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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

'Outstanding Pinoy' Entrepreneur, 70 Yr Old Ma In \$10m Drug Cartel, Money Laundering Raps

COME ONE, COME ALL- Two drop ball tables, two pulat-puti and one bingo etc.., What is this again some barangay fund raising activity, out in the open (muchomuchodineromoney bets out in the open! Photos taken on November 18, 2011 at the corner of Otek and Carino Sts./Photo by Orwen Trazo



A 42-year old "Emerging Asian" awardee honoured as "Outstanding Entrepreneur" of the Asian Business Association of Orange County is back in the news. From the pages of Filipino newspapers, this time his entrepreneurship made it really big with news landing in the pages of major newspaper throughout United States.

This as the former awardee was indicted on conspiracy to launder money and conspiracy to structure financial transactions. The co-accused - his 70 year old mother dubbed in the news as the "ringleader" of a bigtime drug cartel.

Both are of Filipino-Chinese descent facing Federal charges directly linked to what US authorities have dubbed a narcotics ring involved in illegal drug trafficking of a controlled substance.

Arrested yet out on \$75,000 (Php 1.8M) bail

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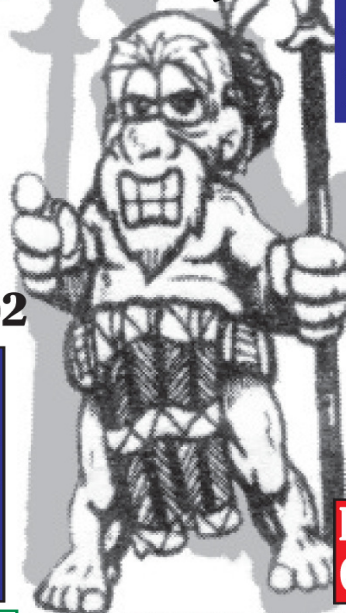
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THE PEACE COMBATANT

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DOH Calls on Town Officials to Support 'Iwas Paputok' Campaign

BAGUIO CITY - Year-in and year out the Department of Health (DOH) has been advocating for a ban on the selling and use of firecrackers/fireworks for the yuletide and new year revelry but still each year, there are people, both young and old, suffering from firework-related injuries and even death.

With the Christmas season just around the corner, DOH-Cordillera Health Emergency Service staff Elnoria Bugnosen, in a kapihan media forum, once again reiterated the Department's 'Iwas-Paputok' campaign. She called for the support of the different local chief executives (LCEs) in the region through local directives, policies or ordinances, to put more teeth into the campaign.

According to Bugnosen, the campaign is primarily for the health and safety of the people.

Bugnosen reported that cases of fireworks-related cases remain high in Cordillera. In 2009, 85 cases were recorded including 23 cases and one death case here in Baguio City. Despite a more intensified campaign in 2010, an increase in cases was still recorded with 96 cases region wide, including 25 cases in Baguio City.

Started in 1994 by then Health Secretary Juan Flavio, the Oplan Iwas Paputok, which is being monitored from December 21 to January 4 of every year, aims to minimize the morbidity and mortality from fireworks/firecracker and stray bullet injuries.

Locally, Mayor Mauricio Domogan already stressed his support for the banning the selling of firecrackers in Baguio, though he also seeks the support of the City Council for the creation of an ordinance that would mandate the ban and the provision of penalties for those who will violate such ordinance, as at present, there is an existing city ordinance for a regulated sale of legal fireworks and firecrackers in the city./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

BPO Industry Growing at a Fast Pace, Gov't Focuses on Assuring Enough Manpower

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Philippines is now number one in the world as far as the call center industry is concerned, and the country's Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) is now also gaining up with India in a fast pace, for the top spot.

This was affirmed by Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Florencio 'Butch' Abad during his visit here Saturday to meet with the presidents of the different State Universities and Colleges (SUC) of Cordillera and region I at the Benguet State University.

'Gaining the top spot in the BPO industry is highly achievable for the country but we must firstly assure that we can also cope with the manpower demand of such fast growing local industry,' Abad said.

According to Abad, BPO as well as electronics/semiconductor, tourism, infrastructure, and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (AFF) are the top five sectors or areas that the Aquino administration is now focusing on to boost the country's competitiveness in as far as potential investments and economic development are concerned.

He stressed that the country's BPO industry is increasing by about 20 percent yearly which could still improve by 25 percent in the succeeding years and that the

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Lawmaker: Increase Budget for Sucs, Invest in the Country's Future

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano joined the call of students and other legislators to invest more on quality tertiary education by allocating more funds for state universities and colleges (SUCs).

He lamented the administration's lack of initiative to meet the United Nation's recommendation that a country's education budget should be six percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). He noted that although the 2011 Education budget shows a nominal increase from the previous years, it is merely 2.29% of GDP.

While he commended the government's efforts to prioritize basic education, he said that this should not be done at the expense of tertiary education. He added that education is being funded disproportionately resulting in decreasing numbers of students graduating from one level to the next.

"Of 100 students that enter into Grade 1, only 65 graduate elementary school. Of this number, only 43 graduate high school and only 23 go into college. And of the 23, only 14 graduate from college," he said.

Cayetano said that research and experience would show that investment in education, especially in the tertiary level is an effective way to eliminate poverty and is a driver of global competitiveness since college graduates have a higher chance of contributing significantly to national development.

