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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

DOTR chief wants cancellation of 200 taxi franchises

BAGUIO CITY - The city government brought to the attention of Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade the city's opposition to the alleged unilateral issuance of some 200 franchises for taxis plying the city to any point of the Cordillera.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong disclosed the transportation official sympathizes with the issues raised by the city government against the grant of the said taxi franchises, particularly the further congestion in traffic in the different parts of the city brought about by a significant increase in the number of motor vehicles.

The city chief executive claimed Secretary Tugade personally called up certain transportation officials and officers of the Land Trans-

portation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for the possible cancellation of the issued franchises and for them to listen to the concerns of the city government on the said matter.

He added Secretary Tugade proposed for the concerned government agencies to strictly implement the rules and regulations governing the implementation of the consolidation and public utility vehicle modernization program where franchise holders not able to comply with the same will face the cancellation of their franchises to help in dealing with the predicament of the city on the prevalence of the tremendous traffic jams around the city daily due to the huge volume of motor vehicles on the streets.



MASS WEDDING - City officials headed by solemnizing officer Mayor Benjamin Magalong, First Lady Arlene Magalong; Principal sponsors Vice Mayor Faustino Olowan and Councilors Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Philian Weygan and Lilia Farinas with event organizer and City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan pose for posterity with 29 newly wed couples during a mass wedding held at PFVR Gymnasium as part of the observance of Family Month last September 24. - *By Bong Cayabyab*

Earlier, the City Council passed Resolution No. 422, series of 2017, favourably endorsed to the LTFRB central office the petition of dozens of taxi operators

in the city allowing the late filing of their already expired franchises.

Subsequently, the

LTFRB approved the issuance of some 200 franchises for taxis on fleet

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Sapay

kuma ta aramiden nga agpaysu ni Sec Tugade dayta pag-cancel ti 200 taxi franchises. Nu mamingsan ket nasau laeng ngamin, ngem di na met aramiden. Keeping my fingers crossed.



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No compromise, exception in RROW clearing

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin Magalong said there will be no compromises and exceptions in the ongoing clearing of road right-of-ways along highways and roads in the city.

The mayor during the Management Committee (Mancom) meeting Sept. 24 admitted being besieged with pleas for reconsideration and exemptions from the ongoing clearing operations, some of which from friends and relations but the chief executive stuck to his position.

“We cannot do otherwise. We just have to do what is fair and what is right for our city and they have to accept that,” the mayor said.

He said that because of the demolitions which also stemmed from the order President Duterte,

he had become the target of the ire of those who were affected but the mayor merely shrugged it off.

“We have to implement it and everyone must follow after all they were all aware that they violated the law and so they cannot do otherwise but obey,” he said.

The city and the Dept. of Public Works and Highways Cordillera (DPWH-CAR) resumed the dismantling of the rest of the 32 structures issued demolition orders by the DPWH last week along Marcos Highway.

There were 267 structures found to have encroached into public domain in said highway and these will have to be cleared eventually subject to the procedures of the DPWH.

The road clearing will

cover 10 meters from the edge of each side of the road instead of six meters plus 1.5 meters for the sidewalk as earlier announced.

The mayor also announced the approval of funds for the widening of Marcos Highway covering the stretch from the Police Sub-station 5 up to Pucay Village and of Naguilian Road from Camp Allen to Cooyeesan building each amounting to P100 million to come from the DPWH.

In the barangays, the RROW clearing will also implemented based on the order of the President with the Dept. of Interior and Local Government guiding the barangay officials on the identification of structures that encroached into the roads./Aileen P. Refuerzo



DEMOLISHED - Illegal business building establishments along Marcos Highway were torn down by the demolition teams from the Department of Works and Public Highways, City Engineers Office and the City Buildings and Architecture in compliance to the national direction to clear road-right-of-ways from encroachments and obstructions. - By Bong Cayabyab

City, DOTR exploring alternative transport programs for Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – The city government and the Dept. of Transportation are exploring alternative transportation programs to ease the traffic problem in the city.

Mayor Benjamin Magalong in the Executive-Legislative meeting Sept. 23 announced that DOTR Secretary Arthur Tugade offered for the city to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department for the pursuit of a cable car system from Pugo in La Union to Baguio.

The mayor who met with the secretary last week said Tugade instructed Undersecretary Mark Richmond De Leon to fast track the deal for the project which Tugade first broached in 2016.

Conceptual designs for the project, the first in the country, will be provided to the city for review prior to the forging of the agreement.

The cable car system was reportedly the subject of a P26 million feasibility study funded by the French government targeted for completion this year.

Apart from Baguio, another target site for the project is the Pasig River.

The mayor said Tugade also expressed willingness

to help the city should it decide to pursue the monorail project.

It will be recalled that a multi-billion monorail project had been proposed between the city and La Trinidad town in Benguet by the Department of Science and Technology-Cordillera.

A pre-feasibility study showed that the 5.2-kilometer line of the Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) from the provincial capital to the Slaughterhouse Compound in Baguio would require P3.8 billion while the 2.1-kilometer AGT line from the Bonifacio rotunda up to the SM City Baguio passing through the central business district area will cost approximately P2.9 billion.

The project was presented to the Regional Development Council (RDC) in 2017.

Magalong said the city will also submit an expression of interest (EOI) as potential pilot project site for Low Carbon Urban Transport Systems in the Philippines Project of the DOTR.

