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← Photo shows the Batac City Empanada performers during the Tan-ok competition on February 16, 2024. The Empanada Fest emerged as overall champion. (Photo by PGIN-CMO)

COMELEC - Ilocos kicks off voter's registration

In a move to empower young Filipinos and boost civic engagement, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) in the Ilocos Region launched its voter registration drive at the La Union National High School (LUNHS) here on Monday.

This marks the first off-site registration activity of the year in the city, bringing the process directly to students and making it more accessible.

Comelec Regional Election Director Noli Pipo said that one of the reasons they bring voter registration to public high schools is to reach and cater to more senior high school students who will turn 18 on the day of the election.

Director Pipo also said they are eyeing to stage voter registration in every public senior high school across

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Batac wins Tan-ok anew

The "Fiesta Empanada" of the City of Batac won its 2nd championship title at the 11th "Tan-ok ni Ilocano: Festival of Festivals" at the Ferdinand E. Memorial (FEM) Stadium in Laoag City on February 16, with its portrayal of culinary prowess as a bridge for lasting friendship.

Thousands of attendees gathered at the FEM Stadium, including national and local officials, tourists, and visitors to witness the performances of the 23 competing local government units.

The City of Batac's performance started with Nena, the daughter of a skilled

empanada vendor. Yearning for more opportunities, she left her home and went to work for a Chinese household abroad where her culinary prowess made her a valuable employee. However, a challenge soon presented itself to her.

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PCG, PIA team up for strengthened information drive on West Phil. Sea

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union, Feb. 13 (PIA) -- The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) have teamed up for the first leg of a series of communication planning workshops aimed at strengthening transparency in the nation's campaign on the

West Philippine Sea (WPS) in this city on Feb. 12-14.

The workshop pooled together personnel from the PIA Central Office and its regional offices in Regions 1, 2, 3, and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to come up with a communication plan that also aims to strengthen mass support

and awaken nationalism on the WPS issue.

Commodore Jay T. Tarriela, PCG spokesperson of the WPS, said through a heightened transparency campaign with the assistance of the PIA, the teamup can hopefully awaken nationalistic

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Guest Editorial:

Task Force launches roadshow to counter West Philippine Sea misinformation

The National Task Force on the West Philippine Sea (NTFWPS) kicked off a nationwide roadshow on Monday aimed at fighting disinformation about the disputed waters.

At the inaugural forum in San Juan, La Union, officials outlined efforts to educate Filipinos on their rights and interests in the resource-rich region also claimed by China. PIA-Region 1 streamed the event on Facebook.

“It is critical for the government to address inaccurate narratives from various sources, including the Chinese government,” said National Security Council Assistant Director General Jonathan Malaya.

Through the roadshow, the task force hopes to establish grassroots media partnerships to spread accurate information, rather than relying on rumor-rife social media. The event is attended by Philippine Coast Guard Commodore Jay Tristan Tarriela, Lawyer Fretti Ganchoon of the Department of Justice, and PIA Deputy Director-General Adolfo Ares Gutierrez.

Malaya stressed that although distant from the South China Sea, every Filipino has a stake in the territorial rift. He warned that Chinese actions posed a threat to food security by disrupting fishing grounds that provide sustenance and livelihoods for millions.

“Food security is integral to national security,” Malaya said. “If there are food shortages due to access restrictions, that could create problems nationwide.”

He also suggested that oil and gas reserves in the area could uplift the Philippine economy if tapped. “It’s critical for our future as a country,” Malaya added.

While asserting its sovereignty claims, the Philippines continues to favor diplomatic dialogue over military confrontation, in keeping with constitutional principles, according to Malaya. But the armed forces are also bolstering deterrence capabilities through modernization and new security partnerships with other countries.

The roadshow aims to counter China’s information campaign challenging Philippine territorial claims. Despite a 2016 international tribunal ruling that invalidated the expansive “nine-dash line” used by China to claim historic rights across the South China Sea, Beijing has continued to ignore the decision and take assertive actions within the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone.

Tensions have recently escalated, with Manila filing new protests over the “illegal presence” of Chinese research ships and warships near Philippine-occupied islands and territorial waters. The dispute has emerged as a crucial test for President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., who took office in 2022. (PIA-NCR)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Overcoming temptations, Migrant Sunday

There’s a young man who was constantly bedeviled by sensual thoughts. Feeling guilty, he consulted a priest-friend.

“Don’t worry,” the priest assured him, “these thoughts popped out in our minds. They’re not sinful but only enticements. But the moment you start entertaining them, they become sinful. Did you entertain them?”

The young man paused, then sheepishly replied: “Well, I didn’t entertain them, Father, but I think they entertained me!”

Temptations are not just sexual incitement but also those of injustice, bribery, stealing, backbiting or murder. It’s when we give in that they become immoral.

Everyone is tempted. Jesus Christ was tempted as shown

in today’s gospel (Mk 1,12-15). However, he overcame the devil’s enticements.

A wise man once said: “To pray against temptation but not to avoid the occasion of sin is like putting your hand in the fire and pray that the hand does not get burned.”

Occasions of sin can be persons, places, or things that can lead us to sin. For instance, a bad friend can lead you to a sleazy place and morally degraded beerhouse.

Don’t take chances. There was once a rich man who was trying to hire a chauffeur and he interviewed three men for the position.

He pointed to a high cliff near his house and said,

(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)

“Suppose you were driving me on the edge of that cliff. How close could you safely come?”

One man said, “I could easily drive the car within six inches away from the cliff.” The other applicant said, “I certainly could come within a foot without you having to worry at all.”

Finally, the third man applying for the job spoke up, “I won’t take chances. I wouldn’t go anywhere near the edge of that cliff. I would stay at least six feet away from the edge!”

It was the third man who was hired for the job. As with driving so with temptation. The farthest, the safest. It means avoiding every occasion that leads us to sin.

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

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

WHAT ARE THE SEVEN CAPITAL SINS OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM?

Dissecting our education system has been your Ilocano educator’s crusade for close to four years now. Although I had been a teacher for 13 years at the time of the much-dreaded pandemic, I was not contented with just being a practitioner because I felt that I had to do something about our education system. Feeling dissatisfied before as a teacher, I then decided to make a difference somehow.

Some may say that I am a nitpicker, but it is my mission, duty, and responsibility to point out the flaws in our education system. Even if I tend to border on peppering my commentaries with sarcasm and chutzpah, I still do my best to uphold what is true, right, and appropriate in the eyes of the public and of God.

Unfathomable as it may seem, my article for today is not meant to cast aspersion on any particular institution or official. Rather, I would like to underscore that I am doing this as my contribution to reforms in the Philippine education system in the best way I could.

Even if many would definitely raise their eyebrows or howl like wolves out of opposition to what I am saying, I would still be firm in terms

of my principles and observations.

The following are the seven capital sins of the Philippine education landscape:

1. GREED – Also known as avarice or cupidity, such is best exemplified by those implicated in the DepEd laptop scandal, most notably former Undersecretary Alain del Pascua and Undersecretary and former DepEd spokesperson Annalyn Sevilla. Those involved in the laptop brouhaha purposefully chose the lowest-spec laptops and jacked up the prices in order that those involved would gain from humongous kickbacks. *Sacre bleu mon dieu!*

2. SLOTH – Such is manifested in the continual lack of classrooms and school buildings. Ano ang ginagawa ng Department of Public Works and Highways at DepEd, natutulog sa pansitan at nagpapalakasan ng paghilik? Another manifestation of sloth is the refusal of DepEd to plan ahead in terms of its programs, particularly the Catch Up Fridays reading program. Most of DepEd’s edicts are not planned thoroughly beforehand and such lack consultation from all education stakeholders.

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Always, Ayala: Letter to our fellow Filipinos

