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# DILG chief asks media to be watchdogs on government-funded projects

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CATARMAN, Northern Samar – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) has asked media to be more active in providing positive and exact information especially in coming with stories on how projects funded by the government are being implemented.

DILG Regional Director Artemio Caneja said that media has the vital role in filling the information gap.

Members of the media coming from provinces of Northern Samar, Samar and Leyte attended a media tour sponsored by their office in seven municipalities of Northern Samar, visiting projects funded by the DILG.

“We had a realization in the DILG to include media in the information dissemination about government funded projects. This is the reason why we are bringing you to the sites for you to see it with your own eyes,” Caneja said.

“This will also let contractors do their job properly. Not by putting pressure to contractors but to let them know that many are

observing them,” he added.

Government-funded projects being a source of corruption and of poor quality have become a complaint even today.

The DILG-8 media tour was started by then regional director and now Undersecretary Maribel Sacendoncillo engaging media and civil society organizations to visit the agencies funded projects. *see DILG /page 3 ...*



Department of Interior and Local Government Regional Director Artemio Caneja (center) with Northern Samar Provincial Director Danny Laguitan and San Jose Mayor Clarence Dato during his visit to the municipality for the turn-over of an evacuation center funded by DILG. (Roel T Amazona)

## Northern Samar town now enjoys water supply; thanks to DILG’s Salintubig Project

ROSARIO, Northern Samar – Residents of this coastal town are happy now that they have a source of potable water.

Although the water system already existed in the town, it is still just considered as Level II as the water distribution had not reach houses but through a tap stand, strategically installed in specific places of the villages.

The water system uses ground water as a source and being pump to the treatment facility funded under the program of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Residents in the town proper are using the water for laundry, cooking, cleaning chores and for taking a bath.

“We are allowed to fetch at least six containers of water a day. That is already enough for our daily needs,” Matilde Pestaño, a *see Northern /page 6 ...*



Six-years old “Biboy” helps his parents fetch water during his free time at the tap stand in their barangay in Rosario, Northern Samar. Their town, a waterless municipality is one of the recipients of the water system project of the Department of Interior and Local Government under the program Assistant to Disadvantage Municipality. (Roel T Amazona)

## From foods to incinerators South Korean company Global OBLA showcases products at the Visayas Area Business Conference

PALO, Leyte-A South Korea-based company is introducing its various products to the Filipino market.

And these products ranges from food, beauty and skin care products to heavy products like LED lights and incinerators.

The Global Ocean Best Leader Associates Inc. (Global OBLA) manufactured products were showcased during the two-day 28th Visayas Area Business Conference held this town that concluded last Saturday (August 24).

Lawyer Baek Wang Kee, president OBL Associates (OBLA), said that they are happy to showcase their products which he describes not only of ‘very high quality’ but with ‘good prices.’ “(Our products) are of

high quality and lasts long. We would like to supply all South Korean products (in the Philippines) with good prices...from small products to big products. We can handle them,” he said.

The Global OBLA was able to join the Business Area conference through the invitation of the Leyte Chamber of Commerce and Industry and was facilitated by Billy Roseño, South Korean investors’ coordinator.

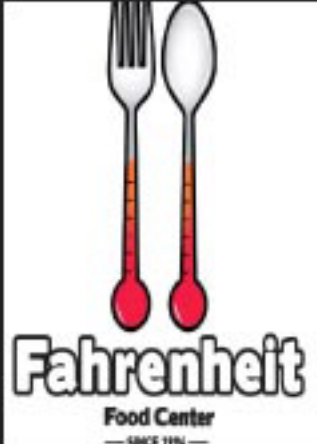
Aside from Baek, top officials of the Global OBLA joined in the roadshow: Song In Pyoung, president; and Hyojeong Kwon, general manager.

Baek said that Global OBLA, which established its trading company in 2015, is very excited in introducing their products to the Filipino market considering that

they have products that of good quality but are also not harmful to the environment like the incinerator.

According to him, the incinerator that they have manufactured conform to the standard set by the Philippine government, thereby, making it safe to

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## FEATURE

# Tacloban-based priest paints, sells artworks to build Church

Ronald O. Reyes

TACLOBAN CITY-Father Kim Margallo gently puts down the paint brush after giving some finishing touches to his latest masterpiece, an image of Jesus Christ in agony.

"It's a tall order. I have to use my creativity to achieve what we need to achieve," says Margallo, the mission priest in-charge of the first St. Josemaria Escriva Mission Station Church, this city.

"My term is only for three years. But it's up to Palo Archbishop John Du if I will be extended. I gave myself a timeline. Hopefully, I can build the church," the 35-year-old priest, who is an artist himself, said.

To finish the entire mission church building, Margallo needs to raise at least P200 million.

"Regardless if I could finish it or not within three years, I have to finish with the basic structure," he said enthusiastically.

After one year in his new assignment, Margallo, however, saw some progress in the construction.

"The costly part is in the detail, which is about 60 percent of the total amount," he averred.

Once completed, the St. Josemaria Escriva Mission Station Church will feature a columbarium and ossuary facility which will serve as a "dignified and cost-effective Catholic alternative to casket burial" not only in the city but also in the entire Eastern Visayas region.

The facility will be located at the church's basement to house bone casket and cremated remains of the dead.

Following its original site development plan in the one-hectare donated lot, the mission church will be composed of several church edifices and structures "that will facilitate the services to be rendered by the Church."

Its construction follows several phases.



**Father Kim Margallo of the St. Josemaria Escriva Mission Station Church is selling his own paintings, the proceeds of which will help improve his church. Painted chapel. Photo by Roel Amazona**

First is the filling up of floor elevation, followed by the construction of adoration chapel which serves as temporary church building, priest rectory, office, sacristy, and confessional room.

Phase three is the construction of the main mission church building with its basement design to be a columbarium and ossuary.

The phase four is the priest rectory, followed by the multi-purpose building, function hall, and evacuation. The final phase is landscaping and beautification

Last August 2018, they launched the first pledging session through a donate fence program. They started the phase three which is the construction of the main church on December 2018.

"This will become a landmark, a shrine," Margallo said, adding that he is preparing documentary papers so he can also ask "first class relic" of St. Josemaria Escriva.

Margallo said that the people in the city and in the region have to go to Manila or Cebu to cremate the remains of their loved ones.

Du, who is also a high ranking official of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), approved the idea, he said.

Margallo says that people can "transfer" the remains of those cremated in the upcoming facility.

"But looking for its

fund is passed to us now. We have to find ways. We have many fund raising here," Margallo said.

He, however, reminds the public that the facility is not for sale.

"Donors can give particular amount then we give them a token. The same with painting, we put a certain amount as a donation. The worth of one painting is not its exact prize. If we put about P15,000 to the price, that would be too cheap. So it's just a donation," he said.

"Sometimes we also bid the paintings," Margallo added.

Interested art buyers and dealers can also have pre-orders of their oil paintings.

Margallo said the painting project to raise church funds started last July, and they have finished eight paintings already.

"We can have one painting done in one day, if necessary," he said.

"We started the idea of painting here because of the small space and lack of budget," the priest said, referring to the finished chapel which serves as one of the initial features of the entire mission church.

To help him with the project, Margallo was able to scout two local artists Ernesto Kardante and Kim Clinton Gonzales.

The two artists started to paint the wall and ceiling of the adoration chapel which served as temporary church building, aside from doing commissioned

paintings to support the church.

"This place now serves as Catechetical chapel. Anyone can come here to reflect, relax, and be at home. This is something which has been lost in the passing of time," Margallo said.

According to the priest, going inside the chapel "becomes a journey of faith" as the church-goers will be greeted with various paintings showing Bible stories.

"You can come here to meditate. The story of the entire story of salvation can be found inside the chapel. From the story of Adam and Eve, Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the images on militant, suffering, and triumphant church, and finally the Heaven," Margallo said as he traces the flow of story ideas of the paintings on the wall and ceiling.

Pointing to the Eucharist in the middle of the chapel, Margallo said that the Catholic faithful has to go through it before they will have the salvation.

Also painted inside the chapel are some saints "whose lives they (church-goers) can look up though."

Painted saints include St. Isidore the Farmer, who is the patron saint of the village; St. Josemaria Escriva; and St. Thomas More.

"St. Thomas More is the patron saint for pol-

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## Leyte board member Abellanosa aims chairmanship of PBMLP regional chapter

TACLOBAN CITY-Leyte board member Raulfo 'Bob' Abellanosa is seeking the chairmanship of the Provincial Board Members League of the Philippines (PBMLP) - Eastern Visayas chapter.

And Abellanosa, who is representing Leyte's first district, appears to have clinched the post as he is running unopposed.

The region's 73 provincial board members are to hold their election next month in Cebu City.