In a letter to the mayor, Undersecretary De Leon said the LCUTS is “one of the projects of the DOTR in partnership with the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which aims to promote sustainable transportation system in the country through the creation of an enabling environment for both motorized and non-motorized low carbon alternatives.”

Local government unit grantees must be willing to join the project through and EOI or a resolution of support from the city council and must have a draft Local Public Transport Rationalization Plan (LPTRP) and an accredited transport cooperative or fleet operator with potential to implement the project of the LGU.

As a grantee of the project, the LGU will be aided in the following: development of guidelines or ordinance on low carbon transport systems with support infrastructures like charging station locations and right-of-way; formulation of Public Utility Vehicle Transport Plan; development of expertise in local universities to provide advisory support to the LGU; and provide encouragement to private sectors to provide support or investment on the project./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Villar okays additional fund for sidewalks

BAGUIO CITY – Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar approved in principle Mayor Benjamin Magalong’s request for additional funding for the city’s sidewalk development project for 2020.

Magalong who met with the secretary last week said Villar agreed to the additional P50 million to augment the P69 million appropriation from the city and the DPWH regional office for the

project that aims to rehabilitate existing sidewalks and construct new ones to provide pedestrians safe and convenient access and mobility along walkways and roads.

The city through the City Engineering Office and the City Administrator’s Office will undertake the project in collaboration with the DPWH Baguio City District Engineering Office.

The mayor said they requested for fund aug-

mentation to ensure the quality of the sidewalk projects.

The CEO under Engr. Edgar Victorio Olpindo started the project this year using the P25 million budget allocated for 2019.

He said they prioritized the project which will cover more than 100 kilometers of sidewalks scheduled for implementation this year and the next.

The program has three prongs: sidewalk repair for existing walkways that are dilapidated; sidewalk recovery for those that are within the road right-of-ways but are encroached upon; and sidewalk construction for areas that have no existing footways.

In some areas, the office undertook partial recovery by designating a walkway with paint and symbols that signify that that strip is off limits to vehicles.

City Administrator Bonifacio Dela Pena said

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Safety of pork in city assured with Benguet's strict safeguards

BAGUIO CITY – There is an assurance that pork and pork products in the city are safe from African swine fever (ASF) infection because of the stringent safeguards being implemented by the Benguet provincial government in the light of the ASF outbreak in some provinces.

In her report during the Management Committee (Mancom) meeting presided by Mayor Benjamin Magalong Sept. 24, City Veterinarian Brigit Piok said the provincial government had imposed a ban on pork, pork products and live swine coming from all ASF affected areas as part of its effort to protect its swine industry from the deadly and highly contagious viral disease that affects pigs.

With the prohibition, all pork, pork products and live swine coming from the seven areas with ASF outbreaks namely Quezon City, Quezon Province, Bulacan, Pasig, Caloocan, Rizal and Marikina have not been allowed entry to the province even if these products were issued veterinary health certificates, meat inspection certificates and shipping permits.

Piok said that the city benefits from Benguet's measure since all meat and meat products intended for the city's markets pass through the quarantine checkpoints set up in various entry points located in the different municipalities like Tuba, Sablan, Mankayan and others.

Piok said the Benguet Veterinary Office had

been advised to furnish the National

Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) national office, the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Food and Drugs Administration with a copy of the provincial order imposing the ban so that they will refrain from issuing clearances for pork deliveries from said banned areas.

The ASF does not affect humans and infects only pigs with high mortality rate of 99 percent, according to Piok.

Its impact is on the economy because with the high mortality rate among pigs, ASF can wipe out the industry and would therefore cause meat prices to spiral and even force the country to resort to pork importation.

"It does not affect us in fact, pork infected with the disease is safe for human consumption however people are carriers of the disease so that when we bring home contaminated meat whether fresh or frozen we can infect live pigs and this can easily spread. That is why Benguet is determined to protect its industry by imposing the implementing the ban," Piok explained. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Chief PNP lauds Cordillera police

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – The Philippine National Police (PNP) praised the Cordillera police for performing well amidst the challenges that the police force continues to face.

"I congratulate the Police Regional Office Cordillera (PROCOR) for their remarkable accomplishments this past year,

within the coming months.

On the other hand, three transport cooperatives with readily available brand new units are now awaiting the decision of the LTFRB central office on the denial of the application of the earlier applicant so that they can submit their respective applications for franchising as they have the appropriate units that are now plying the city as private vehicles while awaiting the decision of the concerned government agencies. /Dexter A. See



The 'pammakan' ritual where native pigs are used as part of the tradition in Itogon, Benguet. (RMC-PIA CAR)

Abra LGUs declare CTGs 'persona-non-grata'

the spread of rebel recruitments espe-

BANGUED, Abra -- All the municipal local government units of the province have declared all Communist-Terrorist Groups (CTGs) as "persona-non-grata" in their areas of localities through their enacted Sangguniang Bayan resolutions.

Through these declarations, the presence of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), the New Peoples' Army (NPA), National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and other left-leaning groups

and I must say that your good work, dedication to duty and your deep commitment to the ideals of service, honor and justice are the best tributes you can render to our forebears who composed our forerunner organizations- the Insular Constabulary, the Philippine Constabulary and the Integrated National Police," said PGen. Oscar Albayalde during the 118th Police Service Anni-

is not wanted and welcome in the territorial jurisdictions of the municipalities.

Governor Maria Jocelyn V. Bernos said this is a manifestation that the mayors are willing to attain sustainable peace across the province. She lauded all the municipal local government units (LGUs) for their initiative on this matter of peace and security.