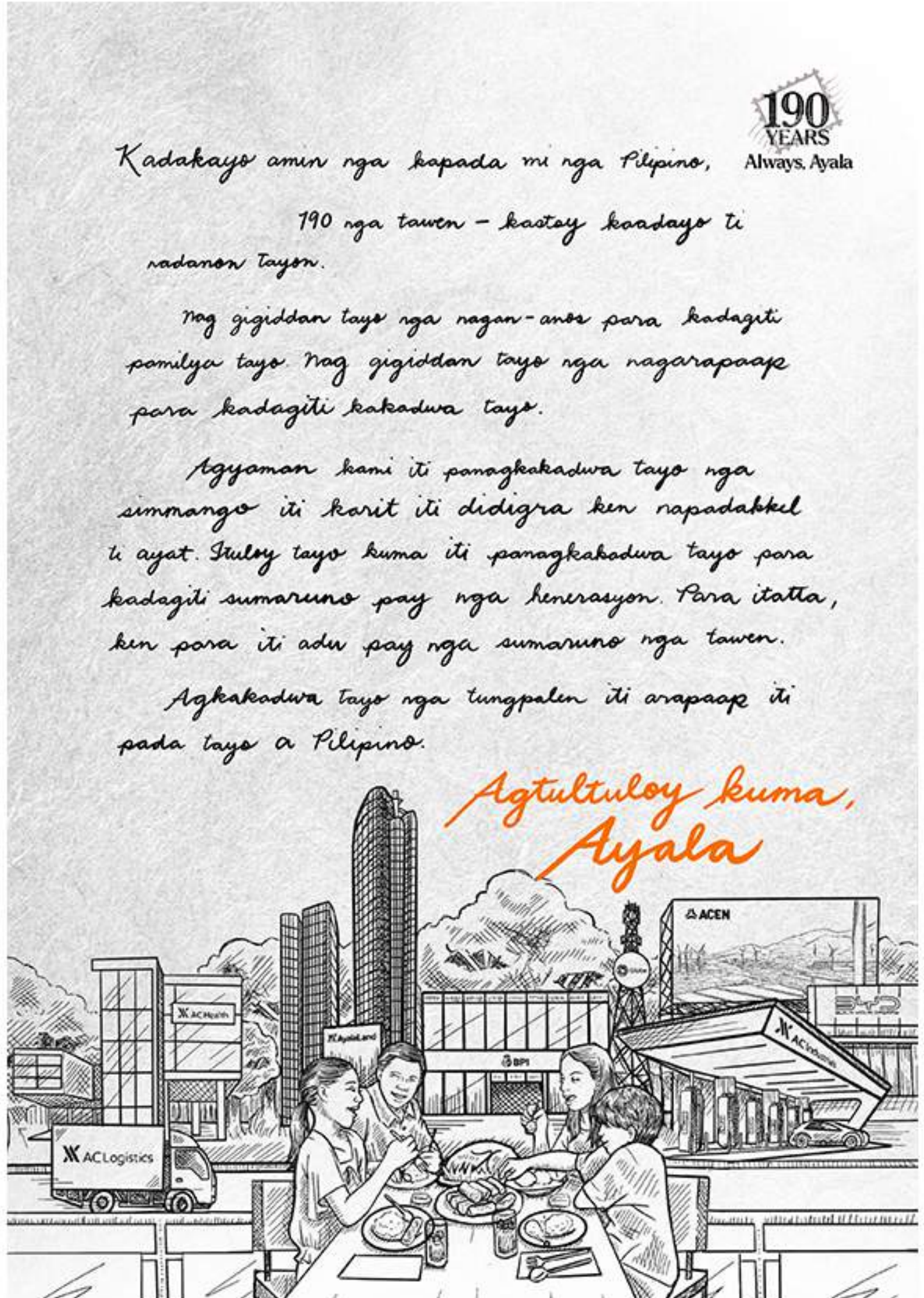
Ayala Corporation, the most enduring conglomerate in the Philippines, is reaching a rare milestone this year—its 190th anniversary.

Ayala traces its roots to Casa Roxas, a humble enterprise established in 1834 when Manila was just an emerging town. Propelled by purpose, Ayala evolved into one of the largest and most relevant conglomerates in the country.

For the last 190 years, Ayala has been building businesses that enable people to thrive. At present, Ayala is involved in industries, including real estate, banking, digital solutions, and renewable energy. It also has a growing presence in the healthcare, logistics, manufacturing, and mobility sectors. Its social responsibility arm, Ayala Foundation, focuses on making communities productive, creative, self-reliant, and proud to be Filipino.

As the company celebrates its 190th anniversary this year, Ayala pays tribute to the Filipino family, which has always been front and center in everything it does.

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PANGASINAN

DILG chief urges PH governors to focus on children's nutrition

VIGAN CITY, in Organization for Ilocos Sur, Feb. 15 (PIA) — Interior and Local Economic Cooperation and Development Government (DILG) Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. on Sunday, February 11, called on the governors across the country to strengthen nutrition programs.

Abalos made the statement during the League of Provinces of the Philippines special meeting at the Plaza Maestro Convention Center in this city.

The said meeting was dubbed "Tawid ken Tayab" (Taking Root and Soaring High) and was hosted by the provincial government of Ilocos Sur.

In his presentation, Abalos cited the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022 Survey which showed that the Philippines placed 77th among 81 countries in student assessment.

The survey also showed that 15-year-olds in the Philippines have an average score of 356 points in Science compared to 485 average

in Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, and 16% of students attained a significantly lower average in Mathematics compared to the 69% across OECD countries.

He said, "We have the ability to provide nutrition programs for our Filipino children, the unfortunate thing is one out of three Filipino children, based on the survey, are stunted."

The DILG Secretary said that the current state of the children is disheartening.

In this case, he said, even if the government gives these children the best educational opportunity, they will not be able to effectively perform academically schooling, if are physically weak due to malnutrition or undernutrition.

"These children could be saved, so this is a call to action to every one among us," said Abalos.

The Secretary also shared their previous nutrition initiatives

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PGLU consults with PhilHealth to strengthen Healthcare delivery

Strengthening La Union's healthcare landscape through effective implementation of Universal Health Care (UHC), the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), headed by Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, engaged into a consultation meeting with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on February 6, 2024 at the PGLU Conference Room. The meeting aims to address issues concerning capitation and policy formulation in bolstering primary healthcare services and facilities in La Union.

Led by Provincial Administrator Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, the PGLU discussed with PhilHealth

President and CEO, Mr. Emmanuel R. Ledesma, Jr. The discussion centered on resolving concerns raised by Municipal Health Offices of the 20 Local Government Units and PGLU Hospitals in La Union particularly on the regular reimbursement of Philhealth claims and the need for updated policies for better UHC facilitation and implementation.

Several key issues were also discussed to enhance healthcare delivery in the province. These include the status of PGLU's request to be a PhilHealth Sandbox Project Implementation Site, the signing of Terms of Partnership between PGLU and PhilHealth, and the inclusion of Animal Bite Category II in reimbursement policies.

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Workplace lovefest; PGLU celebrates Valentine's Day for Employees' Health and wellness

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union -- In a heartwarming gesture to foster employees' well-being by spreading love within the workplace, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through the Office of the Provincial Administrator, organized a special Valentine's Day celebration for employees dubbed as Workplace Lovefest on February 14, 2024 at the Provincial Capitol Lobby.

PGLU employees were encouraged to participate in various activities including wearing color-coded shirts symbolizing their relationship status. A Love Wall was also prepared where employees could express their affection and gratitude by penning heartfelt messages for colleagues, friends, or loved ones. Roses were also distributed to department heads and randomly selected

employees to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication. The Workplace Lovefest manifests PGLU and Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David's proactive approach to nurture a supportive and uplifting workplace culture in the Provincial Capitol. By prioritizing employee happiness and mental wellness, the PGLU sets a standard for organizations in creating a working environment where employees can thrive professionally and personally. With the success of the Workplace Lovefest, the PGLU reaffirmed its commitment to prioritizing the holistic well-being of its employees, ensuring that love and positivity continue to resonate within its corridors long after Valentine's Day has passed. (Charissa Marie E. Go, GPC-HRMU and Geraldine B. Salazar-Lucero, PIO)

LA UNION

TESDA distributes fund support, starter toolkits to over 500 scholars in La Union

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union, Feb. 7 (PIA) -- A total of 521 scholars of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in La Union received training support funds and starter toolkits during the Lingap Serbisyo Caravan held in this city on February 7.

Training allowance was disbursed to some 371 scholars wherein each received a P160 allowance a day multiplied by the actual number of training days as required in their chosen courses.

One of the scholars is Rachele Anne Donado who is training for Electrical Installation and Maintenance National Certificate (NC) II under a technical-vocational institution accredited by TESDA.

Donado said the allowance is a big help for trainees who are unemployed and do not have a regular source of income to fund their training needs and complete the course.

"Most of the budget, we use it for transportation expenses and meals," she said. She added, "We also save some portion of the allowance to buy additional training tools if we will be needing other materials aside from the tools provided by the training center." On the other hand, starter tool kits were given among the 150 scholars under the Special Training for Employment Program (STEP), a community-based specialty training that aims to promote

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Dagupan doctor urges public to boost immunity to manage lupus symptoms

STA. BARBARA, Pangasinan (PIA) – A health expert from the Region I Medical Center (RIMC) in Dagupan City is calling on the public to boost their immunity as a measure to prevent lupus, citing government health initiatives.

Dr. Marvin Callanta, who specializes in pediatrics and nephrology, said that lupus, caused by genetics and environmental triggers such as stress and sunlight, is a chronic autoimmune disease that can affect various body systems including the brain, heart, joints, kidneys, lungs, and skin.

"If you have lupus, your enemy is yourself – that is why it is called an autoimmune disease. Instead of your immune system fighting foreign antigens such as bacteria, germs, and viruses, it destroys what it is supposed to protect,"

Callanta explained.

He said that lupus symptoms include fever, hair loss, kidney problems, muscle and joint pain, prolonged or extreme fatigue, and rashes.

He added that lupus symptoms can vary in severity and may affect one or multiple parts of the body.

"In a year, we see 10 to 20 new patients with lupus, in addition to those already in our service," Callanta said.

Hence, Callanta advised that maintaining a healthy lifestyle is crucial to fighting infections.

Some healthy lifestyle practices he recommended to boost the immune system are adequate rest, a balanced diet, regular exercise, and sun protection.

"Most lupus appears when a person—especially a female because of her

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PANGASINAN

DOH turns over Manaoag super health to LGU

The Department of Health - Ilocos Region on Friday, February 8, 2024, formally turned over and inaugurated the "Super Health Center" located in Barangay Cabanbanan to the local government of Manaoag in Pangasinan.