"Whether in a human development or national development angle, the state will benefit if we invest more on tertiary education," he added.

The senator also pointed out that not all SUCs are equipped with the capacity to be entirely self-sustaining since most of these institutions do not have the land assets or resources to generate its own income. This, he said, leads to inevitable tuition fee hikes that further burden the poor who rely their hopes on education as a means to escape poverty.

"Based on the reports from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2008, 73 percent of Filipino youth were forced to drop out of school due to the unattainable price of higher education in the country," he cited.

Cayetano said that aside from the lack of jobs available in the country, poorly-funded SUCs may have also led to adverse effects on the quality of its graduates who are competing in the labor force for employment.

He cited a recent report of Department on Labor and Employment (DOLE) saying that out of the 7.1% of our population that are unemployed, 1.2 million of them are even educated or college graduates.

"How can an SUC expect to produce quality graduates when it has insufficient budget to accommodate the demands of those wishing to enroll?" he said./Office of Senator Allan Peter Cayetano

Absence of docs hampers FPIC process of ESL in Itoigon

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet —The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples – Benguet has requested the assistance of the Provincial Board in informing the project proponent of an Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) in Ampucao, Itoigon of relevant documents needed prior to the holding of Free Prior

and Informed Consent (FPIC).

NCIP-Benguet Provincial Officer Nora Ramos wrote members of the provincial board members requesting provincial officials to

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PRC, DSWD ink MOA to avoid 'fake' Professionals

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the government's lead agency in social protection has partnered with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) here for the Online Verification of Eligibility System or OVES, a faster and reliable system that verifies credentials to avoid fake professionals from entering the agency.

In a ceremony Monday, the DSWD and the PRC entered into a memorandum of agreement allowing the agencies to validate credentials of and to monitor professionals joining the DSWD.

PRC Regional Director Teofilo Gaius Sison, Jr. said the DSWD is the third agency in the Cordillera (after the Civil Service Commission and DOLE) to forge partnership with the PRC on the OVES. He also acknowledged the DSWD-CAR for being among the first agencies to avail of the service.

Meanwhile, DSWD Regional Director Leonardo Reynoso thanked the PRC Director and his team for taking time to present the OVES and other services of the agency to DSWD personnel. The director also emphasized among others, the DSWD's internal systems to ensure the credibility and competence of its staff.

The OVES is expected to protect public welfare by preventing fake professionals from entering civil services, to enhance human resource monitoring as well as to uphold meritocracy in service. It was also developed pursuant to the Anti-Red Tape Act.

Among the professionals joining the DSWD for its social protection programs are social workers, psychologists, accountants, engineers, teachers, nurses, and IT professionals./DSWD-CAR Social Marketing Unit



ACTION MAN - City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) action officer and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas points out various strategies and action plans to combat the drug menace in the city during a Seminar Workshop for Barangay Officials on Drug Prevention and Control held at SP Session Hall last November 16./By Bong Cayabyab

PDEA Reminds Public on Abatement of Drug-Related Public Nuisances

BAGUIO CITY — The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency— Cordillera Administrative Region (PDEA-CAR) is reminding the public about the provision of the new drug law on the abatement of drug-related public nuisances.

This, following the arrest of three shabu dealers with sachets of and paraphernalia for the dangerous drug in two separate operations last week inside a tavern in Marcos Highway, Baguio City.

Last November 10, PDEA – CAR operatives caught one Nestor Amonte alias Vic, 25, auto mechanic, native of Cotabato City selling a sachet of .17 gram shabu for P2,500.00 to an agent posing as buyer in one of the rooms of Peak Blossom Inn at Km. 4, Marcos Highway, Bakakeng Central, Baguio City.

Also found in his room paraphernalia for the dangerous drug such as improvised glass tube and tooter, scissor,

and lighters. Urine sample taken from Amonte yielded positive test result for shabu.

Earlier, on November 9, Harold Hunter Espina y Simangan and Jemaiah Tuazon y Añonuevo sold two sachets of shabu weighing of .12 gram for P2,000 to an agent of PDEA – CAR who acted as buyer in a buy-bust operation in one of the rooms in another floor of the Peak Blossom Inn.

Seized from the duo were two other plastic sachets with shabu residues, one improvised aluminum foil tooter likewise with shabu substances, a roll of aluminum foil, two lighters and a scissor.

The PDEA operatives were assisted during the drug law enforcement operation by members of the City Public Safety Company of the Baguio City Police Office and the crew of the "Bitag" show of TV5.

PDEA explained

that under Section 52 of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, any place or premises which have been used on two or more occasions as the site of the unlawful sale or delivery of dangerous drugs may be declared to be a public nuisance, and such nuisance may be abated, pursuant to the following procedures: 1) any city or municipality may, by ordinance, create an administrative board to hear complaints regarding the nuisances; 2) any employee, officer, or resident of the city or municipality may bring a complaint before the board after giving not less than three days written notice of such complaint to the owner of the place or premises at his/her last known address; and 3) after hearing in which the board may consider any evidence, including evidence of the general reputation of the place or

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City Govt. to go Tourism on line

BAGUIO CITY — Travel is one the most searched topics online in the country and to have more information on tourism, people and events, the city council passed a resolution creating an all-in integrated travel website.

