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Relative to the May 13 elections

Comelec-8 reshuffles polls officials

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- Top officials of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) here in the region were given new assignments by their central office relative to the conduct of the May 13 balloting.

Among to be affected by the reshuffle is Comelec regional director, lawyer Jose Nick Mendros, who will be assigned to Western Visayas or Region 7.



JOSE NICK MENDROS

Mendros, a long-time serving Comelec regional director of Eastern Visayas, will be replaced by his counterpart from Region 7, Rafael Olaño.

Mendros and Olaño

are said to assume to their new assignments on February 25.

The outgoing Comelec-8 director said that he personally sought for his transfer to avoid any question of his impartiality during the conduct of

the midterm elections.

Mendros' wife, Athens, is running for mayor of Lawaan, Eastern Samar where she is the incumbent vice mayor.

"I have requested for my transfer last June, 2018 and reiterated it on November last year," the Comelec official said.

But Mendros said that he asked that his assistant regional director, Felisimo Embalsado, be retained.

This way, the transfer of top leadership will not be totally affected considering that several provincial elections supervisors in the region were also reassigned.

Among the provincial elections supervisors that were reshuffled were Leyte elections supervisor Sabino Mejarito who was assigned to Southern Leyte.

He was replaced by Juan Bautista Beato who was previously assigned

in Eastern Samar.

The former provincial elections officer of Biliran province, Karen Cajipo, is now assigned in Eastern Samar.

Meanwhile, former Southern Leyte elections supervisor, Antonio Gu-lay, is the new provincial

elections supervisor of Biliran.

Meanwhile, the elections supervisors of the provinces of Samar and Northern Samar were retained.

In the case of Samar, lawyer Corazon Mon-see Comelec-8 /page 7 ...

13th years ago

Southern Leyte remembers Guinsaugon tragedy

TACLOBAN CITY- Southern Leyte top officials led in the commemoration of the 13th year tragedy that hit the village of Guinsaugon in Saint Bernard on Sunday (Feb.17).

Rep. Roger Mercado and his brother, Governor Damian Mercado, along with other local officials and relatives of the victims, offered flowers and prayers at the landmark where nearly 2,000 people including some 200 school children were buried alive during the tragedy.

At exactly 10:36 a.m. on February 17, 2006, a rain-soaked portion of Mt. Kan-abag overlooking Guinsaugon collapsed without warning, burying the entire village. During the program, Gov. Mercado also donated P30,000 as financial assistance to the barangay.

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Southern Leyte Representative Roger Mercado (in white barong) and Governor Damian Mercado (in red polo shirt), along with other local officials and residents, pay tribute to the victims of the 2006 mudslide tragedy in Brgy. Guinsaugon, Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte during its 13th commemorative mass and program on February 17, 2019. (Photo courtesy of Diego Credo)

Tacloban city gov't steps up anti-trafficking efforts

TACLOBAN CITY - In an effort to step up its anti-trafficking in persons (ATIP) initiatives, the local government unit of Tacloban under Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez in partnership with International Non-Government Organization (INGO) Plan International launched on Thursday, February 14, 2019, the TIP Help Desk at the Tacloban New Bus Terminal in Abucay.

The help desk aims to create and establish a system of reporting, monitoring, investigating and responding of trafficking in persons (TIPs) cases.



Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez

City Social Welfare Officer Remedios Buna said that the initiative will help ensure effective and efficient coordination among different government agen-

cies and other institutions in rescuing and providing protection to trafficked victim-survivors.

Prior to the launching, the Abucay Terminal Staff see Tacloban /page 8 ...



Party-list system being abused?

# Rep. Romualdez, ex-solon Noel says it's the voters who have the final say

TACLOBAN CITY – It's still the voters choice whom they want to become their leaders.

Thus said both Leyte Rep. Yedda Marie Romualdez and former congressman Florencio 'Bem' Noel, defending themselves on claims that they are using the party-list system to further cement their hold on power.

Both Romualdez and Noel are in the running for this year's midterm elections under the party-list system.

Romualdez, who is the current congressional representative of Leyte's first district, is the first nominee of Tingog, while Noel is seeking to return as a congressman as being the first nominee of the An Waray party-list, a position currently occupied by his sister, Rep. Victoria Isabel Noel.

The Leyte solon and Noel said that it is not totally correct to say that they are taking advantage

of the party-list system to get elective posts as they are also soliciting votes from the voters through election.

Both claim that they are not abusing the party-list system saying they are represents the marginalized sectors.

"We are going through a democratic process. We're going into an election so people are allowed to vote and vote whom they want. We didn't force them whom they should vote for," Romualdez said.

Noel: "Everybody can run. People will vote them (candidates) or not."

The former solon said that while he admits to be 'guilty,' he never sought for any elective post other than being a congressman under the party-list system though he would be replacing his sister, if An Waray wins.

Noel's wife, Josephine "Jaye" Lacson-Noel, was a former representative of Malabon City for one term and is running for the same post in this year's elections.

In the case of Rep. Romualdez, she is serving on her first term as a congresswoman representing Leyte's first district.

Her husband, Ferdinand Martin, is running for the said post he held for nine years that ended on 2016.

Election watchdog Kontra Daya said that of the 134 party-list groups participating in this

Year's midterm elections, at least 62 are with links to political dynasties or official elected in other position.

Aside from Tingog and An Waray, there are also other party-list groups in the region who have relatives holding elective posts or in the running in the May 13, 2019 elections.

These are Aangat Tayo whose nominees includes its incumbent representative Neil Bayan with his wife Milliscent Ann as third nominee.

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Leyte hospitals are the latest recipients of new ambulances donated by the Department of Health. The ambulances, formally accepted by Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla, are expected to help patients who are in dire need of fast transport to hospitals. The ambulances were received by Gov. Petilla and other health officials from the province on Feb.13. (GINA P. GEREZ)

# ABC prexy of Albuera survives sly try

TACLOBAN CITY- A councilor of Albuera, Leyte survived an attempt to his life while he was on his way to attend the regular session of their legislative council on Monday (Feb.18).

Alberto Sumaljag, village chairman of Barangay Binolho and who is the town's president of the Association of Barangay Chairmen (ABC) who sits as an ex-officio member of the town council, was on board of his vehicle, a Toyota Corola, while cruising along Barangay Cambalading of said town at about 8:20 am, when a Sedan-type vehicle overtook him.

One of the two suspects stepped out from the vehicle and peppered the vehicle where the

60- year old victim was on board with bullets, Chief Inspector Salvador Apacible Jr., town police chief, said in a phone interview.

"He was actually being tailed by the suspects and while they were in Brgy.Cambalading, one of the suspects stepped outside from the vehicle and peppered him with bullets but Councilor Sumaljag miraculously survived without being hit," he said.

About 10 empty shells from M16 rifle and caliber 45 were recovered from the crime of the scene.

He was brought to a clinic to check his condition and later escorted back to their house in Binolho, Apacible said.

Apacible said that they are still conducting their

investigation as to what could be the motive of the suspects.

Sumaljag is a long-time barangay chairman of Binolho.

The town came into national spotlight after its former mayor, Rolando Espinosa and his son, Kerwin, were linked to illegal drug trade.

The former mayor was gunned down on November 5, 2016 inside his cell at the Leyte subprovincial jail based in Baybay City by the members of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group while serving him warrant for illegal possession of firearm while Kerwin is still detained at the PNP national headquarters in Camp Crame due to his alleged illegal drug trade. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

# PhilHealth to employers: Submit remittance report to support claims

MAASIN CITY- Employers in the private and public sector must see to it that they do not just remit the total PhilHealth monthly or quarterly payment of their employees in one full sweep.

They should also submit a report containing a list employees' names whose paid contributions each correspond to the period when such payment was applicable.

According to Misael Paigan, PhilHealth provincial manager, offices or agencies regularly paying contributions without the accompanying remittance report are subject to an unwarranted claim when an employee got sick and hospitalized, because the individual record was not

updated. "We can still proceed with the processing of proper benefits, as the office or agency had paid the contributions on time, but PhilHealth will charge those to the office/agency concerned. This is the unwarranted claim," Paigan explained during the Kapihan sa PIA live at DYDM on Friday.