The current regional president of the PBMLP is Leyte board member Trinidad 'Ebbie' Apostol of the second district.

Apostol was named to the post as interim regional president after the regularly elected president, Edgar Igano of Biliran province,

was earlier named as the national secretary-general.

The conduct of elections of the provincial board members is pursuant to memorandum circular issued by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued by Sec. Eduardo Año.

It was learned that among Abellanosa's line up include Apostol, nominated as among the regional directors.

Abellanosa is now serving his third and last term as board member covering Leyte's first district which covers the towns of Palo, Babatngon, Tanauan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Tolosa.

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use.

It describes its incinerator as that completely incinerates all pollutants with a swirl flame.

Thus, no particle of pollutants reaches the environment, making it a 'green incinerator.'

Baek said that they are encouraging their prospective clients to use their manufactured incinerator as it is pollution-free.

While the Philippines has banned the use of incinerators due to its adverse effects to the environment, the government still allows the use of certain types of incinerators.

Thus, Baek said that they are confident that their manufactured incinerator will be passed to the

standards of the Philippine.

In fact, he said, they will be working with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) so they could get the necessary permit to sell their products in the Philippines.

Meantime, Baek said that their company is also very keen in entering in the copra production, particularly in the production of coconut sugar which he said is getting attention from South Koreans.

He said that with the region teeming with coconut trees, it could address the high demand of coconut-derived products like copra sugar.

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# Ecodesign takes center stage in 1st interDependence day in Eastern Visayas



TACLOBAN CITY-At least 14 competing entries from students and five showcase entries made by local upcyclers took center stage during the first interDependence's Ecodesign Design challenge in Eastern Visayas held in Tacloban City Friday (August 23).

"This event is called interDependence Day. This is happening simultaneously around the world. I am part of the agency's Global Climate Change Challenge Programme, a climate leadership program that the agency is running," said Jacques Palami, event organizer.

"InterDependence is a newly-established UK (United Kingdom) agency that is looking to work on the interdependence blueprint -- a plan to fund and scale up climate solutions, local renewable energy, and sustainable food production infrastructure," added Palami, who studied social innovation in France.

As the only delegate from the Philippines, Palami said he decided to hold the same event in Tacloban, believing that "in the fight against climate change, representation and diversity is crucial."

"The closest interDependence Day events are in Singapore and Australia," Palami said.

Each event is different, the organizers have the freedom to set up an activity to his or her liking. The Ecodesign Competition is just one aspect of the interdependence Day here—we also have representatives from different social enterprises and NGOs in the region—Greenpeace, Waste 360, BeenGo Farm, CoCoAsenso, Green Collectiv," Palami said.

"We also have partners outside of Eastern Visayas—Plastic Tides PH from Manila, Cleaner Earth from Germany," he added.

Students from Leyte National High School bagged the first place with their entry "Haribon," followed by Sagkahan National High School with their "Multi-Purpose Table" and Samar College Inc. with their ecodesign "Pitaka ni Jackie."

The People's Choice went to St. Therese Educational Foundation of Tacloban, Inc. (STEFTI) with their entry "Chroma."

"Local initiatives like Ecodesign Design challenge by interDependence promote public discourse towards climate solutions and best practices, especially among the youth. Tacloban being at the frontlines of climate impacts like Yolanda, has always been an active voice in the fight for climate justice. This sends a powerful statement to the global community in the midst of a climate emergency," said Joanna Sustento of Greenpeace Philippines and a known climate warrior based in Tacloban.

During the event, participants were also treated to a series of mini-workshops and sessions on climate change, sustainable development, and individual waste auditing, among other topics.

The competition was co-organized by the Department of Education (DepEd) Tacloban City Division and Yellow Doors Xchange.

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on corruption," Caneja said.

"If there is a problem, we can solve it by talking and discussing it to find way of addressing the concern. The main goal is to share information about the project implementation with funding from DILG, and this is one of way to strengthen awareness to the government projects. This is a form of information sharing," he added.

The DILG top executive also requested media to become advocate of the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

"Talk with your local officials and tell them to do their job so that they pass the SGLG," he said.

According to him, the monetary prize the come with the award is 'insignificant' but the SGLG seal could become a 'bragging right' for them.

The (SGLG) originated from the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) which is the department's response to the clamor of the people for integrity and performance in public service.

It challenges local governments to continue good governance practices while providing better public services.

SGLG awardees are given opportunity to have a share at the Performance Challenge Fund, multimillion-peso incentive for local development projects.

In Northern Samar, three LGUs passed the evaluation for SGLG award this year. These are the municipalities of San Roque, Lavezares, and Gamay.



A city-wide cleanup drive was conducted across the city, particularly in areas where there are high cases of dengue fever, on Saturday. Mayor Alfred Romualdez has expressed his alarm on the high number of dengue fever cases of Tacloban City reason why he directed for a house-to-house campaign. (CIO)

## Thousands joins the city-wide anti-dengue campaign of the Tacloban city government

TACLOBAN CITY- City government employees and Health workers from the City Health Office (CHO) made the rounds of the city's barangays on Saturday (August 24) for the search and destroy drive against dengue.

The "Binalaybalay nga Panlimpyo Kontra Dengue activity was organized by the city government through the leadership of Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez to abate the rise of dengue cases in the city which has now reached 1,785 with 10 deaths.

Earlier, Mayor Romualdez has ordered a city-wide cleanup drive as an answer to the spike of dengue cases in Tacloban.

More than a thousand employees and officials

from 41 offices of the city government participated the simultaneous city-wide activity against the mosquito-causing ailment.

The simultaneous cleanup activity was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in seven clustered areas around the city.

The activity was also intended to get the support of the community in cleaning up their surroundings highlighting the "4'o clock habit" to prevent the spread of the disease, particularly in the 60 barangays that were observed with clustering of dengue cases.

Among the barangays with a significant number of dengue cases are Barangays 83, 106, 91, 97, 105, 100, 94, 99, 68, 71 and 74.

City Health Officer Dr. Gloria Fabrigas encouraged

all the households that are within the 60 barangays with clustering of dengue cases to participate in the search and clean-up operations to destroy the breeding places of 'Aedes aegypti' and remove the receptacles containing stagnant water such as used tires, vases, and bottles among others.

"Kada balay magkakaroon tayo ng paglilimpyo and we'll participate in a 4'o clock habit. We need to know na ang lamok ay gusto sa moist area —yung parang naglulumot lumot, diyan dumadami ang kiti-ki," Dr. Fabrigas explained.

"Kaya paghuwad, dapat limpyuhan talaga iton para hindi mabuhay ang lamok," she added.

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## Comelec-Biliran chief tells millennials to register at 'iRehistro'

NAVAL, Biliran-The chief of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) in Biliran province is encouraging the millennials who are not yet registered and wanted to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming May 11, 2020 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to register through iRehistro, an online registration system of the Comelec.

"What you need to do is to visit the Comelec website (www.comelec.gov.ph) and click iRe-

histro to do the online registration," said lawyer Karen C. Cajipo, provincial election supervisor during the Pulong-Pulong ng Bayan of PIA Biliran at Radyo Natin-Naval recently.

Cajipo said that once the online registration is done, printout in three copies has to be submitted to their office through the Comelec staff in-charge of the registration.

According to Cajipo, the online registration provides comfort and convenience not only

to the new voter-registrants but also to those who will be applying for transfer, updating of records, and reactivation.

In its efforts also to bring services closer to the people of Biliran, the Comelec has scheduled satellite registration in barangays to accommodate more registrants especially for those who does not have enough time to visit the Comelec office, she said.

Aside from the ongoing campaign for

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ects across the region to know how these were implemented, asked the difficulties and challenges in its implementation and talked with beneficiaries of how the projects affected their lives.

Caneja said that if during the media tour, the press and civil society organizations saw some inconsistencies in the implemented projects, this can be easily solved because those involved in the implementation are present during the project site visit.