According to Councilor Elmer Datuin, in view of the Department of Tourism (DOT) commitment to continue enticing more people to travel to the city through the internet and not traditional media campaigns we are inviting Website developers to submit proposals for the creation of an all-integrated travel website.

One of the strategies involves establishing a central tourism website wherein other tourist sites can link to, thus allowing interested visitors to view the different tourist spots and related tour packages, Datuin said.

In the highly advanced age of technology and highly competitive global and local market, there is a need for the City of Baguio to utilize internet marketing.

The website would include not only the showcasing of tourist spots but also incorporates integrated booking facilities that allow users to arrange their travel to the city, pay accommodations, travel fare and others.

Datuin, who chairs the committee on tourism, added that hosting of such all-in one website will enable the city to comprehensively accommodate visitors' needs providing smother floc and greater ease for the tourist which will surely increase the interest of people to travel in the city./JDP/JBZ PIA CAR

Campaign Against Tree Cutting, Transport Intensified

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — A total of 1,694.75 board feet of assorted pine lumber worth P 47,453. was intercepted recently by the Bokod Municipal Police Station while conducting checkpoint.

According to P/Chief Superintendent Benjie Magalong, regional director of Police Regional Office Cordillera (PROCOR), this is a result of intensified campaign against illegal cutting of trees in line with Executive Order 23 by Presi-

dent Benigno Simeon Aquino III declaring a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in natural and residual forests.

The EO mandates the creation of a local anti-illegal logging task force and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the lead agency with the Philippine National Police (PNP) as member.

The Cordillera is the watershed cradle of Northern Luzon that is why we should guard and save from further ex-

ploiations of unscrupulous people, Magalong said.

He reminded PNP provincial directors to exercise extra vigilance in taking heed of the order and report all forms of destructive activities inside the forest.

The regional police chief also said that they will coordinate with all concerned municipal and city mayor and barangay captains to conduct upland monitoring to ensure that no illegal logging, kaingin and other forms of forest destruction take place.

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The gravestone sentence read: "I believe in the communion of saints." That's lifted from the "Apostle's Creed", written by the Council of Fathers in 325 AD. What has that got to do with our houseboy? He snipped Blessed Pedro Calungsod's picture from Inquirer's front page.

Our ancestors prayed this most widely used creed. We do too, at Sunday mass, often by rote, regrettably, with scant thought of what it asserts.

Yet, it anchors what our parents knew as "Todos los Santos". "All Saints Day", is marked on November 1. Pope Gregory IV, in 837 AD, broadened this to honor, not only martyrs, but all who've passed on in grace, whether known or forgotten.

"All Souls Day" follows on November 2. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,"

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the Book of Macabees says. Abbot Odilo of Cluny, in 998 AD, started this remembrance in Benedictine monasteries. The rite spread throughout the church — and the Philippines.

On eve of All Souls Day, crowds jostle into hastily cleaned cemeteries to pray before freshly painted tombs. Crowds can uncork bouts of giddy claustrophobia. So, some families visit cemeteries earlier.

The "Todos Los Santos" message, however, persists: A community of believers, share across the divide of death, grace that surges into eternal life.

"Today, you will be with me in paradise", the dying thief was assured by his co-crucified. The Samaritan woman at the well had a tutorial on this. Paul addressed his letter to "the saints" at Ephesus.

Indeed, there are scores of small letter "S saints", maids, teachers, barbers to priests and market vendors. Despite flaws, these obscure men and women serve God in neighbor. "Here comes everybody's feast," author James Joyce wrote.

Then there are the capital "S" saints. Their names ring out, when the Litany of Saints is chanted. Mary, mother of Christ with Joseph; Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius Loyola, Therese of Lisieux; Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila — and "San Pedro Calungsod", if Inquirer's Oct. 28 editorial proves right.

"No further questions," the 'Causes of Saints Congregation said on concluding it's October 19 session, that editorial noted. Members forwarded to the Pope, their recommendation that the 17-year old catechist from the Visayas be raised to the altar.

Afirmativea vota dal tutti cardinali e dal santo padere per la canonizazione del beato Pedro Calungsod, read a Facebook posting by the postulator: Ricardo Cardinal Vidal. "All cardinals voted affirmatively to recommend the Pope canonize Blessed Pedro Calungsod.

In March 2005, then Pope John Paul II beatified Calungsod — the last step before canonization. The local church, celebrates his feast day on April 2. A Calungsod shrine stands within the archbishop of Cebu's compound.

Benedict XVI makes the final decision. He'll review reports by the cardinals and medical panel. Among cases studied is that of a "brain dead" woman who works in Cebu today. "When the process is over, we can talk about it," co-postulator Msgr Idelbrando Leyson demurs.

Two Filipinas wait in the canonization queue. One is Isabel Larrañaga Ramirez who founded Sisters of Charity of the Sacred Heart in early 17th century. In 1999, John Paul II elevated her to "venerable". The other is a Chinay. Mother Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, who set up the Religious of Virgin Mary congregation in 1684; In 2007, Benedict XVI also named her "venerable."