To avoid an unwarranted claim, the office or those in-charge of remitting PhilHealth dues must also submit a detailed names of personnel covered by the see PhilHealth /page 8 ...

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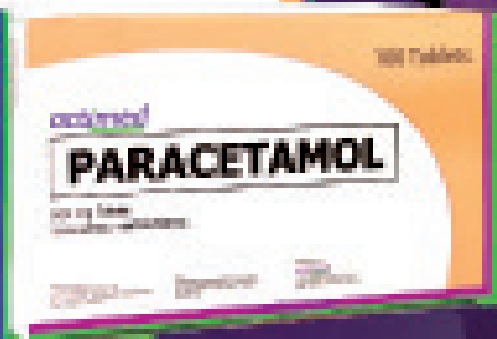
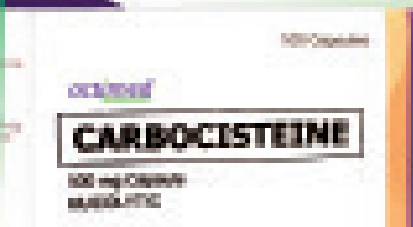
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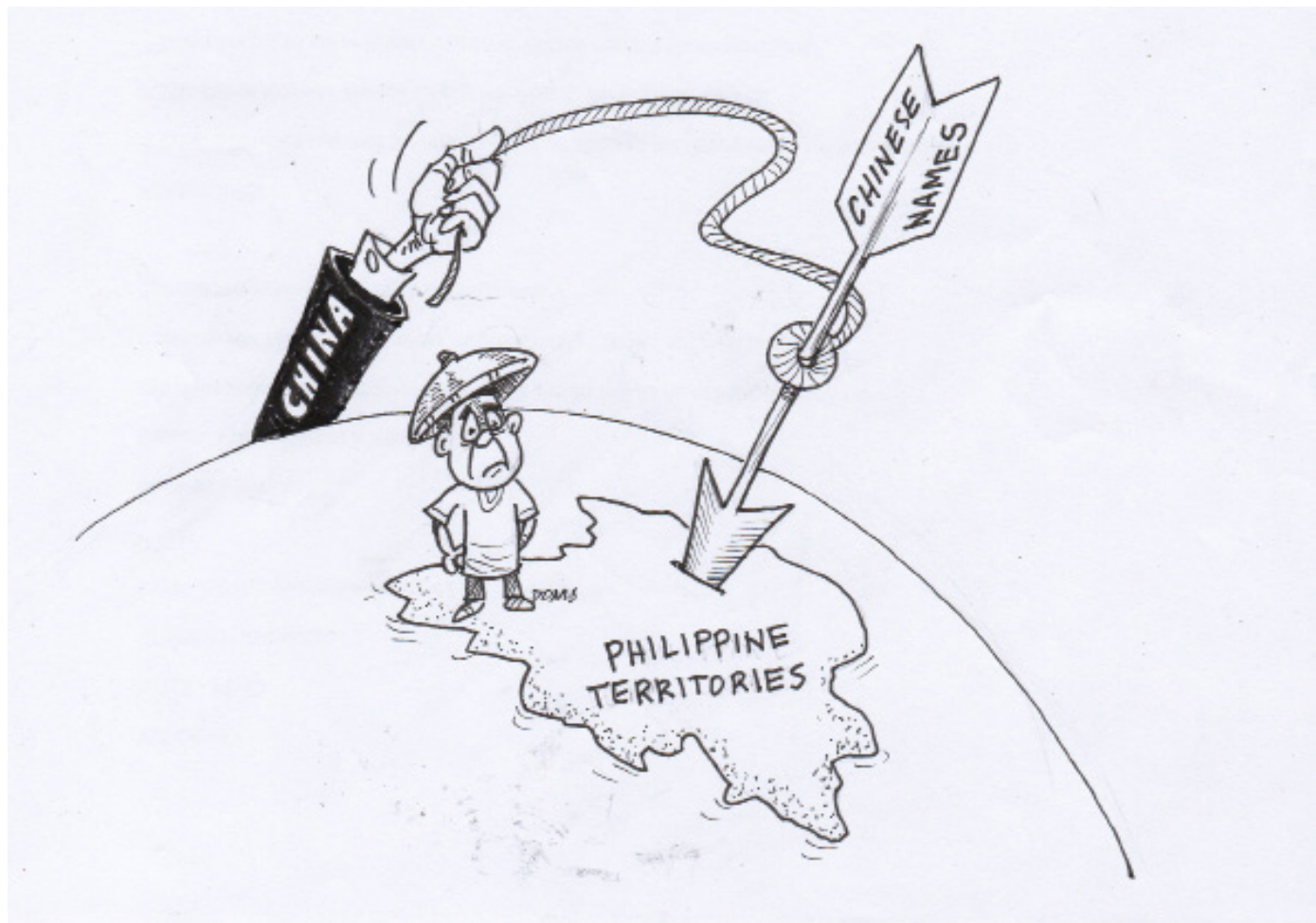
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## China again

**C**hina's argument before that they own many of the islands and islets including the surrounding seas at the West Philippine Sea just because they have Chinese names for those is, after all, a subtle part of their bullying and territory-grabbing strategy. Just because they have names for certain places and thus claim the same as theirs cannot be relied anymore.

Just recently, China has reportedly moved to name five undersea features within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Philippine Rise (Benham Rise). Jay Batongbacal, director of the University of the Philippines Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea, said the features "successfully" named by China were Jinghao and Tianbao Seamounts located around 70 nautical miles east of Cagayan; the Haidonqing Seamount located east at 190 nautical miles, and the Cuiqiao Hill and Jujiu Seamount that form the central peaks of the Philippine Rise undersea geological province.

Batongbacal emphasized that all these are within the 200 nautical miles of the east coast of Luzon, not just in the region of the extend-

ed continental shelf. However, it could not be verified immediately if those Chinese surveys conducted in the area were with (or without) permission from the Philippine government.

One thing is implied, though. Now that those features are to have Chinese names, China may now claim ownership of those by virtue of their discovery of the same, and for reasons that they bear Chinese names. See the subtlety of their action? Note that these territories are very much part of the Philippines, and they don't belong to the West Philippine Sea which may be closer to China. These named features are far away from China; in fact, Luzon is located between China and these features.

Why in the first place did China trespass into this territory for survey purposes? Why survey a place that is not theirs? They have no business and authority exploring these portions because they belong to us and we alone have the right to explore these! China must be abusing too much. Just because theirs is a military giant doesn't mean they will just run us over and threaten us with their military and economic might. China must learn to respect weaker and smaller countries like ours.



## HUGOT: Celebrating Arts Month

As the world romantically marked the heart's day, in the middle of the so-called Arts Month, the Island of Leyte Artists, Inc. (ISLA) launched the HUGOT, a National

Arts Month Exhibit at Robinsons Annex, Marasbaras, Tacloban City.

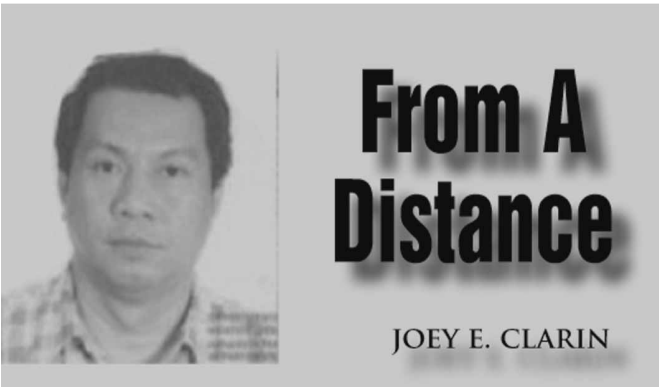
Showcasing an elegant display of paintings from veteran and budding artists, the two-week exhibit in cooperation with iNARTE and KBOX Studios Art Gallery Café commenced in the late afternoon of February 14, this year, and will last till the 28th.

"The main objective of the event is to gather the Leyte-based artists, and some guest-artists from Samar, in celebrat-

ing the Arts Month," explained Jie'ur Balais, founder and president of ISLA, in an interview.

