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ConCon is best option for Charter change

BAGUIO CITY July 19 – The best mode to introduce amendments to the 1987 Constitution is through the Constitutional Convention (Con-Con) to avoid the conflict of interests of lived lawmakers in the process, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan.

The local chief executive underscored that the constitution of the ConCon by the President upon the passage of the appropriate enabling law that will be passed by Congress will definitely avoid misconceptions that amending the Constitution is only designed to suit the interest of lawmakers.

“We support the ConCon mode of introducing the appropriate amendments to the Constitution because it will have its own timetable to undertake the needed amendments to the Constitution for the shift from the

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Panahon na rin para subukan ang Federalism, ngunit bago yuon ay dapat na ma una muna ang tunay na Autonomy sa Cordillera!!!



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Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan performs traditional rituals during the culmination of the 29th Cordillera Month celebration at the Baguio Convention Center on July 15. This year's celebration with the theme “CAR @ 29: Working together for an autonomous and empowered Cordillera,” is hosted by the Regional Development Council-Social Development Committee chaired by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the city of Baguio as the host local government unit./RMC- PIA CAR

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Collateral damage

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A Letter to President Duterte

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Increase in allowance of health workers proposed

BAGUIO CITY - The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance increasing to five thousand pesos the regular monthly allowance of all barangay nutrition scholars (BNS), barangay nutrition action officers (BNAOs) and barangay health workers (BHWs) in the city amending for the purpose, Section 2 of Ordinance No. 24, series of 2013.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. said that the increase in the allowance of BNS, BNAOs and BHWs otherwise known as barangay health professionals from P3,500 to P5,000 monthly shall take effect next year.

Yangot claimed the barangay health professionals are the unsung heroes in the city as they regularly attend to the health programs and projects not only of the city but also of the barangays in order to make sure that the population is healthy.

He explained that with the limited personnel of the city health services office, it is quite impossible for the said office to implement its programs and projects in all the

128 city barangays, thus, the need for the support of the BNS, BNAOs and BHWs in order for the priority health programs to reach the targeted beneficiaries on the ground.

Yangot pointed out the hiring of the barangay health professionals had immeasurably contributed in the improvement of the delivery of health care services at the grassroots level making the city one of the best implementers in health and nutrition in the country.

"We had been praised for this feat by concerned government agencies nationwide as shown by the many health and nutrition awards and recognitions garnered by the city in the regional and national levels," Yangot stressed.

While the monthly stipend of the barangay health professionals was increased to P3,500 per month pursuant to Ordinance No. 24, series of 2013, the councilor said that their current allowance is not even enough to cover their transportation related to their business of transacting with the different government offices, the increases in the prices of

basic commodities, and all other expenses incurred in the exercise of their duties and responsibilities.

According to him, it is but proper to legislate for an increase in the regular allowance for all of the barangay health professionals to P5,000 per month to be included in the regular budget next yet to further boost their morale, refuelling and revitalizing their commitment, dedication and determination, to deliver the most needed health care services to the grassroots and to at least help them cope with the present economic situation.

Yangot further proposed that a future improvement in the financial condition of the city should also see increases in the allowances of the barangay health professionals.

He said that if the local government wants the famous adage, 'health is wealth' to perpetually prevail in the city, it is important for the local government to give full support for this sector in terms of appropriate compensation for them to be able to provide optimum service to their clients./ Dexter A. See

Minors banned from transacting with pawnshops

BAGUIO CITY - The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance prohibiting minors below eighteen years of age from pawning or pledging or otherwise transacting

with pawnshops in the city.

The ordinance by Councilor Edgar M. Avila stated that in no case shall a minor below 18 years of age shall be allowed or permitted to pawn or

pledge or otherwise contract a loan through a pawnshop.

Avila pointed out the prevalence of drug and other substance abuse among today's youth has spawned different

Council to regulate importation of dehydrated vegetables

BAGUIO CITY - The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance regulating the importation of dehydrated vegetables in the city for the benefit of protecting the health condition of people from such types of products.

The ordinance by Councilor Edgar M. Avila pointed out that dehydrated vegetables shall refer to any form of vegetables dehydrated through various means.

Under the proposed ordinance, the importation of dehydrated vegetables shall be subject to an appropriate local tax to be determined by the city council and importers,

ways and means by which they can sustain their pernicious habits and just so they can raise the money needed to purchase drugs, alcohol or other dangerous substances, or simply to maintain a care free lifestyle beyond what their ordinary school allowance can provide, many young people even pawn or pledge property of value, whether obtained from legal or illegal sources.

Presidential Decree No. 114 or the Pawnshop Regulation Act contains no prohibition of minors from transacting with pawnshops. There is marked laxity among pawnshop owners and operators when extending loans for property pawned or pledged.

According to him, one means of curbing the problem of drug addiction and child delinquency among the youth is to curtail the means by which they can sustain this expensive habit, thus, pawnshops or pawn brokers must be restricted from accepting pawns or pledges from minors below 18 years of age.

Under the proposed ordinance, any violator, whether natural or juridical person, shall be penalized by imprisonment of two months and a fine of P5,000. If

wholesalers and retailers of dehydrated vegetables must secure the clearances and permits from the permits and licensing division of the city before operations.

Further, the city government, through the concerned offices and agencies, shall provide financial assistance as subsidies and loans to qualified applicants, manufacturers engaged in vegetable dehydration.

Avila stated the amount necessary to implement the intents and purposes of the ordinance shall be chargeable to the funds as appropriated in the annual budget of the city.

According to him, importation of dehydrat-

ed vegetables shall be tantamount to cut throat competition and shall be punished with a fine of P10,000 and or one-year imprisonment or both upon the discretion of the court.

If the employer is a corporation, its officers and members of the Board shall be held criminally liable. Employers who are public quasi or government corporations shall likewise incur administrative liabilities.

Further, business licenses and permits issued by the city government shall likewise be cancelled by the concerned offices of the city government.

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the offender is a partnership or a corporation, the president and or chairman of the board shall be liable for the acts and that the license to operate shall likewise be revoked.

He called on pawnshop operators to already screen applicants pawning and pledging of properties and not wait for

the approval of the ordinance so that they could help minors from being engaged in vices that compromise their bright future.

Numerous pawnshops in the city are alleged to entertain minors who pawn or pledge properties of value just to make

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AUTONOMY OR FEDERALISM? - Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Benguet Governor Crescencio Pacalso and Ifugao Governor Pedro Mayam-o consult each other on the proposed regional autonomy or the federal system being pursued by President Rodrigo Duterte during the 29th Cordillera Month celebration last July 15./Bong Cayabyab

Illegal constructions in city barangays to be monitored

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the City Planning and Development Office to issue the required clearances for the construction activities in the city's barangays, specifically those situated in already identified geologically hazardous areas to ensure the safety of residents and prevent untoward incidents that compromise safety.

Further, the local chief executive directed barangay officials to help the city government in monitoring illegal construction activities in their respective jurisdictions by reporting these to concerned offices in order to timely stop the illegal constructions.

"Our barangay officials must be steadfast in reporting to concerned offices existing illegal constructions so that these will be stopped while the structures are not yet completed. Structures in identified critical areas must be stopped in order to prevent the occurrence of more serious problems for the barangay and the city," Domogan stressed.

The city mayor underscored reporting the illegal construction activities in the different barangays, particularly those situated in identified critical areas, will lessen the problems

of the city government in dealing with those located in geologically hazardous areas in the future.

According to him, disaster preparedness should be inculcated to the public to lessen the impacts of natural and human-related disasters as residents will be aware of the proper thing to do in times of disaster.