BGen. Henry Robinson, Assistant Brigade Commander of the 7th Infantry Division, reported this development during the 3rdquarter joint meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council and Provincial Development Council. However, he explained that fighting insurgency does not end in declarations and resolutions alone. Instead, LGUs must also take appropriate actions to prevent or stop

versary at Camp Bado Dangwa here, Friday.

The anniversary celebration theme "Pinahusay na Serbisyo, Alay sa Sambayanang Pilipino."

"I hope that every member of PROCOR and the entire PNP will

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the city and the DPWH have been collaborating on the best design of the sidewalks with the use of Tactile tiles and ramps to aid persons with disabilities. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

ERRATUM

In a Notice of Hearing for Extension of Validity of CPC filed by PETER POOTEN by: BRYANT BUGTONG published in this paper issue of May 11, 2019, the Case No. which is: Case No. 2008-BC-556 as published was incorrect, the Case No. should have been: Case No. 2002-BC-556, and not as inadvertently published.

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management pursuant to the consolidation and PUV modernization program wherein the same must be managed and operated by either a transport cooperative or transport corporation with sufficient number of brand new units.

Earlier, LTFRB officials explained the 200 franchises which had been approved for issuance to a duly registered transport cooperatives or corporations were in lieu of some 190 franchises that expired with 193 taxi units that eventually ceased to exist, thus, the same was not to add up to the existing number of taxi units operating in the city and the nearby town of La Trinidad, Benguet.

Ironically, the transport cooperative that applied for the franchise of the 200 taxi units was outrightly disqualified as it cannot present the brand new units that are compliant to existing standards, but the cooperative appealed to the LTFRB central office where it is now pending investigation and possible resolution →

How the Philippines can repair its culture

By: Herman M. Lagon (www.rappler.com)

This is my take regarding his article "A Damaged Culture: A New Philippines?" published a little more than 3 decades ago in The Atlanta Monthly. Not surprisingly, the finalist for the National Magazine Award in the US has remained a subject of controversy and attention in the Philippines, especially among scholars in the academe, technocrats in the business world, and pundits in the complex world of politics. It is brilliant, therefore, that such is required literature in the University of the Philippines in the study of Philippine culture and society.

Fallows, an investigative journalist, stayed for only 6 weeks in the country, apparently the same period he had sourcing information for his highly divisive article. One of his most controversial comments in his 9-page sociopolitical thesis was when he said that the Philippines paradoxically illustrates that "culture can make a naturally rich country poor."

He also underscored how slow the country progressed (even regressed) compared to its neighboring economies. He cited "distressing" concerns regarding manufacturing, agriculture, services and other industries, "geographic fracture," natural resources, and population explosion as if he were describing the same pressing issues of today. Using Smokey Mountain as a metaphor, Fallows concretely showed how "Philippine poverty seems more degrading" than what was expected.

All these, for Fallows, may have stemmed from one root, which is cultural. "It should be thought of as a failure of nationalism," he said.

EDITORIAL

This, for me, is easily agreeable a point. Culture is key to national progress. Up to this point – and perhaps colonialism, geography, and ethnicity may play a big part in this – Filipinos still cannot agree with what really is a Filipino identity. The still-unanswered essential questions are: Who is a Filipino? What makes a Filipino, Filipino? What is the collective Filipino heritage, culture, and history? Are Filipinos really worth dying for?

Many, until now, wish to live the American Dream and abandon their citizenship for a green card without blinking an eye. We have 15 million OFWs now all over the world, with some having no plans of returning to their homeland. What makes it depressing is that it is not their fault. The reality is that Filipinos, for survival and in pursuit of happiness, are compelled to go abroad, as staying home is a form of socioeconomic and (probably) political suicide.

Furthermore, with a disclaimer that some things have gotten better and that "the economy has stopped shrinking" after the EDSA Revolution and since the Marcos dictatorship, Fallows argued that the "change" that happened is not exactly an authentic "social change" as cried about by the Filipino majority in 1986, but sort of a mere changing of the guard, a proverbial switch of the same dogs with different collars.

The continued rule of the new elite, as Fallows insinuated, in this "post-kleptocratic economy" is simply affirming the Marxist appreciation of social dynamics. It is as if, 30 years hence, the rich are still getting richer and the poor, poorer. It is as if the very few capitalists and imperialists in the guise of business magnates and billionaires still govern the country's major industries (even clinically killing small businessmen, entrepreneurs, and producers in the process). These 20 or so ruling families practically lord over the tens of millions of workers and peasants who continue to sustain life with their meager salary. The social triangle, then and now, is still bleakly upright, and many believe that there seems to be no bright light on the horizon. In many ways, Fallows was precise in painting a picture of what had happened to the Philippines after the Marcos era. Indeed, the average number of middle class Filipinos has increased over the decades, yet the poor and the underprivileged are also increasing exponentially.

I had this feeling that, during the time of President Noynoy Aquino, the country was right on its way to healing. It was sort of an antithesis to Fallows' arguments. We were considered to be the most economically robust in Asia. Industries like BPOs, electronics, communications, transportation, property, and services were carrying a blue chip. The education sector had made a quantum leap in adding two more years to its basic education to be at par with the world. Trust in government institutions was slowly regained.

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KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

Grab driver lives up to righteous views

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe..." (Romans 1:16, the Holy Bible)>

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GRAB DRIVER LIVES UPTO HIS RIGHTEOUS VIEWS: Johannes Organo Comia is one Grab Philippines-Metro Manila driver who lives up to a code of prompt service, untainted honesty, and unadulterated truth.