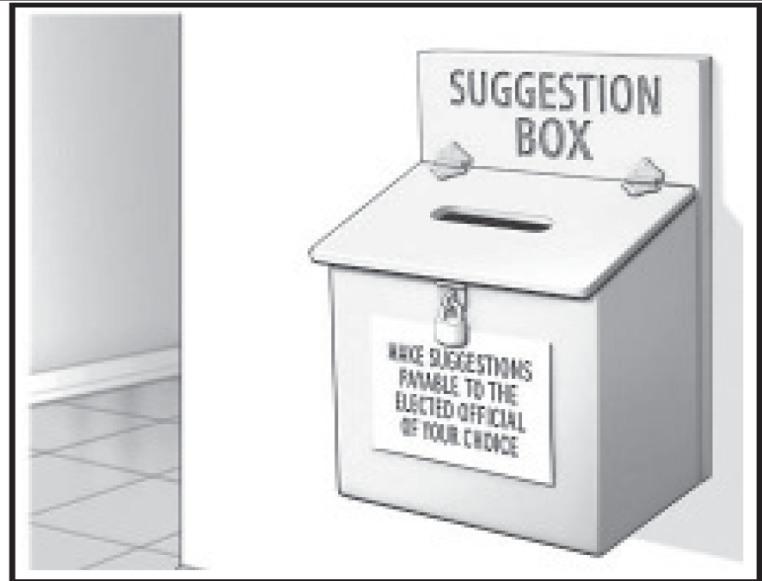
Calungsod and Fr. Diego de San Vitores I were martyred in Guam April 1672. Much of what is known of Calungsod is in "the Cebu archdiocese's "Deposition" to the Congregation of Saints. "This depended...on the Posifio, prepared for the beatification of De San Vitores for the dioceses of Manila and Agana."

San Vitores' "policy for his companions was they be unarmed", historian John Schumacher, SJ, writes in Philippine Studies. As a young man, Calungsod could have escaped. But he choose to defend San Vitores who "was half blind", all sources emphasize, "San Vitores was helpless without his companion, who led him by a rope around his waist!"

In shielding San Vitores, Calungsod took spear thrusts and catana (machete) blows. Attackers Hirao and Matapang then turned on he Jesuit who died with "words of forgiveness". Their bodies were dumped into the sea, bound together.

He was "joven bisayo or young, all

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To rely on mining is to rely on false hopes

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



The mining industry is again on the offensive.

Recently, a supposed mining boom is being advertised to be taking place. The mining industry is being described as "robust" and will be supposedly needing thousands of metallurgists, mining engineers, chemical, environment, and sanitary engineers.

Of course, we know better. We know that advertisements like this packaged as a news report has been reproduced by so many times in our dailies and community papers. This is false news and the news is false hope.

Yes, the mining industry will be needing the skills for mining but only in overabundant and excess supply. The advertising packaged as news is needed so Philippine education can be manipulated to serve the needs of the mining industry. Skilled labor for mining in excess supply is needed so skilled labor for mining will be cheap.

The correct interpretation in the drop in the number of mining engineering students to only 63 in Saint Louis University, from perhaps hundreds if not thousands of majors, is that the fact is actually a supreme testament of the vulnerability of the mining industry to the volatility in the external market. We have seen the mining industry in their ups and several downs but we have never seen the industry really address in a fundamental and significant way the economic difficulties we face as a region and as a nation.

Usually, the case of Australia is being a touted as the prime example of success stories in how the mining industry has supposedly contributed to the development of a nation. However, the data that is shoved under the rug is that the mining industry is probably only about 5 to 7% of the Australian economy. Further, the population density in Australia is very low at only 7.8 persons per square miles. In the Philippines, our population density is 10,100% higher at 795 persons per square miles. This implies that mining comes at huge social and environmental costs in the Philippines compared to Australia.

Large population per square area of land densities also implies that mining will come with huge social dislocations, exacerbation of pollution, and externalities or relatively severe environmental impacts on populations. In Australia, the sector driving the economy is not even mining but the services sector. This can also be the scenario in the Philippines. Provided we have highly productive industries (example: electronics, manufactures related to information technology, environment-friendly appliances and gadgets and the like) and agriculture, our economy can rely on our highly educated and skilled labor to be the best in services related to computer technology, medicine, financing and the higher end markets.

Putting large areas of land under mining will seriously impair land productivity as the land becomes too specialized, if not destroyed, to be fit only for mining. Local areas under mining fail to exploit diversification as large areas of land are reshaped and

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If i Were a Child

BY: JESUS DUREZA



PRESS FORUM —This week, the Philippine Press Institute is co-hosting a media forum cum workshop in General Santos City. It will discuss child welfare. Interesting topic, badly needed, but rarely taken up. If I were a child today, how would the present environment, TV, radio, the media, the computers, the cell phones, the Internet, etc affect me and the other children?

GOOD 'OLD DAYS —This caught me reminiscing today about those good ol' days. I spent my early childhood in a barrio called Guihing down south until I moved to Davao City when I entered college. The city was only 60 kilometers away. The roads and transpo were so bad that it seemed like forever going to the "big city."