Domogan emphasized that proper attitude can prevent man-made disasters while readiness of locals can help mitigate impacts of natural disasters.

He exhorted concerned city government offices to strictly evaluate applications of permits for construction activities in identified geographically hazardous areas to address possible complications right from the start of the construction instead of addressing these in the future.

He appealed to residents to help their barangays

officials by reporting construction activities in critical areas and for barangay officials to exercise their police powers by inspecting appropriate permits from the building owners so that there will be a concerted effort to stop illegal constructions in the city's 128 barangays and thus prevent one of the identified causes of man-made disasters compromising the safety of the safety of people and their properties.

Domogan emphasized that geohazard maps prepared by the Cordillera office of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau will serve as the basis for barangay officials to closely monitor the construction activities in their respective areas of jurisdiction and for them to have the license to check on the permits issued by concerned city government offices./By Dexter A. See

Council summons DPWH officials on citywide diggings

BAGUIO CITY – The city council summoned officials of the regional and district offices of the Department of Public Works and

Highways (DPWH) to appear before the regular session of the local legislative body on July 25, 2016 to shed light on the failure of the contractors

Abolition of BUB program next year nixed

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said abolishing the Bottom Up Budgeting (BUB) program next year by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is not a wise approach in dealing with effective government programs.

He recommended, instead, relevant government agencies improve the selection criteria for the beneficiaries in rural and urban areas considering that there are also poor households in the urban and heavily populated areas.

The BUB is a good program but the selection criteria for beneficiaries needs to be clarified and improved to target the actual needy to receive proper intervention direct from funds of government agencies earmarked for projects in the different barangays, Domogan stressed.

of the agency to complete the citywide diggings that cause inconvenience to both the motoring and commuting public.

The city councilors invited concerned DPWH officials to explain why the simultaneous diggings around the central business district have not been completed, and the questionable planning of the infrastructure projects in the city's central business district area.

Earlier, concerned DPWH-CAR and DPWH-BCDEO officials committed to the previous members of the city council that most of the planned drainage projects the central business district will be completed supposedly by this July but it is obvious the promised date cannot be realized, causing serious traffic congestions that have earned the ire of the motorists.

The council questioned the inability of the contractors and the concerned DPWH offices to make sure that appro-

The city mayor pointed out that the impression that there are no poor households in the urban centers is totally wrong because poor households from rural areas flock to urban areas to look for livelihood and if they could not find decent sources of income, then they become part of the urban poor.

According to him, it is difficult to conceptualize a good poverty alleviation program that will benefit poor households so it is better for government agencies to review the policies that did not work and improve them instead of totally abolishing a program that has been beneficial to thousands of poor households over the past several years.

He claimed that there is a problem in the selection criteria for the beneficiaries of the various anti-poverty programs of

the different agencies and it would be best for the implementing agencies to patch up the loopholes of their programs to benefit more poor households as the closing down of such programs runs counter-productive to the efforts of government to curb extreme poverty in the countryside.

Various government agencies had been implementing BUB projects aligned with skills development for deserving individuals to enable them to independently earn a living, reforestation activities to help bring back the green in barren mountains, training of poor households for micro businesses, provision of equipment for identified livelihood projects of different associations, among others, that improve the life of the identified poor beneficiaries of intervention programs of the concerned agencies./Dexter A. See

priate traffic signages and flagmen are deployed in the project sites as stipulated.

However, it was observed not only by city officials but also the motoring and commuting public that almost all the projects being implemented citywide lack the appropriate early warning signages and the flagmen to guide motorists in maneuvering in the said areas where the diggings are being done.

The council claimed DPWH-CAR and DPWH-BCDEO officials have numerous issues to address mainly on the lackluster performance of their contractors in the prosecution of their awarded projects which is now causing undue daily stress among residents and motorists.

Councilor Roberto Ortega, chairman of the city council on human rights, justice, public protection and safety and peace and order, accused the contractors and DPWH-CAR and

DPWH-BCDEO officials of being insensitive to the plight of ordinary citizens for failing to put up the appropriate safety measures like traffic signages and assignment of sufficient flagmen, among other interventions, in their project sites in order to reduce the monstrous traffic jams around the CBD area resulting to delays in residents arriving at their schools, workplaces and businesses.

Ortega claimed it has been over a year since the council had first raised the issue of the two missing safety measures within project sites but it seems such major concern of the local government has fallen on deaf ears, and the project areas are now also accident-prone which should have been avoided if the DPWH-CAR and DPWH-BCDEO officials did their job of monitoring the compliance of their contractors to the stringent rules in the implementation of projects./Dexter A. See

Country has to solve 'real world' problems first

Technology is changing the world every day and at a pace never seen before, but in the Philippines, local problems still hold the future back.

"There is transformative technology happening all over the world, but you still have to localize to your market's challenges in the real world. [These are] challenges that developed market counterparts don't have," Xurpas founder and CEO Nix Nollado said at a morning session of Rappler's #ThinkPH event on Thursday, July 21, at the Resorts World Manila.

One obvious real world challenge is the slow internet in the Philippines. So one has to figure out ways to work around that. Nollado said most popular games now are social multiplayer ones and slow internet is especially difficult for tech firms focused on games such as Xurpas.

Xurpas thus invested in an innovative firm, Nemesis out of Singapore, that allows user's devices to send keystrokes rather than app data to each other, thus eliminating the need for a fast internet connection to play, according to Nollado.

Nollado was speaking at Rappler's #ThinkPH event as part of a panel discussing digital trends in the country where he was joined by Kalibrr founder and CEO Paul Rivera and Rappler founder and CEO Maria Ressa. (READ: #ThinkPH: Man must learn to dance with machines – Van Geest)

EDITORIAL All 3 startup founders agreed that the real world challenges the country presents aren't all bad, however, as they also force firms to think creatively, innovating out of necessity.

Nollado cited one example of transformative technology: blockchain – the key to making bitcoins works.

Block chain, and bitcoin technology is particularly suited to the Philippines because of remittances. The promise is that an OFW can send \$1000 in remittances from Saudi Arabia to a province in the Philippines without losing any money through middlemen.

But the challenge is that the OFW's relative has to get the digital currency in hard cash. That's not a problem in small volumes but not when sums get bigger, especially in the provinces, according to Nollado.

"If you don't have enough liquidity in the local market to do that, whatever savings you saved using blockchain will be lost because you'll have to change it again through a bank," he said.

Slow pace of investment

In Asia, arguably no industry has been as disruptive to the real world economy as e-commerce and the rise of Alibaba, the world's largest ever IPO.

But e-commerce also illustrates how the lack of liquidity affects the pace of industry transformation.

While e-commerce has grabbed a small foothold in the Philippines, it pales in comparison even to neighboring Indonesia with traditional retail firms and their malls still very much the dominant force.

"This is a function of the small amount of venture capital, or investor money, flowing into tech startups in the country as whole," Nollado said.

In 2015, not counting Xurpas investments, there was about \$30 million invested into local startups while about \$800 million flowed into Indonesia.

That is particularly troubling if one is an e-commerce startup. Nollado explained that the playbook for online retail is 80% goes into customer acquisition, advertising and marketing, to get customers to make that first transaction.

As it gets more money, e-commerce can really upend traditional retail by subsidizing prices to offer consumers bargain deals. They can do so because they don't have far less fixed costs that traditional stores have such as rent.

Without that seed money, they cannot grow. But, Nollado pointed out, "the reality is the growth of venture capital is going to happen in the Philippines and will be coming so suddenly

"So if I were an incumbent, a traditional retailer, I would be using the opportunity to look at the disruption that has happened in other markets and prepare for it," he said.