The construction of the phase 1 of the facility started last February 2023 with a project cost of 10 million pesos funded under the DOH Health Facility Enhancement Project – General Appropriations Act of 2023. It was completed first week of February 2024.

Assistant Regional Director Rodolfo Antonio M. Albornoz who led the inauguration and blessing said that barangay residents, including nearby communities, can now avail of primary care services.

"Ang mga pasilidad po na ito ay isa sa mga priority infrastructure projects na nasa 8-point action agenda ng DOH upang mabigyan ng serbisyong pangkalusugan

ang ating mga kababayan na nasa malalayong lugar gaya ng mga nakatira sa mga GIDA."

"The super health centers are established in rural areas to decongest our public hospitals which are primary located in towns and cities. Ang mga low-risk, less serious cases ay dito na dadalhin at pupunta upang magpahamot," Albornoz emphasized.

Under phase 1, a super health center can provide primary care services such as cancer screenings, cardiovascular health screenings, diabetes screenings, consultation and medication prescriptions, immunizations, minor surgical procedures, birth control services including ultrasounds.

For phase 2, diagnostic services and care will be available such as radiology, ultrasound, and laboratory tests.

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sentiment on the WPS and encourage people to actively participate in efforts to raise awareness and counter Chinese propaganda.

“Our foundation, the transparency approach, must be used for us to be more effective in countering and also to defeat the widespread fake news activities of the Chinese government,” Tarrila said.

He adds the PCG and PIA’s focus on transparency is seen as the country’s answer to the misinformation campaign of the Chinese government, and that through showing the realities of what is happening in the WPS, Filipinos can learn about the truth and help the Philippine government fight for its sovereign rights over the disputed area.

The transparency strategy has also paid dividends for the past full year of its implementation by the PCG, with a study conducted by OCTA research in December 2023 on 1,200 Filipino adults showing that around 72 percent of Filipino favor the country’s push to fight for its territorial rights on the WPS through expansion of its sea-based activities in the form of more troop presence and naval patrols over the said area.

A strategic communication campaign in support to the country’s transparency initiative on the WPS can help

strengthen an already strong sentiment of the Filipino people on the WPS issue.

Meanwhile, PIA assured the PCG of its support to the endeavor, vowing to use all of its resources to help the PCG in its campaign for transparency and the dissemination of the truth regarding the efforts being conducted on the WPS.

PIA Deputy Director-General Katherine Chloe S. De Castro added that the agency shall implement an all-hands on deck approach to support the PCG’s transparency approach and also noted the PCG’s support in ensuring that the workshop comes to fruition for the realization of the campaign and its objectives.

“The Philippine Information Agency would like to express its gratitude to the Philippine Coast Guard for their partnership and support to the workshop,” De Castro said.

In order to create a clearer understanding of the WPS issue, Atty. Fretti G. Ganchoon of the Department of Justice (DOJ) also presented the rights and entitlements of the Philippines on the 2016 Arbitral Ruling on the WPS.

“I hope that through this workshop, your misconceptions and misunderstandings have been cleared in order for you to write accurate details in the crafting of your strategic communication plan,” Ganchoon said. (Chester Trinidad/ PIA La Union)

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productivity and employment among beneficiaries.

Under STEP, training programs offered are generally short-term or modules based on the Training Regulations promulgated by TESDA.

Its objective is to provide skills and training opportunities for the beneficiaries in the barangays/ communities to make them employable and productive.

Starter kits contain various tools for automotive servicing such as socket, torque, spark plug and combination wrench sets.

TESDA Secretary Suharto Mangudadatu noted how the agency helped Filipinos become well-equipped and trained skilled workers

ready to serve on the global stage over the years.

“TESDA caters to students from average income to less fortunate families because we want to help every Filipino to realize their dreams and eventually uplift their lives,” he said.

He added, “Our skills development programs have brought Filipinos all around the globe, having the opportunity to even work abroad.”

He also pledged that TESDA will continue to improve its upskilling programs and shared that they plan to include graphics design and events management to adapt to the needs of today’s modern world. (Caren Grace Cabanayan-Carbonell/ PIA Region 1)

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chromosomes – hits puberty. However, it can be controlled; treatment can help improve symptoms, prevent flare-ups, and reduce the risk of developing other health issues,” Callanta stated, stressing that it is a life-long treatment.

Meanwhile, Callanta said that R1MC is regularly conducting information campaigns to impart to the public that lupus is not a contagious disease and remove the stigma against it.

He said that R1MC is dedicated to providing vital information about lupus and other infectious diseases through their official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/r1mcofficial> aiming to reach a wider audience.

He also said that they are willing to collaborate with government media partners and conduct forums to disseminate

crucial information to those affected by the disease and their families.

Moreover, Callanta said that R1MC’s healthcare services and resources for those diagnosed with lupus are accessible, and mental health support services are readily available.

For mental health services, residents in Pangasinan may call 0932-988-8992.

Callanta encourages individuals with lupus symptoms to seek medical check-ups for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Likewise, he reminded the public not to discriminate against lupus patients, and those who have it can still be productive members of society and contribute to the workforce and economy. (Jenrie C. Del Rosario/PIA Pangasinan)

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in Mandaluyong City when he was city mayor, which included programs focusing on pregnant women, supporting them in every stage of their pregnancy, particularly with vitamins, making sure they do not drink liquor and consume cigarettes, and ensuring their health is at its best with continuous exams and tests.

They also promoted breastfeeding, incorporated awareness activities on the ground, and educated the public about healthy meals and safe food preparation.

He said these initiatives helped them eventually clinch the Nutrition Honor Award from the National Nutrition Council in 2011, 2012, and 2013, after placing low for three consecutive years prior.

Moreover, other members of the League of Provinces gave updates and shared their plans for sustainable development.

Governor Jeremias Singson presented

major accomplishments and development opportunities of the provincial government and the heritage province of Ilocos Sur.

He said, “The 10-point One Ilocos Sur agenda is responsible for all the 17 Sustainable Development Goals; Ambisyon Natin 2040. From birth to tomb, we take care of our people, particularly their health and education.”

“Our agenda includes nurturing our daycare centers. Let us invest in our children. The province prioritizes funds for education. Here in Ilocos Sur, we give equal rights of education to all the children, even those who are not well-off,” said Singson.

He mentioned that the children of the farmers and fisherfolks are provided with Montessori type of schooling, which he brought to the province so that the children will be equipped and prepared to be great in the future. (Aila Villanueva/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario said that the facility is a realization of his administration’s goal. “Health has always been our priority and with this super health center we can serve more people in our community.”

Rosario also assured that services of the rural health center in the town will continue to provide health services for the accessibility of patients and to complement the services of the super health center.

On the other hand, the DOH also marked the beginning of construction

of the Sigay Super Health Center during a formal groundbreaking held on January 25, 2024.

The ceremony was led by Assistant Regional Director Rodolfo Antonio M. Albornoz and Municipal Mayor Carlo Crisanto Peredo together with Vice Mayor Dionisio Lang Ay Jr, Municipal Health Officer Jeybi Martin and LGU officials.

The facility will help provide health care services to the town of Sigay, a 5th class municipality in the mountainous province of Ilocos Sur. (Glen S. Ramos/ DOH Ilocos Region)

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Region 1.

“Nandito tayo [in school where there is] senior high school, ‘yong mga schools na may senior high school, karamihan sa kanila 17 na ngayon or by next year May. That’s why ang target po natin ay ‘yong voters na makapag-avail ng registration and we are doing the best we could to make it [voter registration] to the applicants,” he added.

(We are here [in school where there is]

senior high school, those schools that have a senior high school, most of them are 17 now or by next year May. That’s why our target is those voters who can avail of registration and we are doing the best we could to make it [voter registration] to the applicants.)

The Comelec field offices also plan to put up more off-site registration desks and make them inclusive for senior citizens, persons with disabilities

(PWDs), indigenous people (IPs), and persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), among others.

The start of the voter registration on February 12 also marks the nation’s first National Voters Day.

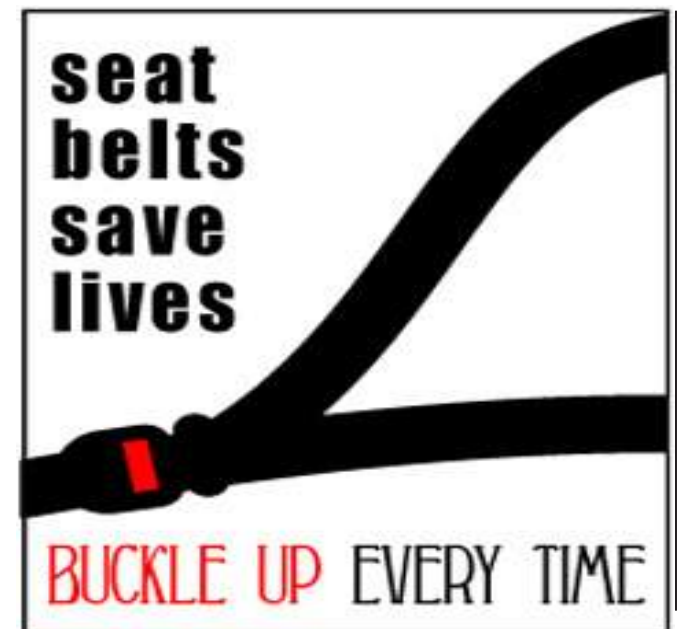
COMELEC made this declaration of National Voters Day to emphasize the importance of being a registered voter as they can exercise their right to suffrage and to explain the processes of registration and elections to the Filipino

people.