"This can also be used to curtail corruption because the more people know, the more for DILG to get info and for our part we have to take action on this complaint

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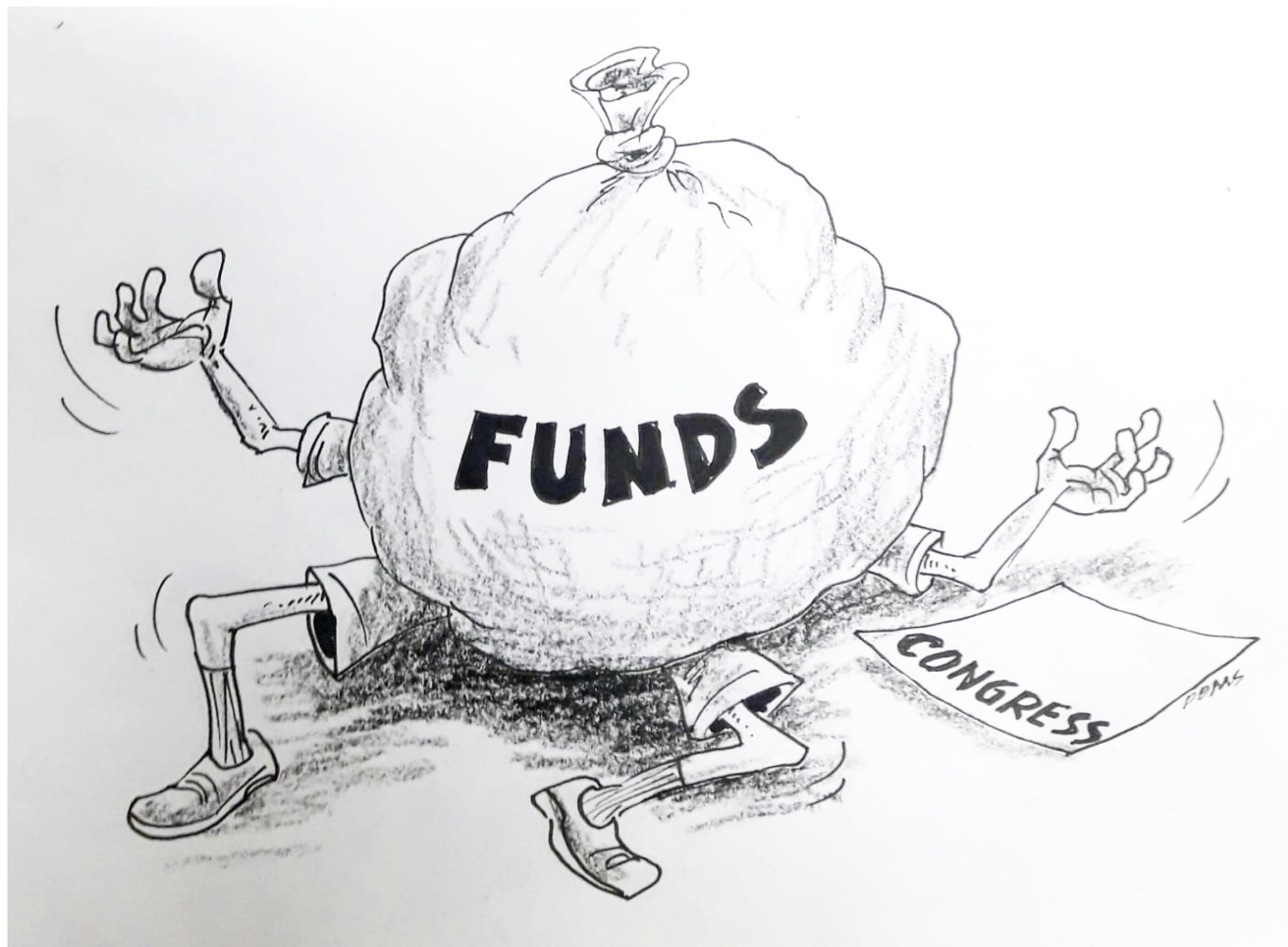
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## Called by many names

**T**he multi-million budgets allocated for each lawmaker in Congress and the Senate have been called by many names through the past decades. Some have been rendered unconstitutional and were then scrapped, but then they just suddenly resurrect albeit with brand new names.

What's surprising is that, only the names are changed; the intended purposes for said funds are the same. And so, lawmakers do not seem to be bothered even if they are rid of old funds called this and that because they know something else is coming that will replace the old. Whatever schemes the corrupt lawmakers have in place, they will be at work just the same.

This explains why politicians are still scampering into these chambers come election periods. They know there are funds awaiting

them there. Yes these are budgets for their respective districts and areas, but they have ways and means to personally benefit from those funds. It's no wonder why they fatten their pockets over time, which is very unlikely if only they just rely on their salaries and wages.

Why don't we try withdrawing from these people those funds that they have been accustomed to receiving? Perhaps none of them will run for any position anymore. That would be the chance of those who just want to honestly serve the people, without any clandestine objectives at all. What an honest public service they would show. And what an acid test it would be for political candidates.

But this is just imaginary. Back to reality, to the fact that politicians are just after something else besides power, fame, and influence. We live in this real world.



### During job interview

Many job applicants who get interviewed are not aware they are being asked unlawful questions. These are questions that are off limits—that don't have to be answered, and definitely shouldn't be. An applicant, then, should be able to spot these questions.

And if you are the interviewer, you should not ask these at all.

How would you respond if an interviewer asks you such questions? Well, if you feel uncomfortable answering those queries, or if you feel you're being intimidated, you may not answer

the question if indeed the potential employer had crossed a line. You can end the interview and leave, though it might be difficult if you really need the job. But why work for someone who, from the very beginning, already exhibits bias?

What examples of questions maybe considered illegal? Here. If an interviewer asks you where you come from just because, according to him, you have a provincial accent, that would be inappropriate. Ethnic origin is a protected class, including regional languages. Precisely, would-be employers cannot just base hiring decisions on

whether an applicant is from a different region or of a tribal ethnicity.

Subtly asking what religious holidays an applicant needs to observe is akin to asking what's his religious affiliation. We have freedom of religion, and religious discrimination is prohibited. So employers are likewise barred from basing hiring decisions on a person's religious beliefs, observances, or practices. Even to ask what church an applicant goes to is already irrelevant to a job application.

Female applicants should not be asked  
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## Observer

ALVIN G.Z. ARPON

### National Heroes Day

**It is incumbent upon educational institutions today that a serious discussion on the significance of yesterday's commemoration of National Heroes Day be done. They should know who our officially recognized heroes are and how they became one, should form part of the discussions.**

In the process let the discussions be open to all or even encourage everyone in the class to say something about heroism, with the hope that all these will invade their inner feelings and intellect form them to aspire to be one; NOT because they dream to be added to the

list of recognized heroes of the land but more because what heroism act they may do in life will be very beneficial to our country and people.

*Along this line let our students understand that there are also unsung heroes – but heroes just the same.*

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I am very impressed at the reaction of the UP students of Laguna who immediately expressed their, I would say, heroic reaction by going out to conduct a rally objecting to the possible release from prison of former Calawan Laguna Mayor Antonio Sanchez a convicted rapist and mur-

derer. Sanchez was sentenced life imprisonment for raping Aileen Sarmiento 18 year- old student of UP Los Baños and killing also her friend Allan Gomez.

**The murderer-rapist Sanchez has only served 26 of his at least 40 years of his life sentence confinement at the National Bilibid prison.**

There has been a nation-wide protest reaction on this issue. Indeed this grant of freedom to former Mayor Sanchez is not fair. But right now this rapist-murderer convict still insists he is innocent of the crime. Who believes him? No one who has a sensible mind will.

Authorities however have already said that the former Mayor rapist and murderer no longer has a chance to be freed. He will have to rot in jail via *reclusion perpetua*.

**But everyone should be alert and watchful, not only for this case but other incidents that tend to break laws. Let heroism rule our hearts and minds.**

the bias is the claim that the Spaniards discovered the Philippines when in fact our islands were already occupied by our ancestors long before the foreign invaders came. Our ancestors had in truth discovered our country as they were already in occupation when the Spaniards or any other foreign invaders came. Even the historical account of the arrival of the Spanish invaders in the island of Homonhon in Eastern Samar did not find primacy. People infer that the Spaniards could have celebrated the first Holy Mass but recorded accounts mentioned Limasawa as the place of that event.

The biased historical accounts had as written by western historians had labelled the many Filipinos who bravely fought the foreign invaders of our country, not as heroes but rebels. A revisit of some of our history books would led us to find many of our countrymen who fought Spain to regain our freedom and liberty being branded as rebels. Instead of being catapulted as heroes, the fights waged by our brave forebears appear in some history books as revolts against Spain and our people tagged as rebels in their

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## From A Distance

JOE E. CLARIN

### HB 0092

Congressman Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento of the 1st District of Samar filed House Bill 0092 that seeks to bar individuals who have been convicted of corruption by the Sandiganbayan. Individuals already convicted by the Sandiganbayan are still free to run for public office so long as they file for an appeal of their ruling.

This bill protects the Filipino people from those who seek to enrich themselves instead of working for the common good of our nation. This allows the electorate to vote for individuals who are worthy of holding public office and a

solution to end the cycle of corruption that has plagued our nation.

The bill will amend the Omnibus Election Code to automatically disqualify anyone from seeking or holding any government post upon conviction by the Sandiganbayan. If the conviction is reversed on appeal, the disqualification can also be overturned.