Last September 24, 2019, he was the Grab driver that responded to my request for a ride going to Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 2 on my way to a Central Visayan city for a court hearing, together with my wife, former Judge Angelina Domingo Mauricio.

He was driving smoothly, enough to send me to a short nap. At the NAIA Terminal 2 Departure Area, I got down, got my luggages, and after paying, went inside the terminal to check in.

It was at that point that I realised that my clutch bag containing my IDs and cards, and, of course, my money for the trip, was not with me, and may have fallen inside the car. I immediately called Johannes through his phone and explained my predicament.

Before I finished, he said "yes", my clutch bag was found by him, and he was just trying to call me to return it. He then volunteered to come back to NAIA T 2. Wow. Was I really glad to receive my bag from him. Thank God in His Name of Jesus, Amen!!!

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"MANY FILIPINO DRIVERS ARE ILL-DISCIPLINED": Lack of discipline among many Filipino drivers as the real reason why Metro Manila is currently experiencing its most harrowing episodes in traffic management was the prime topic of the discussion that I had with Johannes Organo Comita, a Grab Philippines Metro Manila driver who returned to me my clutch bag that I left in his car on September 24, 2019.

According to Johannes, many Filipino drivers have become too ill-mannered and selfish, wanting to always be ahead of all other drivers on the road. No one want to be in line and wait for their turns anymore, so that their cutting lanes every so often contribute heavily to the worsening of the traffic situation, at any given time.

Johannes vehemently claimed that while he himself had worked overseas for quite some time, he never saw the kind of rude and bad mannered, and totally greedy style of, driving he is now seeing among many of his colleagues on the road. This is the reason why, he said, he does not agree when foreigners say Filipinos are a bunch of good people. "Can someone

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now? Well, his unorthodox ways of proceeding seem to be almost bringing us back to the Marcos era. Prices of basic commodities are skyrocketing; corruption in government is more of a norm than a thing to be appalled at; human rights are trampled upon; social institutions are degenerating; the words of the executive are now treated more as garbled rubbish than remarks to be taken seriously from a true statesman; principle-based politicians are a rare (almost extinct) species; Congress has transformed into the despot's rubber stamp; and our international relations with our traditional economic partners are strained. But there are still a few beams of light showing here and there in terms of infrastructure and crime prevention, somehow.

Nonetheless, I believe that the Philippines, with its flaws and limitations as Fallows observed, is still a country with a purpose, a country with a bright future. I have this feeling that as a people, we are slowly getting our "Filipino identity" more defined. We are slowly letting go of our ways that did not work for us in the past. Slow, but sure, I pray.

For one, Filipinos are more empowered now. This is a culture we must celebrate. In 1972, Martial Law was declared, only for Ferdinand Marcos – Guinness World Record holder for being the second most corrupt politician of all time – to be toppled by People Power in 1986. Today, we oust erring public officials (or at least make them aware that people ask for their accountabilities) through the equally aware and critical media as well as religious, non-governmental, and anti-graft institutions. Our weapons – social media and cell phones – are more sophisticated than ever. Everyone has equal say and everyone is somehow heard. For sure, Fallows did not anticipate this would happen. His social analysis was limited only to what had happened and what could happen given the old setting.

Secondly, many from the middle class are now stepping up in the political and socioeconomic sphere. This is good evidence that the wheels of change are turning, albeit slowly. The hope that meritocracy, democracy, and decency prevail over plutocracy, partiality, and kleptocracy in national and local institutions is creeping in the halls of government. Perhaps the product of this is the increase in the delivery of social services not just in education, but also in health care and other advocacies. Much remains to be done, however, especially if the government is still being led by an executive with a masochistic and ludicrous penchant for promising things he cannot fulfill.

Thirdly, the country's educational system, no matter how challenging, is in the right direction. The K to 12 reform is on its way to full rollout. More scholarships are offered to poor yet deserving students by the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and Department of Science and Technology, to name a few. Since culture is best molded through acculturation, enculturation, and socialization in schools, this kind of development will truly have a great impact on national development in the process.

Fourthly, government institutions are more stable right now than during the presidency of Cory Aquino. Despite all the imperfections of the present administration, the offices are more

respected and self-sustaining. During Marcos' time, everything depended on the dictator. During Cory, the institutions were still in their infancy-transition state, hence the coups and major political squabbles. Stable government institutions beget a more productive economic and social atmosphere.

A country, to move forward, must need people – not just leaders – with a strong culture, a strong sense of nationalism. This, for Fallows, is essential.

I respectfully offer a counterproposal.

I agree that for a country to advance, its people must have a strong culture. But it need not necessarily be a culture with a strong sense of nationalism. I believe that what is needed is a culture with a strong sense of humanism that focuses more on the value of human beings, individually and collectively. Love of country is still of value. But this may mislead Filipinos into not loving other countries or preferring one country over another. This can even lead to a divisive or confused society. A country with a humanistic culture – like that of many first world countries – is a country that puts a premium on human dignity, objectivity, meritocracy, and reason.

The world is getting smaller and borderless. The peoples of different countries are now redefining themselves in terms of cultural sensitivity and diversity. It seems that nationalism is becoming an old slogan effective only for the old world. It had its purpose in the past and we truly appreciate that. But modern Filipinos, with all the new things and developments they experience, may find nationalism so abstract that it is difficult to embrace.