Thirty four artists in all comprise those who contributed a painting or two, and they are as follows: Allan Llaniba, Mau Mendros, Izh Berida, Jie'ur Balais, Ryan Dagandan, Jezreel Ruiz, Al Onate, Doms Pagliawan, Aris Ventures, Sirmor Labana, Will Labana,

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## From A Distance

JOEY E. CLARIN

### The Rice Traffication Law

President Duterte has signed into law the Rice Tariffication Bill. The law seeks to liberalize rice importation by replacing quantitative import restrictions with tariffs. It is one of the means of addressing soaring inflation.

The law would create the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund with our annual funding of P10

Billion as a special rice safeguard duty to protect the rice industry from sudden or extreme price fluctuations.

The objective of this law is to address the urgent need to improve availability of rice in the country, to prevent artificial rice shortage, reduce the price of rice in the market and curtail the prevalence of corruption and cartel domination



## Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

### A more responsible public opinion

WE, of course, are all free to express an opinion on any public issue at hand. In fact, this should be encouraged, since this will help in ferreting out what is truly helpful to the general public.

We just have to do it as responsibly as possible, which means that we should study the issue very well first, avoiding off-the-cuff comments that can cause unnecessary distress and acrimony among the people, and express our views as clearly as possible and with charity always.

Let's always remember that our freedom of speech and expression can never do away with the requirements of charity. Even in the bitterness of our conflicts, we should always be charitable, ready to understand the others, to ask for pardon if we commit some mistake and to forgive when others commit them, etc.

We cannot deny that in matters of opinion we will always have differences and conflicts. We just have to learn how to be civil in arguing our points and in sorting out the differences. We have to learn this art, now so relevant and urgent given the growing complexity of our times.

What we should avoid is to fall into extreme biases and prejudices that would compromise a healthy dialogue. Matters of opinion can lend themselves to different views and positions, all of them valid and legitimate, with their share of strong and weak points.

They should not be argued as if they are dogmas, because even in dogmas, when some people cannot accept them, these people will always be treated with charity. We should avoid absolutizing something that only has a relative value.

No one should claim

in the rice industry. This will allow private traders to import rice from countries of their choice.

The law imposes a 25% duty on rice inputs from the ASEAN countries and a 50% rate on imports from non-members of the regional bloc. The country's economic managers have been pushing for rice tariffication saying this should bring down the prices of the country's staple food and weaken inflation.

However, our local farmers are against the rice tariffication as this would result to lower price of paddy to be sold to rice traders. This may also result to the abolition of the National Food Authority (NFA) as it would lose its regulatory functions and control on rice importation as the rice traders can directly transact with the rice exporters from other countries.

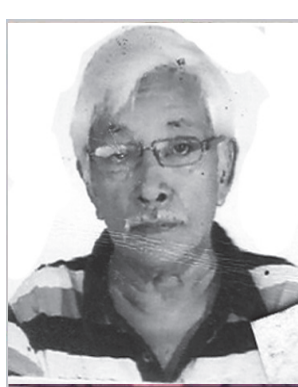
that he has the last word in any issue or question. In matters of opinion, no one can claim that he has all the good, true and beautiful in his views. One should always be open-minded to the views of the others, no matter how different and conflicting they are to his. There is always some truth to what they say. We can always learn something from them.

And in the discussion, one should avoid trying to simply score points and dominate the exchange of views. Rather, one should be interested in arriving at what is the most advantageous, fair and practical option for everyone. Some kind of consensus has to be achieved.

A great deal of magnanimity and broad-mindedness are required here. We should take the initiative to understand the others with different and even conflicting views, trying to figure out where they are coming from. We have to learn to agree to disagree in an amicable way on certain issues. It pays to have a lot of patience, a sportsman's attitude, a good sense of humor.

We have to keep a tight and strong grip on our emotions and temper, preferring not to say anything or to delay to say it when our sentiments are

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## Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

### Big spending this early!!

There is a need I suppose for the Commission on Elections to beef up its organization in order to effectively monitor candidates relative to complying with rules and regulations in the May 2019 midterm elections.

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**The Philippine center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) revealed a mind-boggling data culled from Nielsen Media's monitoring showed that 18 out of 61 senatorial candidates had already spent P2.4 billion (combined) in print, radio, TV and outdoor ad from Jan 2018 to Jan 2019 long before the official campaign period that started Feb. 12.**

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Bong, Go, the President's favorite candidate is the biggest ad spender with P422.5 million whose net worth is only 12.8 million, according to his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN).

Second is Imee Marcos 413.2 million ad expenses whose net worth is only 24.5 million in her 2007 SALN. Harry Roque in the administration ticket is also a big spender in the report but has withdrawn his candidacy.

In the opposition the report also exposed as

big spender include Mar Roxas, Bam Aquino, who ranked 3rd and 6th respectively. Seventh in the list is Grace Poe who says he is an independent candidate.

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**The question that we ask is how will candidates recover their big expenses? The late Senator Mirriam Defensor Santiago has the answer; " They will steal from public funds OR will be tempted to do so. An alternative would be to give favors to rich contributors to the detriment of public interest."**

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The data used in this column is taken from the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Political observers in the local levels need to monitor this kind of incident to protect the interest of local governance.

**Graft and corruption will remain a cancer in Philippine governance if election spending will not be checked. COMELEC wake up. It's disheartening to know this is happening even before they go out to actively campaign.**

## HUGOT:...

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Riza Makabenta, Ernie Ybanez, Nico Laguilles, Marietta German, Don Lab, Welmark Dave Folio, Khyress Gabrielle Macalalad, Joseph Nedic, Tryle Olive Arivado, Raniel Respal, Carrol May Debuton, John Caryl Villablanca, Sheila Tanpiengco, Clint Gonzales, Bjean Navarrete, John Patrick Labastida, Mae Misay, Athena Canete, Riesa Jane Canete, Doors Dural, Roy Tiu, Aljun Alvarez, and Alexa Renee Viernes.

The exhibit launching was graced by the presence of some city officials such as Vice Mayor Jerry Sambo Yaokasin, Councilor Evangeline Esperas, Councilor Aimee Grafil, and many other guests, all of whom were all praises of the beautiful artworks that were on display.

In his brief talk during the program, Hon. Yaokasin underscored that "the soul of the city is its arts and culture". According to him, exhibits like this are essential because they are showing that the city is

vibrant with that soul, with culture and the arts, hence his commendation of exhibit events.

On his part, Kendel L. Esperas, proprietor of KBOX Art Gallery Café, promotes exhibits like this one as a form of advocacy. "We want to help the artists get the recognition that they deserve," he said in an interview. He noted that visual, musical, and literary artists abound in our locality but they are hardly known. He then supports artistic dis-

semination using his capacity as an entrepreneur.

Since the HUGOT opening until its last day, it is expected that hundreds of locals and visitors will be able to view the artworks. Already, during the opening, plenty of people had already expressed appreciation of the works. They must have noted that they need not go elsewhere to enjoy viewing artworks; such items are richly available in our locality.



Pray the Holy Rosary daily for world peace and conversion of sinners (The family that prays together stays together)

### Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)



# DOH aims for a rabies-free Southern Leyte

MAASIN CITY- The reason why the government should aim for a rabies-free local government unit is because rabies is 99.99 percent fatal, said regional rabies nurse coordinator Caryl Lapriza of the Department of Health (DOH) – Region 8 during the recently held Rabies Consultative Meeting in this city.

“Though it is 99.99 percent fatal, it is 100 percent preventable,” Lapriza said as she discussed the criteria for a municipality to be declared as rabies-free.

Lapriza said, “To be declared as a rabies-free municipality, the following criteria should be met: presence of Local ordinance on the prevention and control of rabies; presence of localized comprehensive rabies elimination program; existing comprehensive rabies vaccination program in place for two years; adequate lab-

based surveillance system must be in place; and, enforcement of control measures to eliminate, destroy and dispose stray dogs.”

She added that other requirements include the information, education and communication campaign on responsible pet ownership; presence of effective rabies control committee; effective dog movement control measures; celebration of Rabies Awareness Month every March of every year, among others.

In an another presentation during the meeting, Dr. Francisco Cabarrubias, provincial veterinarian, said that out of the 18 municipalities and one city in the province of Southern Leyte, eight municipalities have already accomplished at least 70 percent of dog population vaccinated with anti-rabies.

The national target vaccination is set at 70 percent of the total dog population.

