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Baguio’s finance committee told to rectify financial records

BAGUIO CITY - The Local Finance Committee and other department heads in the city government of Baguio were directed to review the city’s financial statement ending December 31, 2018 after state auditors issued a qualified observation on five transactions.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued Memorandum No. 156, series of 2019, after receiving the Commission on Audit’s report on May 24, 2019 expressing its qualified opinion on “the fairness of presentation of the financial statements of the city due to uncertainty in the validity and accuracy of the balance of the Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) account amounting to P1,868,705,928.71 due to a net discrepancy of P152,277,389.29 between the accounting and property records.”

Domogan directed city officials to immediately review and conduct measures to rectify the audit observations as pointed by COA within 60 days upon receipt of his order.

The audit commission was uncertain on the unaccounted balance of the PPE marked as “for reconciliation” amounting to P181.619 million in the financial statements of the city government.

It was also observed that a property was recorded in the General Ledger but not in the Report of Count of Property, Plant and Equipment (RCPPE) amounting to P181.158 million.

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Likewise, COA noted an unrecord-



PREPARING FOR ANY EVENTUALITY - Members of the Baguio City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) led by LDRRMC Officer III, Engr. Yolanda Munar and LDRRMC Officer II and Incident Management Team-Cordillera, president Louie Glenn Lardizabal conducts inspection of tools and equipment to save lives and properties in preparation for any emergency specially this coming rainy season. /Bong Cayabyab



Ayna, dakayo met dita City Hall. Aramidén yu a nga usto ti trabaho yu ta kaasi met piman ni Apo Domogan nga isu payen ti maibaga da nga negligent ken corrupt. Urnusen yo ti record keeping yo!

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Burnham Park bike concessionaires told

to remove cooking, sleeping quarters

BAGUIO CITY - The city government of Baguio issued a stern warning to the bike concessionaires at Burnham Park after receiving a report that some of the sheds have been turned into sleeping quarters with cooking activities.

The City Environment and Parks Management Office monitored majority of the 17 adult bike concessionaires at Burnham Park have put up temporary wall coverings on their sheds using galvanized iron, tarpaulin and other materials to hide their sleeping nooks and electrical cooking appliances.

The Environment Code of Baguio prohibits "unauthorized sleeping or camping at night or otherwise taking up

residence" to any safeguarded landscapes including Burnham Park.

Ruben Cervantes, head of CEPMO said putting up of sleeping facilities, kitchen and wash area within the sheds of bike concessionaires is in violation of the contract of lease with the city government.

"Since the stalls are covered, the workers are free to install television set and have karaoke or sing-along, have their drinking spree inside the sheds, smoke inside the sheds which is a clear circumvention of the Comprehensive Anti-Smoking ordinance, gambling and other non-conforming activities," Cervantes stated in his

report. He furthered that a look at the site from the Children's Park area presents a shanty-like picture of the city's prime park.

In response to the report, Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued Memorandum no. 163 series of 2019 directing no other than CEPMO to cause the voluntary demolition of the temporary walls from the sheds of the bike concessionaires immediately.

Domogan also ordered the revocation of the concessionaires' special business permit if they refuse to remove their covering materials. **Jessa Mardy Polonio-Samidán**



SK ACHIEVERS – City Hall led by outgoing city mayor Mauricio Domogan and Councilors Benny Bomogao, Lilia Farinas and SKF Baguio President Levy Lloyd Orcales fetes Sangguniang Kabataan officials adjudged as outstanding SK performers as per Resolution 142 series of 2019 authored by Orcales. The outstanding SK chairpersons were Carla Joy M. Cacho of Irisan Barangay, most outstanding; Van Paulo C. Sanchez of Brookspoint, Jeric M. Sinner (Gibraltar Barangay); Daniel M. Seguin (City Camp Proper); and Mark Anthony Y. Alvar (Lower Lourdes Subd.) The most exemplary SK Kagawad was Thom Bryan Buclay of Kias, District 12 (Kias, Loakan-Apugan, Loakan Proper, Loakan Liwanag, Fort Del Pilar, Atok Trail) was the most exemplary SK district; Aloisius Nyk Aldea of District 5, most exemplary district coordinator. – **Aileen P. Refuerzo**

10,611 kids of poor families

drop out of school

BAGUIO CITY – The Education and social welfare departments recorded some 10,611 children of beneficiaries of the government's Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) reportedly dropped out from school during the previous school year which is considered to be a violation of the conditions of the enrolment of their families in the said poverty alleviation initiative.