But those were good times. I wish I were a child again. The 1950's and 1960's were simple times. (gads, I feel so ancient now. hahaha!) No TV, no refrigerator, not even electricity but only with a small "Philips" transistor radio (made in Germany, mind you) to connect us outside. No movies except when a movie van of "Golden Key" cigarettes or "Purico" cooking lard or a USIS audio visual unit (yes, the Americans were there already) would gather us in the open field plaza for outdoor free movies on some rare nights. On those rare occasions, I would feed the backyard pigs early before sundown and hurry off with my own wooden stool so I would not miss a scene straining at the elevated screen for an hour or so. It was always a treat. Never mind the stiff neck the morning after. Coke and other soft drinks cost only ten (10) centavos per bottle. Thankfully we got to consume not too often those unhealthy sweet-laden treats (several spoons of sugar in every bottle) and other junk food. Yes only during birthdays or some important occasions. That was the world I only knew and was aware of. And cared about. Until I moved to the big city.

BUS DRIVER. — Our father Martin, a passenger bus driver, was more often out but would bond with us whenever he was home. But I got to see him often as I rode on his bus during my Holy Cross (now Cor Jesu) high school days, whole commuting daily 8 kms away from home. When he ventured into his own long-chassis jeepney business, I was his "conductor" (who collected passenger fares) during summer time. He returned to passenger bus driving when his rickety jeep did not last long. Then he worked as shuttle bus driver of the Davao Sugar Central, which was just at the back of our house in Guihing. He taught me industry and hardwork. I remember telling him once while I was already congressman of Davao City that he should quit driving since we, 8 brothers and sisters were already all professionals who could take care of him. He merely smiled but did not say a word. I was later told by his co-workers at the motor pool of the Sugar Central that they also gave him the same advice. But his simple answer to them in mix Ilonggo and Cebuano was "Why will I stop driving now that he is Congressman? He would not be what he is today if not for my driving." Really, he enjoyed his work and due to his fatherly ways to all, he was "Tatay" to everyone. He retired as shuttle bus driver of the Davao sugar central. And spent the rest of his life until four years ago living and enjoying within his modest SSS pension with his favorite "Red Horse" beer.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER —Our mother Amparo, who passed away two months ago, was a grade 1 public school teacher all her life. When we were all young, she was always with all of us 8 children in school and in the home most of the time. Until we all started dispersing during our college days. Just like many other public school teachers during her time, she would not see her paycheck (called treasury warrant) for years as it went directly to the moneylender who happily advanced for our tuition fees and family upkeep. There were no TVs nor cellphones, nor DVDs nor computers to compete with our mother in her old-fashioned values for us to learn. She held total sway. That made a lot of difference!

When I asked her once why we siblings all started at 5 years old at grade 1 when it was supposed to be at 7 years old, she simply said: "Don't forget I was your Grade 1 teacher!". Oh yes, classroom teachers were the ones deciding admissions then.

DIFFERENT WORLD — Today, we are in a totally different world. I guess I need not explain in detail why. Children today, whether in the cities or in the barangays, generally are directly interconnected with the world. Super! They are no longer as isolated as I was during my time. They are direct information consumers during almost all of their waking hours. And unlike during my

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

GMA "probably untruthful" in SC petition

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... And the truth shall make you free..." (the Lord Jesus Christ, John 8:32, the Holy Bible).

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DISSENTING OPINION OF JUSTICE SERENO: There are always two sides to a coin, or even more, if we will just be perceptive of things. And this is very true in the Supreme Court order allowing Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and husband Mike to travel abroad, despite a travel ban imposed by the Aquino government, through Justice Secretary Leila De Lima.

The dissenting opinion of Associate Justice Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno gives us the other side of the Supreme Court ruling, and what an explosive other side it is! For the sake of truth and information to the public, I am reprinting some portions of this Sereno opinion today, and perhaps in the days to come.

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"GOV'T MUST BE HEARD FIRST BEFORE TRO": First point of Justice Sereno: the government must be given the opportunity to be heard on the issue of Arroyo's travel before any temporary restraining order is issued, considering that the documents the former president submitted to the Supreme Court belie her own claims about the real purpose of her going abroad.

"If she has been shown to be prone to submitting to this Court documents belying her own allegations, this Court must pause, and at the very least, listen to the side of the Government," Sereno said.

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ARROYO SC PETITION AMBIVALENT: Second point of Justice Sereno: the petition of Gloria Arroyo before the Supreme Court, and its annexes, do not inspire belief in the sincerity and urgency of her travel as one for medical purposes.

Here is her explanation of this second point: "The Rules of Court and jurisprudence prescribe very stringent requirements before a TRO can be issued. Among these is the requirement that the TRO may be granted only when: (a) the application or proceeding is verified, and shows facts entitling the applicant to the relief demanded..." (Rule 58, Section 4).

"So strong is the requirement of truthful allegations in pleadings filed before the Court that many adverse inferences and disciplinary measures can be imposed against a person lying before the Court.

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GMA'S PROBABLY UNTRUTHFUL STATEMENTS TO SC: "This requirement of truthfulness is especially important when a provisional remedy, and more so when the remedy is sought to be granted *ex-parte*, is under consideration by the Court. When on its face, the material averments of a pleading contain self-contradictions, the least that the Court should do, is consider the other side of the claim.

"This is the situation with the Petition of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. It appears that she has given inconsistent, and probably untruthful statements before this Court..." More of this next issue!

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time, TVs, DVDs, cellphones today are totally dominant, even penetrating deep into the families' bedrooms 24 hours a day preaching their own worldly and at times questionable values that my mother would have dismissed outright.