Kalibrr's job matching

Rivera pointed out how the booming BPO industry in the Philippines has created a situation wherein half of the people on Kalibrr's job matching platform are local firms while the other half are international firms looking to scale.

This has created a situation wherein we are now tapping a rather finite number of skilled people, he said. Put another way, what do you do when you have the Ubers and Googles coming in, he said.

The way to stay competitive for local firms then is to **Cont. on page 9**



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A Letter to President Duterte



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Dear Mr. President:

For so long, we have been the recipients of poor and inefficient service from incompetent and corrupt personnel of the DOTC-CAR and its two (2) agencies, the LTFRB-CAR and the LTO-CAR.

DOTC-CAR was established almost at the same time as DOTC CARAGA on experimental basis by then DOTC Secretary Rainerio Reyes for the purpose of combining the functions of LTO, LTFRB and supposedly other DOTC sectoral offices in the administrative regions and put them all under the control and supervision of the Department through only one regional director. It was not implemented in all administrative regions as intended however, hence, we have LTO, LTFRB and other sectoral offices still separate from each other under one (1) regional director.

Not that this experiment of small DOTC in the region was an structure not suited or unwieldy to manage but, just like in the case of DOTC-CAR, the defect lies in the caliber of regional directors appointed by the President who were not qualified to handle an expanded regional office. So, we have had regional directors incapable and incompetent to render proper service and to stop FIXING ACTIVITIES and RED TAPES which are the roots of corruption in the DOTC-CAR particularly in the LTFRB-CAR and the LTO-CAR, despite Rep. Act. 6713 and Rep. Act 9485.

Corruption in the DOTC-CAR perpetrated through fixing activities and red tape primarily account for the following irregularities to date, among which are the following:

1. Thousands of irregularly-issued PUV franchises many of which were granted fraudulently and spuriously, notwithstanding the moratorium existing in Baguio City and other parts of CAR since 1998 to the present, thus contributing to the worsening traffic congestion of Baguio City.

2. Failure of its law enforcers to contain continuous colorum and out-of-line operations of PUVs, thereby also causing the almost debilitating traffic congestion during peak hours in the city.

3. Inefficiency and corrupt practices of DOTC-CAR personnel concerned who because of corruption, allow and tolerate for-hire motor vehicles to use the city roads and streets as garage and terminals.

4. The inability of officials and rank-and-file personnel in the DOTC/LTO/LTFRB-CAR to efficiently and competently perform their duties and functions on time, even as they are prescribed in their respective Citizens Charter.

With all due respect Mr. President, I have to call the attention of the Honorable

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BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

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*Food Crisis
(gapu iti iyaadu ti tao?)*



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*The truth about the
arbitral tribunal decision*



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

Tutuo kaya ang pagka gahaman ng opisyal ng PNP na ito - Ayon sa aking mga DPA -impormante, ito raw opisyal ng PNP na ito ay kinorner daw nya lahat ng intelihensya na supposed to be na mapupunta sa ibat- ibang unit na sumasalilalim sa kanya, at pati na rin ang intelihensya para sa mga medyas este media ay kanya rin ipina bawasan kung hindi ay tangalin na ng tuluyan. Ayon sa aking deep penetrating angel (DPA) kung maaari nga daw ay pati na rin por da boys ng mga popolitiko ay gusto rin nya ipa cut or at least ay bawasan ang katwiran ni Mr. Pulis Titing Matulis ay tatal naman daw ay siya rin ang nadidikdik at na sisisi kapag may mga raid o hulian. Hi !Hi !Hi! Kung tutuo ang inpo na ito ay ang masasabi ko lang ay tama yan Ser, solohin mo lahat para ikaw lang ang Happy. Tatal naman ikaw lang ang anak ng Dyos! Hi !Hi ! Hi! Tunay na madaling makalimot ang marami sa mga nasa kapangyarihan at mistulang hindi nila naalala ang mga nangyari katulad nung panahon ni Pangulong Erap kung saan ninais ng isang Prinsepe Atong Ang ang solohin lahat at pati na rin ang isang matinding Haring Chavit Singson ay kanyang ibinalewala kaya ayun na sipa ang mga GAHAMAN, sipa si Emperor Erap at kasama na rin si Prinsepe Atong. Ang isang very basic at simpleng leksyon lang naman ay ang isang GAHAMAN na hindi marunong ng o nagsasagawa ng spread the sunshine ay hindi tatagal. O tignan mo yun SUWAPANG na TONGRESMAN na yun, mabuti na lang sa awa ng Dyos ay hindi na uli lumabas. Kaya kung tutuo ang inpo na ito ay sigurado ko na hindi magtatagtal ang ganyan istilo ng mga SUWAPANG NA GAHAMAN PA, PWEEEE... BUMALIK KA SA PROBINSYA SA BUNDOK!!!

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Mga drug lords asan na - Mr. President tigang este Digong, Ser, asan na po ang mga sinasabi ninyong drug lords na inyong itutumba at patitigilin ? Yuon po ba ang mga limang heneral na pinangalanan ninyo ng walang anuman ebidensya ??? O baka naman yun isang Peter Lim na inyong kakompare at election campaign donor/ supporter ang tinutukoy ninyo na drug lord ??? O baka naman yun na ang mga nasa loob ng munti na sina Golangco ang company??? Alam naman ninyo Mr. President tigang este Digong, inaasahan ng mamamayan Pilipino ang inyong pangako na patitigilin ninyo ang malalaking drug lords at hindi lang ang puros mga naka tsinelas ang inyong tinotodas, o baka naman hanggang puros pipitsugin tulak lang ang inyong kaya, at sigurdong may mga kaso pa ng mga salvaging ng mga inosenteng Juan dela Cruz!!! Ibunyag na ninyo ang pangalan ng mga Polpolitiko (Mayors, Gobernang, Tongressmen, Senatongs) na involved sa drug trade maging supporter, pusher at protector sila. Please name names Mr. President, SIR.

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Pres Du30 –OVERACTING (OA)- ano ba naman klaseng pang famas awards ang nakikita natin na dramang matindi ni Pres Digong, ano ba naman klaseng overacting ang kamakailan ang nakikita natin sa social media at naipapabalita, ano ano ito ka ninyo, eto ang tatlong halimbawa ? No. 1- ang kanyang convoy ay humihinto sa traffic at mga traffic lights, ano bang kalokohan ito eh ibig mong sabihin hindi ganun ka halaga ang oras ng pangulo kaya pwede sya ma stak sa traffic, Oh C'mon, dapat ay hindi na humihinto sa traffic lights ang Pangulo sapagkat napaka halaga ng bawat minuto o segundo ng oras ng Pangulo kaya dapat ay exempted sya sa traffic. Sya lang po. No. 2- nakita natin na kunwari ay dumadaan siya sa screening sa airport

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“UNTIL now it's impossible that the population is behind the country's food crisis. The real culprit is the continuing and rampant corruption in government,” malagip unay 'toy numo ti biang daytoy nga insao idi ni Arsobispo Oscar V. Cruz idi, kakabsat.

Kadagiti tartaraudi a resulta ti naiwayat a population survey, maalarma ti gobierno! Adu ket umad-adu iti mamin-adu a daras ti idadakkel ti bilang ti populasyon ti Filipinas!

Saan a supringen ti Simbaan dayta a nadaras nga iyaadu ti tao. Anamongan ketdi ti Simbaan ti natural family planning. ‘Tay kabaalan dagiti nagannak a patanoren a nadesente ken nasayaat ti annak.