The slow pace of our criminal justice system allows plunderers to continue holding public office and effectively delay or even avoid punishment while their convictions are on appeal. This is a reasonable prohibi-

tion for those who want to serve the public, especially those who are looked up to as leaders of the community.

Crimes of graft, corruption and plunder are betrayals of public trust. The bar for good behavior must be set higher for those who are sworn to serve the public with integrity, dedication and competence.

Permanent disqualification from public office must be non-negotiable particularly for plunder. How many of our Senators and Congressmen who are convicted of plunder are still there in Congress? Even when they serve time in prison, some convicts manage to stage a comeback particularly in politics.

Seeing ex-convicts in public service, how can people be discouraged from corruption? The failure to punish the biggest crooks has to be the reason for this bill.

This bill of Congressman Sarmiento is very laudable and deserves support from the Filipino people.

salvation of all mankind.

In our life, we will always have some short-term, medium-term and long-term goals. We can have a goal set for each of the different aspects of our life: physical, social, family, professional, etc. But we need to see to it that all these goals, in some kind of synergy, would always reinforce the ultimate and constant goal of our own sanctification and the salvation of mankind.

We need to broaden our understanding of the real purpose of our life, and get to put ourselves into its dynamics. At this juncture of our life in the world, we need to know better about our life's be-all and end-all and avoid pursuing things that do not contribute to it.

It is interesting to note *see Our be-all / page 7 ...*



## Foulshot

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### Heroes

Free for a day from the rigors of regular work is a thing to thank for the many women and men who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and liberty we now enjoy. Our country had been through dark periods under oppressive forces, both domestic and foreign. We are all aware of the long years that our country was governed by foreign invaders. Our forebears had fought with courage and patriotism all the forces that tried to conquer and oppress our Filipino nation. The conquest by the Spaniards was met with resistance by the heroes of our land under the renowned first Filipino hero Lapu-Lapu. Apart from the victory in the Battle of Mactan, many other islands and communities where the Spaniards tried

to conquer were defended by unknown Filipinos who stood their ground against foreign invaders.

But history of our country is replete of detailed written accounts for many of our Filipino heroes to be recognized. It mayhap be due to the fact that historians were mostly from the foreign invaders who documented the voyages of their foreign invaders based on their own account. In our quest to dig into the annals of our country's history, the likelihood of getting objective facts from the writings of foreign historians may be a tough challenge. It is difficult to pass judgment on the impartiality of the historians or the completeness of their accounts to include facts against their interests.

One clear indication of



## Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

### Our be-all and end-all

WHAT is the ultimate and constant purpose of our life? It is to be like God as God wants us to be. We have been created in his image and likeness. He wants us to be like him, full of love. We are meant to share his very own life.

To be sure, God will do it for us. On our own, we can never attain that ideal. But we have to give our all to correspond to God's will for us like good workers toward their master. Otherwise, we will frustrate God deepest wish for us. That correspondence is the be-all and end-all of our life.

In short, everything that we are, that we have and that we do should be oriented toward this final aim of our life. Nothing should be done without this ultimate goal in mind. In a sense, this is the only thing necessary in life.

We may have many different goals, objectives, ambitions in life, but all of them should be subordinated and made to work for our life's be-all and end-all. And our ultimate goal can also be described as nothing other than our own sanctification and salvation. In other words, everything that we do should work for our sanctification and the



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)

Motives still be known by the police

## 2 dead in Calbayog City in less than 24 hours

TACLOBAN CITY-In less than 24 hours, at least two people were shot dead in Calbayog City on Sunday (August 25).

Police identified the first victim as village councilor Jesunico Castor, 54, and a resident of Purok 3, Barangay Binawliw Tinambacan District.

He was shot by still unidentified gunman around 4 am in Barangay Malayog, Tinambacan

District.

At about 7:50 pm, Calbayog City Police received another information from a concerned citizen of a shooting incident at Purok 1, Barangay Aguit-itan.

The police, led by Lieutenant Colonel Joel Garcia, officer in-charge, identified the victim as Ronaldo Aniban, 37, hospital utility worker and a resident of the said barangay.

Initial investigation disclosed that at about 7:30 pm, the victim was inside an internet café when an unidentified gunman suddenly entered and shot him in the forehead.

The suspect fled to unknown direction.

Police are conducting follow-up investigation and pursuit operation for the possible identification and arrest of the suspect.

**(RONALD O. REYES)**

### Northern...

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resident of Barangay Poblacion, said.

Her family uses the water for taking bath and cooking. For drinking, they buy water at the refill stations.

"Since it is not enough for our daily needs, the water we used in bathing is also used for the comfort room," Pestaño shares.

She added that for washing clothes, this has to be done once a week to conserve water.

Her fellow resident, Rosa Opilanda, shares the same feeling with Pestaño.

"Unlike before that we need to walk to another village to fetch water, now it's almost within our doorstep," she said.

"But this will be better if the water system reaches each house because we no longer need to queue to fetch water," Opilanda added.

The operation of the water system is from one to two hours a day and residents have to pay for P1 per water container. They are also encouraged to help in securing and protecting the water system project.

The water system project in Rosario worth P9 million is funded by the DILG under the program Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM).

The ADM program provides a "catch-up mechanism" to assist municipal governments in increasing citizens' access to basic facilities and ensures participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) in local governance. Project types funded by ADM program are water system, evacuation facility, local access roads, small water impounding, and sanitation and health facilities.

The DILG is one of the 28 agencies involved in the

water sector with the implementation of national programs such as the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (Salintubig), Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB)-Water Supply, Assistance to Municipalities (AM)-Water Supply, and Local Government Support Fund (LGSF)- Water.

"Prior to the implementation of the project, one of the requirements was to come up with a barangay assembly to mobilize community participation especially in the protection of the project," Director Danny Laguitan, provincial local operations officer, said.

The implementation of the water system project by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) requires local government units to get a permit or approval from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"We realized, especially if the LGU is located along coastal area, that there could be in the future water incursion. When much ground water is pump, salt water comes in that increases the salinity affecting water potability and also destroying plants," DILG Regional Director Artemio Caneja said.

"That is the requirement. Without the permit from DENR, we will not implement the project. If they say that we cannot get the source of water in this area, the LGU must look for another place for their source of water," he added.

Caneja added that implementing a water system project is not that easy because there are municipalities and villages that do not have sources of water.

The DILG regional chief pointed out his experience while he was still the provincial director of DILG in Leyte where it took them four years to finish the project because they to look

for a source of water since the town beneficiary is really waterless.

He added that one of the requirements of the project is for the beneficiaries awarded with a Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

The SGLG originated from the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) which is DILG's response to the clamor of the people for integrity and performance in public service. It challenges local governments to continue good governance practices while providing better public services.

SGLG awardees are given opportunity to have a share at the Performance Challenge Fund, multimillion-peso incentive for local development projects.

"But for those that are not SGLG passers, they can still benefit the project but the DILG does not download it to the LGU but to the provincial government to implement the project," Caneja explained.

**(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

### Comelec...

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registration, Cajipo also encouraged women to actively participate in the upcoming elections as part of the agency's drive for a gender-responsive electoral process.

"The Comelec wanted more women to become community leaders," Cajipo said.

Comelec has been

## Eastern Visayas enters FinTech with Paytaca launch



**Paytaca team from left: Marketing mirector Aaron J.P. Almadro, marketing officers Kristine Joy E. Pariña and Erica Joyce C. Palacio, president Joemar C. Taganna, chief evangelist Ken P. Telmo, chief technology officer Sidney Zosa with partner. Not in photo is chief finance officer Micheal A. Machica. (Contributed photo)**

TACLOBAN CITY--Paytaca, Eastern Visayas' first locally developed Financial Technology Application (FinTech App), was launched at Cafe Lucia, this city, on August 23.

"Paytaca is a new app that intends to enter the FinTech market with a particular focus on cashless payments. The primary goal of Paytaca is to capture the interest of potential users and merchants in Eastern Visayas," said Joemar Taganna, Paytaca president.

"Paytaca's soft launch also introduces users to the app and initial list of merchants for a short Beta Testing phase that will run from August to October 2019," he added.

During the launch, the

company also gave its beta testers free credits as gifts that they can use immediately at partner merchants.

Aaron J.P. Almadro, marketing director of Paytaca, said their FinTech app aims to have local businesses carry it as a payment option.

"Today, Paytaca is partnered with almost 20 local businesses from Tacloban and nearby municipalities, who will accept payments thru the app. Of course, expansion is our priority, and we are already talking with other businesses from Leyte, Samar, and soon in Biliran, so that we can cover the whole of Eastern Visayas," said Almadro.

Paytaca is slated to roll-out starting October after

the completion of the Beta Testing Phase.

