hirap na hirap po ang mga tao,” he said.

Bernos is the center's first client who availed of an NBI clearance in less than an hour.

With a minimum fee of P135, locals and those from nearby provinces, can also process their NBI clearance, a document usually required when applying for employment, starting a business, and getting other government-issued IDs, among others.

This Clearance Center in the province is more convenient, saving time and money for Abrenians who used to travel to Vigan in Ilocos Sur or San Fernando in La Union to avail of essential NBI services.

NBI Information Communications Technology Division Chief Marlou Baltazar shared that the newly

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**Road widening projects seen to boost access in Alaminos City**

DAGUPAN CITY (PIA) -- More improved connectivity and enhanced access to services will soon be experienced within Alaminos City, Pangasinan and its surrounding areas as the Department of Public Works and Highways-Pangasinan First District Engineering Office (DEO) currently undertakes a road widening project (Pangasinan-Zambales) in the area.

Esperanza Tinaza, regional public information officer of DPWH-Regional Office 1, said the ongoing project with a total project cost of P29,400,000 is funded under the Regular Infrastructure of 2023.

Tinaza said that with the upgraded and widened roads, more convenient and enjoyable journeys as

well as enhanced access within Alaminos City and the surrounding areas will be provided to all travelers visiting the western part of Pangasinan.

“With a focus on developing the road network, this initiative will not only benefit residents but also attract more tourists to the area,” Tinaza said.

She said that the ongoing project signifies the government's dedication to providing quality infrastructure, which ultimately contributes to the social and economic growth of Alaminos City and its neighboring areas.

Aside from the road widening, Tinaza disclosed that the basic infrastructure program in Barangay

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In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that **NENITA ECHINIQUE RACPAN** has filed with this Office, a petition for the correction of Date of Birth (OCRG copy) from “**SEPT. 3, 1954**” to “**SEPTEMBER 2, 1954**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NENITA ECHINIQUE** who was born on **SEPT. 3, 1954** at **Pinili, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Daniel Echinique & Filomena Macalma**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than **January 1, 2024**.

**(Sgd.) LIEZLE JOY V. PAGDILAO**  
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Province of Ilocos Norte  
Municipality of Dingras

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that **WISHBERT A. NARCISO** has filed with this Office, a petition for the correction of entry in the date of birth in his Certificate of Live Birth from “**March 8, 1985**” to “**February 22, 1985**” who was born at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Merlyn Narciso & Marcita Aglugob**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than **December 24, 2023**.

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

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FORTUNATA RAMOS MAMUAD pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6162, cAD 307-D, situated at Brgy. 24 San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-2990 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Maura Mamuad Daoang and simultaneously sold unto Heneleeh H. Avila in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Isidro Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 518; Page No. 104; Book No. CCXXXIX; Series of 2023.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION AND/OR EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased TIBURCIO DEL ROSARIO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7839, situated in the Barrio of But-tong, Municipality of Laoag (now Laoag City), covered by TCT No. T-8739 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Claudia Abanto Cruz as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 55; Page No. 12; Book No. XXXII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CHRISTINA ALNAS pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6489-B-2, Survey, situated at Brgy. 50 Buttong, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-37596 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Fabian Raymundo M. Agustin a.k.a Raymundo M. Agustin and simultaneously waived his rights, participations, interests and shares over the aforesaid parcel of land in favor of Alfredo V. Santos in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Michael M. Garces; as per Doc. No. 99; Page No. 21; Book No. IXIX; Series of 2023.

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we'll be able to help send them to the hospital right away.," Ablog said.

He added that the vehicle can fit up to 8 to 10 people, which is more convenient.

"Ti Barangay Mindoro ket four kilometers away iti city proper ket 20-25 minutes ti travel time no tricycle, which is iso ti pinaka-basic a mode of transportation ditoy iso a dakkel a tulong daytoy pannakaited ti sarili a lugan lalo kadagit adayo a barbarangay (Barangay Mindoro is four kilometers away from the city proper and it takes at least 20 to 25 minutes travel time through tricycle, which is the basic mode of

transportation in the city, that's why this a very big help for us, especially for far barangays.," he added.