No apay a maalarma unay ti gobierno ti iyaadu ti tao? Maysa ditan ti saan met laengen a marisrisut nga idadakkel latta ti unemployment rate! Wen, adu ti jobless latta nga umili! Ket, daytoy ti agbalin a buong ti ulo ti gobierno wenno dagiti maseknan nga umili, a. Nagadu ti paggastosan ken nangingina ti gatgatangentayo a daily commodities! Sumangkamaysa pay a babantot ti kaadda itan ti E-VAT – Expanded Value Added Tax! Sapay koma ta ammo dagiti kakailian a liklikan nga ibutos dagiti kandidato nga author dayta a diaske nga E-VAT! Siempre, makapadagsen iti bolsa dayta a nainayon manen a buis! BUIS-it! Uray koma, a, no di ibolsa dagiti birurukong dagita a buis! Takawen met dagiti kurakot nga agtuturay!

No ut-tobentayo ‘diay inibbatan a kapanunotan ni Apo Cruz, pudno unay, a, ket, wen, dumagdaggen latta ti cross nga ibakbaklaytay iti inaldaw!

No adda proyekto, narasi. Nagdadakkel ti nailatang a pundona. Ngem, ania idi ti kuna ti pagtamdantayo a politico? “YUKYUKUYOK, INTON DUMANON, TAPOK,” maipanggep daytoy ti nailatang a pundo ti proyekto a magisaygisay babaen ti SOP – Standard Operating Procedure a pagbibingayan dagiti buaya ti gobierno (kurakot nga agtruturay). Pagangayanna, bassit laengen ti mabati a pundo ti proyekto! Malaksid a sub-standard ti proyekto, narasi a kapilitan. Ania itan ti iyawag iti dayta a proyekto? GHOST PROJECT!

“Crisis of management,” daytoy pay ti kuna idi ni Apo Cruz. Wen, ag-focus koma ti gobierno a mangurnos ken mangpasayaat ti panagserbina ngamin kadagiti umili. Ti nasayaat, isu koma ti pannakaurnosna ken pannakaipatungpalna iti pulido a population control dagiti buklis a tattao iti bennegda. Adu met ti kuarta a rumbeng a maitulong kadagiti umili nangruna dagiti pada a napapanglaw. Ti ngamin kas-angna unay, segun dagiti lumlumtaw a kumtobersia dagiti politicotayo, ad-adu met ti takawen dagiti agtuturay, puera de los buenos, ngem, ti dumanon a maiserbi kadagiti umili.

Isu nga ita a mapasangasangan ti panaggipili, ditayo koma agimbubulsek, kakabsat. Panawenna metten tapno patapuakentayo iti poder dagiti managkunniber nga agtuturaytayo. Padasentayo metten ti agkaykaysa a mangisaad iti turay dagiti politicotayo a patientayo a lesser evil. Ti koma masakbayan dagiti annaktayo ti isaganaantayo. Saantayo laeng nga agbiag gapu iti agdama; agbiagtayo pay iti masanguanan, iti narimimat a biag-masakbayan. Saantayo itan nga ipalubos nga iturayandatatayonto manen dagiti buklis iti kaban ti gobiernotayo.

Ita nga isursuratko daytoy a salaysay, saan pay a nagmawmaw iti panunotko ti iwarwaragawag dagiti politico – ngimmato kanon ti IRA share! Saan a daytoy ti mangipakita iti panagdur-as, kuna man dagiti nakasarsarita ‘toy numo ti biang. Kadawyan a ngumato dayta nga IRA share iti tunggal tawen. Ti nasken, ti pagbiagan dagiti umili. Tapno mapasayaat- ➔

LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS: “... Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the LORD...” (Psalm 119:1, the Holy Bible).

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL DECISION: If you read and studied the 500 or so pages of the “award” which the Permanent Court of Arbitration rendered in the South China Sea dispute between China and the Philippines, I am sure you will also find out that it was not really an award or something.

I am sure you will also learn that despite its many findings that China violated various rights of the Philippines over the islands found in that part of the ocean, the Court actually refused to issue any order, as requested by Filipino officials, to order China to stop the violations, or to give out any relief to our country.

In short, now I know why President Duterte and Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. were looking forlorn and gravely sad when the “award” came out on July 12, 2016. It is because the Philippines did not really win anything from the Court, even if it is being bruited about that it spent a whopping US\$1.2 billion to file and prosecute the arbitration case against China.

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THE ONLY OPTION FOR RP: NEGOTIATE WITH CHINA: With an “award” like that, and with a declaration by the Court that it not making any other statement after describing the violations committed by China against the Philippines, the only possibility left for Filipinos is, truly, to agree to what China had been saying all alone: discuss and resolve their differences over the South China Sea at the negotiating table.

Indeed, negotiations and further dialogues are the only options available to the Philippines, especially because China is adamant in its stand not to abide by the Court’s “award”. Otherwise, we will be compelled to go to war against the Chinese, if we insist on asserting our supposed rights over the South China Sea.

But war is---and should never be--- an option here. The Philippines is puny and small, compared to the might and power of China, militarily, economically, and demographically. So, we must agreed to negotiate. We must heed China’s call for us to discuss the matter all over again, and attempt to find solutions diplomatically.

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WHY DID AQUINO INSIST ON ARBITRATION? The question, of course, is: if negotiations are the only thing we can really do here, did not the Aquino government---whose officials filed the arbitration case against China under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas with the Permanent Court of Arbitration---realize this before that case was ever filed?

Did not the Aquino government try to consider the stand of China, known to all the world all along, that it would never agree to any compulsory arbitration and that the only approach it would ever recognize towards solving the South China Sea **Cont. on page 11**

da met ti panagbiagda a saan nga agnanayon nga agsangsangir ti ania man a pagimbagan a maipaay ti gobierno.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: The goal of yesterday will be the starting point of tomorrow. – CARLYLE.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

MARINA BOTANGEN - Vendor
CLAIRE M. BALASIN - Vendee
Applicant/s

CASE No.
2001-BC-146

NOTICE OF HEARING

This application for the approval for the SALE AND TRANSFER W/ EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate UV EXPRESS Service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: LA TRINIDAD - BUGUIAS, BENGUET with the use of ONE (1) unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on August 02, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 13th DAY OF JUNE 2016, BAGUIO CITY.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

Estate of the late Marcos Sadcat-Assignor
Antonia Sadcat - Assignee/vendor
Hilary D. Langcao Jr. - vendee
Applicant/s

CASE No.
2000-01-2285

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Assignment with Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio Plaza-La Trinidad with the use of one (1) UNIT.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on August 9 at 2 pm at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD. This 7th day of June 2016.

ATTY. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

CORNELIO BATIL - VENDOR
RICHARD A. SECTEL - VENDEE
Applicant/s

CASE No. 89-01-
527/2016-CAR-261

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is application filed on June 21, 2016 for the approval of petition for SALE AND TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY-TUBLA and vice versa with the use of ONE (1) unit/s, which CPC will expires on JANUARY 31, 2021.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on August 9 at 2:00 pm at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 8th day of July 2016 in Baguio City, Philippines. **GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR**
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

HAROLD AQUINO
Applicant/s

CASE No.
2011-CAR-724

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio City to Any point in Cord. with the use of one UNIT.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on August 9, 2016 at 2 pm at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, this 8th day of July 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

JULIE PACALSO
JAN MARC R. ACAY
Applicant/s

CASE No.
2012-CAR-999

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-UCAB & vice versa with the use of 1 UNIT.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on August 9, 2016 at 2 pm at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD. This 8th day of July 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

MARCENIO LESINO-vendor
LINCOLN CAMSOL-vendee
Applicant/s

Case No.
2001-BC-392

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUBLIC UTILITY JITNEY Service with SALE AND TRANSFER for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-TOMAY and vice versa with the use of ONE (1) UNIT.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on August 9, 2016 at 2 pm at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD. This 7th day of June 2016.