Jernelle Cudiamat, a first-time registrant from San Fernando City, encouraged other youth to register.

“Magpa-register na rin sila kasi mahalaga ‘yun para makapag-vote na rin sila. Madali lang naman magpa-register, no hassle,” she added.

(They should also register because they need to be able to vote. It’s easy to register, no hassle. (Rocky E. Bautista/PIA Region 1)



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Today is National Migrants' Sunday. It falls on the 1st Sunday of Lent which is timely and fitting because the theme of the gospel is about temptation.

A common family problem among Filipino migrants is the long separation of married couples.

A spouse working abroad, for instance, can succumb to the temptation of infidelity. The spouse left behind can also fall to the same predicament.

One wonders if the dollars or euro earned abroad are worth it when one's family is in shambles. To paraphrase the Lord's words: "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but suffers the loss of his own family."

Once a classroom

teacher asked, "Ano ang pangalan ng pinakamalakas na bagyo sa taong ito?" (What's the strongest typhoon this year?)

Dante raised his hand and replied: "Tukso po." (Temptation). Astounded, the teacher said: "Bakit tukso?" (Why temptation?).

Dante, quoting a Tagalog song, said: "Kasi po kay dami ng winasak na tahanan, kay dami ng matang pinaluha at kay dami ng pusong sinugatan" (So many temptations devastated homes, many eyes have shed bitter tears, so many hearts have been broken).

Take note. The culprit that causes enormous damages and sufferings is not temptation (tukso) but sin. Jesus was tempted by the devil but he shunned all the enticements.

Temptation is the desire to do something that you know you should avoid. It's when you give in to the allurements that you fall into sin.

Remember, too, that temptation will not avoid us. "Tukso layuan mo ako!" That's wrong. The right thing to do is we should be the one to avoid temptation (Dapat ikaw ang lumayo sa tukso). The more you entertain the temptation, the more you weaken and fall into perdition. That's the lesson in the above drivers' story.

We have just entered the season of Lent. Lent is a special occasion which

calls us to deep decision-making. It challenges us to test our fidelity to God and our moral conviction when we are tempted.

Let's pray that the Lord will give us a strong will to say no to the alluring temptations of the evil one.

Lent is a time for sacrifices and acts of charity. Help our seminarians by donating through our Adopt a Seminarian scholarship program. Donate any amount or sponsor a seminarian's schooling good for one school year. For inquiry, e-mail me at: belsvd@gmail.com.

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main dish for a feast that complements traditional Chinese cuisine for the Chinese New Year, she remembered the beloved empanada of her hometown. She contacted her mother asking her to send the authentic ingredients.

Later, the performance depicted Nena presenting the dish during the New Year's feast, winning over Mrs. Chu Cheng's heart. Fueled by her curiosity of the cultural significance of the empanada, the matriarch decided to join Nena on her visit to her hometown, in time for the Empanada Festival, where the aroma of freshly cooked empanadas filled the air and the sound of music and laughter echoed through the streets.

In last year's competition, they took home the coveted rank 3, as well as the Best Male and Female Performer Special Awards. The City won its first championship in 2011, the inaugural staging of the festival.

Batac received Php 1,000,000.00. Meanwhile, the Municipality of Pinili with their "Abel Festival" placed second, and the Municipality of Vintar with their "Siwawer Festival" placed third, receiving Php 450, 000.00 and Php 300,000.00, respectively.

All 23 contingents were judged according to story, 20%; performance, 20%, choreography, 20%; production design, 20%; and originality 20%. The board of judges was composed of ten (10) experts in dance, festivals, indigenous culture, designs, theater production and visual arts, and tourism, chaired by Prof. Alexander Cortez, Technical Consultant for Artistic Matters of the President-Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Other members of the "Tan-ok" selection committee were Prof. Childe Libertad, President of the Philippine Folk

Dance Society in Region 1; Ms. Daphne Oseña-Paez, Award-winning TV Host and Producer; Ms. Nina Marie Corpuz-Rodriguez, founder of "Nina Inabel;" Mr. Raul Almodiel Nepomuceno, Jr.; Dance Trainer and Artistic Director of Indak Bambino Folkloric Group; Ms. Jamie Herrell, Sinulog Festival Queen 2013 and Miss Earth 2014; Engr. Patricio Primor, Jr., Artistic Director of Sinulog Festival of the City of Cebu; Ms. Marielle Benitez-Javellana, Vice Chairperson for Asia of the Federation of International Dance Festivals; Ms. Junel Ann Divinagracia, National President of the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines; and Mr. Ohm David, acclaimed stage director.

Other winners of this year's edition of Tan-ok were: the Municipality of Currimao's "Dinaklisan Festival" (1st Runner Up), the Municipality of Piddig's "Basi Festival" (2nd Runner Up), Laoag City's "Pamulinawen Festival" (3rd Runner Up), the Municipality of Nueva Era's "Tadek Festival" (4th Runner Up), and the Municipality of Badoc's "La Virgen Milagrosa Baro a Badoc Festiva" (5th Runner Up).

The recipients of the Special Awards were the Municipality of Nueva Era for "Best Festival Music," Municipality of Batac for "Best in Production Design," Municipality of Dumalneg for "Best in Video Design," Municipality of Piddig for "Best in Choreography and Direction," and "Best Male Performer," and lastly, the City of Batac for the "Best Female Performer."

This year's Tan-ok ni Ilocano:Festival of Festival is the highlight for Ilocos Norte's 206th foundation anniversary. - *(Allyssa Charisse G. Magno, PGIN-CMO)*



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

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3. PRIDE – A prime example is the self-styled doyenne of Philippine basic education Leonor Magtolis-Briones, Ph.D. A clear proof of Briones' unbridled hubris is that in October 2020, she claimed total victory over COVID, which elicited not a few laughs and sighs of disappointment.

4. LUST – Our teenage learners nowadays are generally as libidinous as strip club patrons, mainly due to the influences of mass media and social media. One of my colleagues, a part-time instructor at the city college where I teach, told me about two sex scandals in the school involving junior high school students. One of the scandals took place at a café while the other one occurred in one of the school restrooms. As a result of uncontrollable promiscuity among secondary and tertiary students, our population has been booming exponentially (expect fireworks from parents and elder relatives!) and many of the offspring turn out to be illegitimate.

5. ANGER - We all remember when Briones unapologetically and unabashedly threw shade at World Bank for releasing the PISA results in 2022. What a hag and hussy she was (and still is)! Another manifestation of anger is the demanding behavior of communist groups such as Alliance of Communist Traitors, er, Alliance of Concerned Teachers, who have been clamoring for so many things that they do not bother to propose and initiate concrete actions to education-related problems.

6. GLUTTONY – Related to lust (to a certain extent) and greed (to a greater extent than lust), such is manifested among district supervisors and SUC/LUC executives who demand for "under-the-table" payments in exchange for approving proposals and bids, promoting people, or dismissing cases involving teachers. One district supervisor from the Ilocos Region was suspended during the COVID era because she demanded PHP 200,000.00 from some

teachers who were applying for promotions.

7. ENVY – This is a universal sin for it is seen among the ranks of students and especially the ranks of professionals. Crab mentality rears its ugly head when students or teachers (or even school executives) resort to muckraking, skullduggery, rumor-mongering, blackmailing, and cyber-bullying (whether overt or covert) just to pummel their victims into submission. It seems that envious people do not want others to enjoy the bounties of the world, and such is devastating.

I challenge you, my dear readers, with this question: WHO ARE WHOLLY AT FAULT?

It is about time that we all reflect on the lugubrious state of Philippine education.

(NALAING, KABSAT! and GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO! will be back next week since your columnist is still recovering from laryngitis. Thank you!)

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). I am inviting you all to please do subscribe to my second YouTube channel Mestisong Makata (link: <https://www.youtube.com/@MestisongMakata>) Agyamanak, Dios ti agngina, ket ay ayaten kadakayo!