Fatima Florenda, regional program coordinator of the 4Ps under the Cordillera office of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-CAR), said that it is the primary objective of the agencies involved to ensure that the said children of the 4Ps beneficiaries who previously dropped out from school for

various reasons will go back to school as part of the compliance of their families to the conditions of the program.

She claimed that among the identified reasons for the children abandoning their classes include peer pressure, child work to help their parents earn income to uplift the living condition of their families and the desire of their parents to be part of the members of the family who will earn for them.

"Part of the conditions of the families being enrolled under the program is that to ensure that their school aged children will be in school attending classes for them to be able to acquire a higher level education that they could use in helping improve the living condition of their families in the future," Florendo stressed.

Among the provinces in the Cordillera Abra recorded the highest number in student dropouts with 2,314 followed by Ifugao with 2,297, Benguet with 2,117, Kalinga – 1,583, Apayao – 1,437, Mountain Province – 831 and Baguio city with 736.

According to her, appropriate coordinations are now being done with the parents of the student dropouts through their family development sessions to inform them of the need to keep their children in school as part of their compliance to the conditions of their being enrolled in the poverty alleviation program so that they will not be suspended or eventually delisted from the list of beneficiaries receiving the financial assistance from the concerned government agencies.

The DSWD-CAR regional program coordinator claimed that the agency is not yet replacing the ones that were delisted in the list of beneficiaries because there is no replacement policy that has been handed down by higher authorities that is why the list as of the latest survey in 2012 will serve as the basis of the existing beneficiaries of the government's poverty reduction program.

She added that the next schedule of the poverty survey that will be done in the country will be by 2020 that is why people who are waiting to be included in the list of poor families will have to wait up to

900 cases filed with city

prosecutor's office

of the provisions of Republic Act

BAGUIO CITY – The City Prosecutor's Office disclosed that more than nine hundred criminal cases were either filed through regular filing or inquest proceedings with the said office for the first four months of this year.

City Prosecutor Elmer Manuel Sagsago said that 745 cases were filed through regular filing while 155 cases were filed through inquest proceedings during the said period of the current year.

Of the 745 cases that were filed through regular filing, Sagsago claimed that 505 cases were filed in the different courts supported by the necessary information while 36 cases still pending resolution with the assigned prosecutors.

Among the cases that were coursed through regular filing with the city prosecutor's office include estafa – 270 cases, violation of Batas Pambansa Bilang 22 or the Anti-Bouncing Check Law – 123 cases, violation

(RA) 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children – 26 cases, violation of child protection laws – 17 cases, rape – 16 cases, theft – 14 cases, illegal recruitment and robbery – 7 cases each, carnapping – 6 cases, cyber-crime and tax violations – 5 cases each, illegal possession of dangerous drugs, murder, illegal logging and illegal possession of firearms, ammunitions and explosives – 2 cases each and homicide and kidnapping with 1 case

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5-year master plan for city's drainage system underway

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is preparing the short-term comprehensive master development plan of the city in preparation to its growing population and the need for more drainages that will the excess volume of water being discharged in the city's roads and waterways.

Florenda explained that the number of children attending school significantly increased during the implementation of the government's 4Ps program considering that one of the conditions to enjoy the benefits of the program is to ensure their children will be attending school until they graduate from the basic education program. **Dexter A. See**

City Engineer Edgar Victorio Olpindo said that the 5-year comprehensive master development plan of the city's drainage system the basis for policy- and decision-making

to provide the required funds for the implementation of the programmed projects that will improve the existing city drainage system to prevent the perennial flooding in the different parts of the city.

Earlier, the local legislative body directed the City Engineering Office to prepare a short-term comprehensive master development plan of the city's drainage system to help in efforts to lessen the

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Renovated Baguio City Hall park to reflect UNESCO creative status



BAGUIO CITY -- The park that will define the city's new moniker as a creative center for crafts and folk arts may finally be unveiled on May 31, four months after its supposed completion.

The 655-square meter City Hall park has been closed for almost 10 months for renovation to further beautify the heart of Baguio, that will

be a reflection of the city's status as a "Creative City", as conferred by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

It will house works of well-known stone sculptor Gilbert "Gano" Alberto, whose 17 stone statues will apparently guard the Baguio City Hall once the upgrade is completed.