ATTY. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

O.R. No.
2203592C/2203177C
Amount:
PhP2,000.00
Date: March 17, 2016
X-----X

**SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE**

BENGUET STATE
UNIVERSITY
MULTI-PURPOSE
COOPERATIVE,
*Petitioner-
Mortgagee,*

-versus-

HILDA K.
AGUSTIN, Attorney-
in-fact of FRANCIS
DIWAS,
*Respondent-
Mortgagors.*

CASE NO.
16-EXF-1897 FOR:
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT NO.
3135 as AMENDED

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE as represented by its manager, JANE T. ASIONG, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and with office address at BSUMPC Bldg, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of HILDA K. AGUSTIN, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence at Ekip, Bokod, Benguet and Attorney-in-fact of Francis Diwas, herein referred to as respondent-mortgagor, which as of May 20, 2014 amounted to TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

(PhP200,000.00) PESOS, Philippine currency, exclusive of interest, penalties, filing fees, cost of publication, attorney's fees and other expenses incurred relative to the foreclosure proceedings. The undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on August 9, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-24613 With Tax Declaration of Real Property No. 2010-13-01-01369 Lot No. 1727, Cad-932-D, Case 1, Bokod Cadstre situated at Poblacion, Bokod, Benguet containing an area of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE (3,649) SQUARE METERS.

This Notice shall

be posted for twenty (20) days in three (3) conspicuous places, viz.: Municipality of Bokod, Benguet; Capitol Building, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet and Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and shall likewise be published by The JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province for three (3) consecutive weeks. Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein above described and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event the public

auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 30, 2016 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, July 18, 2016.

**F O R : T H E
PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET**

By: (SGD) CRISTOPHER
C. ORALLO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:
All parties concerned;
Junction Newspaper,
Baguio City

Publication Dates: July 23,
30 and August 6, 2016

Council to Regulate... ...from page 2

The ordinance mandated the business and licensing division and other city government departments, bureaus, agencies to provide for mechanisms, policies, rules and regulations to implement the intentions of the local legislative measure.

On matters not covered by the ordinance, the proponent stated that existing laws in so far as they are not in conflict with the existing provisions, shall apply in matters not otherwise specifically provided for in the measure.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE with simultaneous waiver of rights

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased spouses Maximo B. Guzman also known as Maximo Candiao and Emilia Pog-e Guzman who died on September 18, 2013 in Kapangan, Benguet and January 14, 2013 in Baguio City, respectively, that the estate has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights executed by the heirs of said deceased executed on April 14, 2016 and registered and docketed as Doc. No. 27; Page No. 6; Book XIV; Series of 2016 of the Notarial Book and Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

July 9, 16, and 23, 2016

If any provision or section of the ordinance, or the application of the said provision to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, he explained the other provisions of the ordinance and the application of such circumstance shall not be affected.

The proposed ordinance was referred to the committee on laws for evaluation, study and recommendation before the second reading.

Avila expressed optimism that the council will pass the proposed local legislative measure the soonest for the strict regulation of businesses engaged in the importation of dehydrated vegetables by the local government to prevent the clandestine operation of such individuals and groups engaged in such kind of business./By Dexter A. See

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT,
BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN RE: PETITION
FOR THE
ADOPTION OF
MINOR CAELAN
LEE FROST AND
MINOR SHYNE
CEDRICK LAPAY
RIVERA

SPOUSES RICK LEE
FROST and JOCEL
LAPAY FROST,

Petitioners,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,
LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
QUEZON CITY,
MELODY B.
KAFILAS, ERICSON
E. RIVERA AND
THE PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS
AUTHORITY,
Respondents.

Special Proceedings
Case No. 16-A-1046

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ORDER

Petitioners, through
counsel, filed this verified
Petition for Adoption,
praying that after due
notice, publication and
hearing, the prospective
adoptees, CAELAN LEE
FROST AND SHYNE
CEDRICK LAPAY
RIVERA, be declared
the legitimate children
and legal heirs of the
petitioners.

WHEREFORE,
finding the Petition to
be sufficient in form and
substance, the petitioners
are directed to meet and
confer with the Court
Social Worker for the
conduct of the Child and
Home Study in relation
to this Petition. The
Court Social Worker
therefore is directed
to conduct a Child and
Home Study and
submit to this court her

REPORTS, incorporating
therein her findings and
recommendations, and
furnishing copies thereof
to the Office of the
Solicitor General; to the
Office of the Provincial
Prosecutor of Benguet;
and the Office of the
Regional Director of
the DSWD-CAR, Baguio
City. The said offices
may or may not file
the Comment to said
REPORTS.

The REPORT of the
Court Social Worker
should be submitted
to this court at least
fifteen (15) days before
the initial hearing of
this Petition, which shall
be on October 5, 2016
at 9:00 o'clock in the
morning.

Let this ORDER be
published at the expense
of the Petitioner in The
Junction, a newspaper
of general circulation
in Baguio City and
Benguet Province
and the Cordillera
Administrative Region,
once a week for three
(3) consecutive weeks,
the first publication to

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT,
BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ADOPTION
OF THWIKXIEH
ALIYAH DAGANG
LAYOG,

SPOUSES ERNESTO

be made not later August
14, 2016. All interested
persons may come to
court and show cause, if
any, why this Petition
should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition
and its annexes, to the
Office of the Solicitor
General; the Office of the
Provincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; the Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio City;
the Local Civil Registrar
of Quezon City; Meldoy
B. Kafilas; Erison E.
Rivera; and, the Court
Social Worker and the
Office of the Regional
Director, DSWD-CAR,
Baguio City. Furnish
copies of this ORDER to
the Junction and the
petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

In chambers, this 18th
day of July 2016 at La
Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) RUFUS G.
MALECDAN, JR.
Acting Presiding Judge

*Publication Dates: July
23, 30 and Aug. 6, 2016*

J. DAGANG AND
JOAN DIZON-
DAGANG,
Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,
Respondents.

Special Proceedings
Case No. 16-A-1044

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ORDER

Petitioners, through
counsel, filed this verified
Amended Petition for
Adoption, praying
that after due notice,

publication and hearing,
the prospective adoptee,
THWIKXIEH ALIYAH
DAGANG LAYOG, be
declared the legitimate
child and legal heir of
the petitioners and that
she shall be known as
THWIKXIEH ALIYAH
DIZON DAGANG.

WHEREFORE,
finding the Petition to
be sufficient in form
and substance, the
petitioners are directed
to meet and confer
with the Court Social
Worker for the conduct
of the Child and Home
Study in relation to
this Petition. The Court
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Office of the Provincial
Prosecutor of Benguet;
and the Office of the
Regional Director of
the DSWD-CAR, Baguio
City. The said offices
may or may not file
the Comment to said
REPORTS.

The REPORT of the
Court Social Worker
should be submitted to
this court at least fifteen
(15) days before the
initial hearing of this
Petition, which shall be
on September 22, 2016
at 9:00 o'clock in the
morning.

Let this ORDER be
published at the expense
of the Petitioner in The
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of general circulation
in the Baguio City
and Benguet Province
and the Cordillera
Administrative Region,
once a week for three (3)
consecutive weeks, the
first publication to be
made not later August
7, 2016. All interested
persons may come to
court and show cause,
if any, why this Petition
should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition
and its annexes, to the
Office of the Solicitor
General; the Office of the
Provincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; the Office
of the Civil Registrar
of Baguio City; and, the
Court Social Worker and
the Office of the Regional
Director, DSWD-CAR,
Baguio City. Furnish
copies of this ORDER to
The Junction and the
petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

In chambers, this

FAIR AND QUARE

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Secretary since his Department exercises administrative control and supervision over all DOTC-CAR personnel; the Honorable Chairman of LTFRB whose Board exercises operational control over the franchising and regulatory function of LTFRB-CAR; and the Honorable Assistant Secretary of the LTO whose Office exercises operational control over the registration of motor vehicles, licensing of drivers and law enforcement functions of the LTO-CAR, all of whom I believe can do so much to address the irregularities in the DOTC-CAR, besieged by inefficiency and corruption.