These municipalities are: Macrohon, Padre Burgos, Limasawa, Bontoc, Hinunangan, Liloan, Pintuyan and Maasin City.

The province had already accomplished 71 percent of dogs vaccinated of the total dog population now reaching 37,000.

Cabarrubias said, “Best efforts should come from the local government units in order to attain a rabies-free province by 2020 (Philippine target) or by 2030 based on the World Health Organization’s target.

The health department described rabies as a human infection that occurs after a transdermal bite or scratch by an infected animal, like dogs and cats and can be transmitted when infectious material, usually saliva, comes into direct contact with a victim’s fresh skin lesions.

**(LDL/RGCadavos/PIA-8 Southern Leyte)**



The city government of Tacloban through Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez provided its employees with free medical services on February 14 as part of the 8th ‘Labs ko an Lawas Ko Anniversary. Labs ko anLawas Ko is a healthy lifestyle program of the local government unit that encourages employees to engage in healthy activities. The event highlighted a Palarong Pangkalusugan and a zumba session at the City Hall grounds. Photos: Karl Napala/CIO

# DOH-8 reports 204 new HIV/AIDS cases in 2018

PALO, Leyte -- The Department of Health (DOH) has recorded 204 new cases of human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in Eastern Visayas in 2018, which accounts for 26 percent of the total cases detected since 1989.

There are already 774 cases with 48 deaths since the health department started its monitoring of HIV/AIDS in the region in 1989, said DOH regional information officer John Paul.

Roca said at least nine people died due to the infection last year.

“The youngest victim is 15 and the oldest is 49. About 90 percent of the newly-diagnosed cases got the illness through male-to-male sex,” Roca told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

The increasing number of newly-diagnosed victims of this infection is triggered by the massive information drive and the establishment of testing and treatment centers in Tacloban City, Samar, Eastern Samar, Northern

Samar, and Southern Leyte.

Based on the new cases documented in 2018, the region had an average of one case every day. Last year’s 204 newly-detected cases are 13 percent up than the 181 diagnosed in 2017.

DOH noted several cases in Tacloban City, Palo in Leyte, Ormoc City, Baybay City, Catbalogan City, and Calbayog City.

Tacloban, the regional capital has been included under category A for having more than 50 cases since 2010.

The city recorded 108 cases in the past eight years.

Of the 204 new HIV/AIDS new cases last year, 75 were reported in Leyte, 30 in Samar, 28 in Tacloban, 21 in Southern Leyte, 20 in Northern Samar, 16 in Eastern Samar, and 14 in Biliran.

HIV is a virus that attacks the immune system. If untreated, a person’s immune system will eventually be completely destroyed, according to Avert, an organization based in the United Kingdom.

AIDS, on the other hand, refers to a set of symptoms and illnesses that occur at

the very final stage of HIV infection.

The DOH targets that by 2022, some 90 percent of all persons with HIV would be aware of their health status and would be taking medications.

Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS is one of the targets under Goal 3 of the 17 goals of the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals adopted by world leaders in September 2015. **(SARWELL Q.MENIANO/PNA)**

## Comelec-8...

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tallana was not transferred to other province because she could handle the volatile political situation in the said province.

Mendros said that it was on the initiative of Montallana that all nuisance candidates in Samar, at least in the provincial and congressional posts, withdrew their candidacies.

While the elections supervisors of Northern Samar, Fidel Amacna, is relatively new to his post.

# DA-8 ‘Malasakit Help Desk’ Launch Attracts Walk-in Clients

TACLOBAN CITY-One ambulant vendor of peanut butter and fruits, and two medical interns of the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) who were inside the DA-Regional Office 8 compound to seek help in getting technical assistance and information regarding rural urban and backyard gardening were among the first three clients served right away by the newly launched “Malasakit Help Desk (MHD)” put up at the DA-Regional Office, Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City.

Senior citizen Silving Abarquez of Sagkahan District, Tacloban City, along with two young medical interns Heide Batula and Mafil Calamay of Palo and Tacloban City, respectively, who are presently conducting an immersion activity at the Habitat Village, a resettlement area located in Brgy. Tagpuro, this city, promptly got the assistance they sought from the office.

Coincidentally, they came in while the Malasakit Help Desk is being inaugurated and launched on Monday(February 18) in line with Secretary Em-

manuel F. Pinol’s mandate to replicate similar center in the different DA-Regional Offices nationwide.

It may be recalled that on Valentine’s Day (February 14), DA top officials led by Secretary Manny F. Piñol spearheaded the launching of the Malasakit Help Desk at the DA Central Office.

Accordingly, the Help Desk will serve as an integrated window for selected

services not only of the DA, but also of its bureaus, attached agencies and corporations.

DA-8’s Regional Executive Director Milo delos Reyes, who is on official travel, has been well-represented by no less than the two Assistant Regional Directors Elvira C. Torres and Andrew T. Orais who both explained that today’s

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In Ormoc City

6 new classrooms for Matica-a National High School

ORMOC CITY-A two-storey, 6-classroom school building and a technical vocational laboratory (TVL) multi-purpose building were turned over by Rep. Lucy Marie Torres-Gomez and the Department of Public Works and Highways Leyte Fourth District Engineering Office led by Lino Francisco C. Gonzalez, last (February 10).

The school buildings are convergence project between Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The two-storey building amounting P11,429,393 and TVL which cost P 2,521,338 are under the Basic Education Facilities Fund 2017 (BEFF) of DepEd which was implemented by DPWH - Leyte 4th District Engineering Office (DEO).

The new classroom building can accommodate an average of 300 students, thence, minimizing classroom congestion.

This year, under the BEFF 2018, DepEd - DPWH Convergence Program is implementing sixty-nine (69) school

building projects, out of the 69 sites, 34 sites are implemented in Ormoc City Division, and the other sites are under Leyte Division.

In addition, the school buildings are scheduled to be completed on the first quarter of the year, except for the multi-storey buildings.

This convergence project between the DepEd and DPWH demonstrates that coordination is needed in order to build quality school building infrastructures and facilities for every Filipino student. (PR)

PhilHealth...

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remittance, Paigan emphasized, adding that there are still some offices needed to be reminded about this.

Romulo Carbonilla, Jr., a PhilHealth staff who was also at the Kapihan, said updating of individual records is critical since the current policy for paying members to avail of claims was 9 out of 12, or nine months

straight payment out of 12 months.

Meanwhile, Paigan reported that PhilHealth's expanded primary care benefits (EPCB) will be extended to the employed sector sooner through EPCB accredited hospitals.

Also during the weekly radio program, Paigan announced that the point of service (POS) availment of non-PhilHealth members and inactive members con-

fining in government hospitals was ongoing, as well as the renewal of indigent members like 4Ps and senior citizens.

A PhilHealth learner's manual has been included to Grade 10 student curriculum in public and private schools in an effort to instill awareness of PhilHealth programs and services early on, Paigan said. (LDL/MMPedalino/PIA-8 Southern Leyte)

A more...

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approaching boiling and erupting point.

Sad to say, what we are noticing these days in the media is precisely different from how public opinion should be ideally expressed and dealt with. There is so much bias and prejudice, so much bashing and rash judgments, so much absolutizing of things with relative value, so much self-righteous comments. There are times when we get the sensation that we are talking to a wall.

And so we are reaping our just desserts.

There's a lot of acrimony and division. Anger and hatred, resentments and bitterness are rising like anything. And everyone suffers. The common good is hardly addressed. What seem obvious are the moves to bolster one's power, wealth and fame. Brazen pursuits of self-interest are all over the place.