Before the awarding of community service vehicles, the launching and blessing of the newly installed LED information board of the city government located beside the Provincial Library was also held.

According to the city government, it aims to provide various information for the city's various programs, projects, activities, and other important announcements. (Joyah Mae Quimoyog/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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opened satellite office is the 148th clearance center nationwide.

"We were talking about establishing this satellite office as a district office ng Abra, hindi lang clearance but pati investigative lalong-lalo na next year ay may pondo

na para sa mga agents na magte-training," Baltazar said.

For more information on NBI Clearance processing, you can visit the NBI website at: https://clearance.nbi.gov.ph/ (Jamie Joie Malingan, Abra)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CASIMIRA MEDINA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot Nos. 8403-H and 8403-I, Psd-105668, being a portion of Lot 8403, Cad 195 of the Laoag Cadastre, both situated at Brgy. 51-B, Nangalisan West (But-tong before), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2021000535 and Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2021000536, respectively has been adjudicated by her legal heirs Bibiano V. Alonzo, Canuto V. Alonzo and Salvacion V. Alonzo and simultaneously sold unto Elizabeth A. Hernando as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 109; Page No. 23; Book No. XXXIX; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPS. GASPAS DEL ROSARIO and DARIA DULDULAO DEL ROSARIO pertaining to the:

- a) 2/3 share of Lot No. 8242-Part
b) 1/4 share of Lot No. 8214-B and
c) 1/4 share of Lot No. 8215-B

all situated at Brgy. 50 Buttong, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-29707, Transfer Certificate of Title No. TCT-0210-2023000611 and Transfer Certificate of Title No. TCT-0211-2023000612, respectively has been adjudicated by their legal heir Antonino D. Del Rosario and simultaneously quitclaimed all the rights, shares and interests over Lot Nos. 8214-B and 8215-B as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Isidro Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 522; Page No. 106; Book No. CCXXXIX; Series of 2023.

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Palamis, Alaminos City was completed to improve accessibility and safer travel for residents.

She said the construction of concrete roads in the barangay promotes increased economic activity, fostering better economic opportunities for farmers, students, and workers alike.

Tinaza said the construction of a road in Barangay Palamis, with a

total amount of P4,950,000 involved the construction of a 193-meter-long and three-meter-wide concrete road that was funded under the Regular Infrastructure of 2023.

"With these projects, DPWH remains committed to developing infrastructure projects that prioritize the well-being of the community," she added. (Elsha Marie Arguel/PIA Pangasinan)

La Union town.....(page 4)

tourism, employment generation strategies, and environmental conservation initiatives.

"It is actually a contest. So, this will also serve as a simple token and a motivation po sa inyong sakripisyo hindi lang para mapaganda ang inyong booth kundi para maipakita ang bunga ng inyong pagsisikap para matugunan ang inyong pang-araw araw na pangangailangan," Concepcion added.

Winners of the booth contest will receive P15,000 with a certificate for the champion; P10,000 plus a certificate for the first runner-up; and P7,500

plus a certificate for the second runner-up.

Non-winners meanwhile will receive a P5,000 consolation prize plus a certificate.

The criteria for judging include relevance to agri-tourism (30%), creativity, design, and presentation (30%); booth engagement and facilitation (20%); display area, cleanliness, and orderliness (10%); and overall impact and experience (10%).

The LGU commended the barangays for the availability of their local products throughout the event. (Kathlene Joyce Ramones/PIA La Union)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that FRANCES GARO JUAN has filed with this Office, a petition for the correction of entry in her SEX from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in her Certificate of Live Birth of FRANCES G. JUAN who was born on March 30, 1987 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Hermogenes Juan and Herminigilda Garo.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than January 2, 2024.

(Sgd.) JEAN PASCUA MANUEL, Ph.D.
City Civil Registrar

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leadership.

"Dapat kasama natin ang ating komunidad mula sa pagpapalano, policy-making, funding at monitoring activities as this will help to reduce the stigma and strengthens psychosocial support for patients," he said.

"By urging communities to lead and support in the HIV program, we can improve referral systems for HIV-positive patients and most importantly we can reach those in the underserved, marginalized, and hard-to-reach areas."