"In the near future, we are targeting Paytaca to be a payment option for utilities, banking transactions, and then large-scale businesses like commercial malls and convenience stores," added Almadro.

Paytaca is a mobile app that administers cashless payment transactions between a user and merchant.

It uses block chain technology that guarantees a virtually tamper-proof recording of transaction.

For more information, visit [www.paytaca.com](http://www.paytaca.com) or contact Paytaca (Marketing) at 0967-687-6185/0919-216-2117.

**(RONALD O. REYES)**

### Tacloban...

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iticians, statesmen, and big decision-makers. He is placed there because this church is also dedicated as adoration of St. Thomas More. This is the request of the one who donated the lot. Politicians can have a place to pray here," Margallo says.

#### Catching the youth

Another reason why he came up with lots of artworks in the chapel is to attract the young people to go to church.

"With our simple pictures, we invite the youth. It's become a journey of their faith. We evangelize to the millennials, and sometimes it is difficult to convince them to go to

church to worship. They are more on visuals, thus we have it here inside the chapel," Margallo, who was former youth director for six years, said.

Margallo, who was also inspired on how the Vatican's Sistine Chapel was painted during his previous visit, said that with church artworks, people can go back again to origin of their faith.

"The early Christians did not know how to read. They were taught through paintings. Now, we are bringing it back. This will be the move of the church," says Margallo.

The priest adds that for their two regular masses, the attendance would reach around 1,500.

**DAILY PROGRAM:**

**"IGSUMAT KAN KA OYO" MON. - SAT 8:00 PM**  
DYVL AM

**HIMANGRAWON - 104.7 FM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
DYAB-FM

## DEED OF SELF-ADJUCATION

NOTICE is hereby given that IVORY GIL MIRZI M. CUESTA, heir or the late HERBERT T. CUESTA executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a one-half (1/2) portion of properties described as :1) Warehouse, A One-(1) story warehouse erected at Lot 1731-C-12, located at Barrio of San Jose, Tacloban City, covered by Tax Dec. No. 2012-01-0015-10618 with a floor area of 197,20000 square meters; 2) Lot, A parcel of land Lot 1731-C-12, Psd-109614, situated in the Barrio of San Jose, City of Tacloban, Leyte, covered by TCT T-57698, containing an area of 216 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 372, Page No. 70, Book No. IV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Jerome Cordero Avila. *LSDE: August 20, 27 & Sept. 3, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AGUSTIN OLMIDA extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Cad. Lot No. 2451, located at Brgy. Pitogo, Sta. Fe, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 35014-000077, containing an area of 11,887 square meters more or less; per Doc. No. 101, Page No. 22, Book No. XV, Series of 2018, Atty. Enrico D. Asis, CPA. *LSDE: August 20, 27 & Sept. 3, 2019*

## DEED OF SELF-ADJUCATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSALINA Y. LEJARDE, heir of the late Zosimo U. LEJARDE, executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication with Absolute Sale over a conjugal property, A parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Guindapunon, Palo, Leyte, covered by Katibaya, no.Original an Titulo Blg. P-77950, containing an area of 9,887 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MONICA C. DIZON, as vendee for the whole of the above described property; per Doc. No.408, Page No. 83, Book No. III, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane P. Villanoza. *LSDE: August 20, 27 & Sept. 3, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIXBERTO C. CARDONA extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land Lot 2, Psd 332412, situated at Poblacion Catarman, Northern Samar, under TCT No. T-4787, containing an area of 163 square meters. That parties agreed to adjudicate the above described property in favor of FERNANDO C. CARDONA; per Doc. No. 253, Page No. 71, Book No. 20, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Fernando M. Abella, CPA. *LSDE: August 20, 27 & Sept. 3, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT/ADJUCATION

NOTICE is hereby given that NELSON PEDROSA, heir of the late Felisa PEDROSA executed an extrajudicial settlement and adjudication over 2 parcels of land both situated at Brgy. An aha way, Palo, Leyte, more described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot 9275, Cad-407, containing an area of 11,910 square meters, more or less covered by O.C.T. No. P-19706; 2) Parcel of land, Lot 9285 Case No. 407, containing an area of 2,720 square meters, more or less, covered by O.C.T. No. P-317441; per Doc. No.28, Page No. 7, Book No.II, Series of 2004 ,Notary Public Atty. Diego Dala.1, Book No. 298, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR  
Tacloban City

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that

**MARIA SUSIE P. SOLIVA** has filed with  
(Complete name of petitioner)

this Office a petition for change of first name from

**SUSY** to **MARIA SUSIE**

(First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

in the Birth Certificate of **SUSY PEÑARANDA** who was born on **NOVEMBER 30, 1971** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **GERTRUDES ESPERAS** and **GREGORIO PEÑARANDA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **September 2, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**  
City Civil Registrar

*LSDE: Aug. 20 & 27, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province of Northern Samar  
Municipality of Catarman

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **LILIBERT C. ABLAZO** has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from **"MALE"** to **"FEMALE"** in her certificate of live birth and whose parents are **JULIO G. ABLAZO** and **LETECIA C. CENTINO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than (10) days after this publication

(Sgd.) **DARWIN B. BEROS**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

*LSDE: Aug. 20 & 27, 2019*

## Our be-all...

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that actually everything in our life can be made to work for this be-all and end-all of our life. Our mundane and temporal affairs should be made to work for our ultimate aim in life. Even our limitations and weaknesses, our mistakes and failures can be taken advantage of to pursue this ultimate goal. The secret is always having the intention to offer everything to God and to act on it the way God in

Christ through the Holy Spirit does.

In this regard, it is always good to be reminded of the need to rectify our intentions always. Things always start with our intentions. And let's hope that we can keep that rectitude of intention all the time, even in our trying moments when we are intensely tempted and pressured to go along the ways of pride, vanity, greed, or the world in general.

To have the rectitude of intention means to as-

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITIONED

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LUIS MOLINA BATICAN extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Sto.Nino, Isabel, Leyte, designated as Lot No. 565-B, covered by Tax Dec. No. 8703 R, containing an area of 217 square meters, more or less, assessed value of Ppp3,910.00 and a market value of Ppp13,020.00. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Rosein Ancheta and Victoria Ancheta extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 4 parcels of land situated at Zamora St., Brgy. Trinidad, Calbayog District, Calbayog City more described as: 1) A parcel of residential land, designated as Lot No.5454, containing an area of 87 square meters, assessed value of Ppp4,350.00, under Tax Dec. No.99-01020-00878; 2) A two storeys residential building, made of mix materials, with GI Roofing, containing a floor area of 49 square meters, under Tax Dec. No.99-01020-00848, situated in the same above-described residential land; 3) A parcel of residential land, designated as Lot 5466-B, containing an area of 938 square meters, assessed value of Ppp46,900.00, under Tax Dec. No. 99-01020-01041; 4) Parcel of agricultural land, designated as Lot No. 5331, situated at So. Talahib, Brgy. Trinidad, Calbayog District, Calbayog City, containing an area of 12,393 square meters, assessed value of Ppp5,730.00, under Tax Dec. No.99-01020-01633, under O.C.T. No. 1735; per Doc. No. 27153, Page No. 31, Book No. 298, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late IGNACIO ORTIZ SR extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at National Highway, Brgy. Obbero, Calbayog City, Cad Lot No. 8676, with market value of Ppp93,200.00, containing an area of 233 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 99-01014-01250. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EDSIL EMMANUEL N. ORTIZ as vendee for the above described property; per Doc No. 11548, Page No. 10, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Anthony U. Singzon. *LSDE: August 20, 27 & Sept. 3, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SOTERO GAVAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Sitio, Canlimbo, Poblacion Lawaan, Eastern Samar, containing an area of 3,803 square meters more or less, under Tax Declaration ARP No. 96-12015-00587, designated as Cad Lot No. 518-CAD-418-D and Assessor's Lot No. 046; per Doc. No. 637, Page No. 33, Book No. III, Series of 2002 of Atty Jose Nick A. Mendros. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SARAH E. HADAP extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit at LANDBANK of the Philippines, Real Branch, Tacloban City with account number 4748 4417 3051 6619, and heirs hereby unconditionally and voluntarily waive, relinquished all rights over the above said bank deposit in favor of their father, ANDRES C. HADAP and hereby accepted by ANDRES C. HADAP; per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 65, Book No. VI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver M. Arcueno. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## DEED OF SELF ADJUCATION