We can do a lot better than this! We have to start learning the art of public opinion as it should be.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Gerardo V. Peliño and Eduardo Peliño extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land, Lot No. 2973, situated at Brgy. Cabuyan, Tanauan, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 38020 00599 R-13, containing an area of 6,761 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sheila Mae Handayan Co., as vendee for the above-described property with all the improvements thereon; per Doc. No. 10, Page No. 02, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Celso Ygbuhay extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Tinaplacan, Calbayog City, Samar, designated as Lot No. 906, Cad 817-D, Case-3, covered by O.C.T. No. 3843, containing an area of 11,973 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 99-03022-00240. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Maria Angelica Y. Sumayo as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 407, Page No. 81, Book No. IX, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Alex R. Gelera. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jeffrey Gabiana España Sr., extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated in Brgy. San Jose, Tacloban City, designated as Lot 3576-D-8, Psd-083747-006772-D, covered by T.C.T. No. T-36518 with an area of 250 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 2012-01-0015-09073, assessed value of P13,750.00 and heir Fe C. España hereby renounce, waive and relinquished her right in favor of her co-heirs children JEFFREY C. ESPANA and MARY GRACE C. ESPANA; per Doc. No. 67, Page No. 15, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane P. Villanoza. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that Ernesto P. Abada, Susana A. Avenido and Sonia A. Ferraris heirs of the late Hospicia Pabro Abada, the decedent was the surviving spouse of Enrique Fuentes Peña Abada, a PVAO Veteran Hospicia died intestate and their mother as surviving spouse of a PVAO Veteran is entitled to a burial assistance from the PVA, and heirs hereby waive all their rights, interest and participation in the above-described assistance in favor of their sister Amalia Pablo Lacandazo and authorize to process, sign documents and receive burial assistance covered by this waiver; per Doc. No. 121, Page No. 26, Book No. 1, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Jose Joannes S. Bagulaya. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that Romeo Pabro Lacandazo, one of the children/heirs of the late Hospicia Pabro Abada, the decedent was the surviving spouse of Enrique Fuentes Peña Abada, a PVAO Veteran Hospicia died intestate and their mother as surviving spouse of a PVAO Veteran is entitled to a burial assistance from the PVA, and heirs hereby waive all their rights, interest and participation in the above-described assistance in favor of their sister Amalia Pablo Lacandazo and authorize to process, sign documents and receive burial assistance covered by this waiver; per Doc. No. 375, Page No. 76, Book No. 1, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Jose Joannes S. Bagulaya. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019

Southern Leyte...

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Meanwhile, Rep. Mercado expressed confidence on the passage of his House Bill 8948 or "An Act Declaring February 17 of every year a special working holiday in the province of Southern Leyte to be known as the Guinsaugon Day in memory of the victims of the 2006 landslide in barangay Guinsaugon, Saint Bernard, province of Southern Leyte."

The province also intensified its disaster risk reduction and management program in the area and the rest of the municipalities. (RONALD O. REYES)

Rep. Romualdez...

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Rep. Abayon is a son of former Northern Samar Governor and 1st District Representative Harlin Abayon.

Grace Evardone, the wife of Eastern Samar Rep. Ben Evardone, is among the nominees of An Waray.

Ako an Bisaya, another party-list group has former Northern Samar Vice Governor Ramp Nielsen Uy, three-term Samar 1st district representative Rodolfo T. Tuazon and former Leyte congressman Eduardo Veloso, as its nominees. (ROEL T. AMAZONA/JOEY A. GABIETA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Cerilo Relos extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated in Brgy. Agbanga, Matalom, Leyte, Lot No. 1137, under Tax Dec. No. 08-27004-00437 containing an area of 6,418 square meters (whole area). A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 238 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Renato Jr. G. Galia as vendee; per Doc. No. 451, Page No. 91, Book No. XXV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019

AFFIDAVIT OF WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that Sonia Abada Ferraris one of the children and heir of the late Hospicia Pabro Abada, the decedent was the surviving spouse of Enrique Fuentes Peña Abada, a PVAO Veteran Hospicia died intestate and their mother as surviving spouse of a PVAO Veteran is entitled to a burial assistance from the PVA, and heirs hereby waive all their rights, interest and participation in the above-described assistance in favor of their sister Amalia Pablo Lacandazo and authorize to process, sign documents and receive burial assistance covered by this waiver; per Doc. No. 150, Page No. 10, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ernesto H. Mendiola. LSDE: Feb. 19, 26 & March 5, 2019

Tacloban...

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headed by its Manager Emmanuel Naval attended an orientation on ATIP laws and other child protection laws, presented by Rhoda Ercilla, Plan OIC Project Manager and Tacloban Women and Shelter Head, Carmela Bastes.

Human trafficking is the violation of the Republic Act (RA) 9208 of 2003 as amended by RA 10364 or Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012. It is defined as an illegal act that is committed for the purpose of exploiting someone's labor or services.

The city government is making headway in its anti-trafficking initiatives.

Last year, in coordination with other government agencies, the CSWDO rescued 31 victims of trafficking; of the number were 29 adults rescued from their abusive employer in Pangasinan and 2 minors saved from online sexual exploitation.

Meantime, the City Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Trafficking (CIACAT) chaired by Mayor Romualdez composed of 35 government agencies meets quarterly.

Two help desks will also be launched at the Tacloban DZR Airport this March, which will be situated at the arrival and departure areas, and will be manned by police and CSWD personnel. (HENRY JAMES G. ROCA/CIO)

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-UV-2019-02-20150249 Case No. VIII-2015-0249

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service

SAMSON M. ZABALA, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: ORMOC CITY-MAASIN VIA BAYBAY & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is still valid and subsisting until JULY 30, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on MARCH 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2019-2-20140939 Case No. VIII-2015-0939

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

REMUS D. LAGRIMAS, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: CATARMAN-RAWIS-CATUBIG-LAS NAVAS & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is still valid and subsisting until JULY 18, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on MARCH 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-FC-2019-02-20142136 Case No. VIII-2015-2136

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service

RANDY C. MESA, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-ST. PAUL'S-CAMPETIC & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is still valid and subsisting until AUGUST 20, 2019.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on MARCH 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 14th day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO Regional Director

Publication Notice R.A. 10172

Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Barugo

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 RONNEL C. CORRO has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of RONNEL CAHINGCOY CORRO at Barugo, Leyte and whose parents are RONALDO T. CORRO and MARCIANA CAHINGCOY.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than March 4, 2019.

(Sgd.) RICARDO A. NEGADO City/Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 19 & 26, 2019



**In Biliran**

**Housing project beneficiaries claimed to be delisted if they will not vote vice gubernatorial, mayoralty candidates**

TACLOBAN CITY- Recipients of a housing resettlement project in Culaba, Biliran have alleged that they are being threatened of being delisted if they will not vote 'straight' in the forthcoming May 13 elections.

Margarita Villegas, a resident of Barangay Marbel of said town, claimed that they were asked to 'vote straight' in favor of outgoing Mayor Lorenzo Reveldez who is running for vice governor of the province, and his brother, Councilor Rodito Reveldez, who is running for mayor of the town.

"We were told that we will not be awarded with

our housing unit if we will not vote straight," Villegas, in a media interview, said.

Culaba is a recipient of a housing project from the National Housing Authority (NHA) located in Barangay Guinapondan.

The housing project is part of the government's Yolanda assistance program.

In Culaba, the recipients of this housing project are families living in coastal areas, declared as danger zones, of the town.

The said housing project has more than 700 units but many of the recipients chose not to occupy their units due to absence of water and power

supplies.

Villegas said that they find it unfair that their eventual occupation to their housing units is being politicized.

"We are the beneficiaries of this pabahay project of our government but we will not be given our unit as he claimed that he has the right whom he want to award the units," she said, referring to Mayor Reveldez.

Mayor Reveldez was contacted by Leyte Samar Daily Express for his side on this claim by the beneficiaries but did not received a reply from him.

**(JOEY A. GABIETA)**



**HUGOT:** a National Arts Month Exhibit presented by local artists and members of the Island of Leyte Artist Inc. (ISLA) in cooperation with KBox Art Gallery Cafe at Robinsons Place, Marasbaras Tacloban City. From left: Jie'ur Balais, Kendel Esperas, Councilor Aimee D. Grafil, Vice Mayor Sambo Yaokasin, Councilor Evangeline Esperas, Trina Dacuycoy of DOT. (Photo by: Mariles Pineda)

**SPSPS opens state-of-the-start auditorium**

PALO, Leyte-Five years after the onslaught of super typhoon 'Yolanda', the auditorium of Saint Paul School of Professional Studies (SPSPS) based this town was finally refurbished with new amenities added.

Erwin Vincent Alcala, president and board chair of SPSPS, said that the family of Mary Ngo, to which the new refurbished auditorium was named, was kind enough to donate 10 air conditioning units for the auditorium.

However, Johnny Chu Go, representative of family, said that they decided to donate the glass enclosure to make the donation complete.