"Napakaimportante na lahat ay involved at nagtutulungan sa pagtugon sa laban kontra HIV upang sustainable at efficient na mga programa base sa pangangailangan ng isang komunidad," he stated.

According to the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU), 45 new HIV cases were recorded in July 2023 with the highest number of confirmed cases at 28 followed by Ilocos Sur, 6; Ilocos Norte and La Union, 4 cases each and Dagupan City, 3.

From 1984 to the present, 3,051

individuals were diagnosed with HIV affliction in the region. Infectious Disease Cluster head Rheuel C. Bobis said that HIV-related mortality decreased by 70%.

"Even with this development, we must continue our efforts towards an HIV-free future through a collective commitment, unwavering dedication, and comprehensive involvement."

"By fostering an environment where every individual with HIV/AIDS is given importance, supported, and granted the opportunity to thrive, we can ensure that no one is left behind," he emphasized.

Among the activities conducted during the World's AIDS Day celebration in Bantay, Ilocos Sur were HIV screening, an AVP contest for Best in World AIDS Day, Sayaw Galaw Contest Laban Sa HIV/AIDS contest, a search for the Bantay HIV Ambassador/Ambassadress 2023 and Paskuhan sa Bantay.

Winners were awarded various cash prizes ranging from P1,000 up to P10,000.

(GLEN S. RAMOS/DOH Ilocos Region)



# eLGU System Launched In Ilocos Norte

As the country advances towards the pinnacle of a transformative digital age, the Department of Information and Communications technology (DICT) proudly launched the eGovPH App and the eLGU System for the province of Ilocos Norte, last December 7, 2023 at Fort Ilocandia Resort Hotel, Laoag City. This Ilocos Norte event marked the start of the roll out of the eLGU System all over the Philippines. This is the third for this year with the Provinces of Isabela and Albay already launched the same last November 11 and 18, 2023 respectively.

The eGovPH, also known as the e - G o v e r n m e n t Philippines, is one of the unbridling break-throughs of the DICT under the leadership of DICT Secretary Ivan John Uy and eLGU's main



proponent, eGovernment Undersecretary David Lopez Almirol Jr. The eGovPH is a mobile application that simplifies transactions between the government and citizens. With a vision to build a connected nation, this platform integrates the multi-sectoral government through a one-stop online system that will minimize economic cost for the citizens.

On the other hand, the eLGU system Online Services, also known as the eLGU, is one of the features integrated into the eGovPH App. The eLGU

is a software solution designed and developed made to empower Local Government Units to digitally transform and advance cities, municipalities, and barangays to a self-reliant community. It revolutionizes the way people access services like the filing of real property taxes, community taxes, and business taxes, transacting for local civil registry concerns, occupational permits and health certificates, ordinance violation, even business permit licensing, and barangay clearance.

The eLGU System is only one of the many modules of the eGov Program that seeks to digitalize public services all over the country.

The Ilocos Norte event showcased the eGovPH App and the eLGU System, their breakthrough features, and integrative functions for public service digitalization. It was attended by close to 300 people that included Provincial leaders, Mayors and representatives of the 23 Local Government Units (LGUs) of Ilocos Norte, representatives of partner government agencies DTI,

DILG, ARTA, and Telecom Companies.

Notably, the launching event was also attended by the Governor of Ilocos Norte, Gov. Matthew Joseph Marcos Manotoc, Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta-Marcos, DICT officials headed by the Undersecretary for e-Government David L. Almirol Jr., Undersecretary for Support Services Heherson M. Asiddao, Assistant Secretary for Infostructure Development and Management Edwin S. Ligot, and OIC-Director III Government Digital Transformation Bureau

and OIC-Supervising Director - E-Government Systems Rachel Ann P. Grabador. Director June Vincent Manuel Gaudan, led the event as the OIC-Regional Director of Region 1 and also the OIC Director IV of the Government Digital Transformation Bureau.