I propose that the Filipino people transcend from having a "damaged culture" to having a more "humanistic culture" that is relevant in today's world. If we have this change of framework, then we can have a new pair of eyes looking at the dynamics of boundary-less labor exchange, business transactions, research and technology, education, and the like. We will start opening our horizons to new possibilities instead of just getting stuck with domestic practices that are proven to be regressive and outdated. This does not mean letting go of one's lineage or identity. On the contrary, this means celebrating human brotherhood amid diversity.

James Fallows may have been precise in describing the state of the Philippines and its people then, over 3 decades ago. But I believe that he was remiss in generalizing that the antidote for such is nationalism. He was also marginally inaccurate in predicting what would happen to the Philippines after Cory. His cultural prescription, however, has made me want to diagnose the world in another perspective that may be applicable to the modern world, to the modern Philippines, and to the modern Filipinos. In fact, it has made me wonder and ask:

Why define Filipino identity in the language of nationalism, if we can redefine it in the dialectics of internationalism?

Why not aim for development as a nation for the world?

Why not act locally, but think globally?

Why not see things – economics, education, politics, society, ethics, and whatnot – in the universal eyes of love, service, and excellence?

Hence, for me, a Philippines with a life-giving humanistic-internationalist

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DISPATCH FROM CRAME

On the appointment of the new BuCor
and on the new IRR promulgated by DOJ
and DILG

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

Gerald Bantag is just another Duterte appointee valued more for his willingness to resort to violence and murder than his competence.

If it can be remembered, Bantag was the warden of Parañaque City Jail when some of the detention prisoners were killed during a supposed meeting with him. He is currently charged for homicide of those detainees. It is not a coincidence that such deaths occurred during the first wave of killings in Duterte's drug war. One of the inmates' widows claims that it was part of the plot to kill inmates with drug-related cases.

If he was willing to commit murder then, he would be even more willing now. Especially since it is Duterte who controls his destiny. Duterte can make his cases go away in exchange for his unquestioning loyalty.

BuCor needs someone capable of instituting sweeping reforms. Someone uncompromising and incorruptible, with a deep understanding of the complex realities and needs of the correctional system. Someone who can work, above-board and firmly, both with BuCor officials and employees, on one hand, and the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), on the other.

Ang kailangan ng BuCor ay totoong lider na kayang labanan ang korapsyon na sumira sa kanila, hindi isang mamamatay tao na walang ibang alam na pamamaraan kundi dahas.

With him at the helm, we can expect more senseless killings and zero progress towards prison reforms. Sen. Bong Go wanted a killer at the BuCor helm, and his boss made it happen.

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I hope in my heart that the new Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) promulgated last Sept. 16 by the DOJ and the DILG is meant to be a temporary solution to prevent irreversible damage caused by the "GCTA-for-sale" fiasco that hounded this administration.

It can be seen from the new IRR that the intent for implementation is to prevent the grant of time allowance to PDLs charged of heinous crimes, which renders said IRR as ultra vires. It is very unfortunate that corruption and abuse of the law has deprived truly reformed PDLs of the opportunity to earn time allowances based on good conduct. Yet again, corrupt officials have prejudiced the rights of the powerless.

The law granting Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) is part of the reformatory aspect of the criminal justice system. It provides hope to our countrymen who, for some reason or circumstances borne by the sinfulness of the mortal nature, have been in conflict of the law. It gives them the opportunity to change their ways, brushing aside any issue of innocence on the part of certain PDLs who may have been falsely charged or convicted. Hope and change is not confined to those imprisoned for lesser crimes. It should be made available to everyone.

The grant of time allowances to PDLs charged with heinous crimes, within the standards and processes laid down by the law and the IRR, does not operate to commit injustice against their victims. The real injustice is the undue and improper grant of time allowance to those who do not deserve them and the failure of our system to hold the corrupt officials involved responsible. I submit that we give the PDLs the opportunity to recognize and atone for their sins, confront their victims and ask for forgiveness.

In Isaiah 1:18, it reads, "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Punish the corrupt, but keep the compassion. Let those who are truly deserving receive the opportunities provided by law.

Republic of the
100Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad,
Benguet

FOR: EXTRAJU-
DICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE OF
REAL MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (Pag-IBIG
Fund),

-Petitioner

-versus-

BAGUIO LA
TRINIDAD ITOGON
SABLAN TUBA
GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES
COOPERA-
TIVE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION,
INCORPORATED
(BLIST-GECHA,
INC.) (HARRIET T.
SANTOS, awardee
of BLIST-GECHA,
INC.)

-Respondent

CASE NO.
19-EJF-2152

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NOTICE OF
SHERIFF'S PUBLIC
AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial
petition for sale under
Act No. 3135 filed by Peti-
tioner, HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND), a gov-
ernment financial insti-
tution duly organized
and existing under and
by virtue of Republic Act
No. 9679 with principal
office at Petron Megapla-
za Building, 358 Sen. Gil
Puyat Avenue, Makati City,
Philippines, against herein
respondent, MARIO L.
REFUGIA, an awardee of
BAGUIO LA TRINIDAD
ITO GON SABLAN
TUBA GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES COOP-
ERATIVE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION, INCOR-
PORATED (BLIST-GE-
CHA, INC.), a non-stock,