Quite a bit different, as my mother would start worrying if I spent too much time outside at the basketball court or being late for supper or getting drunk with tuba. Unlike today when parents have to live with their children's early dawn arrivals from night-outs, or overnight stays, drugs, crimes, accidents and a host of other worries!

Thus the relevancy of media and schools **Cont. on page 10**

1st-APLUMA!

Self-destruct

President Noy only have good intentions in keeping CGMA in and make good his promise of bringing to justice a perceived "big fish" on corruption charges but methinks the more he keeps her in other than letting her travel abroad for medical care given her present state of health all the more his credibility and popularity will erode.

Already, allegations of vindictiveness worse than former strongman Ferdinand Marcos are flying high and low, high and low and higher even because FM allowed his late father Ninoy Aquino travel to the US of A even as double, treble heart bypasses were already in vogue in Philippine health during those times, Decada 70.

Members of the House minority bloc are even mulling on filing an impeachment case against President Noy now "for openly defying the Supreme Court (SC)-issued temporary restraining order (TRO) allowing former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Arroyo to leave the country to seek medical attention."

Nonchalantly, Minority Leader and Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman lambasted President Noy Aquino before the working media, saying his treatment of Arroyo is without parallel compared to the approach employed by FM his father.

Other members of the House minority bloc also filed a resolution seeking a congressional inquiry into Malacanang's unblinking stand on the fate of the Arroyos.

They said Malacanang is openly defying the temporary restraining order (TRO) issued by the Supreme Court (SC) that says CGMA is good to go abroad and seek medical treatment.

President Noy should let her go so Filipinos could already heave a sigh of relief, from Malacanang's seemingly heartless stand on an ailing former president of the land for whatever reason there might be.

CGMA's legal counsel even promised to cut his balls if and when CGMA and company renege on their promise of coming back to PH after seeking medical care to her degenerative bone ailment abroad.

Many of us only knows so much that CGMA is not afraid on Malacanang's threat of hauling her into jail on mega-corruption charges because, accordingly, there are many loopholes on its legal menu against CGMA and it "wouldn't stand a day in court" former "Little President" Bobby Tiglaos avers.

President Noy should let her go and he'll come out smelling like a rose before the bar of public perception.

As we said, in politics, no matter how one tries to be straightforward, there is no such thing as straightforwardness.

Take a look at this.

A national daily has unearthed something irregular right inside Malacañang.

It said Malacanang appears to be padding the cost of its luncheon meetings, which for us straightforwardly dumps President Noy's promise of "straight path" kind of governance.

Amid his belt-tightening measures, under his very nose, somebody is raking in oodles of cash noodles.

Imagine, the paper said, a lunch menu good for 20 officials that consisted a fish dish and soup, cost taxpayers around one million pesos (P1 million).

The said meeting, which was accordingly held right inside Malacañang, lasted for seven hours with the sky-high tag price of P860,000 to be exact.

This was apparently consumed by the Chief Executive, his cabinet and some members of congress in what could be the first and only convening of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (Ledac) under the Aquino administration last Aug. 16.

The Tribune, claimed that the source was no other than an ally of Aquino in the Senate.

See? Indeed, in politics, some things depend on who's talking.

Baguio inventor's Magichanic Oil gains wide acceptance

BAGUIO CITY — In response to the global challenges and environmental problems, an inventor from this mountain resort developed and introduced an eco-friendly engine oil additive called Magichanic Oil which can be used for all types of vehicles.

Johnny N. Sy introduced the Magichanic oil in the market after over 20 years of research and experimentation. At present, about 90 % of auto supplies and repair shops in northern Luzon use Magichanic oil.

With this kind of oil, drivers may apply less force to their accelerator pedals yet maximize fuel efficiency and combustion to enjoy more power and up to 65 % lesser emissions.

Sy said that his invention offers four "Ps" for power, protection, performance and profitability that can overcome barriers to optimum engine performance like sludge, insolubles, oxidation and oil thickening.

Besides increasing mileage, Magichanic oil also boosts engine power for stronger uphill

drives. The invention also reduces friction between the engine components, minimize engine wear and tear, lowers engine temperatures and prolongs the durability of an engine. It functions steadily at both low and high temperature conditions, Sy explained.

According to Sy, Magichanic oil provides a smoother drive and reduces vibrations, regardless of the vehicles age. The oil enhances lubricant fuel economy and reduces change oil frequency by 100 %, thereby providing big savings and maintenance and fuel expenses and it increases the profit potential through the improved engine performance.

With our problems of climate change and global warming, the Magichanic oil can help reduce pollution in our surroundings, Sy pointed out.

Jonathan Estacio, a taxi operator/driver of Baguio City said that he had an extra mileage of 10,000 km, as reflected in mechanic's change oil logbook and that he now changes oil at an average of two or three

months instead of monthly.

Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Cordillera regional director Ben Ladilad said Sy is a pride of the region. He confirmed that they have conducted scientific testing and verified the originality of the invention.

"It confirms to our examination that technically improves the effectiveness to the engine," he said.

"I personally tested the efficiency of the Magichanic oil, I change oil after three years when I use the oil," he added.

According to Ladilad, the DOST offered financial assistance to Sy to improve further the Magichanic oil or in expanding his business.