Alberto, an Ifugao-born sculptor in Baguio, is an internationally-awarded artist. Among his recent awards were the two major prizes at the 2013 Symposium International de Sculpture in Switzerland where he got the "Prix du Public 2013-Bois" with his "Swiss Wind" piece that was chosen from among the works of sculptors from Europe, the United States, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East and the "Prix

des Artistes 2013".

In 2011, Alberto also won two awards in the same competition, using stone as his medium of work.

Alberto is a self-taught artist and believes in the spiritual world as a means to effect social change. He prefers to use environment-friendly materials, such as driftwood, for his sculptures

Gano will have 17 figures measuring 4 to 6.5 feet that will adorn the 655 square meter park which will complement the adjacent Burnham Park that serves as a view from the City Hall ground.

His works are local figures in local garb that are placed beside the park's walkways. Riprap walls have started to sprout which will later be adorned with flowers, like roses.

Once completed, the park will also have an amphitheater, with the steps that serve as seats adorned with native groove patterns. The city was earlier listed as Creative City for crafts and folk arts by UNESCO.

Circular benches will also be placed around standing trees that can be used by park goers mostly city hall visitors, students, as well as the parents waiting for their children's dismissal.

"Though the budget is low, I took it so that my works will be immortalized right at the heart of the city," Gano said.

Lawyer Leticia Clemente, city budget officer and chair of the bids and awards committee, added that they were assured by the contractor "that it will be finished by the end of the month"/

Pigeon Lobien (PNA)

Baguio's finance committee...

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ed property amounting to P170.744 million was included in the report on RCPPE physical count and that there was inconsistent acquisition cost of various property between the accounting and property records amounting to P39.805 million.

Atty. Eden Rafanan, regional director of COA recommended that City Accounting Office and the General Services Offices should reconcile their records to ensure the correctness and reliability of the PPE account balance.

Another COA observation was the city's Local Road Network Inventory account in 2015 which was targeted to be 75 percent complete in 2018 was not met because the Local Road Inventory Report and the corresponding Road Map were not prepared.

"We have recommended that the City general Services Officer and the City Engineer coordinate and facilitate the immediate preparation of the City's Local Road Inventory Report and the corresponding Road Map in accordance with the costing and timelines provided under COA Circular 2015-008 and to submit the same to the City Accountant for proper recording," the COA-CAR stated.

Along with the road network component, COA recommends the provision for a depreciation and impairment losses of the city's assets for proper valuation and recording which will avoid misstatement of pertinent expense and asset accounts.

COA-CAR have also computed a total of P667.877 million appropriated in the Local Development Fund that were unutilized, "out of which 45.50% or P303,161,250 pertained to calendar years 2004 to 2017 for the implementation of 172 projects and 54.47% or P362,716,528 was appropriated in calendar year 2018 to fund 123 projects."

There were also 27 activities included in the 2018 Local

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund Investment Plan with a total budgeted amount of P11.116 million were not implemented due to delays in the bidding process and on the procurement activities.

The audit commission recommends that the concerned office shall coordinate with Bids and Awards Committee to address specific issues that causes the delay in the bidding process for infrastructure projects as well indicate the complete specifications in the purchase requests to facilitate timely procurement of disaster response and rescue equipment.

A final and executory audit disallowances and audit charges amounting to P2,034,842.32 and P3,479,925.31, respectively, for a total of P5,514,767.63 remained unsettled by the city government according to COA.

The agency also observed that of the 72 audit recommendations embodied in the previous years' audit reports, 28 were fully →



READY FOR 1ST SCHOOL DAY. Education stakeholders pose with thumbs-up sign to declare readiness of the Cordillera Administrative Region to welcome students on June 3, first day of school. Representatives of various government agencies gathered for a press conference on Thursday (May 30, 2019) in Baguio City and assured a smooth opening of classes. (Photo courtesy of Redjie Melvic Cawis/PIA-CAR)

Cordillera public schools all set for 370K students

BAGUIO CITY -- It is all systems go as 370,532 public school students from kindergarten to senior high school will be welcomed by teachers in various schools in this mountain region on June 3, the Department of Education (DepEd) said Friday.