non-profit, organization
duly registered with and
existing under and by
virtue of the laws of the
Republic of the Philip-
pines, represented by its
current President Paquito
T. Moreno Jr. of legal age,
Filipino, and with postal
address at BLIST-GE-
CHA Subdivision, Brgy.
Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet,
to satisfy the: Home
Financing Program of
BLIST-GECHA under
the Group Land Acqui-
sition and Development
Program (GLAD) in the
amount of TWENTY
TWO MILLION THREE
HUNDRED FIFTY
FOUR THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY
SIX PESOS and 62/100
(P22,354,556.62); and the
Home Financing Loan of
HARRIET T. SANTOS
which as of August 15,
2019, amounts to NINE
HUNDRED EIGHT
THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED NINETY
EIGHT PESOS AND
89/100 (P908,998.14),
Philippine currency,
inclusive of interest and
penalty charges, but
excluding attorney's fee
and other expenses relative
to this foreclosure sale, the
undersigned or his duly
authorized deputy will
sell at public auction on
OCTOBER 22, 2019, AT
11:00 IN THE MORNING,
at the main entrance of the
BULWAGAN NG KATA-
RUNGAN, Justice Hill, La
Trinidad, Benguet to the
highest bidder, for cash
or manager's check and
in Philippine currency,
the real property, together
with all existing improve-
ments thereon, with the
following description, to
wit:

TRANSFER CERTI-
FICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-65906

(A transfer from TCT
Nos. 35648-35688)

A parcel of land (Lot
32, Block 7, of the cons-
subd. plan, PCS-CAR-
001180, being a portion
of the cons. of Lots 3-A to
3-00 (LRC) PSD-138453),
rurban code 131113,
situated in the Barangay
of Tadiangan, Municipi-
pality of Tuba, Province
of Benguet, Island of
Luzon. Bounded on the
NW., along line 1-2 by
Malasmas Sumakey; on
the NE., along line 2-3
by Lot 31, Block 7; on
the SE., along line 3-4 by
Road Lot 7, both of the
cons.-subd. plan; along
line 4-1 by Lot 2 (LRC)
Psd-124190. Beginning at
a point marked "1" on the
plan being N. 73 deg. 46'
W., 3004.28 m. from trian-
gulation Sta. "Limestone"
Baguio TS: thence:

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

FOR: Extra-judicial
Foreclosure of Real
Estate Mortgage
Under Act 3135
Amended

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (otherwise
known as Pag-ibig
Fund)

-Mortgagee,

-versus-

BLIST-GECHA, INC.
(awardee Matias B.
Sagorsor)

-Mortgagors.

N. 26 deg. 56'
E., 9.60 m to point 2;
S. 63 deg. 05'
E., 10.00 m to
point 3;
S. 26 deg. 56'
W., 10.48 m to
point 4;
N. 58 deg. 03'
W., 10.04 m to
point of beginning.

Containing an area of
ONE HUNDRED (100)
square meters.

All SEALED bids
must be submitted to
the undersigned on the
above-stated time and
date. Prospective buyers/
bidders may investigate
the above-described real
properties regarding the
encumbrances thereof, if
any.

In the event the public
auction should not take
place on the said date, it
shall be held on November
19, 2019 at the same time
and place without further
notice.

Done this September
19, 2019, at La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET
(SGD)WHINSTON P.
DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 2019

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 19-EJF-
2151

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-petition for
extra-judicial foreclosure
of mortgage under Act
No. 3135, as amended,
file by Home Develop-
ment Mutual Fund, for
the satisfaction of the loan
obligation of BLIST-GE-
CHA, INC. (awardee
Matias B. Sagorsor),
that as per demand
letters, the mortgagor is
indebted to the mortgagee
amounting to SEVEN
HUNDRED EIGHTY
THREE THOUSAND SIX
HUNDRED EIGHTEEN
PESOS AND TWENTY
THREE CENTAVOS
(Php783,618.73) Phil-
ippine Currency, as of
August 15, 2019. The
undersigned will sell at
public auction on October
22, 2019 at 10:30 o'clock in
the morning at the main
entrance of Bulwagan ng
Katarungan building,
Justice Hill, La Trinidad,
Benguet to the highest
bidder, the parcel of land
together with the improve-
ments existing thereon, to
wit:

TRANSFER CERTI-
FICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-65921

"A parcel of land (Lot
47, Block 4, of the consol-
idated subdivision plan,
Pcs-CAR-001180, con-
taining An area of 101
square meters, located
at Barangay Tadiangan,
Municipality of Tuba,
Province of Benguet."

Prospective bidders/
buyers may investigate
the above-described real
property regarding the
encumbrances thereof,
if any.

All sealed bids must be
submitted to the under-
signed on or before the
above-stated time and
date.

In the event the public
auction should not take
place on the said date, it
shall be held on November
12, 2019 same time,
without further notice and
publication.

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 19th day
of September 2019.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL
SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

BY: (SGD) DANIEL D.

Kakampi mo ang batas who is good be lacking in
from page 4 self-discipline?" he asks.

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WHY HAVE DRIVERS BECOME ILL-DISCIPLINED?
What could have caused this malady, I asked Johannes Organo
Comia, a driver for Metro Manila of Grab Philippines. Well, I
wasn't surprised when he was unable to give any answer. I told
him there is one reason for this: it is the devil which is now in
control of a great number of Filipinos today, because they no
longer have any training and instruction on the Word of God,
disabling them from obeying His commands. Johannes could
only manage to smile at what I said.