This strong show of support both from the DICT Central Office and the Ilocos Norte Provincial Government is a testament to the importance of this program for the Philippines. This is in accordance with the mandate of President Marcos to upgrade the government system and make sure that it is being implemented at the local level placing the benefit of the citizens on the pedestal as the government's primary objective with its eGovPh app together with all its integrated features, including the eLGU system.

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SIMULTANEOUS ABSOLUTE DEED OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPS. ALBERT M. CARTE SR. and GLICERIA MASAWAY consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot No. 6, PSD-01-033622, AR, VLT being a portion of Lot 1,2 & 3, PR-126, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. C-12848; and Lot No 210, PSD-01-033622, AR, VLT, being a portion of Lot 1, 2 & 3, PH 126, both situated at Nagpapalcan, Piddig, Ilocos Norte (now Barbaquezo, Carasi, Ilocos Norte) has been extrajudicially settled by and among their legal heirs Diana Simona Carte Bell, Alpha Pawilen Carte, Mitzi Antonette Masaway Carte and Joy Bannagui C. Fernandez unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Melita Tamanu Gaspar in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jose L. Olarte, Jr. for Baguio City; as per Doc. No. 167; Page No. 34; Book No. X; Series of 2022.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FERNANDO J. DIZA and ESPERANZA J. DIZA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 218, PSD-01-033622 (AR) VLT, situated at Brgy. 1 Barbaquezo, Carasi, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. C-12894 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Perlita D. Batara and Segundo J. Diza unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Alex B. Gaspar and Melita T. Gaspar in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jerry C. Villegas, Jr.; as per Doc. No. 279; Page No. 57; Book No. XVII; Series of 2023.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VICENTE BUMAGAT and DOMINGA CIMATU pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5-A-2-C, PSD-01-062519, being a portion of Lot 5-A-2, PSD-01-060943, L.R.C. Rec. No. \_\_\_\_, situated in Brgy. Poblacion, Burgos, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 022-T-23377 has been adjudicated by their legal heir Eddie Cimatun Bumagat unto himself and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Jovencio Bumagat and Merlina Bumagat in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 391; Page No. 80; Book No. XXXVIII; Series of 2023.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased DELILA AGPALZA HOLMEDAL pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 140377 and 140378, both situated at Brgy. Pragata, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-83858 and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-83857, respectively has been adjudicated by her legal heir Torbjorn Seim Holmedal unto himself in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Mona Liza Antonio; as per Doc. No. 380; Page No. 76; Book No. LVIII; Series of 2023.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ROBERT FRANCIS T. ANDRES pertaining to several parcels of land designated as:

- 1/2 share over Lot No. 25401-B-2-C-2-B-2, with improvement thereon, situated in Barrio Barit (55-A), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-33366
- Lot No. 61553, situated in Barrio Buyon, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. CARP2019000476
- undivided share over Lot No. 1288, situated in Barrio Barat, Burgos, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 022-2016000268 and
- undivided share over Lot 25401-B-2-C-2-B-3, situated in Barrio Barit (55-A), Laoag City

has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Grace Doni Cera Andres, Andrew C. Andres, Lourdes Therese C. andres and Maria Rosario C. Andres unto themselves in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Sandro Marie N. Obra; as per Doc. No. 59; Page No. 13; Book No. IX; Series of 2023.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ETHELWOLDO M. MUJER pertaining his share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 10732-A, Psd-01-064342, being a portion of Lot 10732, Cad. 195, situated in Barangay of San Guillermo, City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-38663 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Reynaldo A. Mujer, Milagros Andres Mujer and Jocelyn Mujer Gaure unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Anne Margarete Que Rabago, Ma. Eleonor Caridad Que Rabago and Ninna Angelika Que Rabago in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Josephus R. Nerez; as per Doc. No. 6; Page No. 2; Book No. XCII; Series of 2023.

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*The immature mind hops from one thing to another; the mature mind seeks to follow through.--Harry A. Overstreet*

*Some are born great; some achieve greatness; and some have greatness thrust upon them. -- Shakespeare*

# Ensure proper payment of wages on December holidays – DOLE

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) reminded private-sector employers to observe the proper payment of wages for the declared regular holidays and special (non-working) day in December.