"Despite the rising number of our learners this coming school year, we are ready here in the Cordillera to accept and welcome our learners," Georaloy Palao-ay, public affairs officer of DepEd-Cordillera, said.

The DepEd projected 460,611 students in public and private schools in the Cordillera -- 370,000 from Kinder to Grade 12 in public schools, and about 90,079 in private schools.

However, private schools

are not expected to start their classes on June 3, as most, if not all private schools in the region, have just ended their school year.

DepEd records show that of the 370,000 students, about 104,101 are studying in Baguio City, with 61,537 expected to enter the 67 public schools here.

However, the Baguio District of DepEd has reported that as of 5 p.m. on May 29, only 34,399 students have so far enrolled.

Dr. Federico Martin said they are still waiting for the actual numbers when classes start, especially considering that those who graduated from Kinder and Grade 6 and those who finished Grade 10 have still to decide whether to attend public schools or stay in private institutions.

Palao-ay said the school campuses, their surroundings,

classrooms, and facilities have been prepared and set from the time the "Brigada Eskwela" was launched on May 20.

"An initial PHP59 million in accumulated value were received by the schools all over the region from the donors. This is aside from the over 100,000 volunteers, including the regional line agency partners who helped prepare the schools," he said.

He said the Brigada Eskwela also saw to it that the schools are resilient to disasters or risks.

Palao-ay said that based on an order from the DepEd central office, schools must follow a checklist to assure readiness and resiliency. This includes having emergency equipment and supplies./

Liza Agoot (PNA)

CSC-Cordillera resets deadline of filing for Aug. 4 exam

BAGUIO CITY -- The Civil Service Commission (CSC) here on Thursday urged those interested to immediately file their applications for the career service examinations on Aug. 4 after the deadline for submission has been cut a day short due to the observance of the Eid'l Fitr feast.

Cornelia Rillera, CSC-Cordillera Autonomous Region (CSC-CAR)

implement by the city government, 32 were partially implemented and 12 were not implemented during 2018./

Jessa Mardy P. Samidan

assistant regional director, said the June 5 deadline was moved to June 4 after Malacañang declared June 5 a national holiday in observance of Eid'l Fitr feast of Ramadan.

"The CSC-CAR reminds all interested applicants to apply immediately while slots are available and not to wait for the deadline," Rillera said.

Rillera said the deadline will no longer be moved to a later date. She said applications will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis at any CSC-CAR field offices in Baguio City, Apayao, Abra

and Ifugao and at the regional office. Rillera said

CSC-CAR has even received some applications from Regions 1 and 3 after both regions reached their regional quotas for applicants. The CSC examination passers will be eligible to apply for permanent or plantilla positions in any national and local government offices.

The CSC-CAR data showed that 1,091 of the 7,877 applicants in the professional level and 177 of the 1,511 examinees in the sub-professional category passed the March 17 examination./

(PNA)

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Maraming nanlumo sa naging resulta ng eleksyon ngayong Mayo 13. Ano ang post-elections big picture? Lalo pang sinemento ang kapangyarihan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte – sa eleksyong naging mistulang referendum sa kanyang kasikatan. Walang balakid ang bagong pangalan o ‘di primyadong apelyido – ‘pag inendorso ng Pangulo, nananalo.

Tatlong bagay ang nangingibabaw at nakatutulala:

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Further thoughts on the incident involving former Ombudsman

Morales

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

Former Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales’s travail the other day at the hands of Chinese immigration authorities in Hongkong, without any doubt, is in retaliation for the case she

and former Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario filed against China with the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity in its occupation of the West Philippine Sea.

Morales was separated from her husband, son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren and detained in a holding area for hours, without any explanation on the cause of her detention or the fate of her family.

Alone in an immigration holding area, Morales had no idea if the rest of her family was also separated from each other and detained without any explanation as she was. Will she be arrested, charged, and imprisoned in China for God knows what Chinese law she has violated? Will her whole family be dragged with her? Those tense moments of being kept in the dark, wondering what is the worst that could be done to her, can lead one to mental anguish.

Any such speculations won’t be baseless. Immigration authorities do not treat non-citizens with the same rights as citizens. The most that one can hope for is that she is protected by international human rights law and that the foreign country recognizes said rights. But this is China, a country not exactly known for a sterling human rights record, whether for its occupied subjects, its national minorities, or even its own citizens.