NOTICE is hereby given that LEODEGARIO L. CINCO heir of the late Dominga M. Cinco executed an affidavit of Deed of Self Adjudication over a parcel of land located in Brgy. Tugop, Tanauan, Leyte, designated as Lot No. 8252, Case 26, Cad 505, under OCT No. P-56195, covered by Tax Dec. No. 38054-00240-R13, containing an area of 5,317 square meters; per Doc. No. 373, Page No. 76, Book No. II, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Isagani S. Espada. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUCATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ROGELIO CACERES, heir of the late Marcos Caceres executed an affidavit of Self Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 3998, CAD 822-D, located at Brgy. Tanghas, Tolosa, Leyte, with an area of .0572 ha./square meters, more or less under Tax Dec. No. 00088-R9, per Doc No. 085, Page No. 18, Book No. V, Series of 2008 of Notary Public Asterio A. Villero. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE OF PORTION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIX FRANCO extrajudicially settled partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal property situated in Brgy. San Isidro, Palompon, Leyte, parcel of land Lot No.1-A-18 (Psd-08-004819, with an area of 391 square meters, covered by TCT No.T-31602, assessed value of Ppp16,220.00 under Tax Dec No.08-31037-00274 R13. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 100 square meters from the above described property in favor of Sps. Jade L. Guimbal and Marmie S. Guimbal as vendees; per Doc. No.300, Page No. 60, Book No. VI, Series of 2014 of Notary Public Atty. Luz N. ViaCrisis. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION OF RIGHTS AND SHARES

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rafael B. Caca extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposits with the LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES more described as: 1) Account Name: Rafael B. Caca or Lourdes D. Caca or Loretta C. Soledad; Account No. 0189-0047-61; Status: Active; Type of Account: Time Deposit: Dollar Time Deposit; Outstanding Balance: \$9,173.74; 2) Account Name: Lourdes Distrjo Caca, or Rafael B. Caca or Amelia C. Licayan or Loretta C. Soledad, Account No.: 0181-3573-20, Peso, Savings Account; Outstanding Balance: Ppp501,935.54 and heirs hereby waive, and renounce all our rights, ownership, shares, interest and interests over the same bank deposits before Landbank of the Philippines in favor of their mother, LOURDES D. CACA, being the legitimate spouse and heir of Rafael B. Caca, and parties hereby affirm this document, per Doc. No.325, Page No. 66, Book No. III, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mar Francis Veloso Rebato. *LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

sume the mind of Christ in doing what he did to save us. He preached, he did a lot of good, including performing some miracles. And in the end, he went through his passion and death just to sanctify and save us. His was pure love, and that is what we are supposed to reflect in our life also.

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT/PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FLORIANAD. CAÑAS and CELEDONIO Q. CAÑAS and sibling REYNALDO D. CAÑAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land all situated at Brgy. Palarao, Leyte, Leyte described as: 1) A parcel of rice land, denominated as Cad. No. 3799, Cad 726-D, covered by CTC No. OC-4553, containing an area of 9,420 square meters, more or less, with assessed value of Ppp11,340.00; 2) A parcel of rice land, Cad Lot No. 5799, covered by CTC No. OC-3381, containing an area of 8,058 square meters more or less, assessed value of Ppp9,700.00; 3) A parcel of rice land, Cad Lot No. 5775, containing an area of 5,314 square meters, assessed value of Ppp6,550.00; 4) A parcel of residential land, Cad. Lot No. 3608, containing an area of 1,200 square meters, more or less, with an assessed value of Ppp40,040.00; 5) Rice land, Cad Lot No. 3822, containing an area of 3.1051 hectares, more or less, assessed value of Ppp36,490.00; 6) Coconut land, Cad Lot No. 3769, containing an area of 1.6616 hectares, more or less, assessed value of Ppp16,390.00; 7) Coconut land, Cad Lot No. 3709-Part, containing an area of 1.5000 hectares, more or less, assessed value of Ppp15,150.00; 8) Riceland, Cad Lot No. 3709-P, containing an area of 1.5000 hectares, more or less, assessed value of Ppp15,150.00; 9) Rice land, Cad Lot No. 3576, containing an area of 1.6804 hectares, more or less, assessed value of Ppp20,720.00; 10) Coconut land, Cad Lot No. 3713, Cad 726-D, covered by CTC No.OC-3462, containing an area of 4.6512 hectares, more or less, assessed value of Ppp44,810.00; 11) Riceland, Cad Lot No. 3800, consisting an area of .6812 hectare, more or less, assessed value of Ppp8,200.00; per Doc. No. 376, Page No. 77, Book No.XIV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Reginildo R. Cañas. *LSDE: August 27, Sept. 3 & 10, 2019*

## AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUCATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ISAAC OLO, heir of the late ADORADA PIL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Esperanza, Matalom, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-8859, designated at Lot No. 1578, Plan 1089-D, with an area of 4,734 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. RONAN D. BALLOS and CHYLAN A. BALLOS, as vendee for a portion of 1,413 square meters from the above described property with all the improvements thereon; per Doc. No. 427, Page No. 86, Book No. XXV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. *LSDE: August 27, Sept. 3 & 10, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
8th Judicial Region  
Branch 14  
Baybay City, Leyte  
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IN THE MATTER OF  
CANCELLATION OF  
THE CERTIFICATE  
OFLIVE BIRTH  
UNDER LCR NO. 270  
OF LOUIE V.  
PANTOÑAL,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS "LOVEL T.  
PANTORIAL",  
LOUIE V. PANTOÑAL  
& CLAUDIA V.  
PANTOÑAL,  
Petitioners  
-versus-  
HONORABLE CITY  
CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
BAYBAY, LEYTE and  
HONORABLE CIVIL  
REGISTRAR  
GENERAL OF THE  
PHILIPPINE  
STATISTIC  
AUTHORITY (PSA),  
Respondents  
SP. PROC. NO.  
B-19-04-10

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## ORDER

This is a verified petition for the cancellation of the Certificate of Live Birth under LCR No. 270 of Louie V. Pantoñal, otherwise known as "Lovel T. Pantorial", filed by the petitioner through the Public Attorney's Office (PAO). Petitioner averred inter alia that Petitioner LOUIE V. PANTOÑAL is of legal age, single, Filipino and is currently residing at #88 Roque St., Ramos Comp., Tandang Sora, Quezon City; that he may be officially served with summons and processes from this Honorable Court through the residential address of his mother and co-petitioner, CLAUDIA V. PANTOÑAL, who is likewise of legal age, married, Filipino and a resident of San Agustin, Baybay City, Leyte; that Respondent Office of the City Civil Registrar of Baybay City, Leyte is implemented in its official capacity and is holding office at the processes of the Honorable; that Respondent Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly called National Statistics Office) is implemented

Whenever we plan something, we should never forget to ask whether that something would reinforce our goal of sanctification and salvation. We should not just stop at the level of worldly values like profitability, practicability and the like, when we do some planning.

Definitely, we need to do our planning in deep prayer. We just cannot do our planning in the context of purely worldly considerations. We have to relate everything to God. It should be love for God that drives us to think, speak and act, and to undertake all kinds of projects here on earth.

in its official capacity and is holding office at PSA Complex, East Ave. Diliman, Quezon City, where she may be served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court; that Responent Civil Registrar General of the impleaded in its official capacity and is holding office at PSA Complex, East Ave. Diliman, Quezon City, where she may be served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court; that Petitioners and respondents have the capacity to sue and be sued; that Petitioner Louie V. Pantoñal was born on January 04, 1981 to spouses Jovito P. Pantoñal and Claudia T. Vecina as evidenced by his birth certificate under LRC Registry No. 2000-21 (Annex "A"); that he was likewise baptized at Baybay City under such name as evidenced by a Baptismal Certificate thereto attached as Annex "B"; that Petitioner's parents were married on August 4, 1974 at Bislig, Surigao del Sur and the same is duly reflected in said birth certificate. Their marriage certificate is thereto attached as Annex "C"; that, however, there appears another records of birth of petitioner Louie V. Pantoñal under LCR No. 270 (Annex "D"); that the birth record contains the following erroneous entry such as the following: petitioner's name as LOVEL T. PANTORIAL; name of petitioner's mother as CLAUDIA B. TIMBANG; name of father as JOVITO P. PANTORIAL, where in fact and in truth it should have been LOUIE V. PANTOÑAL for petitioner; CLAUDIA T. VECINA for petitioner's mother; and JOVITO P. PANTOÑAL as the correct name of his father; that Petitioner LOUIE V. PANTOÑAL had been usins his Certificate of Live Birth under registry number 2000-21 in all his personal, official and business transactions every time said document is needed and/or required; that, consequently, the stay on the records at public respondents of the birth certificate with LCR No. 270 may effect or subject the convenient use of the birth records of petitioner with certain difficulties, considering that petitioner appears to have two (2) recorded birth certificates; that petitioner deemed it wise to cancel Registry No. 270 containing erroneous entries from respondents' public records so as to straighten his birth record and uphold as valid his birth record under Registry