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REACTIONS? Call 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933
8251308, or my Messenger account in Facebook, Melanio Lazo
Mauricio Jr. Or you could email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.
com, mmauriciojr111@gmail.com, or send your comments or
queries at www.facebook.com/attybatas.

Chief PNP lauds...

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continue to bring honor to
our police organization the
same way our forebears did

in their time", he said.

Albayaalde mentioned the late Major Bado Dangwa, a brave Benguet
warrior in whose memory the Camp was named.

Amidst the endless challenges that the police service continues to
face, Albayaalde is happy that PROCOR has been marching gallantly
forward in serving and protecting the region and the country as a whole.

"I ask for your best effort in pursuing the PNP mission and in keeping
the ranks clean and respectable at all times/ This is what our coun-
trymen deserve and this is what we will give them," Albayaalde said.

The police chief said that no less than President Duterte commended
the entire PNP for the good work in their strong campaign and opera-
tions against criminality, illegal drugs, illegal gambling and other forms
of terrorism as well as the efforts of internal cleansing.

Recently, the PNP acquired some P784 million worth of new police
cars and equipment to enhance the basic operational requirements
its personnel, especially in the city and municipal police stations, the
regional public safety battalions, provincial public safety companies
and national support units.

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

EMILIO GUMPIC
Applicant
CASE No. 2005-BENG CAR-1000
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Sept. 17, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION
of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the
transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BUYAGAN,
LA TRINIDAD and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on October 7,
2019 at 9:00 AM 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
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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 Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTA, OIC-Regional Director,
this 23rd day of September 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**
Hearing Officer

PROCOR is
the most dis-
ciplined law
enforcers based
on a recent
assessment
conducted by
the National
Police Com-
mission on
the profes-
sionalism of
the country's
police force.
(JDP/JBZ-PIA
CAR)

Editorial

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culture – free
from the
poison of
narrow-mindedness, corruption, parochial mentality, oligarchy,
violence, bigotry, prejudice, and greed – will surely turn the
social triangle upside down and make this naturally rich country
rich again.

This, I pray, we will able to do as a nation with a "repaired
culture" in the near future. – Rappler.com

Herman M. Lagon, 44, is the principal of a private school

CELINO
SHERIFF IV

Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 & 12,
2019

in Iloilo. He is a licensed civil engineer,
physical science teacher, and guidance
counselor who believes that YouTube,
if utilized wisely, can be one of the most
empowering tools of the modern world.

Philpost lets go of...

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earlier committed to fix the post office after the mayor called out its unsightly and unsanitary condition.

The post office which stands on one of the prime properties of the Philpost has been leasing out spaces to generate income for its maintenance and operations.

/Aileen P. Refuerzo

Public urged to avail...

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Jamora advised adults could also avail of the anti-polio vaccination but those who are qualified to do so are those who are considered to be high-risk individuals like those working in laboratories handling specimens of feces contaminated with the polio virus among others.

Polio is a contagious viral illness that in its most severe form causes nerve injury leading to paralysis, difficulty breathing and sometimes death.

In 2000, the Philippines was declared polio free but after 19 years, the dreaded viral infection resurfaced and was detected from a 3-year old girl in Lanao and a 5-year old boy in Calamba, Laguna.

The BGHMC physician said the health department is conducting massive information and education campaign to convince people who have children aged 5 years old and below to allow their to be provided with the required anti-polio vaccination to ensure that they will be able to combat the viral infection once it attacks the bodies of the youngsters.

She added there are available polio vaccines in the different health centers around the country thus there is no reason for people not to avail of the vaccination.

Health personnel regionwide are closely monitoring the possible emergence of polio in the different places

Public consultations on modernized satellite markets, set

BAGUIO CITY -- The city council through the office of councilor Philian Weygan-Allan has conducted two separate public consultations Tuesday on the possible passage of a proposed ordinance for modernized satellite markets in the Summer Capital also known as the "Barangay Satellite Public Market Ordinance for 2019".

Allan chairs the august body's committee on market, trade, commerce and agriculture.

Tuesday's consultations were held at Irisan barangay covered court from 8:30 am to 11 am and Asin Road barangay covered court from 1:30 pm to 4 pm.

More public consulta-

tions on the measure are scheduled on October 1 at Lualhati barangay covered court from 8:30 am to 11 am and Aurora Hill barangay covered court from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Also, on October 8 at Dontogan barangay covered court from 9 am to 11 am.

Allan is inviting all those interested to participate in the public consultations so they can give their comments, suggestions and other inputs that can be incorporated in the crafting of the proposed ordinance.

A draft copy of the measure states that the city council shall establish barangay public markets and authorize their operation. These shall be considered as satellite markets whose main purpose is to decongest the city public market.

It also identifies at

least five locations in the city where these satellite markets are to be established, and more.

Re: Local meat vendors sets "feeding program" to prove their products safe from ASF

BAGUIO CITY – The public is invited to a "feeding program" conducted by meat vendors of the Baguio City public market on October 5 starting 10 am in front of the Meat Section, New Carindaria Building to prove that all products being sold at the market's meat section are safe from African Swine Flu (ASF) and can be consumed.

In a letter to the public information division of the City Mayor's office under Mayor Benjamin Magalong, Nancy Alabanza and Ruperto Alvar, presidents of the Baguio City Market Authority and Baguio Meat Vendors Association, respectively, said that hog raisers, dealers

and meat vendors will be cooking and providing food for the public during the activity.

They claimed that although the Department of Health (DOH) has declared that ASF has affected hogs in several places in the country citing a report from the Department of Agriculture, the disease poses no risk to humans.