For people who had been held by immigration, those tense hours of not knowing their fate, detained for a cause that they do not know, is the closest experience to torture that they could have. All the world’s immigration authorities of course do this. But this does not mean that it is a pleasant experience. Morales’s experience at the hands of Chinese immigration authorities is certainly no joke. It is as traumatic as any experience at detention one can get, no matter how short. I am speaking from experience.

For a country with the world’s biggest army, and the second highest in military expenditure, China’s treatment of a 77 year-old grandmother as a “security threat” is absolutely pathetic.

This goes to show that even the efforts of two individuals to challenge China and its leaders before the ICC has a significant effect on the superpower. No matter how China dismisses challenges to its absurd nine-dash claim over the WPS and the rest of the South China Sea, it continues to be concerned with international opinion on the legitimacy of its actions. China may have the force of arms, but it cannot dictate to the world to accept the excesses of its ambitions and the parameters of its imagined right of conquest.

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Jewry, Due Process 101 and CJ Rene Corona

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WHEN this piece comes out, I'd most likely be in the US, despite my health issues, to be there on June 1. There, and then, my daughter Lara is getting wed. Any father would like to make such a day perfect, to the extent that he would have anything to do with it. This trip is also what her late sainted mother would have wanted to be taken by me, a Super-Takusa (meaning one who loved her, with that kind of passion what whips the blood, and always will).

Our visas were granted only last May 23. We had been booked to fly out the other night. Our visa interview had originally been set on July 2. I had to use my tremendous influence with one who looked like our Foreign Affairs Secretary, to advance the interview. Done. Thank you very many, ha, ha, Pareng Ted and Mareng Louie Locsin. So, off to the wedding, to reconnect with kith and kin, made possible by the DFA's and the Embassy's kindness, right after my own heart.

It also warmed my heart to see Amazing Grace Poe and Nancy With the Laughing Face Binay at their proclamation not thrusting their clenched right fist forward, criminal in nations trampled upon by Hitler. The Nazi right-fist bump that Aussie spymaster Nick Warner got hammered, pummelled and pilloried from pillar to post for, after aping Digong naively at the Palace in August 2017.

Another woman with balls, veteran diplomat Delia Albert, had also declined to join the foolish disparagement.

Aging and ailing like me, Digong, six years younger than I, may not have the strength to raise his right hand above the Hitler level. But Dr. Sal Panelo tells us not to worry. Reassuring?

But, really, we should be more sensitive to the sensibilities of the Jewry. Six million Jews were massacred by Hitler (Digong halved it to 3 million in 2016). We credit Prez Quezon for admitting members of one of the most vilified and persecuted minorities in history. The refugees were fleeing from the Holocaust before World War 2.

Our Prez took an oath to do justice to everyone. Instead of convicting anyone by publicity, why not file charges and prove same? Like in the case of the poor Food and Drug Administration chief.

When Nixon blasted Charles Manson for the killing of actress Sharon Tate, criticism was swift and strong; Nixon immediately retreated. Yup, our Prez-elect vows to do justice to everyone. It is not his place to prejudge the guilt or innocence of anyone. For him to adjudge anyone innocent or guilty puts undue pressure on the prosecution, judiciary and witnesses not to embarrass him.

How many have been condemned by Digong, from critics to alleged narcopoliticians? He should review our Bill of Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We lament the spectacle of judges inhibiting themselves in sensitive widely publicized cases, maybe so as not to risk offending the appointing and promoting power.

We must reintroduce Digong to due process as he nears the middle of his term. I hope he will back off from the reimposition of the death penalty, so anti-poor as is his war on druggies.

Back to Charles Manson's California where I may be away for a week and where Manson, et al. killed Sharon Tate, et al., in a most grisly manner in August 1969. Prez Nixon condemned the accused for "eight murders without reason." A firestorm of protest greeted the startling prejudgment. He apologized and said "the last thing I would do is to prejudice the legal rights of any person, in any circumstances."

Prejudicing the rights of foes is what administration officials have for breakfast in a decaying society.

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IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME FROM ESTRELLA TO ESTRELITA AND HER FAMILY NAME FROM SELVESTRE TO ANONGOS,

ESTRELITA A. ANONGOS – CAYAT, also known as ESTRELLA SELVESTRE,

-Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAKUN, BENGUET AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA),

-Respondents.