No. 2000-21 by way of the instant petition; that this petition is not resorted to for the purpose of escaping any liability, criminal or otherwise, nor to defraud any person, natural or juridical, as petitioners are persons of good standing but is only made for the purpose of straightening the birth records of LOUIE V. PANTOÑAL so as to make it consistent with official documents pertaining to him; that this petition is not intended to escape from any criminal and/or civil liability or prejudice to any other person but solely to straighten his record of birth. Herein petitioner hereby respectfully asking or seeking for the cancellation of the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner LOUIE VECINA PANTOÑAL bearing Registry No. 270 and to keep the instrument of petitioner's birth records bearing Registry No. 2000-21 in respondents' records. The petition being sufficient in form and substance, notice is hereby given that this petition is set for initial hearing on Sept. 24, 2018 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the session hall of this Court. Any person who may have an interest in this petition may file an opposition and show cause why this petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published at the expense of the petitioners in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Leyte once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. Likewise, let a copy of this order be posted in the bulletin boards of the City Hall, the Post Office and of this Court, all in Baybay City, Leyte, and of the Provincial Capitol, Tacloban City. Furnish copies of this order to: the Honorable Solicitor General; the Local Civil Registrar of Baybay City, Leyte, the Administrator and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) the City Prosecutor of Baybay City, Leyte, the respondents, the petitioners, and the counsel of the petitioner. SO ORDERED. In Chambers, this 29th day of July, 2019 at Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Baybay City, Leyte.

(Sgd.) **CARLOS O. ARGUELLES**  
Presiding Judge  
*LSDE: August 13, 20 & 27, 2019*

# Samar soldiers honor fallen comrades on Heroes Day



**FALLEN COMRADES.** Soldiers of the 43rd Infantry Battalion (IB) based in Lope de Vega, Northern Samar light candles to remember the heroism of fallen soldiers in commemoration of the National Heroes Day on Monday.

(Photo courtesy of 43rd Infantry Battalion)

TACLOBAN CITY – A unit of the Philippine Army in Northern Samar honored on Monday their comrades, who were killed in a recent clash with the communist terrorist group in Calbayog City, Samar.

In commemoration of the National Heroes Day, soldiers of the 43rd Infantry Battalion (IB) based in Lope de Vega, Northern Samar lighted candles to remember the heroism of two fallen soldiers.

“Heroes will never be forgotten. As we raise our national flag today, we pause a while for commemorating the deeds of our fallen heroes for their ultimate sacrifices,” 43rd IB commander Lt. Col. Raymundo Picut said.

Two soldiers and two rebels were killed in a clash

Friday morning in an upland Olera village in Calbayog City. Killed during the encounter were 2nd Lt. Geroe Jade Nicor and Cpl. Joelito Canico.

The gunbattle lasted for two hours after soldiers of the 43rd Infantry Battalion chanced upon seven members of the communist terrorist group extorting money and food from residents.

“This celebration commemorates the most important historic event of the country in giving due recognition for gallantry and heroism of our troops and the heroes of our country who made way for the freedom of our nation that will never be forgotten and will remain in the hearts of every Filipino people,” Picut added.

Picut encouraged sol-

diers to be more conscious and be technically proficient in neutralizing their enemies during combat.

“We have techniques, tactics, and procedures, past experiences and lessons learned. By this, we should improve our strategy in order to deliver more results in our campaign in ending the insurgency problem,” he added.

Meanwhile, the Philippine National Police (PNP) regional office in Palo, Leyte renewed their commitment “to serve and protect” as they paid tribute to all other known and unknown men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom.

“It is high time to continue emulating our gallant forefathers in defending and protecting what they fought and won for. May the blood of bravery runs towards our Filipino spirits and proudly wave the Philippine banner to all nations,” PNP Eastern Visayas regional director Brig. Gen. Dionardo Carlos said.

According to the Official Gazette website, the National Heroes Day celebration began during the American colonial period. The Philippine legislature, then dominated by pro-independence Filipino leaders, first enacted the holiday into law through Act No. 3827 on Oct. 28, 1931, the government’s official website added. (PNA)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla led in the cutting of the ribbon of a covered court funded by the provincial government worth P4,634,936.00 on August 22, 2019. Joining him were board members Mesias Arevalo and Caren Jean T. Rama of the 4th district of Leyte, Palompon Mayor Myra Georgina Arevalo, Dr. Armando Avelino, school principal of Palompon National high School and Dr. Rhodelia Orbina of Dep-ed Leyte. (Gina P. Gerrez)

# Road networks to link Leyte villages

CARIGARA, Leyte - The Department of Public Works and Highways-Leyte Second District Engineering Office (DPWH-LS-DEO) has started the construction of a road network linking three barangays in this province, a report from DPWH-LSDEO.

Engr. Gerald Pacanan, DPWH-LSDEO district chief, told Leyte Samar Daily Express in an interview that a total of P39.2 million has been allocated for the construction of Minuhang (Baluarte) - Balud and Balud-Duka road in Barugo town.

Pacanan said that with the 154.8 meters bridge with a width of 7.32 meters, residents of Minuhang, Balud, and Duka could easily transport their agricultural and marine products to the town’s public market.

Pacanan said that the



construction of this project aims to support the Barugo economic zone and improve trade, investment, employment, education and overall progress in the said town.

He added that the access road is targeted to be completed before the year ends.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla, in a separate interview, said that once completed, this road network would provide access to all kinds of vehicles,

thus, transportation of commodities will be easier and cheaper.

Petilla claims that this road network would also result to safer and shorter travels for students going to and from their schools.

Moreover, the project will also serve as an alternate route in the event that Palo-Carigara-Ormoc road is not passable, Petilla added.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA/ RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

# Widening of Looc Bridge in Almeria town is now completed

NAVAL, Biliran- The first bridge widening project implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)- Biliran District Engineering Office (DEO) is now complete.

The widening of Looc Bridge in Almeria town worth P21.898 million is now serving the travelling public with at least an average of 500 vehicular users per day in this part of Biliran Circumferential Road (BCR).

According to David P. Adongay Jr., District Engineer, the said project is designed to accommodate more traffic volume and provide a wider and safer road for the increasing vehicular users along BCR.

“The completed project will increase the capacity of the existing roads and improves the safety aspect of



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said sections,” he said.

The said road section also leads to the only Provincial Hospital and to the Port of Naval.

The widening of Looc Bridge involves the construction of two additional lanes of the bridge with a width of 3.66-meter, one lane on each

side of the 24-meter length existing.

This is funded under the FY 2018 DPWH Infrastructure Program.

Major scope of work of the project includes sealing, application of tack coat, asphalt overlay and thermo-see Widening/page 9 ...

# Once served as PCSO director Rep. Noel supports President move to resume STL operations

TACLOBAN CITY- Rep. Florencio ‘Bem’ Noel of the An Waray party-list group said that the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) remain to be one of the biggest government-owned corporations that extend big assistance to the less fortunate.

Noel, who once



Rep. Florencio ‘Bem’ Noel

served as a director of the PCSO, made this reactions as President Rodrigo Duterte lifted the suspension of the

operation of the small town lottery which is being managed by the PCSO last week.

The President closed the operations of the STL earlier amid allegation that the government is being short-changed and that it has become a source of corrup- see Rep. Noel /page 9 ...



## 69 housing units turned over by Leyte Governor Petilla in Hindang town

TACLOBAN CITY – Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ Petilla led in the turnover of 69 units of houses under his administration’s core shelter project.

The units were all located in Hindang town, particularly in the villages of Anahaw 4 units; Anolen 7; Bontoc 1; Bulasan 7; Canhayon 5; Capudlosan 1; Katipunan 3; Maasin 17; Mahilom 12; Poblacion 1 4; Poblacion 2, 2; Table 4 and Tagabibi 2.

Petilla reported that the counterpart of the municipal government of Hindang was P4,000

for each beneficiary while the provincial government had a counterpart of P10,000 plus food packs.

The regional office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development was P70,000 each or total of P84,000 per beneficiary.

Petilla further reported that during the event Kalahi CIDDs (Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services) projects were also turned over which are located in the barangays of: Himokilan which is the 300-meter concrete path walk; Baldoza concremented 257-meter barangay road; Capud-

losan concremented 150-meter barangay road with cross drain; Himacugo concremented 300-meter barangay road; Mabagon concremented 300-meter farm-to-market road; Mahilom 150-meter concrete path walk with cross drain; and Brgy. Katipunan concremented of 103-meter barangay road with cross drain.