DOLE Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma issued Labor Advisory No. 26, Series of 2023, which prescribes the proper computation of workers' wages for the regular holidays on December 25 and 30, and the special (non-working) day on December 31.

The issuance is pursuant to Proclamation No. 90, declaring the regular holidays and special (non-working) days for 2023.

The advisory prescribes that employees who will render work during the regular holidays on December 25 (Christmas Day) and December 30 (Rizal Day)

are entitled to 200 percent of their wage for the first eight hours.

If the employees will not report for work, they shall be paid 100 percent of their wage for that day, provided they worked or were on leave of absence with pay on the day immediately preceding the regular holiday.

When the day immediately preceding the regular holiday is a non-working day in the establishment or the scheduled rest day of the employees, they shall be entitled to holiday pay if they worked or were on leave of absence with pay on the day immediately preceding the non-working day or rest day.

Meanwhile, employees who will render overtime work shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their hourly rate on the said day. The computation is: hourly

rate of the basic wage x 200 percent x 130 percent x the number of hours worked.

Moreover, employees who will work on a regular holiday that also falls on their rest day shall be paid an additional 30 percent of the basic wage of 200 percent; while those who will render overtime work shall be paid an additional 30 percent of the hourly rate on the said day.

The labor advisory also states that for the special (non-working) day on December 31, the "no work, no pay" principle shall apply unless there is a favorable company policy, practice, or collective bargaining agreement (CBA) granting payment on a special day.

Meanwhile, employees who will render work on the special (non-working) day shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their basic wage on the first eight

hours, while those who will render overtime work shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their hourly rate on the said day.

In addition, employees who will work on the special (non-working) day that also falls on their rest day shall be paid an additional 50 percent of their basic wage on the first eight hours; while those who will render overtime work shall be paid an additional 30 percent of their hourly rate on the said day.

For further queries on the payment of wages, the public is advised to call DOLE Hotline 1349, which is available 24/7. They can also call or text 0931-066-2573, from Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Inquiries may also be sent via electronic mail to hotline1349@dole.gov.ph or via direct message to DOLE's Facebook Page. END/aldm

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Batac City, Ilocos Norte

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

CFN-0015-2023 (RA 9048)

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **EMERITO JR. SAGSAGAT BACUNOT** has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**EMERITO**" to "**EMERITO JR.**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **EMERITO SAGSAGAT BACUNOT JR.** who was born on **July 22, 1956** at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Emerito Baruela Bacunot Sr.** and **Lilibeth Aungon Sagsagat**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **December 24, 2023**.

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

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPS. VALERIANO AGBANNAOAG and ANATALIA PARAOAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2439, with improvements, situated in the Municipality of Dingras, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1872 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Rony A. Lagmay unto himself and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Lany-O M. Alegar and Gloria A. Alegar in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Josephus R. Nerez; Doc. No. 178; Page No. 37; Book No. LXXXIX; Series of 2023.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ALFREDO J. DANA, SR. pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5334-B-5 of the subdivision plan PSD-012812-026635, being a portion of Lot 5334-B (LRC) PSD-258935, L.R.C. CAD. REC. NO. 1151, situated in Barangay 48-B, Cabungaan South (Mang-ngato), Laoag City has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Maria Elsa Pasion Danao, Alfredo Pasion Danao, Jr., Adonis Michael Pasion Danao and Mariel Pasion Danao unto themselves in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona; Doc. No. 377; Page No. 77; Book No. XI; Series of 2023.

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### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FELIMON DOMINGO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4760-PART, situated at Brgy. 43, Cavit, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-11273 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Mila Domingo Alonzo unto herself and simultaneously waived all the rights, interests and shares in favor of Gerold Domingo Alonzo in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Michael M. Garces; Doc. No. 110; Page No. 23; Book No. LXIX; Series of 2023.

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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that **JANN LEIG. BAGAOISAN** has filed with this Office, a petition for the correction of entry in the child's sex/gender from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in her Certificate of Live Birth, who was born on **22 November 1995** at **San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Nicolas N. Bagaoisan** and **Lelaine T. Gumayagay**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with the Office not later than **December 26, 2023**.