Mr. President as a citizen and advocate of good governance, I have a duty to bring out these problems to your attention. I am ready to furnish all concerned the details of how these problems in the DOTC-CAR have come about.

Thank you very much, mabuhay po kayo!

Very respectfully,

Atty. James S. Valeros

(This letter was sent before the President's Memorandum ditching "His Excellency" and the term "Honorable," in the case of cabinet members- JSV)

Editorial

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innovate, and his firm has helped transform recruitment by using algorithms that provide ideal matches between jobs and jobseekers based on big data.

The process works like Netflix. When you watch, it automatically suggests other shows you might like through smart algorithms. Kalibrr does the same for jobs and people, Rivera explained.

Rappler CEO and Executive Editor Maria Ressa pointed out that a firm such as Rappler could have started anywhere in the world, but the Philippines was a compelling choice precisely because of its perceived weaknesses, its disorder.

"We chose the Philippines, partly because it was the social media capital of the world and

partly because it's very young with a median age of 23. Most importantly, we felt that there was a real hunger, a real zeitgeist for change here," Ressa said.

"When you're in a more developed country, maybe cynicism is much more prevalent. But in the Philippines, with all its problems and its youth, there's a sense that real change can be made here," she added.

- Rappler.com

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

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kung saan dumadaan pa sya sa x-ray machine samantalang ang kanyang mga PSG security ay nilalampasan lang ang mga ito, Oh C'mon Mr. President. Kaya nga mahigpit ang check point sa airport ay dahil sa mga taong katulad ninyo, pero ang iyong mga secutiry ay hindi naman dumadaan sa security check, eh ano yun at pa kunwari ay sa economy class pa naka sakay, ngunit na ka cordon off din naman sa ibang pasahero, bayad kaya lahat mga upuan na yuon o complimentary ng airline??? Dapat ay mag private jet ka na lang Mr. Prsident para wala ng abala sa mga ordinaryong mamamayan etc.... No. 3- isa pang nakakataw ay pinakita pa sa social media na pumipila pa sa isang linya papunta sa buffet table sa Malacanang para kumuha ng pagkain, ang galing nga naman ano, istail Pope Francis yan Mr. President, hindi po

18th day of July, 2016 at
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ninyo original yan at si Pope Francis pinakita nay an na siya ay pumipila sa cafeteria ng Vatican, ang tanong ngayon ay pipila ka rin bas a ibang mga buffet table sa ibang mga lugar???

Hindi ko lang lubos na maisip na ang isang pangulo ay pakunwar-ing pipila pa sa isang buffet table, bakit, once again ay hindi ba ganoon kahalaga ang oras ng pangulo ??? But in fairness sa inyo Mr. President, gusto ko yun gagawin ninyo na isimplify ang darating na SONA at saka na rin ang ayaw ninyo na tawagin na His Excellency, aprub na aprub po ako duon at isang malaking YES at bilib ako sa mga moves nyo na yan, kung sabagay titulo lang naman kasi yan at wala naman sa titulo yan, kung hindi nasa gawa, na sa accomplishments ang bottom line. MABUHAY PO KAYO PANGULONG DIGONG

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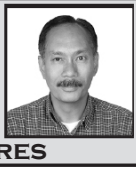
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Collateral damage

BY: FREDDIE J. FARRIS



First of all let me just make it clear that this columnist is not in favor of extrajudicial killings nor am I trying to justify the spate of seemingly wanton killings or salvaging (depending on how you look at things occurring) on a daily basis. In fact, my heart cries out to the families of innocent victims, those alleged to have been what I would say at the wrong place at the wrong time.

One seeming incident of such would be the recent news on the killing of Jefferson Bunuan, a 20-year old student/scholar of the Kaibigan Foundation who was ironically a criminology student who accordingly intended to become a cop, but sad to say was killed by the cops. According to reports he merely slept over at the place where the encounter occurred. Therefore, one lesson for us all is to avoid suspicious company.

To back track a bit, let us try to understand that according to Pres Du30, we are in a war with the drug trade and this country could eventually become a narco-politics state. This pronouncement of the President, I earlier took with a grain of salt and brushed off as some sort of exaggerated baseless claim, but after what we have seen with all the thousands of drug users who are turning themselves in, it turns out that it appears to be a factual claim and indeed, the war on drugs is one very serious war. This may need drastic measures to solve. Speaking of drastic measures, they say that in times of serious and/or desperate situations, desperate and/or drastic means of solution may be the only answer. This being the premise, since the President is fully aware of our very corrupt judicial system, assuming that the full extent of the law will be observed in dealing with those who are in the drug users/pushers law enforcers lists and therefore the so called due process is observed accordingly, perhaps the President believes that if you merely arrest these pushers, given the very corrupt judicial system, give them some time and they will be back on the streets sooner than you expect with their usual trade.

If this is the situation and you were presented with a possible solution to this problem, perhaps the ongoing purging through the Oplan Double Barrel and Oplan Tokhang is indeed the only way to go, and I happen to believe that it is the only way to go!

In fact, one thing noteworthy in all of this ongoing operations is that there are areas that for the past weeks, did not even register a single police blotter at PNP stations on reported petty/index crimes, which is therefore a safe conclusion that majority of these index/petty crimes (cellphone snatching etc...) are drug related.

However, unfortunately, in a war there is always what they call as collateral damage and as defined by Wikipedia is "Collateral damage is a general term for deaths, injuries, or other damage inflicted on an unintended target. In military terminology, it is frequently used for the incidental killing or wounding of non-combatants or damage to non-combatant property during an attack on a legitimate military target." There is of course the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) which is an independent constitutional office. They should attend to their mandate and do their job accordingly. At this point, we can just hope and pray that there may be no more victims of collateral damage.

ConCon is best...

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present presidential form to federal form of government," Domogan stressed.

Among the legitimate modes of introducing amendments to the Constitution include ConCon, constituent assembly and peoples; initiative.

In the case of a constituent assembly where Congress will be convened for Charter change, the city mayor claimed that it could be again misinterpreted that the lawmakers want to amend the Constitution because they want to align their own personal interests that would derail the efforts of the shift from presidential to federal form of government.

According to him, constituting the ConCon will be the best way to introduce the desired amendments to the Constitution because the electorate will be given a chance to select their representatives to the said body where they can voice out their issues and concerns regarding what they think of the need to shift from presidential to federal form of government.

While it will surely take sometime to convene the ConCon considering the need for Congress to pass the appropriate enabling law and for the ConCon to do its assigned duties and responsibilities, Domogan expressed confidence that the Duterte administration will achieve its goals and objectives within the timeline to avoid possible complications in the future.

Considering the absence of the budget earmarked for the ConCon delegates this year, he revealed that the earliest possible time that the ConCon will convene is March next year after Congress shall have passed the budget next year that will include the budget for the delegates and that it will surely work at its own pace despite the prescribed timeline.

He expressed support to the Duterte administration's bid to shift from presidential form to federal form of government because it will allow the federal states to have greater control of the resources within the state and for the states to be able to craft their own development road maps that will guarantee inclusive growth for the local governments comprising the federal states to be created once the results of the ConCon shall have been ratified by the Filipino people during a plebiscite to be scheduled within the next three years.