Alabanza and Alvar also pointed out that according to the World Health Organization for Animal Health, ASF is a severe and highly contagious viral disease only among domestic and wild pigs.

"Since the DOH said that ASF can spread easily, hog raisers are mandated to monitor the animals daily for any signs of illness and reiterated to the public that ASF is not a threat to human health," their letter stated.

For more information on the activity, the public can contact Nancy Alabanza at CP Nos.: 0920-9137838 or 0917-5238532./Gaby Keith

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

MARYLITH PAGADUAN

Applicant

CASE No. 2006-CAR-536

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Sept. 18, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY WITH DROPPING AND SUBSTITUTION of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 23rd day of September 2019, Baguio City. **ATTY. LAIRD DIONEL N. URBANOZO**

Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

MARYLITH PAGADUAN

Applicant

CASE No. 2004-BAGCAR-857

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Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

GALI C. BUGNAY

Applicant

CASE No. 2003-CAR-737

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Sept. 23, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BC - EPZA VIA KENNOD RD. and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RAMON & URSULA CLAVERIA

Applicant

CASE No. 89-01-1236

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on Sept. 17, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - DREAMLAND ,PINGET and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

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

MAE DOREEN ILAGAN

Applicant

CASE No. 2005-BENGCAR-1079

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Hearing Officer

Magalong firm on turning Convention Center wooded area into "tree park"

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin Magalong adamantly reasserted the city government's position of turning the wooded area in the middle of the Baguio Convention Center, University of the Philippines Baguio, a huge shopping mall and the Supreme Court compound into a "tree park".

Magalong made the assertion during the regular executive-legislative meeting Monday at City Hall after flag-raising rites as he stressed that the tree park is part and parcel of the city government's 15-point core agenda and comprehensive plan of revitalizing and protecting the Summer Capital's environment.

He also tasked the city environment parks and

management office (CEPMO) under offi-

cer-in-charge Moises Lozano to establish nurseries and grow thousands of tree saplings that will reported by donated by a private establishment.

The Mayor said that the one-hectare "mini-forest" area has hundreds of pines tree and more than a dozen agoho trees planted by students in the 1970s before it became part of the Baguio Convention Center compound during martial law.

It was in 1978 when the national government under then Pres. Marcos constructed the Baguio Convention Center as venue for the Chess World Championships between Russian grandmasters Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi.

The Center and its

compound has been under the administra-

tion of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) until the city government under former Mayor Mauricio Domogan acquired the property in 2012.

The 10-million tree park conceptual plan prepared by the City Buildings and Architects Office (CBAO) under Engr. Nazita Banez features walkways, outdoor auditorium, seating areas, gardens, bike lanes and other amenities.

Magalong said its implementation will be a collaboration between CBAO and GSIS whose board recently agreed to study the proposed plan, give their inputs and possibly share in the plan's budget requirements.

Gaby Keith

Public urged to avail of polio vaccination in health centers

BAGUIO CITY – Health authorities urged the public, especially the parents of those aged 5 and below, to allow their children to get the required oral polio vaccine and injectable polio vaccine readily available in the different health facilities region-wide to prevent them from contracting the life-threatening disease.

Dr. Mary Crist Jamora, medical officer of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center's Department of Paedi-

atrics, said that polio is deadly but preventable once children and adults are provided with the required oral polio vaccination and injectable polio vaccination.

She claimed the last reported case of wild polio in the region was way back in 1993 and the present resurgence of the viral infection is traced to poor sanitation and the existence of open sewerage systems that directly discharged to bodies of water.

The medical officer

disclosed children aged 6, 10 and 14 months should be provided with 3 doses of oral polio vaccination and a simultaneous injectable polio vaccination on the 14th month and that the same must be followed by another dose of injectable polio vaccine between 12 to 15 months while the last dosage of injectable polio vaccine should be given between 4 to 6 years old.

However, she revealed the vaccines during the early age of the children

availing of the vaccination are available for free in the different health centers while the injectable vaccines that will be provided between 12 to 15 months and 4 to 6 years old could be availed in the private clinics of medical practitioners.

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MELTING POT OF CULTURES | In line with Baguio's 110th Charter Anniversary celebration, the cultural village at Malcolm Square was launched to showcase the different cultures of the citizens of Baguio featuring local exhibits and performances. The exhibit is open from 27-29 September 2019. For inquiries contact the Tourism Office at 446-2009.

Philpost lets go of unsightly stalls, plans to rehabilitate building

BAGUIO CITY – The Philippine Postal Corporation will let go of four of its ten concessionaires occupying the Baguio Post Office in an effort to spruce up the facility preparatory to rehabilitating the dilapidated building.

Postmaster General and Philippine Postal Corporation Chief Executive

facility.

The two officials said the four businesses were given 30 days to vacate their spaces and they agreed with the request that they be given priority should the rehabilitated facility open business slots after the rehabilitation.

The mayor expressed no objection to the plan to modernize the building

its income generation potential and at the same time maintain its historical value.

The two officials said some companies have expressed interest to partner with the Philpost in developing the facility into an economic enterprise.

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Officer Joel Otarra sent Northeast Luzon Area Director Lorie Ann Atal and Department Manager Mermalea Abalos to meet with Mayor Benjamin Magalong last Sept. 23 and announced plans to remove four stalls abutting the road in front of the Baguio Cathedral as part of their compliance to the mayor's request to clean up the

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