Alcala informed that the auditorium was damaged during Yolanda and the school management

started to look for funds for its repair.

The school requested Johnny Go for the refurbishment of the building said Alcala.

The donations included 10 units of 5-tonners and glass enclosures.

Alcala said that the air-conditioned consumption of the auditorium is equal to the air-conditioned consumption of the whole school, emphasizing how expensive the cost of the facility.

With the desire of the school to provide affordable accommodation to the people of Eastern Visayas, the school invested along with donation of benefactors.

Students can use the facility for free while other entities who want to use it will be charged.

And even before its formal inauguration last Friday ((Feb.15), the venue had been used in various national event with several schools based in Metro Manila visiting the SPSPS for benchmarking.

The school authorities who visited SPSPS brought with them to Manila the best practices of the school because of the school's facilities, Alcala said.

"It makes us proud that a provincial school is considered as a benchmark of top universities in other places," the SPSPS president said.

The blessing and formal turn-over of the Mary Ngo Auditorium was graced by the Ngo's family, Archbishop John Du, and other school officials.

**(LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)**

**Boronganonons urged to avail of free civil registration**

BORONGAN CITY- Borongan City Civil Registrar Maria Luisa Azul announced that the city is offering free civil registration services this month.

The special offer is in line with the Civil Registration Month celebration which is a nationwide campaign to ensure that all births, deaths and marriages are registered.

Up-to-date and accurate Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) is important in the formulation and implementation of government programs aimed at improving the lives of the Filipino people.

Azul and her team also offer mobile registration for free in remote and far-flung barangays.

The said mobile registration covers live birth registration, death and marriage registration.

Azul urged the parents to avail of this once-a-year opportunity right in their doorstep.

"Join us today for free so that when you need these documents, it will be ready," said Azul.

As part of the month-

long celebration this February, the office of Mayor Maria Fe Abunda sponsored the mass wedding of 142 unwed married couples.

The said mass wedding was also free, through the Office of the Mayor who shouldered all expenses for the registration of married couples.

On Feb. 27, the whole LCR team will also offer free registration and

even late registration for live birth, issue certified true copy of live birth, marriage and death certificates at the Borongan City Hall.

The celebration of this year's Civil Registration Month is anchored on the theme "Inclusive and responsive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS): working smarter through innovation.

**(NBQ/SDCandido/PIA-8 E. Samar)**

**DA-8...**

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launching of MHD in the region was in response also of RED delos Reyes "who urged us to immediately put up the said Malasakit Center within the vicinity of the DA-RFO 8."

The said help desk complements the Public Assistance Center already established in all DA offices as mandated under Republic Act 9485 otherwise known as the "Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007." Thus, to be easily accessible, the Help Desk has been set up at the ground floor of the DA-Regional Office 8 Main Building, just near to the DA-8 Library and the Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Section (Rafis).

According to Atty. Wilfredo Pascua, assistant chief

of the Admin and Finance Division, like what DA Central Office is doing, the MHD will initially provide access to agri-fishery information and data, registration and accreditation; agri-fishery profiling and validation; access to development interventions consisting of credit facilities, crop insurance, including scholarships, trainings and seminars, as well as possible employment opportunities

and many more.

Through the Help Desk, farmers, fisherfolk, and other agriculture stakeholders can easily avail of the services offered by the Department. It is expected that the establishment of this Help Desk could ease-up the doing of business in the regional office, and bring the government closer to the people as envisioned by no less than President Rodrigo Duterte. (PR)

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**Publication Notice**  
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Republic of the Philippines  
**CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE**  
Borongan City, Eastern Samar

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with the publication requirements and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **HERMINIGILDA C. ANACIO** has filed with this Office, a **Petition for Correction of Child's Sex** from "**MALE** to **FEMALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FRANCIS NICOLE CRUZ ANACIO** who was born on **November 27, 2002** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **HERMINIGILDA A. CRUZ** and **NELSON A. ANACIO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than March 1, 2019.

**(Sgd.) MA. LUISA M. AZUL III**  
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 19 & 26, 2019



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Samar  
**MUNICIPALITY OF PARANAS**  
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**  
**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 38**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND REGULATING THE USES OF PLASTICS FOR GOODS AND COMMODITIES THAT END UP AS RESIDUAL WASTE AND PROMOTING THE USE OF ECO BAGS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY PRACTICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

WHEREAS, Article II, Sec 16 of the Philippines Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;  
WHEREAS, Sec 3(i) of RA 7160 provides that Local Government Units shall share with the National government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction;  
WHEREAS, Sec 447(vi) of RA 7160 also empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment including such activities which result in pollution and acceleration of rivers and lakes or ecological imbalance;  
WHEREAS, plastic bags and Styrofoam are rampantly used as packaging materials and utensils in the Municipality of Paranas and elsewhere;  
WHEREAS, despite serious efforts of the Municipality to segregate compostable, recyclable, and reusable waste materials, plastic and other similar materials, remain in the waste stream and eventually become residuals;  
WHEREAS, the Municipality is spending a considerable amount of money for operational and maintenance expenses on waste disposal;  
WHEREAS, the present Municipal Mayor is very desirous to reduce if not eliminate the use of plastic film bags and Styrofoam as packaging materials, encourages the utilization of alternative packaging materials such as woven bags (bayong), baskets, cloth bags (katsa), paper bags and other similar materials (e.g. banana leaves, etc);  
WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate the use of plastic bags to prevent potential serious ecological imbalance particularly in the municipal waterways.  
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Paranas in session assembled, that:

**TITLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Title** – This ordinance shall be known as an “AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND REGULATING THE USES OF PLASTICS FOR GOODS AND COMMODITIES THAT END UP AS RESIDUAL WASTE AND PROMOTING THE USE OF ECO BAGS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY PRACTICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE”.

**Section 2. Scope and Coverage.** This Ordinance shall cover all types of plastics that end up as residual waste. Types of plastics that are currently and economically diverted within the municipality through resource recovery such as re-use and recycling shall not be covered. Plastic products and plastics that form part of a product such as from semiconductor and electronic products except as container or packaging material shall not be covered. Other types of plastics that form part of the residual waste but are not explicitly prohibited, regulated or otherwise mentioned in this ordinance are considered not covered.

This ordinance shall be applicable to and observed in all household, industrial, commercial or business establishments, scrap collector, junk dealers and all persons, whether living or sojourning in the municipality.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- Buy back center** – shall refer to a recycling center that purchases or otherwise accepts recyclable materials for the purpose of recycling.
- Child** – refers to a person under the age of eighteen (18).
- Child in Conflict with the Law** – refers to a child who is alleged as, accused of, or adjudged as having committed an offense under Philippine laws.
- Container**– shall refer to the material which contains and is in direct contact with the product especially in the cases of liquid products, wet goods, food and beverages, e.g. bottles, trays, plastic or paper wraps, laminated cartons etc.; dry and solid goods do not usually require containers.
- Ecobags or re-usable bags**– are bags made out of different materials that can withstand several uses as containers and for packaging rendering them “eco-friendly as they provide an alternative to disposable bags; commonly used ecobags are made from fabric, recycled or indigenous materials; it may also refer to “thick” plastic bags or any bag made out of plastic provided that the material is strong that will render the bag durable for re-use; bags made from recycled materials such as paper are not necessarily considered ecobags if not re-usable as stated, e.g. thin brown paper bags commonly known as “supot” used for “pandesal”.
- Generator (s)**– shall refer to a person, natural or juridical, who last uses a material and makes it available for disposal or recycling.
- Packaging material**– shall refer to any material which may contain but not necessarily in direct contact with the product especially for purposes of protection, preservation, handling, transport and marketability e.g. cartons, carrier bags, packaging films, protective foams for electronic products; it shall also refer to any material which acts as a secondary container to a product, i.e., for purposes of containment but not in direct contact with the product, e.g. the box which contains a bottle filled with liquid perfume.
- Person(s)**– shall refer to any being, natural or juridical, susceptible of rights and obligations of being subject of legal relations.
- Cloth bag [a.k.a. katsa]** – refers to a reusable packaging material made of cloth [biodegradable] used in the packaging of flour, wheat and other similar goods.
- Dry goods** – refers to any product that do not require refrigeration or freezing to maintain freshness.
- Intervention** – refers to a series of activities which are designed to address issues that caused the child to commit an offense. It may take the form of an individualized treatment program which may include counselling, skills training, education, and other activities that will enhance his/her psychological, emotional and psycho-social well-being.
- Plastic bags** – also known as sando bags, pouch, plastic shopping bags and plastic firm bags. It is a type of flexible packaging material made of thin, plastic film that is used for containing and transporting food and other products [commercial or industrial]. It also refers to thin-gauge packaging medium that is used as bag or wrap.
- Styrofoam/styrophor**– refers to a kind of packaging material used as food containers, disposable cups, plates, etc.
- Plastic waste**– refers to any plastic material thrown as waste.
- Primary packaging material**– refers to those types of packaging for containing produce, snack foods, frozen foods, hardware etc.
- Secondary packaging material**– refers to those types of packaging materials for wet goods to provide support to any primary packaging and intended for convenience of the handler, as well.
- Wet foods**– refers to any product that requires refrigeration or freezing to maintain freshness such as fish, meat, poultry products, fruits, vegetables, beverages and cooked foods in canderias/eateries.
- Wet market**– generally refers to the store of products that requires refrigeration or freezing to maintain freshness. These include the wet section in public markets, supermarkets, mini marts, restaurants and canderias/eateries.
- Woven bags**– [a.k.a. bayong], refers to biodegradable packaging material made of woven pandan, buli leaves, water lily and other similar materials.
- Post-consumer materials**– shall refer only to those materials or products generated by a business or consumer which have served their intended end use, and which have been separated or diverted from solid waste for the purpose of being collected, processed and used as raw materials in the manufacturing of recycled product, excluding materials and by products generated from, and commonly used within an original manufacturing process.