Domogan is a staunch advocate for regional autonomy and federalism considering the need to move the powers away from the national government to allow the regional government to craft its own programs and projects suitable to the prevailing condition in the region./By Dexter A. See

Senior citizens to get birthday present from city

BAGUIO CITY – The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance appropriating ten million pesos to fund the initial implementation of the birthday resent-giving-program of the city government for senior citizens of the city under to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9257 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, subject to applicable laws, accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

The ordinance by Councilor Edgar M. Avila said that bonafide senior citizens of the city shall be provided with or entitled to a simple gift from the city government during their birthdays every year.

Under the ordinance, the City Social Welfare and Development Office is tasked with the strict implementation of the local legislative measure and it shall determine, through the accomplished registration forms submitted to the said office, their respective

Creation of Baguio City traffic development authority pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance creating the Baguio City Traffic and Development Authority (BCTDA), prescribing powers, functions and duties, and providing funds for its operations.

The ordinance, authored by Councilor Edgar M. Avila, said the creation of a mega-traffic body is necessary to address the rising congestion in the city's buzzing urban streets and roads.

Avila proposed that the traffic management office should be a department that will be a venue for the local government unit to coordinate planning and management of programs related to traffic and that the body will have supervisory and regulatory authority over traffic operations in the city.

As of date, most residents and visitors have been complaining of the worsening traffic, often citing how years ago, it took only utmost fifteen minutes to travel to various parts of the city but now it is unpredictably long.

Under the proposed ordinance, the Baguio City Traffic and Development Authority shall formulate, coordinate, regulate and monitor short, medium and long-term plans, policies and programs for the sustainable traffic development of the city; it shall include the crafting of programs for the services, land use, spatial and physical development using strong, coherent, governing values and shared **Cont. on page 11**

birthdays and addresses where its personnel shall deliver the appropriate gift worth P500 from the city.

The ordinance shall apply to all members of the senior citizens of the city on their birthdays, provided that, said senior citizens are registered and holders of appropriate identification cards issued by the city government through the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

Senior citizens or elderly are those residents of the city who are at least 60 years of age, while a bonafide senior citizen refers to those elderly who are registered as such with the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

The local legislative measure mandated the City Social Welfare and Development Office to ascertain what would be the applicable gift to be given to the senior citizens upon the approval of the local chief executive.

This amount to be included as part of the budget of the city next year and every year thereafter, shall be increased depending on the number of senior citizens in the city's 128 barangays eligible for this gift.

The ordinance was referred to the city council committee on social services, women and urban poor for study and recommendation.

The proponent claimed the birthday present from the local government to the qualified senior citizens will be in recognition of their valuable contributions to the welfare of the Baguio residents, saying that being a highly urbanized city, it is but proper for the city to adopt the said program like other cities in the different parts of the country.

The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), in close coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office, shall prepare the appropriate forms for the mass registration of senior citizens in the different barangays of the city to update the masterlist of elderly in the city in time for the implementation of the birthday present gift program that may institutionalized in the future./By Dexter A. See

Filipino Talents Shine in Malaysian Choir Competition

Kuala Lumpur - The Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur reported that Filipino musical talent was on its finest as it wowed Malaysian audiences in two separate events on July 16.

The Balon Dagupan Children's Choir (BDCC), young divas Gabrielle Panlilio, Platinum Christi Madrid and Yumi Chung and the Ang Misyon orchestra were in Malaysia over the weekend. Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya hosted the BDCC and the young divas for lunch at the Embassy on July 18.

The choir and Ms. Panlilio also performed before the Embassy's consular clients that day.

"You have uplifted the profile of the Philippines and the Filipino people in Malaysia. I hope that you will continue to work hard and persevere in your chosen

craft, and always be grateful to your parents and teachers to mentor you in your craft," he said to them during the lunch.

The BDCC competed at the Malaysian International Children's Choir Competition 2016 held at the Shah Alam Royal Theatre in Selangor in the morning.

The choir, led by conductor Virginia Llamas-Mendoza and Prof. Adolfo Mendoza, impressed the judges with their rendition of "O Sanctissima" and "Orde E", and was bestowed the Gold Prize along with being the Most Promising Overseas Choir and the Shah Alam Mayor's Award, the highest prize in the competition.

With the theme "Binding Culture through Music," the international choral festival was joined by 15 choral groups from Vietnam, India, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia

and the Philippines.

Minister and Consul General Maria Antonina Mendoza-Oblena was on hand to watch them in competition.

In the evening, Misses Panlilio, Madrid and Chung and Ang Misyon were part of the ChildAid Malaysia benefit concert at the KL Performing Arts Centre. Ambassador Malaya caught their performance and gave the opening remarks before the concert.

With the theme "A World To Imagine," performers from China, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia joined hands for the benefit concert, which will provide music education to poor but deserving children.

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vision with focus on integrated systems for transport and traffic development.

Avila explained that the BCTDA shall ensure that plans, policies, programs and services are pursued for the purpose of realizing development strategy of competitiveness, liability, mobility and management of the traffic road maps.

The ordinance stated that the proposed mega-traffic body will be headed by a chair appointed by the city Mayor and confirmed by the city council. with the heads of relevant government agencies sitting as non-voting members, including the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), Department of Public works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Avila further proposed that the operations of the BCTDA will be funded by savings under the City Mayor's Office and that the city council shall include the proper appropriations in the annual budget in the succeeding years.

The proponent added that it has become a judicial and public knowledge that the traffic situation in the city has worsened, especially with on-going road works aimed at improving traffic flow, and with the completion of the 88-kilometer Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX), it is expected that more visitors and activities will come to the city, thus, the need for new traffic schemes and experiments in order to find solutions to the traffic congestions in identified choke points around the city.

However, he stressed that the increase in traffic volume requires an urgent need to address the problem which can be met with the creation of the BCTDA

that will focus its attention in solving the traffic jams around the city./By Dexter A. See

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business, thus, the need for appropriate regulations that will prohibit minors from transacting business with pawnshops in the different parts of the city.

Avila is confident that the proposed ordinance will serve as a warning to both minors intending to pawn and pawnshop owners so that such activities will be stopped./By Dexter A. See



The Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur played host to Filipino talents last July 18 as (top right photo) Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya (seventh from left) and Minister and Consul General Maria Antonina Mendoza-Oblena (seventh from right) joined the Balon Dagupan Children's Choir (BDCC), who reaped awards at the Malaysian International Children's Choir Competition on July 16 (top left photo). (bottom right photo) Ambassador Malaya welcomes Filipina young divas (from left) Yumi Chung, Gabrielle Panlilio and Platinum Cristi Madrid, who

were part of the ChildAid Asia-Malaysia concert on the evening of the same day (bottom left photo)

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problem is dialogue and negotiation since, as what it had been saying, it is dialogue which the two countries earlier on agreed upon as the remedy to solve their dispute?

Why did Aquino seek arbitration when China had been saying it will not honor any award from any arbitrator? And what really happened behind the trip of an Aquino ally, Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, to China, considering that, after that trip, the Chinese became thoroughly emboldened in seizing the South China Sea?