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

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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2013 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **FERMAR F. GALIZA** has filed with this office, a petition for Correction of Sex/Gender from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FERMAR F. GALIZA** whose parents are **Cristino C. Galiza** and **Teresita P. Ferrer**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **December 29, 2023**.

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

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## Safe media....(back page)

one-day summit on the aforementioned media ethics orientation as well as discussions on Responsible Journalism in Times of Wars and Threats, Use of Gender Fair Language in News Writing and Reporting and Libel and Cyber Libel.

In a message, Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla, chairperson of the

PTFoMS, remarked on the importance of safeguarding the rights of the media and its role in the country's democratic society.

"As we gather here today, we are reminded of the [important] role [of] the freedom of the press and the safety of its members that serve as the lifeblood of our democracy. It reminds us of the dangers our media workers face and we remember to fortify the

mechanisms that protect them," Remulla said, as read by USec. Paul M. Gutierrez, Executive Director of the PTFoMS.

The media faces various difficulties in the performance of their functions, with the PTFoMS data showing a total of 203 reported media killings in the country from 1987 to October 2023.

The PTFoMS says that out of the 203 media killings recorded since

1987, 102 of the cases have been resolved, 57 are on-going, 15 unresolved, and 29 prescribed, or the discovery of the crime has been at least 20 years.

In Region 1, there has been five media killings recorded by the PTFoMS, comprising of four broadcast journalists and one print journalist, three of which occurred in Ilocos Norte, one in Ilocos Sur, and one in Pangasinan. ( *Chester Trinidad/PIA La Union*)



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# DepEd Ilocos joins simultaneous tree planting activity for children

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) — Employees of the Department of Education (DepEd)-Regional Office 1 joined public schools nationwide in the planting of 236,000 trees on Wednesday, December 6 at the National Educators Association of the Philippines (NEAP)-Region 1 grounds in this city.

The said initiative is in accordance with Vice President and DepEd Secretary Sara Duterte-Carpio's project dubbed "DepEd's 236,000 Trees: A Christmas gift for children" which aims to ensure a clean and green environment for Filipino children and future generations.

The environmental project targets to plant trees in various parts of the country through the participation of 47,678 public schools.

In the region, 14,000 fruit-bearing trees were

targeted with a minimum of five trees per school.

However, if space is limited, an alternative area such as barangay parks, municipal parks, marine protected areas, or any other open spaces near the school that may be used for tree planting will have to be secured.

In her message, Rhoda Razon, assistant regional director of DepEd-Region 1, said "Ang programa pong ito ay nagpapakita kung gaano po natin pinapahalagahan ang ating mga kabataan na aming inaalay para sa kanilang kinabukasan dahil naniniwala po kami na ang kabataan ay pag-asa ng bayan."

She also reiterated that through hands-on learning and practical application of environmental concepts, students will develop a strong sense of responsibility towards the environment. (Kathlene Joyce Ramones/PIA La Union)



← Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, assisted by Vice Gov. Cecilia Araneta-Marcos, led the distribution of farm machinery, Agri-Inputs, livestock, and fishery support to farmers, fishermen, and livestock raisers during an activity held at the Ilocos Norte Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Center. A total of P39 million worth of agricultural inputs were granted to beneficiaries, aimed at sustaining their livelihoods in the face of soaring production materials prices. (Photo by PGIN-CMO)

## Safe media community possible thru responsible, free press - PTFoMS

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union - The attainment of a safe media community in North Luzon is possible through the development of a responsible and free press, says the Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) on December 11.

The statement is in recognition of the power of

the media to shape public opinion and to capacitate them to be active and engaged members of society through news information shared by the former, necessitating the need for a media that is responsible and only publishes truthful data and information.

The creation of a safe media community,

free from violence and coercion, is a goal that the PTFoMS aspires for, and a step it takes to achieve it is through equipping and reinforcing the media with journalism ethics as guide in the development of truthful and unbiased news.

The pronouncements form part of the 2023 North Luzon Media

Summit titled Promoting a Free and Responsible Press towards a Safer Media Community organized by the PTFoMS in tandem with the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) in Baguio City on the same date.

The said activity pools together various media entities for a (Pls. turn to page 7)

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