"Even if you cannot change all the people around you, you can change the people you choose to be around. Life is too short to waste your time on people who don't respect, appreciate, and value you. Spend your life with people who make you smile, laugh, and feel loved." -- Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY SHERIFF

Regional Trial Court
Marcos Hall of Justice
Laoag City

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

LEONILA G. ANDRES,
Debtor/Mortgagor,

JAN CARLO G. ANDRES
Co-Debtors

EJF CASE NO. 18-2023
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
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 BDO UNIBANK, INC. Represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO with residence and postal address at BDO UNIBANK, Risk Management Group-Remedial Management Unit, BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Padeo de Roxas, Makati City against LEONILA G. ANDRES (Debtor/Mortgagor), for herself and as attorney-in-fact of JAN CARLO G. ANDRES, with postal address/es at: (1) Barangay 46, Nalbo, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte; (2) Lot No. 7347-A, Barangay Buttong, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 15, 2023 in the amount of FOUR MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR and 63/100 Pesos (Php 4,408,864.63) excluding interest, penalty charges, Attorney's fee and other legal and incidental charges accruing from the filing of the application in accordance with the stipulations in the said mortgage contract and the expenses of this foreclosure. The undersigned or his duly authorized Deputy will sell at public auction on March 8, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of Laoag City Hall, 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, to wit:

MORTGAGED PROPERTY

TCT No. T-22398

A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 7347-A Psd-1-013141, BEING A PORTION OF Lot 7347, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1153) situated in the Barrio of But-tong, City of Laoag, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 7348, Laoag Cadastre; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 7347-B of the subdivision plan; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 7344, Laoag Cadastre; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 7346, Laoag Cadastre. Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot 7347-A, on plan, being N. 38 deg. 01'E., 406.01 m. from B.B.M. No. 10, Cad., 195, Laoag Cadastre.

Thence S. 25 deg. 57'W., 17.65m. to point 2;
Thence N.66 deg. 36'W., 17.92 m. to point 3;
Thence N.24 deg. 39'W., 15.50 m. to point 4;
Thence N.73 deg. 13'W., 18.50 m. to point of

beginning containing an area of THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the grounds as follows: point 1, 4 by Old BL cyl. conc. mons. 15x60cms.; and rest by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x40cms.; bearing true; date of original survey on August 1923-April 10, 1928; date of subdivision survey on November 15, 1987, executed by Engr. Rodolfo Jose and approved on January 15, 1988.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the property hereunder above-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In the event that public auction should not take place on the scheduled date it shall be held on March 15, 2024, same time without further notice.

Laoag City, February 13, 2024.

ATTY. REY ALMON T. ALIBUYOG
Provincial/City Sheriff Ex-Officio

By:

(Sgd.) RONALD LUISITO P. BLANCO
Sheriff-In-Charge

Cc: Mortgagee
Mortgagor/s
Raffle Committee
Publisher

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DENR backs LGU's disaster response and management

Manila, Philippines - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga partners with local executives to integrate the use of hazard maps in decision-making to avert disasters and safeguard lives and livelihoods.

"A hazard does not have to become a disaster," Loyzaga explained during a radio interview held Sunday. The Environment Chief sounded off the appeal in the wake of the landslide incident in Maco, Davao de Oro, stressing the DENR's collaborative efforts with key national and local agencies to enhance the preparedness and resilience of affected communities.

Recalling the

incidence of an earlier landslide in the area back in 2008, Loyzaga highlighted the significance of recognizing data-driven indicators for early warning and action. This includes the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration's (PAGASA) record of unusually high rainfall in January this year, which was four times the affected area's monthly average in the nearest weather station.

Loyzaga likewise acknowledges the importance of local government units' (LGUs)' leadership in early action guided by hazard maps. She underscores that early warning should lead to early action.

The Environment

Chief also emphasized the critical role of a whole-of-society approach - to face these challenges with the government, communities, private sector, and even the citizens. To facilitate early disaster readiness actions and promote science-based decision-making, especially in highly vulnerable areas, the DENR, through its Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), continues to update the distributed hazard maps and conduct information, education, and communication campaigns. The agency issues tailored geohazard advisories for local government units (LGUs) and concerned barangays.

This incident highlights the cooperation between DENR and the Philippine Space

Agency. The timely sharing and processing of information can aid LGUs in conducting thorough disaster risk reduction measures.

The DENR in close collaboration with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), provides hazard maps and advisories for proactive disaster preparedness in alignment with the latter agency's disaster risk reduction and management program. It also provides crucial support to search and rescue operations through its MGB regional offices in Mindanao, in partnership with the private sector in the region. MGB has deployed two ground penetrating radars for the use of responders on site in Maco. ###

DEED OF ADJUDICATON WITH SALE AND PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased RODEL GACES pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21034 CAD-734-D, situated in Brgy. Baruyen, Bangui, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. P-55673 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Sale and Partition executed by his legal heirs Arcelie G. Gaces, Maricel G. Gaces and Grace G. Gaces unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Gerald G. Calapini, an area equivalent to 713 sq.m. (now referred as Lot No. 21034-A); Emerita G. Kuramoto, an area equivalent to 1,230 sq.m. (now referred as Lot No. 21034-B and an area equivalent to 513 sq.m. (now referred as Lot No. 21034-E; Lyndon G. Calapini, Robert Calapini and Gerald Calapini, an area equivalent to 639 sq.m. (now referred as Lot No. 21034-C); and, likewise, subject for partition the remaining portion equivalent to 1077 sq.m. (now referred as Lot No. 21034-D in favor of co-heirs Arcelie G. Gaces, Maricel G. Quevedo and Grace G. Gaces in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jay Ronald Emil John D. Labrado, Jr.; Doc. No. 189; Page No. 39; Book No. XXXIX; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF SELF- ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ROSA TUBERA and REMIGIO TUBERA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 15247-F, CSD-1-003920-D (Equivalent to Lot No. 24060, Cad-734-D), situated at Barangay Manayon, Bangui, Ilocos Norte, declared under Tax Declaration No. 20-0009-01391 has been adjudicated by their legal heir Teodolfo A. Tubera unto himself in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Isidro Corpuz; Doc. No. 176; Page No. 37; Book No. CCXLVIII; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VIRGINIA BAGAOISAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 16650, Cad-307-D, situated at Brgy. Bingao, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-19596 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Jesus Delfin Bagaoisan unto himself and simultaneously sold unto John Lois U. Padayao as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Regie T. Pascua, CPA; Doc. No. 166; Page No. 034; Book No. XXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ADJUDICATON OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased EDISON ABLAN VENTURA pertaining his one eight (1/8) share on a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 37013, Laoag PLS-204, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-38741 has been extrajudicially settled by an among his legal heirs Fermina A. Ventura a.k.a. Ermie Asistin Pino, Donna Marie Ventura-Howe, Gina A. Ventura, Angela Carandang Ventura, Brandon C. Ventura and Brian C. Ventura, all are duly respresented by Pamela Ma Teresa P. Aragoza a.k.a. Pamela V. Palma-Aragoza in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Alexandra Elyze R. Alcid; Doc. No. 283; Page No. 58; Book No. I; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATON WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VIRGILIO GACES pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 20444 of the Bangui Cad. 734-D, situated at Brgy. Baruyen, Bangui, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT No. P-55717 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Josefina A. Gaces, Romel A. Gaces and Janilet G. Balabala unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Lyndon Calapini in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jay Ronald Emil John D. Labrado, Jr.; Doc. No. 190; Page No. 39; Book No. XXXIX; Series of 2024.

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Additionally, there were discussions on extending selected case rates for dental procedures and minor surgeries to Primary Care Facilities, removal of subdermal contraceptive implants, and breast mass screening.

The consultative meetingunderscores theLa Union PROBINSYAnihan of both the PGLU and PhilHealth to collaborate and address challenges and advancing the delivery of quality healthcare services in La Union, aligning with the goals of UHC implementation.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION Branch 19 Bangui, Ilocos Norte

EFREN LAGUNDINO ALETA, Petitioner,

-versus-

CYNTHIA PADRE MOLINA; The Office of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority; and THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR of Bangui, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, Respondents.

SPEC. PROC. NO. 3109-19

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ORDER

Filed with this Court is a Petition for Judicial Recognition of Divorce Decree.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance,

the Court orders that the petition be set for hearing on April 17, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Court in session in Bangui, Ilocos Norte, where this Court is holding sessions.

Let a copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Ilocos Norte so that all concerned may appear on or before the scheduled hearing and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of the petition with its annexes be furnished the Office of the Civil Registrar General, Manila, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the Solicitor General of the Philippines, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, the Provincial Prosecutor of Ilocos Norte and the Local Civil Registrar of Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner, for their information and guidance.

SO ORDERED.

Given in chambers this 1st day of February 2024 at Bangui, Ilocos Norte.

(Sgd.) CHARLES JAVIER M. CALAPINI Presiding Judge

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R.A. Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that April Asuncion Aguilar was born on April 27, 1995 at Marcos, Ilocos Norte whose parents are Herminigildo Duque Aguilar and Bella Duque Asuncion has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name from APRIL to APRIL SHANE.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than February 26, 2024.

(Sgd.) EVELYN I. VILLANUEVA Municipal Civil Registrar

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R.A. Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that BILLY RAMOS BATTULAYAN has filed with this Office a Petition for Change of First Name in his Birth Certificate from SEVERO ANTONIO to BILLY, born on May 18, 1957 at Dingras, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Florencio Battulayan and Juanita Ramos.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than February 25, 2024.