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**SUMMARY OF THE TRIBUNAL'S DECISIONS
ON ITS
JURISDICTION AND ON THE MERITS OF THE
PHILIPPINES' CLAIMS**

1. Background to the Arbitration

The South China Sea Arbitration between the Philippines and China concerned an application by the Philippines for rulings in respect of four matters concerning the relationship between the Philippines and China in the South China Sea. First, the Philippines sought a ruling on the source of the Parties' rights and obligations in the South China Sea and the effect of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("Convention") on China's claims to historic rights within its so-called 'nine-dash line'. Second, the Philippines sought a ruling on whether certain maritime features claimed by both China and the Philippines are properly characterized as islands, rocks, low-tide elevations or submerged banks under the Convention. The status of these features under the Convention determines the maritime zones they are capable of generating. Third, the Philippines sought rulings on whether certain Chinese actions in the South China Sea have violated the Convention, by interfering with the exercise of the Philippines' sovereign rights and freedoms under the Convention or through construction and fishing activities that have harmed the marine environment. Finally, the Philippines sought a ruling that certain actions taken by China, in particular its large-scale land reclamation and construction of artificial islands in the Spratly Islands since this arbitration was commenced, have unlawfully aggravated and extended the Parties' dispute.

The Chinese Government has adhered to the position of neither accepting nor participating in these arbitral proceedings. It has reiterated this position in diplomatic notes, in the "Position Paper of the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Matter of Jurisdiction in the South China Sea Arbitration Initiated by the Republic of the Philippines" dated 7 December 2014 ("China's Position Paper"), in letters to members of the Tribunal from the Chinese Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and in many public statements. The Chinese Government has also made clear that these statements and documents "shall by no means be interpreted as China's participation in the arbitral proceeding in any form."

Two provisions of the Convention address the situation of a party that objects to the jurisdiction of a tribunal and declines to participate in the proceedings:

(a) Article 288 of the Convention provides that: "In the event of a dispute as to whether a court or tribunal has jurisdiction, the matter shall be settled by decision of that court or tribunal."

(b) Article 9 of Annex VII to the Convention provides that: "If one of the parties to the dispute does not appear before the arbitral tribunal or fails to defend its case, the other party may request the tribunal to continue the proceedings and to make its award. Absence of a party or failure of a party to defend its case shall not constitute a bar to the proceedings. Before making

its award, the arbitral tribunal must satisfy itself not only that it has jurisdiction over the dispute but also that the claim is well founded in fact and law.

Throughout these proceedings, the Tribunal has taken a number of steps to fulfil its duty to satisfy itself as to whether it has jurisdiction and whether the Philippines' claims are "well founded in fact and law". With respect to jurisdiction, the Tribunal decided to treat China's informal communications as equivalent to an objection to jurisdiction, convened a Hearing on Jurisdiction and Admissibility on 7 to 13 July 2015, questioned the Philippines both before and during the hearing on matters of jurisdiction, including potential issues not raised in China's informal communications, and issued an Award on Jurisdiction and Admissibility on 29 October 2015 (the "Award on Jurisdiction"), deciding some issues of jurisdiction and deferring others for further consideration in conjunction with the merits of the Philippines' claims. With respect to the merits, the Tribunal sought to test the accuracy of the Philippines' claims by requesting further written submissions from the Philippines, by convening a hearing on the merits from 24 to 30 November 2015, by questioning the Philippines both before and during the hearing with respect to its claims, by appointing independent experts to report to the Tribunal on technical matters, and by obtaining historical records and hydrographic survey data for the South China Sea from the archives of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, the National Library of France, and the French National Overseas Archives and providing it to the Parties for comment, along with other relevant materials in the public domain.

2. The Parties' Positions

The Philippines made 15 Submissions in these proceedings, requesting the Tribunal to find that:

1. China's maritime entitlements in the South China Sea, like those of the Philippines, may not extend beyond those expressly permitted by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

2. China's claims to sovereign rights jurisdiction, and to "historic rights", with respect to the maritime areas of the South China Sea encompassed by the so-called "nine-dash line" are contrary to the Convention and without lawful effect to the extent that they exceed the geographic and substantive limits of China's maritime entitlements expressly permitted by UNCLOS;

3. Scarborough Shoal generates no entitlement to an exclusive economic zone or continental shelf;

4. Mischief Reef, Second Thomas Shoal, and Subi Reef are low-tide elevations that do not generate entitlement to a territorial sea, exclusive economic zone or continental shelf, and are not features that are capable of appropriation by occupation or otherwise;

5. Mischief Reef and Second Thomas Shoal are part of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of the Philippines;

6. Gaven Reef and McKennan Reef (including Hughes Reef) are low-tide elevations that do not generate entitlement to a territorial sea, exclusive economic zone or continental shelf, but their low-water line may be used to determine the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Namyt and Sin Cowe, respectively, is measured;

7. Johnson Reef, Cuarteron Reef and Fiery Cross Reef generate no entitlement to an exclusive economic zone or continental shelf;

8. China has unlawfully interfered with the enjoyment and exercise of the sovereign rights of the Philippines with respect to the living and non-living resources of its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf;

9. China has unlawfully failed to prevent its nationals and vessels from exploiting the living resources in the exclusive economic zone of the Philippines;

10. China has unlawfully prevented Philippine

fishermen from pursuing their livelihoods by interfering with traditional fishing activities at Scarborough Shoal;

11. China has violated its obligations under the Convention to protect and preserve the marine environment at Scarborough Shoal, Second Thomas Shoal, Cuarteron Reef, Fiery Cross Reef, Gaven Reef, Johnson Reef, Hughes Reef and Subi Reef;

12. China's occupation of and construction activities on Mischief Reef

(a) violate the provisions of the Convention concerning artificial islands, installations and structures;

(b) violate China's duties to protect and preserve the marine environment under the Convention; and

(c) constitute unlawful acts of attempted appropriation in violation of the Convention;

13. China has breached its obligations under the Convention by operating its law enforcement vessels in a dangerous manner, causing serious risk of collision to Philippine vessels navigating in the vicinity of Scarborough Shoal;

14. Since the commencement of this arbitration in January 2013, China has unlawfully aggravated and extended the dispute by, among other things:

(a) interfering with the Philippines' rights of navigation in the waters at, and adjacent to, Second Thomas Shoal;

(b) preventing the rotation and resupply of Philippine personnel stationed at Second Thomas Shoal;

(c) endangering the health and well-being of Philippine personnel stationed at Second Thomas Shoal; and

(d) conducting dredging, artificial island-building and construction activities at Mischief Reef, Cuarteron Reef, Fiery Cross Reef, Gaven Reef, Johnson Reef, Hughes Reef and Subi Reef; and

15. China shall respect the rights and freedoms of the Philippines under the Convention, shall comply with its duties under the Convention, including those relevant to the protection and preservation of the marine environment in the South China Sea, and shall exercise its rights and freedoms in the South China Sea with due regard to those of the Philippines under the Convention.

With respect to jurisdiction, the Philippines has asked the Tribunal to declare that the Philippines' claims "are entirely within its jurisdiction and are fully admissible."

China does not accept and is not participating in this arbitration but stated its position that the Tribunal "does not have jurisdiction over this case." In its Position Paper, China advanced the following arguments:

-The essence of the subject-matter of the arbitration is the territorial sovereignty over several maritime features in the South China Sea, which is beyond the scope of the Convention and does not concern the interpretation or application of the Convention;

-China and the Philippines have agreed, through bilateral instruments and the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, to settle their relevant disputes through negotiations. By unilaterally initiating the present arbitration, the Philippines has breached its obligation under international law;

-Even assuming, arguendo, that the subject-matter of the arbitration were concerned with the interpretation or application of the Convention, that subject-matter would constitute an integral part of maritime delimitation between the two countries, thus falling within the scope of the declaration filed by China in 2006 in accordance with the Convention, which excludes, inter alia, disputes concerning maritime delimitation from compulsory arbitration and other compulsory dispute settlement procedures;

Although China has not made equivalent public statements with respect to the merits of the majority of the Philippines' claims, the Tribunal has sought throughout the proceedings to ascertain China's position on the basis of its contemporaneous public statements and diplomatic correspondence.

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