**Recyclable waste**– shall refer to any waste material retrieved from the waste stream and free from contamination that can still be converted into suitable beneficial use or for other purposes.

**Material**– shall refer to post-consumer material that has been processed to be used for making a product, e.g. recycled paper

**Residual wastes**– shall refer to waste materials that are collected, transferred and transported for final disposal as garbage.

**Semi-conductor and electronic products**– refer to products containing semiconductor materials and operated by electricity such as communication and information technology gadgets like cellular phones and computers and appliances such as radios and television.

For thorough understanding of this ordinance, plastic shall refer to natural and synthetic materials that are produced by chemically modifying natural substances or are synthesized from inorganic and organic raw materials. On thermosets, elastomers and thermoplastics. The following table illustrates the most common types of plastics used, their applications and the symbol which is often used to identify them:

**Polymer Types Examples of Applications Symbol:**

- Polyethylene/Terephthalate**– ex. Fizzy drink and water bottles. Salad trays.
- High Density Polyethylene**– ex. Milk bottles, bleach, cleaners and most shampoo bottles.
- Polyvinyl Chloride**– ex. Pipes, fittings, window and door frames (rigid PVC). Thermal insulation (PVC foam) and automotive parts.
- Low Density Polyethylene**– ex. Carrier bags, bin liners and packaging films.
- Polypropylene**– ex. Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays, also produced as fibres and filaments for carpets, wall coverings and vehicle upholstery.
- Polystyrene**– ex. Yoghurt pots, foam hamburger boxes and egg cartons, plastic cutlery, protective packaging for electronic goods and toys. Insulating material in the building and construction industry.
- Unallocated References**– Any other plastics that does not fall into any of the above categories – for example polycarbonate which is often used in glazing for the aircraft industry.

**TITLE II. PROHIBITED AND REGULATED USE OF PLASTICS**

**Section 4. Regulated Uses of Plastic for Goods and Commodities.**  
Listed below are the regulated uses of plastic bags that has to conform with local regulations:

- a. To utilize as packaging material nor as container for dry and wet goods;
  - b. To use as non-reusable plastic wares for food as containers and packaging material such as Styrofoam for food and drinks including plastic utensils such as spoon, fork and knife for dine in and especially for take-out customers;
  - c. Use of plastic pouch (commonly used for ice making) and drinking straw for beverages such as soft drinks, juices and other cold drinks like “palamig” and “gulaman”;
  - d. Use of plastic bag as garbage bag; and
  - e. Re-use of plastics as flaglets and “bandaritas” during “fiestas”.
- Section 5. Prohibition on the Use/Sell of Plastic in any Business Establishments.** Listed below are the prohibited sell/uses of plastic in any business establishments in this municipality:
- a. No business establishment shall utilize plastic bags as packaging materials on dry goods;
  - b. No business establishment dealing on wet goods shall use plastic bags as primary packaging material;
  - c. No business establishment shall use Styrofoam/styrophor and other similar container for food, produce and other products; and
  - d. No business establishment shall offer or sell plastic to be used as secondary packaging material or as primary packaging material on dry goods;
  - e. Selling and providing plastic bags to consumers as secondary packaging material on wet goods;
  - f. Selling and providing plastic bags to consumer as secondary packaging materials on dry goods;
  - g. Selling and providing Styrofoam/styrophor as container; and
  - h. Disposing plastic waste on streets, canals, body of waters and public places.

**Section 6. Regulated Uses of Plastics for Goods and Commodities.**  
The use of plastics on the following are hereby regulated:

- a. Wet goods that are already pre-contained in plastic wraps, pouches bag and the like as part of the product’s packaging materials such as frozen products, shall not be contained further in plastic bags.
- b. Other wet goods that are not pre-contained in plastic pouches, wraps or bags are preferably to be contained in customer supplied “reusable” pre-cleaned and sanitized hard plastic containers.
- c. Plastic products for as long as they will end up as recyclable waste may be allowed such as plastic cups (commonly regarded as Hi or High Impact), ice cream cups, egg trays, spoon and fork.
- d. Oil plastic bottles shall be re-used at all times since they don’t usually end up as recyclable waste; other plastic bottles that are not accepted at “buy back centers” like barangay MRF’s municipal MRF or junkshops shall be re-used and should not end up as residual waste.
- e. Sacks and other similar bags shall be re-used as garbage bags; garbage collectors shall return the sacks for further re-use as garbage bags.

**TITLE III. ALTERNATIVE USE OF ECO BAGS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY PRACTICES**

**Section 7. Use of Eco Bags and other Environment Friendly Practices as an Alternative.** All sectors are strictly enjoined to use eco bags and observe the following environment friendly practices:

- a. Posting of Information and Education Campaign (IEC) materials shall be mandatory on all commercial establishments such as sari-sari stores, convenient stores, grocery stores, market stalls, food establishments like eateries, fast-food chains, restaurants, bar and grills, general merchandisers like school supplies, hardware stores or any trading business establishment that will require containers and packaging materials for the product they trade.
- b. Proprietors, managers and operations officer of business establishments shall brief or train their respective personnel that will be in the frontline to implement this ordinance.
- c. All sectors are enjoined to use EcoBags in all aspects of its business transactions whenever applicable and the general public shall bring appropriate containers whenever they are going to the market.
- d. Business establishments are encouraged to give discounts and freebies to users of ecoBags.
- e. Business establishments and non-governmental organizations are enjoined to promote the use of ecoBags by developing their own IEC materials such as posters, pins, tarpaulins, streamers etc.
- f. Recovery of tetra packs or doypacks of juice drinks shall be made during occasions and wake.
- g. Tarpaulins and streamers shall be recovered after their intended use; the Municipal Engineering Office shall recover tarpaulins and streamers posted within the municipality after expiration of their permits; the Municipal Recovery Facilities shall recover all the tarpaulins and streamers used by the Municipality.
- h. Barangay officials shall take the lead in their respective barangays to ensure recovery of recyclable materials that may be used for making ecoBags.
- i. Recyclable materials that may be used for making ecoBags shall be brought to the MRF.
- j. Use of ecoBags shall be mandatory for the Municipality of Paranas; use of ecoBag made from NFA rice sack shall be made a requirement for the availment of NFA rice at NFA “Tindahan Natin” and any ecoBag for the availment of any commodity; similar mechanics shall apply to other programs that may require use of ecoBags.
- k. Recycled and recyclable bags are recommended as second-best thing to ecoBags.
- l. Business establishments shall provide their own re-usable container for wet goods and/or require its consumers to bring their own re-usable container for the same.
- m. Business establishments shall use cardboard boxes to pack groceries and other dry goods.