SPEC. PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO.
16-C-298

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ORDER

Petitioner ESTRELITA A. ANONGOS – CAYAT, also known as, ESTRELLA A. SELVESTRE, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, her name appearing in her Certificate of Live Birth on file with respondent Local Civil Registry Office be changed from Estrella to ESTRELITA (first name) and from Selvestre to ANONGOS (last name).

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on October 9, 2019 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, before this Court, at which date and time all concerned may appear

and show cause, if a ny, why the Petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not later than May 26, 2019.

Furnish copies hereof, together with the Petition and its annexes to the Hon. Solicitor general, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Bakun, Benguet, the Philippines Statistics Authority, Petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 14th day of May 2019.

(SGD) DANIEL DAZON MANGALLAY
Presiding Judge

May 25, June 1 and 8, 2019

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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE REGISTRATION AND ANNOTATION OF AFFIDAVIT OF LEGITIMATION IN THE RECORD OF BIRTH WITH PETITION FOR THE USE OF THE SURNAME OF FATHER,

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Petitioner further prays that after the cancellation of the said annotation, she will now be allowed to use the surname of her biological father, "Battung", pursuant to R.A. 9255.

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Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Primo A. Tinipac, resident of Holy Ghost, Baguio City who died on April 28, 2019 in Davao has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous SPA and Waiver of Rights executed by the heirs of said deceased on May 17, 2019 in Baguio city and registered and docketed as Doc. 345 Page. 69; Book 25; Series of 2019 of the Notarial Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio, Philippines.

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Rene's appointment was, in my humble view, not just midnight, but post-midnight, when the new Prez was even then known (May 17, 2010); PNoy did not deserve a monkey wrench to queer the start of his term. Elementary courtesy, which Ambassador Manuel Moran showed in 1953, after it had become clear that Magaysay had won. Rene should have turned down the appointment, like Moran did, leaving it to the next Prez to name CJ Puno's successor, for a smooth transition. (Doable; I turned down a signed Supreme Court appointment in late January 1987, and life went on. It was just that too many seniors — I was 47 — were in line and to me, public service is its own reward anyway, a line I'd often use and which Rene Corona did in one case).

The impeachment court, led by JPE — certainly with no love lost for the Aquinos whom he would not have done an unmerited favor — corrected GMA's egregious appointment. Rene's earlier midnight appointment in 1998 was not acted on by the Judicial and Bar Council, headed by CJ Andres Narvasa, which believed, correctly, in my humble view, that FVR could no longer appoint, beginning two months before the 1998 elections. CJ Rene's appointment was starkly post-midnight even, from where I sat.

But, again, I support the suggestion of a financial assistance, without any reservation (Rene's father was the wedding Ninong of my Kuya in the mid-1960s in Pasig; once I was in their Herran, Paco home). Healing we need in a balkanized society ruled by our →

900 cases filed with city...**from page 2**

each.

On the other hand, the city prosecutor reported that the prosecutors were able to dispose the 155 cases that were filed through inquest proceedings.

Among the cases that were filed with the city prosecutor's office through inquest proceedings include theft with 30 cases, violation of the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Law — 22, violation of the provisions of RA 9262 — 15 cases, illegal possession of firearms, ammunitions and explosives — 8, illegal gambling or violation of the provisions of Presidential Decree (PD) 1602 or the Anti-Gambling Law — 7 cases, rape — 5 cases, robbery — 4 cases, estafa — 3 cases, violation of child protection laws, homicide and carnapping — 2 cases each and cybercrime and murder with 1 case each.

Sagsago explained the job of the city prosecutors is to make sure that the cases against individuals who obviously committed crimes will be filed against them for them to face the consequences of their actions while harassment cases against individuals are for dismissal to clear the names of those involved in the said cases.

He revealed there are 24 prosecutors assigned in the city prosecutor's office to ensure all the cases are filed in their office within the prescribed reglementary period.

Sagsago pointed out that if the parties involved in a case are living in the city, the prosecutor assigned is mandated to resolve the case within 30 days while if one of the parties is based outside the city, the number of days to resolve the case could go up to a maximum of 60 days.

The city prosecutor's office is one of the pillars of the country's justice system under the jurisdiction of the justice department./Dexter A. See

Jeepneys urged to serve..**from page 8**

operations beyond the 9 pm requirement prescribed under the previous ordinance.