The Baguio City Council headed by Vice Mayor Daniel T. Fariñas issued a resolution commending and congratulating Johnny N. Sy for his outstanding accomplishment.

For his achievement, Sy is listed as one of the best inventor in the utility model category of DOST./JDP/IBZ PIA-CAR

State of the Art Rice Harvester to Help Farmers

BAGUIO CITY —The Department of Agriculture (DA) in the Cordillera showcased a locally designed and manufacture state of the art rice harvester which combines harvesting, threshing, cleaning and bagging in one operation to help farmers in harvesting their produce.

According to DA regional executive director Marilyn Sta. Catalina, the rice harvester was specifically built to help aid in harvest which lack labor force and thresher facility. It also minimizes time and energy and allows harvesting even during night time.

The unit can work on field, having a capacity of 1-1.5 hectares per day with an estimate of 18-20 bags of palay per day. With that, it consumes a maximum of 14 horsepower gasoline engine, Sta. Catalina said.

To operate the machine, it requires three persons as main operators from driving to bagging of the threshed palay. One person is set to drive the engine, and two persons to assist the bagging at the back, she explained.

Its traction has a pair of lugged rubber tires with metal lugs suitable to freely run in the field. Thus, it fits to small paddy fields for dry and wet season harvesting, she said.

Some farmers who witnessed how the machine works in the field appreciated the speed of the machine to perform three tasks at one time and they have made some recommendations to improve further the performance and be suitable in the rice fields, Sta. Catalina added./JDP/IBZ PIA-CAR

US Officials Visit Abra for Political Study Tour

BANGUED, Abra — US Senator Clark Jolley, Assistant Floor Leader of

the Oklahoma Senate, led the members of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), the National Movement of Young Legislators (NMYL) and the US Embassy officials on their official visit to the province last November 11, 2011.

The visit was a political study tour that aimed to provide the American delegation with an in-depth, hands-on exploration of the vital role that a diverse civil society plays at all levels of the political processes in the Philippines and how such involvements of the civil society organizations enhances the Philippine democracy.

While the American delegation came primarily to learn from Abra's experience in local governance, the study tour likewise served as a springboard on which a partnership between the young professionals from the East Asia and the Pacific Rim could establish a sustainable partnership with the American counterparts aimed at promoting and strengthening civil society, transparent politics, good governance, and mutual understanding and trust.

Abra local officials led by Governor Eustaquio P. Bersamin, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and some municipal mayors were on hand to welcome the visitors.

In his presentation, Bersamin shared his experience of working with the civil society organizations as partners of the provincial government in various economic and social development undertakings particularly in their active participation in the various councils and program implementation.

The Governor mentioned the Cordillera Highland Agriculture and Resource Management Programme Part 2 (CHARMP2) as a flagship program of the regional government which is being implemented in partnership with the different agencies of the government, the Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government (CCAGG) and the indigenous peoples' organizations (IPOs) in the upland communities.

Bersamin likewise shared how various government and civil society groups work together on the annual celebration of the Abra Week for Peace in the province as its response to the problem of unease in the province most particularly in Bangued, the provincial capital.

The mayors also shared how they carry out their mandate as the local chief executives despite meager resources the national government is able to share to their local government units (LGUs). Mayor Marco Bautista of San Juan municipality discussed how they work on sustainable agriculture and generate jobs and livelihood through agriculture since their town is basically agriculture. He emphasized the benefit of participation of the farmers' associations in the repair and rehabilitation and maintenance of their irrigation systems in order to sustain their agricultural production.

Mayor Esther Bernos of Danglas and Mayor Placido Glenn Eduarte, Jr. of Tayum, both reported how their micro-financing programs help their constituents in the micro-enterprise development as their source of livelihood and alleviate poverty.

Mayor Patrocinio Abaya of Lagangilang, on the other hand, shared how he makes use of his access to funding assistance from the higher bureaucratic levels in order for his LGU to undertake development programs and projects in his municipality particularly the maintenance of their irrigation facilities and their reforestation projects.

During the press conference, three issues were raised by the media which the American delegation gladly discussed. On the question on how the US government officials contain graft and corruption in their own government units, the delegates explained that all their transactions are open to public scrutiny except those on national security. That they make sure every dollar is accounted for.

On what measures they take in order to cushion the impact of the global crisis that hit the US economy, Senator Jolley said, huge amounts of fiscal stimulus were invested and huge amounts of grants were infused to the different states to boost their economy. This measure was attested to by the state legislator from California who likewise shared that the fiscal stimulus was likewise shared to their local government units in the county levels.

The delegates from the county level on the other hand shared on the specific manner by which they implemented their own programs in boosting their own economies. They shared how they did community participation through volunteerism as teachers in the education sector, and also as

Binga Dam Undergoes Rehabilitation

ITOGON, Benguet — Another hydroelectric dam here is being rehabilitated to enhance the Luzon power grid.

Binga Dam in barangay Tinongdan here is currently producing 100 megawatt and it is being rehabilitated and upgraded to 120 megawatt and fully operational by year 2014.

According the lawyer Mike Hosillos, SN Aboitiz Poweer external affairs manager, the improvement of the dam will include the provision of new turbines and generators to improve generation efficiency in the coming years and to generate power to help in the growing need of energy in the country.