**TITLE IV. NO PLASTIC DAY**

**Section 8. No Plastic Day** –In instances where uses of plastic bag are regu-

lated, such as section 4 of this ordinance, it shall be prohibited to use plastic bags every Thursday of every week.

**TITLE V. LGU ASSISTANCE**

- Section 9.** This Local Government Unit to ensure the enforcement of this Ordinance shall endeavor to extend assistance and subsidies, to wit:
- 1. On the first (1) year of the implementation of this Ordinance, the Municipality shall provide woven bags (Bayong) or Eco Bags to its constituents free of charge.
  - 2. Conduct/sponsor free seminars and trainings for the production of woven bags and Ecobags as an alternative to the use of plastics.
  - 3. Give certificate of appreciation and commendation to individuals, association and business establishments who promoted the observance of this Ordinance.
  - 4. Give incentive to those persons/association/organization who reported the violation of this ordinance to the apprehending officer.

**TITLE VI. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**

**Section 10. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.**  
Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Office of the Mayor shall create for this purpose a taskforce who shall conduct massive information education and communication campaign using all possible media such as print, radio, and internet.

**Section 11. Monitoring and Enforcement.** The Local Chief Executive shall create through an Executive Order a taskforce to enforce and monitor the effective implementation of this Ordinance. The MENRO shall be the officer to supervise the implementation of this Ordinance.

The Philippine National Police, Paranas Municipal Police Station shall be tapped as partner agency for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

The Office of the LCE and/or the taskforce shall conduct annual compliance monitoring inspection to include business establishments covered by the ordinance. This shall include sari-sari stores, convenient stores, market stalls food establishments, groceries and supermarkets among others. Non-compliance as provided for in the environment code shall be considered a ground for revocation or non-renewal of business permits.

**TITLE VII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE**

**Section 12. Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR)**  
a. Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations shall be issued by the Office of the Mayor for the proper and effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**TITLE VIII. FINES AND PENALTIES**

**Section 13. Penalties.** Any violation of this ordinance shall be penalized by the following penalties:

First Offense	-	Php 500.00
Second Offense	-	Php 1,000.00
Third Offense	-	Php 1,500.00

Any violation of the ordinance for the first offense, an individual has an option to pay the corresponding fine or render community service as maybe prescribed hereunder.

A community service shall refer, but not limited to clean-up drives, coastal clean-up drives, tree planting activities, blood donation program, either organize by the Municipal Local Government, Barangay Local Government or any private group.

Fine and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months upon the discretion of the court.

Any business establishment found violating this ordinance shall be required to pay the corresponding penalty. In case of refusal to pay, the penalties may be collected by the Municipal Treasurer upon renewal of its license. Cancellation of its license to operate for a period of one (1) year shall be imposed for the third offense.

In case a Child in Conflict with the Law is found violating this ordinance, he/she shall be reprimanded. Further, the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office (MSWDO) shall conduct an intervention program pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 9344 or the “Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006”.

For any succeeding violations, the liability shall devolve upon those persons having such Child in Conflict with the Law under their legal authority or control pursuant to the principle of vicarious liability provided under the Family Code in relation to the New Civil Code, to wit:

Art. 221. *Parents and other persons exercising parental authority shall be civilly liable for the injuries and damages caused by the acts or omissions of their unemancipated children living in their company and under their parental authority subject to the appropriate defences provided by law.*

**TITLE IX. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 14. Separability Clause.** If any part of this Ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or section hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.

**Section 15. Repealing Clause.** All previous ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 16. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect after the lapse of fifteen (15) days from the date of publication or after posting of the same in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality.

CARRIED unanimously by the members present.

ENACTED: JANUARY 28, 2019

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing.

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 Municipal Mayor

*In Northern Samar*

# Mobile clinic in San Isidro town is now ready to treat patients

SAN ISIDRO, Northern Samar—As part of his commitment to uplift and give a quality health care to his people, Mayor Ferdinand Avila of this town reminded his health personnel to treat their patients with “utmost care”.

Mayor Avila said that while he is already satisfied with the performances of the medical staff of the municipal government, he still want them to perform better for the great satisfaction of the

people, especially the poor. Avila reminded his health care providers in providing patients with utmost care because this will show that they care and empathizes with them.

“I am happy and satisfied of the support of my co-workers under my administration in prioritizing health and education particularly to the less-privilege along with their school children who are the direct beneficiaries of said program,” the town mayor, who is seeking for

another fresh term in this year’s midterm elections, said.

The town has a state-of-the-art mobile clinic that is equipped with ECG, ultrasound and Ex-ray equipment, worth P10.5 million.

The said equipment is now being used by the residents of the town.

It has also two units of bus and rescue car which it uses to ferry students who lives in remote barangays of the town.

(PETER D. PAREDES)



A state-of-the-art mobile clinic is now being enjoy by the people of San Isidro town in Northern Samar.

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# 4,000 volunteers in a cleanup of 10 coastal villages in a Leyte town



About 4,000 volunteers coming from different government offices as well as those coming from private sectors volunteered to help waterways of 10 coastal areas in Carigara, Leyte on Sunday (Feb.17). (Photo Courtesy)

CARIGARA, Leyte-About 4,000 people coming from various government offices and private organizations and students joined in the cleaning up of 10 coastal villages of the town on Sunday (Feb.17).

The cleanup drive, dubbed as 'Limpyo Baybayon ni Gara,' involved the barangays of Guindapunan West, Guindapnan East, San Mateo, Bariis, Baybay, Visoria East and West, Tangnan, Barugohay Norte, and Naugisan.

According to Eduardo Ong Jr., chairman of the coastal cleanup drive, the successful drive came into fruition after several discussions with some barangay officials who informed him that they loved and used to swim in Carigara Bay including the waters along the barangays.

"But what I saw in the waters are garbage mostly plastics and wood debris and other wastes. Thus, we decided for the cleanup drive," he said.

Prior to the actual cleanup, all the participants signed a pledge of commitment to make sure that the activity would be sustained.

Ong believed that the huge number of volunteers who came and joined the one-day activity signified that they saw the importance of a clean and safe environment and were inspired on the cleanup of the Manila Bay as directed by President Rodrigo Duterte.

Interior Secretary Eduardo Año has also ordered all local government units to conduct cleanup drive at their own major waterways.

"I just hope that this activity will be a step toward to a more responsible actions towards our environment. We also hope for other and nearby towns to make the activity as an inspiration for them," Ong said.

Small things like cleaning the surroundings and proper waste disposal will make a long way in the

preservation of our environment, the son of Mayor Eduardo Ong, Sr. said.

A total of 10 truck load of garbage were taken out of the coastal shores.

Among those who joined the campaign were personnel of the Department of Public Works and Highways' 2nd engineering district office, police, students from different schools and organizations, business groups and the local Church.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)



Members of the Fisheries Law Enforcement Team confiscated hot lumbers in Barangay 60-A, Old Road Sagkahan in Tacloban City on Feb.15. (CIO)

# Illegal logs seized in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY -Twenty-four pieces of illegally transported lumber with an estimated market value of P39,000 and a motorized banca valued at P 50,000 were seized by the Fisheries Law Enforcement Team (FLET) in Brgy. 60-A Old Road Sag-

kahan at around 7 p.m. on Friday (February 15).

The team was conducting their regular sea-borne patrol operation off Cancabato Bay when they intercepted a motorized banca manned by unidentified persons transporting 560 board feet of lawaan from the shoreline of Brgy. 60-A.

According to the report, the unidentified suspects abandoned the motorized banca and its load of illegally-cut logs.

The recovered logs were brought to the FLET office for documentation and for proper turnover to the Department Environment and Natural Resources

(DENR).

Last year, regular off-shore operations in Cancabato Bay, San Pedro Bay, Panalaron Bay, Anibong Bay and San Juanico Strait conducted by FLET resulted in the confiscation of 32 fishing gears used in illegal fishing activities and recovery 242 pieces of "hot" lumber.

The operations form part of the extensive campaign of the team to impose fisheries and environmental laws pursuant to orders of Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez.

(HENRY JAMES ROCA with a report from D. ABARQUEZ/CIO)

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