According to him, it is also important for jeepney operators and drivers to consider also the onset of the rainy season needing readily available jeepney units in the different parking areas around the central business district to ferry the riding public and prevent unnecessary exposure to the elements, especially in the evening that may compromise their health.

Domogan reiterated his appeal to barangay officials, as part of their responsibility, for them to closely coordinate with the officers of the jeepney associations servicing their areas to work out a scheme to ensure the presence of jeepney units in their parking areas up to 10 pm so that the transport requirements of their constituents will be effectively and efficiently addressed to avoid the people lining up in the parking areas waiting for their rides home.

Moreover, he urged that coordination must also be done with the Baguio City Police office (BCPO) to formulate schemes to reduce the impact of traffic congestions in major roads in the city so that jeepneys from the barangays could immediately go back to the central business district area and vice versa, especially during the heavy rains where the transportation needs of the people tremendously increase.

One of the identified problems of jeepneys plying the city's routes is the difficulty of going back to their points of destinations and places of origin because of traffic jams./Dexter A. See

5-year master plan for..**from page 2**

perennial flooding right within the central business district area and in the different low-lying barangays of the city.

The city engineer explained that the ongoing declogging of the city's drainage system is part of their maintenance efforts while the put up of new and additional drainages in the different parts of the city are →

own Divider-in-Chief, as it were, for whose good health we all should pray. For the sake of the Motherland.

Decisions made while in royal pain — which we should share — may not be the best.

More than 100,000 troop..**from page 8**

total of 200 school days.

Cabuag stated that the data on the number of enrollees in public schools in the city was taken from the results of the early enrolment that was conducted by the education department to prevent the overcrowding of enrollees in the schools right at the start of classes.

According to her, shortage of classrooms will not be a serious concern for the education department in the different public schools around the city because the prevailing ratio of teacher to students is now 1:40 which is below the standard of the central office that is 1:45.

The education specialist claimed that the information centers that was established in the different public schools are still ready to answer the queries of parents and guardians on various issues that they want to inquire on the opening of classes among other related concerns to minimize the destruction of teachers once they start teaching the students that report for class on the first day of classes.

She added that schools will still accept potential enrollees during the first week of classes pursuant to the government's mandate to provide free basic education to the Filipino youth for the agency to be able to determine the real number of enrollees in the different public schools citywide.

While there are 200 school calendar days that must be attended by schoolchildren and students, education officials claimed that it is still good for them if they will be able to attend to at least 180 school days for them to be able to complete the school candar and for them not to be left out in their lessons.

Cabuag urged the schoolchildren and students to make good in their studies so that they will be able to acquire higher levels of education for them to fulfil their dreams in life considering that she agrees to the repeated statements by city officials that education is still the best inheritance that parents and guardians could give their children because it cannot be easily taken away from them and that they could use the same to improve the living condition of their families in the future./Dexter A. See

part of their programmed projects that are integral parts of the comprehensive master development plan to be submitted to incoming policy- and decision-makers.

"We appeal for understanding from the motorists and the general public on the ongoing works on our existing drainage systems to unlog these to serve their purpose and reduce flooding in the central business district," Olpindo stressed.

According to him, coordination work is underway with the technical personnel of the Department of Public Works and Highways—Baguio City District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO) and the Baguio Water District (BWD) to synchronize their efforts in improving the status of the city's drainage system as part of the drainage system is under the jurisdiction of the DPWH-BCDEO.

Aside from the preparation of a short-term development plan for the city's drainage system, he reported that works are also underway for the preparation of a medium and long-term development plan that will identify potential projects to contribute in improving the current state of the city's drainage system to lessen the flooding incidents in various parts of the city, especially when there are heavy and continuous rains.

What is important, according to the city official, is the identification of the priority projects while the sourcing out of funds will be the next step to be undertaken by the incoming set of city officials to jumpstart the implementation of programmed works in the development plan to address the flooding problems of the city./Dexter A. See

City doing best efforts to maintain 10,000 streetlights

BAGUIO CITY – The local government is now doing its best to maintain the over 10,000 streetlights installed in the different parts of the city to help deter the occurrence of crimes and improve the efforts to maintain the city's decent peace and order situation.

City Engineer Edgar Victorio Olpindo said of the total number of streetlights around the city, 8,640 are said to be unmetered while over 1,400 streetlights are metered.