(Sgd.) ELIZA B. ATIENZA Municipal Civil Registrar

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ROMAN BAGAOISAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 16679, Cad-307-D, situated at Brgy. Bingao, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-19597 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Jesus Delfin Bagaoisan unto himself and simultaneously sold unto John Lois U. Padayao as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Regie T. Pascua, CPA; Doc. No. 165; Page No. 034; Book No. XXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPS. FELICIANO G. LIBED and PAZ ODUWAYEN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9801, Cad-398, situated at Bo. 16, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-9228 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Norma L. Dizon, Myrna L. Aleta, Corazon L. Albano and Marilyn P. Libed unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Floyd M. Peralta as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 327; Page No. 67; Book No. CDLI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased EMILIANA DOMINGO MANUEL pertaining to her four-fifths (4/5) shares in two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 12688 and 12695, both situated in the Barrio of Sta. Joaquina, Laoag City, both covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2019000971 is the subject of Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement and Absolute Sale executed by her legal heir Bonifacio Paulino P. Manuel before Notary Public Atty. Ameurfina -A. Respicio; as per Doc. No. 121; Page No. 26; Book No. CCXIV; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ALEJANDRA BAGAOISAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 16654, Cad-307-D, situated at Brgy. Bingao, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-18523 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Sotera B. Galacgac unto himself and simultaneously sold unto John Lois U. Padayao as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Regie T. Pascua, CPA; Doc. No. 161; Page No. 034; Book No. XXI; Series of 2023.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased DIONISIO SACAYANAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 16462, situated at Brgy. 10 Cabaguan, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-25257 has been extrajudicially settled by and among his legal heirs Faustina Cabuntocan Sacayanan and Erlinda Sacayanan Felipe and simultaneously donate in favor of donee Dianne Cristine Labagnoy Sacayanan, who accepted the donation, as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nathaniel O. Baraoidan; Doc. No. 315; Page No. 64; Book No. 5; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SANTIAGO CASTILLO consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 60324 and 60325, both situated in Brgy. Buyon, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte declared under Tax Declaration Nos. 20-020-00913 and 20-020-00912, respectively has been extrajudicially settled by and among his legal heirs Elisa R. Castillo and Susana C. Pascual executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona; as per Doc. No. 102; Page No. 22; Book No. XIV; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SILVESTRE JUAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 13275, situated at Brgy. San Isidro, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, declared under A.R.P. No. 05-012-00083 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Petronila J. Domingo, Rufo Juan and Justino G. Juan unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Marissa R. Domingo in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Norberto A. Manuel; Doc. No. 178; Page No. 36; Book No. XXII; Series of 2007.

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R. A. 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that FLORELYN R. GALICINAO (document owner) has filed with this office a petition for Correction of Entry in DATE OF BIRTH from OCTOBER 10, 1976 to SEPTEMBER 13, 1976 and CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from PRUDELYN to FLORELYN in the Certificate of Live Birth of PRUDELYN GALICINAO RAMOS whose parents are Florendo Ramos and Anita Galicinao.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than February 23, 2024.

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

February 5-11, 2024 & February 12-18, 2024* Ilocos Sentinel

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ANTONIA I. TORRES, PRISCILLA I. SERAFICA, DOLORES I. DE GUZMAN, SABAS M. ISAGUIRRE and CORNELIO M. ISAGUIRRE pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 206 of the Cadastral Survey of Batac, Cadastral Case No. N-1-IV (LRC), Cadastral Record No. N-523, situated in the Barrio of Caoayan Sur, City of Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 2023000174 has been extrajudicially settled by and among their legal heirs Urduja I. Torres, Sally S. San Felix, Llevelyn De Guzman Busto, Emma I. Almazar, Cornelio M. Isaguirre, Jr. unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto Oliver John Ragudo, Maria Czarina R. Yangat and Maria Clariza R. Montefalcon in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 484; Page No. 98; Book No. XXXVII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ESTEBAN GANAL consisting of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 23035 and 23039, both situated in Brgy. #16 Sto. Santiago, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0003-00833 and Original Certificate of Title No. P-51622 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Eufemia G. Calamaan unto himself and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Lothguard B. Battulayan and Fervic JeanetteG. Battulayan as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona ; Doc. No. 68; Page No. 15; Book No. XIV; Series of 2024.

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DAR Ilocos Norte launches third ARC in Vintar

Vintar, Ilocos Norte gains another Agrarian Reform Community (ARC) with the launch of Bislak ARC, opening doors to various government-funded programs and support services aimed at improving the lives of its residents and the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs).

Approved by the Department of Agrarian Reform's (DAR) National Agrarian Reform Community Task Force (NARCTF) in September 2023, the Bislak ARC encompasses seven (7) barangays: Manarang, Malampa, Alsem, Bago, Tamdagan, Dipilat, and Canaam. It joins Siwawer ARC and Isik-Isik Special ARC as ARCs in the municipality of Vintar.

During the launch, a 5-year investment plan worth Php319 million was unveiled, outlining programs for land tenure security, capacity development training, infrastructure projects, and farm machineries and equipment to improve the lives of 6,031 residents, of which are 385 ARBs.

This investment plan is a collaborative effort between DAR and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Landbank of the Philippines, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Technical Education and Skills Development

Authority (TESDA), Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), Local Government Unit of Vintar, Ilocos Norte, and other CARP-implementing national government agencies.

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Ilocos Norte to receive treatment facility for medical waste

LAOAG CITY – The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) will donate an infectious waste treatment machine worth PHP20 million to Ilocos Norte, boosting the province's efforts for a clean, green, and safer environment.

Dr. Arlene Ragasa, officer-in-charge of the B. Ablan Sr. Memorial Hospital, said in a media interview Monday that it's about time for Ilocos Norte to have its own medical infectious solid waste management and treatment facility.

"The treatment of biomedical waste is one of the big expenditures of the provincial government amounting to a million a year," she said.

Ragasa explained that people handling the infectious waste at the hospital will benefit from the equipment since they no longer need to worry about contamination. Biomedical waste generated at the provincial hospital is dumped in a storage room and hauled at least twice a year by a private company for treatment in Capas, Tarlac, she said.

Ragasa said around 50 kilos of infectious waste are generated per day in the hospital.

The machine grinds the solid waste into small particles through rotating blades and microwave heat technology machine. It then sterilizes the infectious wastes, like syringes or needles, used test strips, textiles waste, microtubes, paper waste, diapers, catheters, separating funnel, sampling needles, and test specimens, to become general or non-hazardous waste. (Leilanie Adriano /PNA)

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased AGAPITO RUIZ pertaining to a parcel designated as Lot No. 16826, situated at Brgy. 55-C, Vira, Laoag City, covered by OCT No. P-454 has been adjudicated by his heir Vicente Eugenio Ruiz unto himself and simultaneously donate the aforesaid lot unto donees Marivic Fe Erika Amelia Ruiz-Coloma and Mark Juluis Blas Ruiz, who accepted the donation, as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Emilio Edgar V. Doloroso, Jr.; as per Doc. No. 240; Page No. 48; Book No. L; Series of 2021.

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SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARIA PEDRO SIBAYAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6476-A, Psd-012812-022694, being a portion of Lot No. 6476, Cad 195, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1153, situated at Brgy. 50, Buttong, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-23628 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Jerome Pedro Sibayan unto himself and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Robert Burda Silao and Veronica Baptista Silao in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; Doc. No. 201; 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 IRINEO MOLINA pertaining to a parcel designated as Lot No. 19533, Cad 734-D of the Bangui Cadastre, situated at Brgy. Dadaor, Bangui, Ilocos Norte, declared under Tax Declaration No. 14-0006-00306 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs Lerma M. Aguila, Elsa M. Paleracio, Myrna M. Aquino, Richard T. Molina, Floresita T. Molina and Anelda T. Molina unto themselves and simultaneously quitclaimed in favor of co-heir Anelda T. Molina in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Eric T. Garvida; Doc. No. 386; Page No. 78; Book No. X; Series of 2020.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF DECEASED PERSON WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FRANCISCO TABIOS pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 12088-A-3, situated at Brgy. Patac, Galimuyod, Ilocos Sur, declared under TD/ARP No. 09-0019-01040 has been extrajudicially settled by and among his legal heirs Julie Tabios, Esteban Tabios, Noel Tabios, Peter Tabios, Ester Galanto, Liza Gabor and Glemar Gabor and simultaneously sold a portion of the aforesaid lot equivalent to 1,533 sq.m. unto Beverly Armenda Raguinan in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Laarni E. Bañez; Doc. No. 44; Page No. 10; Book No. LVIII; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased EFIFANIO DEL ROSARIO pertaining to a parcel designated at Lot No. 8020 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, Cadastral Case No. 20, L.R.C. Cadastral Record No. 1154, situated at Brgy. 51-B Nangalisan, Laoag City, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-2489 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Ines Novalyn Del Rosario-Delos Santos unto herself and simultaneously quitclaimed in favor of Mildred Castro Ragasa, Millan Maurice D. Castro and Marlon Brandon D. Castro in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Melchor B. Guillen; Doc. No. 105; Page No. 22; Book No. LXXXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased TIBURCIO DEL ROSARIO and EULALIA DEL ROSARIO - LUIS pertaining to a parcel designated at Lot Nos. 796 and 7995 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag City, both situated at Barrio But-tong (now Brgy. 49-B, Raraburan), Laoag City, both covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-5783 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Francisca Del Rosario Luis unto herself and simultaneously quitclaimed Lot No. 796 in favor of Maria Del Rosario and Victoria Del Rosario and a portion of Lot No. 7995 equivalent to 637 sq.m. in favor of Ines Novalyn D. Delos Santos and Jhonali Del Rosario Carreon in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona; Doc. No. 208; Page No. 43; Book No. XIII; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CONSTANTE LIM RAVAL pertaining to his SHARE on a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 13325-FF Csd-01-007130 (AR) VLT, being a portion of Lot 13325, Cad. 621-D, situated at Brgy. San Isidro, Municipality of Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. C-10442 is the subject of Deed of Adjudication with Sale of a Portion of Land equivalent to 5,000 sq.m. executed by his legal heirs Lilia Dela Cuesta Raval and Mark Ian Dela Cuesta Raval unto themselves in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; Doc. No. 383; Page No. 78; Book No. CXXXIX; Series of 2022.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE (WITH WAIVER OF RIGHT - WITHOUT CONSIDERATION)