Among those who witnessed the turnover were town Mayor Betty Cabal, Board Members Florante Cayunda, Jr. and Emmanuel Gacis of the 5th district of Leyte and Vivian Claros, provincial social welfare and development officer. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

## Man used chainsaw in killing his victim in Biliran province

TACLOBAN CITY- A 30-year old man died at the hands of his uncle-in-law who used a chainsaw in carrying out his gruesome act in Culaba town, Biliran province Sunday afternoon.

Killed was Eduardo Rosquites, whose body was cut into half by the suspect, Roger Paje, 48, both residents of Barangay Bool East, five kms away from the town proper.

Lt. Isidoro Ancero, Jr., town police chief, said that the two, together with Edgardo Cañete, were having a drinking spree at the house of the suspect which

started early morning.

And around 2 pm, while the victim and Cañete were asleep, Paje took his chainsaw and used it to slice Rosquites whose wife, Chanderee, was the niece of the suspect.

After he finished his grisly act, he trained his chainsaw to Cañete who managed to wake up due to the noise created by the equipment.

Cañete managed to run away and called for him from the residents of the village.

“The suspect, who was heavily drunk, cut into half the body of the vic-

tim, starting from his head down to his buttocks. It was the most gruesome murder I have ever witnessed since I was appointed here as chief of police,” Ancero, in a phone interview, said.

The local police arrested Paje, said to be a chain saw operator, who was lying on the floor at the stage of the barangay. He hid his chainsaw at the back of the stage.

Ancero said that the suspect, now detained at the Culaba police station, would be charged for murder at the Provincial Prosecutor’s Office in Naval, the provincial capital.

**(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

### Heroes...

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own land.

In the recent past, we have learned of the heroism of our forebears of Balangiga in Eastern Samar as it was brought to fore with the return of the Balangiga Bells. From the conquest by the Spaniards, the Balangiga encounter was recorded as the victory of the Filipinos against America. Apart from the foreign invaders, we have countless heroes who fought the Marcos dictatorship to win back the freedom and liberty we now enjoy under the blessings of democracy. Fighting the evil forces oppressing our Filipino nation and standing for what is right and true will make anyone of us a hero.

comments to [allelma@yahoo.com](mailto:allelma@yahoo.com)

## US-based Filipino novelist Gina Apostol returns to Leyte for book talk

TACLOBAN CITY-Acclaimed Filipino novelist Gina Apostol, who is now based in New York, USA, talked about her latest book “Insurrecto” with fellow authors and students at the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban Campus (UP-VTC) in Tacloban City, August 10.

The event was part of the August edition of “Harambang” organized by KATIG Writers Network, Inc. and UP Runggiyan, in cooperation with the UPVTC Leyte Samar Heritage Center.

A graduate from the University of the Philippines Diliman, Apostol earned her Master’s degree in creative writing at the Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

Her other award-winning novels are “Bibliolepsy,” “The Revolution



Book Talk with Gina Apostol, award-winning author from Leyte now based in New York, USA. (Photo by Ronald O. Reyes)

According to Raymundo Mata,” and “Gun Dealers’ Daughter.”

She teaches at the

Fieldston School in New York City. Apostol is a native of Barugo, Leyte. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

### Widening...

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plastic stripping materials.

The project was prioritized because the approach road of the bridge going to Kawayan, Biliran side was already widened.

This is the second bridge widening project implemented in this province. The first bridge widening is Anas Bridge in Naval, Biliran which is presently implemented by the DPWH Regional Office under FY 2017 budget. **(PR)**

### Rep. Noel...

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tion.

“It’s a fact that PCSO really help our less fortunate Filipino brothers. It is ready and open to help everyone,” Noel said.

The solon also said that he welcomed the move of the President to resume the operation of the STL in the country.

He also agreed with the President to put some regulations in the operations of the STL to ensure that corruption could be lessen, if not, stopped. “There should be some regulations so any allegation of corruption could be checked. It has to start somewhere,” Noel said.

**(JOEY A. GABIETA with LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

### Ormoc’s...

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from Ormoc and Donaire was born in Talibon, Bohol.

Donaire, who is 35 years old now, previously held titles in the flyweight, featherweight and bantamweight classes.

He, along with Donnie Nietes and Manny Pacquiao, are the only Asian boxers who ruled in at least four weight categories. His ring record is 40 wins, 5 losses with 26 KOs.

Casimero, christened as Cuadro Alas, carries a 29-4-20 KOs tally. Before he became the WBO interim bantamweight ruler, he captured both the IBF’s flyweight and light flyweight diadems. **(KEVIN A. SIOSANA)**

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Case No. VIII-2014-2719  
Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service

**DENNIS S. ARUTA,**  
Applicant/s  
x-----x  
**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 valid and subsisting until **OCTOBER 10, 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 **SEPTEMBER 10, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of **AUGUST, 2019**.  
**(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**  
Regional Director

### Surely...

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when are they planning to have children. Again, sex is a protected class, and an employer cannot discriminate against a female or male job applicant. Surely, a hiring manager may have concerns about the female applicant’s ability to perform job duties like travel or overtime. Well, the interviewer can ask the candidate directly about job-related responsibilities. For example: “This job includes six days of travel per month. Are there restrictions that might prevent you from doing this?”

Asking the applicant if he has any physical or mental disabilities is

also prohibited. It is but improper for employers to discriminate against qualified applicants or employees with disabilities. If some disabilities are obvious, why ask if they exist? Again, these are discriminatory questions. A cross-eyed applicant asked about that would surely feel bad, though we doubt if such question could affect the mentally-retarded applicant. Similar questions to avoid could be those that inquire about what prescription drugs are taken, and if the applicant has ever been treated for mental health problems.

It might be normal even for trained hiring managers and recruiters to sometimes ask prohibited questions, but

they just have to remember that discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin is unacceptable. As for job seekers, just try to spot red flags that might indicate you’re being interviewed unfairly. The above are just sample interview questions that potential employers should not ask.





The Tacloban Jedi Knights celebrate after bagging the Junior's title in the Regional Taekwondo games in Abuyog, Leyte.

## Jedi Knights dominate reg'l taekwondo tilt

ABUYOG, Leyte - The Tacloban Jedi Knights proved once again that they belong to the top martial arts teams in Eastern Visayas by capturing the Junior Division crown in the 4th Lemuel Gin Traya Regional Taekwondo Championships in this municipality a few days ago.

The young jins from Tacloban amassed 10 golds, 4 silvers and 1 bronze medal to top their division.

Those who pocketed gold for the Jedi Juniors were Lorelie Davines, Rodulf Jomillo, Nicole Grado, Ivan Miralles, John Alexis Realubit, Tyler Montallino, Kendarrell Sabangan,

Yesha Zoel Cortez, Jasper Rodrigo and Fernando Enriquez.

The silver medalists were King Francis Lomuntad, Shaena May Aurez, John Dexter Sabas and Almer John Lacanaria, while Gem Comora was the lone bronze medal winner.

Jedi Knights Jr. lorded it over the tourney participated in by Francis Taekwondo ACC, Francis Taekwondo Dulag, Francis Taekwondo Abuyog, Baybay City Taekwondo, Carigara Warriors, Naval Taekwondo, Tacloban Warriors and EVSU Spartans.

The junior division champions were coached by Josua Badilla and Kris-

tina Marie Villanueva with Mansueto Paca-anas Jr as the trainer.

(KEVIN A. SIOSANA)

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## Ormoc's Casimero on collision course with Nonito Donaire?

TACLOBAN CITY- Three days ago, the pride of Ormoc City, Johnrirel Casimero, demolished Mexican challenger Cesar Ramirez to retain his interim WBO bantamweight

campaign in the bantam-weight and super bantam-weight divisions where the weight limits are almost identical (bantamweight 115-118 lbs; superbantam-weight 118-122 lbs).

are Filipinos.

Cebu City would be an ideal venue because the two pugilists are of Visayan descent. Casimero is

see Ormoc's /page 9 ...



WBO interim bantamweight king Johnrirel Casimero (left) and WBA superbantamweight champ Nonito Donaire Jr.

title.

The 29-year old Casimero scored a 10th round stoppage over Ramirez with a booming right hook in their fight in Manila.

With the victory, the Ormocanon champion booked a duel with WBO regular bantamweight kingpin Zolani Tete.

Their bout is slated to take place later this year.

It also raised the possibility of Casimero colliding with fellow Filipino champion Nonito Donaire Jr in the future.

This is not a far-fetched idea since both of them

Donaire, dubbed as 'The Filipino Flash', is the current WBA superbantam titleholder and is slated to face Naoya "The Monster" Inoue of Japan for a unification of their WBA and IBF belts, respectively, on November 7, 2019.

If Casimero prevails over Tete and Donaire dispatches Inoue, an encounter between the two Pinoy ring gladiators looms in the horizon.

Should this happen, a slambang slugfest is in the making especially if it will be held in the Philippines. And it should be since both

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