He disclosed that the City Engineering Office is currently conducting an inventory of the unmetered streetlights that were turned over to the local government by the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) early this year so that the appropriate budget for their maintenance and the replacement of busted streetlights could be requested through supplemental appropriations as the budget for such purpose was not included in the approved 2019 budget that took effect prior to the turnover.

The city engineer claimed the local government has a limited supply of bulbs to

really need the replacement of busted bulbs while the inventory is being fastracked so that the requested funds for appropriation could be done the soonest.

Earlier, the BENECO decided to turnover to the local government the management and operation of the city's unmetered streetlights effective February 26, 2019 following the substantial losses the rural electric cooperative incurred during the 6 years it subsidised and maintained the streetlights, aside from the fact that 40 percent of its daily transactions are devoted to the maintenance and operation of streetlights in the city affecting its desired performance in maintaining the quality of its power distribution system to deliver reliable power to the increasing number of consumers

In 2013, the local government and BENECO signed an agreement for the latter to be in charge of the maintenance and operation of the city's streetlights pending the possible conversion of the streetlights to the state-of-the-art Light Emitting Diode (LED) but the same was never realized due to numerous technical issues

that were not resolved by the city's Special bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) created

for the said purpose.

In 2011, the local legislative body approved Resolution No. 446 series of 2011, which approved the terms of reference for the proposed conversion of the city's streetlights to LED but the same was never pursued due to the debates on the types of LED to be adopted and used for energy conservation, environmental preservation and protection.

One of the primary objectives of converting the city's streetlights to the energy efficient LED was for the local government to save a certain percentage of its power consumption to ensure the availability of funds to bankroll the implementation of other priority development projects and improve the delivery of basic services to the people.

Olpindo opined that had BENECO pursued the turnover of the management and operation of the city's streetlights to the local government, the CEO could have prepared to include part of its budget for the same so as not to compromise the safety of the people living in the city's barangays. **Dexter A. See**



MR EMILIO AGUINALDO SUNTAY III (center) great grand son of then President Emilio Aguinaldo pose for posterity after receiving a token of appreciation from the City Government of Baguio headed by Councilor Mylen Yaranon (4th from L) during the the National Flag Day Celebration program. With them are L-R Police LtCol. Vivian Abogada, BCPO Acting Chief Police Col. Allen Rae Co, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Hiyasmin Zambrano, Engr. Alec Mapalo; HR Management Officer Atty. Agustin Laban and General Services Officer Eugene Buyucan./Rosa Moresto

More than 100,000 troop to school in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY The Division of city Schools of the Department of Education reported that more than one hundred thousand schoolchildren and students will be trooping to the different public schools in the city on Monday, June 30, 2019, which is the official start of regular classes in the basic education program.

Ellaine Cabuag, senior

education program specialist of the Division of city Schools, said that some 35,247 schoolchildren will be reporting for classes in the elementary level, some 21,662 students will be entering junior high school and some 43,324 students will be entering senior high school in the different public schools around the city.

However, she claimed that the

number of enrolees in the different public schools is expected to increase because of the expected enrolment of schoolchildren and students during the first week of classes.

Earlier, the education department issued a department order that scheduled the classes for schoolyear 2019 to 2020 which will be from June 3, 2019 to April 3, 2020 or a

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Jeepneys urged to serve commuters until 10 pm

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan urged operators and drivers of public utility jeepneys servicing the different barangays in the city to strictly comply with the provisions of Ordinance No. 133 series of 2018 that extended their operations until 10 pm.

The local chief executive

said there are persistent reports being received by his office on the failure of some jeepney associations to comply with the extended time to service the passengers in their designated parking areas for them to reach their destinations the soonest.

Earlier, the local legislative body approved Ordinance

No. 133 series of 2018 which amended certain provisions of Ordinance No. 066 series of 1995 which required public utility jeepneys in the city to service their passengers up to 10 pm.

"We should always place the interest of our people above all other interests.

We must always remember that the documents granted by the government to our operators and drivers is the certificate of public conveyance, thus, their operation is endowed with public interest," Domogan stressed. The passage of the ordinance extending the

operation of jeepneys up to 10 pm was an offshoot of the clamor from the public following the increased economic activities in the different parts of the city that extended working hours.

Further, the dismissal of students from the different higher education institutions in the city has been moved up to 9 pm which warrants the cooperation of jeepney operators and drivers to extend their

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