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased NICOLAS RAMONES RIVERA pertaining to a parcel designated as Lot No. 23535, Cad-195, situated at Brgy. 23 San Matias, Sitio Dungtal, Laoag City, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-185-L has been extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs Consolacion Sagucio Rivera, Arthur Alfonso Sagucio Rivera, Apolinario Nick Sagucio Rivera, Artemio Felix Sagucio Rivera, Analyn Sagucio Rivera and Angelyn Rivera Adzuara and simultaneously waived their rights in favor of co-heir Angelyn Rivera Adzuara in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona; Doc. No. 286; Page No. 59; Book No. XIII; Series of 2024.

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REYTON BRAVO CASTRO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

NIKKI FRANCES MACAULAY, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE AND THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF DINGRAS, ILOCOS NORTE,
Respondent

SPEC PROC. NO. 17976-13

For: Recognition of a Foreign Decree of Divorce and Cancellation or Correction of Entry in the Civil Registry under Rule 108

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ORDER

Before the Court is a verified petition for the judicial recognition of foreign decree of divorce and cancellation of entries of in the civil registry.

The verified petition essentially alleges that petitioner Reyton Bravo Castro and respondent Nikki Frances Macaulay was married on August 25, 2015 at Dingras, Ilocos Norte solemnized by the then incumbent mayor of the said municipality, Erdio E. Valenzuela. At the time of their marriage, herein petitioner was a Filipino citizen while respondent was a Canadian citizen. Due to irreconcilable differences, and incompatibilities, their marriage did not flourish. Their union also did not produce an offspring. On June 22, 2018, the respondent, being a Canadian national, filed her Statement of Claim for Divorce before the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, docketed thereat as Court File No. 4801-178215. On May 2, 2019, the Canadian Court upheld respondent's claim and rendered a Divorce Judgment which became final on June 2, 2019.

As held in *Corpuz vs. Sto. Tomas, et al.*,¹

"The recognition of the foreign divorce decree may be made in a Rule 108 proceeding itself, as the object of special proceedings (such as that in Rule 108 of the Rules of Court) is precisely to establish the status or right of a party or a particular fact. Moreover, Rule 108 of the Rules of Court can serve

as the appropriate *adversarial* proceeding by which the applicability of the foreign judgment can be measured and tested in terms of *jurisdictional infirmities, want of notice to the party, collusion, fraud or clear mistake of law or fact.* (emphasis ours).

Considering that Reyton Bravo Castro in his petition pray among others for the recognition of the foreign divorce decree terminating the marital and domestic relationship between the petitioner and respondent rendered by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in Calgary, Alberta, Canada; to allow the enforcement of the said foreign divorce decree under the Philippine Law; the declaration that petitioner and respondent are capacitated to remarry; and, ordering the Civil Registrar General - Philippine Statistics Authority and the Local Civil Registrar of Dingras, Ilocos Norte and the Philippine Statistics Authority to record the divorce decree after judicial confirmation thereof and cancel in their respective Books of Marriage, the Marriage between the petitioner and respondent, the Court treats the instant Petition as an adversarial proceeding under Rule 108. Consequently, a strict compliance with the requirements of Rule 108 of the Rules is mandated.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the petition is given due course and is set for initial hearing on **March 12, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning** at the Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City.

In order that any person who may be adversely affected by the said petition may be notified to file written opposition and/or 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 duly accredited newspaper of general circulation in the City of Laoag and the Province of Ilocos Norte at the expense of the petitioner.

Further, let copies of this Order and the Petition be furnished to private respondent Nikki Frances Macaulay, the offices of the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Manila, the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Provincial Prosecutor of Ilocos Norte, Laoag City and the Local Civil Registrar of Dingras, Ilocos Norte.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN this 24th day of January 2024 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **JOHNSON VALIN PADRE**
Presiding Judge

¹ G.R. No. 186571, August 11, 2010

Copy furnished:
- The National Statistician and Civil Registrar General - PSA, Manila
- The Solicitor General - Makati City
- DPP Robert L. Garcia - OPP, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte
- The Local Civil Registrar of Dingras - Dingras, Ilocos Norte
- Atty. Febelyn R. Digap-Tebes - Brgy. 60-A Caoacan, Laoag City
- Reyton Bravo Castro - Block 3, Lot 25 Dijon St., Marseilles Subdivision, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite
- Nikki Frances Macaulay - 1147 Josefina Street, Brgy. 515, Sampaloc, Manila
- RTC-OCC-Laoag City

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Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ADRIANA R. CACACTIN a.k.a. ANA R. CACACTIN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 19186, Cad 445-D, situated at Brgy. 11 Cabangaran, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-29675 has been extrajudicially settled by and among her legal heirs Inocencia T. Cacactin, Jimmy T. Cacactin, Rudy P. Cacactin and Cornelie Y. Mequila and simultaneously unto Spouses Teodorico M. Fernandez and Natividad M. Fernandez in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Saniata R. Marcos; Doc. No. 108; Page No. 22; Book No. 26; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late CHARITA P. JUAN pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 20869-A, Psd-012820-027140 (AR), VLT, being a portion of Lot 20869, CAD 307-D, situated at Brgy. Bugnay (before) now San Agustin, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. C-18601 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs Karen May J. Agustin and Liezl Joy J. Agustin unto themselves and simultaneously sold unto ARG Land Leasing and Development Corporation represented by Atty. Aldrin R. Garvida in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jason Bader Li. Perera; as per Doc. No. 151; Page No. 32; Book No. 432; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late ERNESTO A. PARILLA consisting of three (3) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 60110, 60109 and 60036 situated at Brgy. Guerrero, Dingras, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP2021000253, CARP2021000254 and CARP2021000255, respectively has been adjudicated by her legal heir Adelina V. Parilla unto herself in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Michael M. Garces; as per Doc. No. 318; Page No. 65; Book No. LXVIII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ANTONIO M. LAGUNDINO and FILOMENA MAMUAD pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 13, situated at Brgy. Pancian, Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. C-872 has been extrajudicially settled by and among their legal heirs Loreto M. Lagundino, Evangeline Lagundino-Lorenzo and Danilo M. Lagundino and simultaneously sold unto Frank Buted Marcos in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Edito A. G. Balintona; Doc. No. 518; Page No. 185; Book No. 14; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late MARCELA GALACGAC pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 16656, Cad-307-D and Lot 16659, Cad-307-D, situated at Brgy. Bingao, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-5229 has been adjudicated by her legal heir Maria B. Galacgac unto herself and simultaneously sold unto John Lois U. Padayao in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Regie T. Pascua, CPA; as per Doc. No. 162; Page No. 034; Book No. XXI; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased PABLO RIVERA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 36150, CAD-398, situated at Brgy. Naguirangan, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-31489 has been extrajudicially settled by and among his legal heirs Avelina Rivera Libed and Nenita Rivera Cadaba and simultaneously sold unto Aldren Dela Cruz Ambeguia and Vic Andrew O. Cocson in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; Doc. No. 352; Page No. 72; Book No. CCCXIV; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased JEREMY BAGUIO ASUNCION pertaining to a motor vehicle particularly described as follows -- Make: Honda; Series: CCG125WHF; Motor/Engine No.: KSW00E055620; Chassis No.: KSW00055023; CR No.: 196558832; OR No.: 0124-00000022861; Plate No: AC54924 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Jesabel Asuncion unto herself in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Moera Joy N. Galing-Luna; Doc. No. 89; Page No. 19; Book No. XXVII; Series of 2023.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FAUSTINO GASPAS and ANGELA DUCO AGUSTIN consisting of a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 543, covered by OCT No. 0-3407, situated at Brgy. 9 Aglipay, City of Batac, Ilocos Norte; and a Residential House, erected at Lot No. 543 declared under Tax Declaration No. 05-010-00721 has been extrajudicially settled by and among their legal heirs Cresencia Duco Sereno, Claudeth Agustin Quiaoit, Janice Agustin Rasay, Bonne Angelo Aspili Agustin and Fely Aspili and simultaneously donate the aforesaid lot in favor of co-heir and now donee Bonne Angelo Aspili Agustin, who accepted the donation, in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Saniata R. Marcos; Doc. No. 31; Page No. 87; Book No. 26; Series of 2024.

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Laoag City pays homage to the calesa in Pamulinawen Festival

LAOAG CITY, Ilocos Norte, Feb. 13 (PIA) – The city of Laoag showcased its rich heritage by holding a parade of calesas (horse-drawn carriages) that was among the highlights of the recent 27th Pamulinawen Festival.

A total of 20 daintily decorated calesas or horse-drawn carriages were paraded in Laoag’s main thoroughfares.

Angel Lao, city tourism officer, said this program aims to preserve the calesa for the future generations to see and appreciate.

“We are proud that Laoag City is one of the few places to have a calesa industry in the country. It is our goal to preserve our culture and tradition for the youth to

appreciate. So let us help each other to promote our tradition and heritage because this is part of the story and history of every Laoageño,” she said.

The calesa entry of the Ilocos Norte Travel Agency Association (INTAA) won the P25,0000 grand prize as the best decorated carriage while the entry of RC Farinas Rentals and Cement was ranked 2nd and won P20,000 cash.

The calesas of Nueva Segovia Consortiums Cooperative (NSCC) and Pah Ramen were third and 4th respectively and were awarded P15,000 and P10,000.

Victorino V. Dominggo Jr., who has been a kutsero or rig driver since the 1980s, said the activity is a big

morale boost to people like him.

“As a member of the Kalesa Association of Laoag, I am proud to be a participant and also got an award in the parade. I became a kutsero around 1984 and it’s good to see that the calesa industry is still alive to this day. There’s been a decrease in customers in the past few years but we usually see customer increase during the holiday and summer seasons because of tourists,” he said.

Meanwhile the City Veterinary Office is looking into support programs to ensure the health of the horses used for calesas.

“I am looking forward to meet with the kutseros to know what veterinary services they need. Although I can see we can start with de-worming and administration of vitamins,” said city veterinarian Dr. Samantha Licudine. (Emma Guillermo/PIA Ilocos Norte)

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this project is a testament of your unwavering commitment to provide the best care possible for all. Kailangang pagibayuhin natin at itaas ang antas ng ating mga pampublikong ospital upang makasabay sa mga makabagong pamamaraan ng panggagamot at mabigyan ng sapat at dekalidad na serbisyo ang bawat Pilipino,” Sydiongco emphasized.

Other distinguished guests who graced

the event were 4th District Congressman Christopher De Venecia, Former Speaker, House of Representative Jose C. De Venecia, Former Congresswoman Gina De Venecia, Dagupan City Mayor Belen T. Fernandez and RIMC officials led by Medical Center Chief Joseph Roland O. Mejia, CMPS Arnel Gerard R. Gazmen and ManCom Member Michael Canto. (Glen S. Ramos/DOH Ilocos Region)



Speech is silbern, silence is golden; speech is human, silence is divine.--German proverb

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development of rural farms by certifying them as Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) and Extension Service Providers (ESPs), which serve as demonstration areas for hands-on learning, aims to ensure that the farmers and fishers can maximize the services designed to uplift their living conditions.

“We are encouraging our agri-processing enterprise owners to convert their farms into farm schools that will serve as our partners in the provision of extension

services to farmers and fishers and their organizations,” he said.

“To farmers and fishermen willing to convert their farms into ATI learning sites, just feel free to send us a letter of intent, and we will evaluate your farm if it is qualified to become a learning site,” he added.

Farmers and fishermen can send their letter of intent to ATI through its email address at rtc1.dcc@ati.da.gov.ph or through telefax at (075) 523-2266.

The accreditation of LSA aims to contribute

to the improvement in productivity and profitability of the less developed but resource-rich farming and fishing communities and the non-farming rural community members engaged in agri-processing enterprises by harnessing their full potential.

“Here in Region 1, we have at most 130 learning sites established and 10 ESP who are ATI and local government units’ (LGUs) partners in implementing the government programs in the locality,” Evangelista said.

He added that certification of LSAs and accreditation of ESPs are the road toward farm tourism development in the countryside to support the enactment of Republic Act 10816.

Evangelista said to encourage more individuals to develop their farms and be the institute’s partners and catalysts toward a transformed agriculture and fisheries

community, ATI in the Ilocos Region developed a directory guidebook dubbed ‘Tanawin’.

“The book manifests the good crafts of farmer-cooperators in the region by empowering small farmers, fisherfolks, and other individuals in the farming and fishing communities, encouraging the youth to perceive agriculture as a viable profession and a way of life, and uplifting the morale of individuals who dwell on agriculture as a whole,” Evangelista said.

The book was distributed to the attendees of the 37th Founding Anniversary celebration of ATI Ilocos Region held on Wednesday at ATI-RTC 1 Multi-Purpose Hall in Sta. Barbara town.

It is now in its second edition and features salient attributes, products, and services offered by the LSAs and ESPs in Region 1. (Elsha Marie Arguel and John Paul Serraoon/PIA Pangasinan)

DENR 1 promotes the protection of Tanap watershed reserved in celebration of World Wetlands Day

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Region I (DENR I) convened the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Burgos, Ilocos Norte as well as the officials, constituents, and health workers of Barangay Tanap to inculcate the importance of protecting Tanap Watershed Reserve in celebration of the World Wetlands Day (WWD) 2024 with the theme “Wetlands and Human wellbeing: Life interlaced. Wetlands and people on February 1-2, 2024.

Said activity included a clean-up drive and communication, education, and public awareness (CEPA) campaign which aimed to raise awareness about the vital role of wetlands in the wellbeing of the locals and promote wetland conservation.

On February 01, 2024, DENR Ilocos Region, through the Conservation and Development Division (CDD), Regional Strategic Communication and Initiatives Group (RSCIG), and CENRO Bangui, spearheaded a clean-up drive along the trail of Avis Falls at Tanap Watershed Forest Reserve (TWFR). Burgos Municipal Mayor Crescente N. Garcia, who was present during the activity, emphasized the importance of the environment for the future generations. A total of 60 participants from DENR, LGU Burgos, and Barangay constituents and four

sacks of wastes was collected.

A communication, education, and public awareness (CEPA) campaign was also conducted on the following day for the barangay health workers and the members of the community. Project Support Officer Ms. Michaela Sharina Patoc discussed the significance of wetlands to the community – its importance for flood risk reduction, shoreline erosion control, water quality improvement and mitigating climate change. Development Management Officer III Cora Marie Pugal, Chief of Protected Area Management and Biodiversity Conservation Section (PAMBCS) of CDD, urged everyone to coordinate with the DENR and its field offices in the protection and preservation of the country’s environment and natural resources.

World Wetlands Day is yearly celebrated every 2nd of February to raise global importance of wetlands to the planet and its people. This also marks the anniversary of the Convention on Wetlands which was adopted as an international treaty in 1971. This year’s theme, “Wetlands and Human Well-being” emphasizes the critical role of wetlands to nature and people, its benefits and contributions to sustainable development and human wellbeing. (DML-RSCIG)

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DOH opens 1st Center for Disease Prevention and Control in R1

• P49-M Center for Cancer Patients was also inaugurated

The Department of Health (DOH) led by Undersecretary for the Universal Health Care - Health Services Cluster for Northern and Central Luzon (UHC-HSC Area I) Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire formally opened the new Center for Disease Prevention and Control (CDPC) (Public Health Center) located at the Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC) Annex in Bonuan Binloc, Dagupan City alongside the groundbreaking of the Multi-Purpose Building (Center for Cancer Patients) on February 13, 2024.

Vergeire said that the new facility will provide high-end diagnosis, treatment and therapeutic services in Region 1. "This is one of the main thrust of the DOH, establishment of specialty centers that will provide state-of-the-art medical services to the people in the provinces.

"This facility for infectious diseases shall

provide a pandemic preparedness center, which will help support in investigating, monitoring and preventing future diseases that may occur," she added.

The Public Health Center is a P20 million project funded through the DOH-Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP) with the support of Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan of Ilocos Sur and Speaker Lord Allan Velasco of the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, a total of P49 million was allocated for the construction of the multi-purpose building which will become the center for cancer patients.

DOH - Ilocos Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco congratulated R1MC for its continuing effort of expanding its medical health facilities to cater to the needs of the people of Pangasinan.

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Universal Health Care - Health Services Cluster for Northern and Central Luzon (UHC-HSC Area I) Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire, DOH Ilocos Regional Director Paula Paz M. Sydiongco, R1MC Medical Center Chief Rolando C. Mejia, 4th District Congressman Christopher De Venecia, Former Speaker, House of Representative Jose C. De Venecia, Former Congresswoman Gina De Venecia and Dagupan City Mayor Belen T. Fernandez leads the opening of the newly completed Center for Disease Prevention and Control (CDPC) (Public Health Center) located at the Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC) Annex in Bonuan Binloc, Dagupan City held on February 13, 2024 (Photo by DOH Ilocos Region)

Agri Training Institute opens farm accreditation program

STA. BARBARA, Pangasinan (PIA) - Ilocos farmers can unlock higher yields and improved practices by turning their

farms into learning sites. The Agricultural Training Institute-Ilocos Region Training Center (ATI-RTC 1) is

encouraging applications for its accreditation program, which provides valuable resources and expertise to boost

productivity. ATI-Ilocos Region Center Director Rogelio Evangelista said the
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