Just like Ambuclao Dam in Bokod, Benguet, the operation of Binga Dam suffered when it was heavily damaged during the July 16, 1990 killer earthquake which resulted to the massive siltation of the water intake tunnels and reservoirs.

Aside from generating electric energy, the water held by the dam is used to irrigate agricultural fields. The dam helps minimize floods by absorbing the high peak flows by releasing water over a longer period, he said.

The SN Aboitiz Power acquired the Ambuclao and Binga dams from the Philippine government for \$320 million and the operational cost is \$280 million.

The Ambuklao Dam was also rehabilitated and was fully commissioned last month.

Benguet is a source of renewable energy because of the presence of abundant water supply that helps in the production of clean energy to address the increasing demand of power as a result of rapid urbanization in various investment areas nationwide, Hosillos added.

Itozon Mayor Oscar Camantiles is pleased that to the ongoing rehabilitation of the Binga Dam, "it means additional economic growth for the municipality and giving livelihood and in-

AFP to Students: We need your help

Camp Aquino, Tarlac City- Soldiers from the 17th Infantry Battalion, Philippine Army kicked off their four-day peace journey to six high schools and a college in Baggao, Cagayan on Tuesday (Nov. 15) primarily to raise security awareness amongst youth/students through a series of symposium.

This, following the death of four (4) NPA rebels in an encounter last month that also injured three (3) civilians in Sitio Bariwanay, Barangay San Miguel in Baggao town. Three (3) firearms, generator set, laptop, computer printer, cell phone and subversive documents were recovered after the clash.

According to Corporal Jacob Apostol, it is the desire of his Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Alvin V. Flores to inculcate in their (students) hearts and minds that peace is everyone's responsibility. That although the AFP/PNP are mandated to maintain peace and order in the communities, the support and cooperation of all sectors are paramount.

Lt. Col. Flores also said "our youth should be vigilant and never allow themselves to be deceived and lured in joining legal fronts of the New People's Army because in doing so, they will ruin their own future and expose themselves to danger."

He added that there were many student-recruits who get themselves killed during encounters with government forces because young as they are, they are being used as front liners or human shield during NPA tactical operations by the very people who recruited them.

The soldiers expect some 4,500 students as well as faculty members to attend the 4-day symposia that will last until November 18.

Northern Luzon Command Chief Lieutenant General Jessie Dellosa said "If we can only enlighten all the student sector about the underhandedness of the local terrorist movement, we will be very happy already. It's a big thing for us if they are properly educated because we also have brothers, sisters and children whom we want to spare from this misplaced romanticism." Jovily Carmel Cabading/jovily16@gmail.com

volunteers in the fire department.

On the question on how they do police work particularly in crime prevention and crime solution, they said, they employed a different school of policing which is the involvement of community police in crime prevention. And as to effective crime solution, they said, they have a very effective justice, strong police and most of all, a less-forgiving culture. They cited how in New Jersey, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) arrested 60 mayors caught doing bribery. And because of this, there was, according to them a significant drop in murder cases because people become aware that their local police mean business in carrying out their police work./ MTBB/PIA-Abra

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF ILLEGITIMACY OF LEHMAN C. BUCASAN AND CANCELLATION AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN HIS RECORD OF BIRTH,

LEHMAN C. BUCASAN,
Petitioner,
-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO), QUEZON CITY,
Respondents,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 11-C-1714

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following in his birth certificate:

First Name : from BABY BOY to LEHMAN
Middle Name : Cancel and leave it blank

Last Name of Mother : from LASTIMOZA to BUCASAN

Birthplace of Mother : from Tabuk, Kalinga Apayao to Itogon,

Benguet Date and Place of Marriage of Parents : Cancel the entry and leave it blank and declaring petitioner as an illegitimate Child. WHEREFORE finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance the court sees it for hearing on February 16, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Regional Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than November 20, 2011.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; The Junction Regional Newspaper; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 14th day of November 2011 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr. Presiding Judge

Publication dates on November 19, 26 and December 3, 2011.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 10
La Trinidad,
Benguet

HOPE BACOLONG GUIAGI

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD BENGUET AND THE NSO OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, QUEZON CITY

Respondents,

SP. PROC. CASE NO. 11-C-1716

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
BAGUIO CITY

OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,

Mortgage,

-versus-

SPOUSES ALONZO ABIBUAG AND GLORIA AMPAGUEY-ABIBUAG,

Mortgagors,

SPOUSES ESWHER CASTANEDA AND ESTER AMPAGUEY-CASTANEDA, Borrowers,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 11-310-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL

FOR:

CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN ITEM NO. 2 IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

X——X

ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed this verified petition on 9 November 2011 praying that after due notice, publication, and trial, judgment be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet and the NSO to correct the entry as regards the gender of HOPE BACOLONG GUIAGUI from "FEMALE" to "MALE". WHEREFORE, finding the petition

ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED

X——X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act 3135, as amended filed on October 28, 2011 by METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, through counsel, as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of SPS. ALONZO ABIBUAG AND GLORIA AMPAGUEY-ABIBUAG, as the MORTGAGORS and SPS. ESWHER CASTANEDA AND ESTER AMPAGUEY-CASTANEDA, as the BORROWERS, the outstanding obligation, which as of August 31, 2011 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ONE PESOS & 62/100 (Php 800,501.62) inclu-

to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on February 07, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd floor, Justice Hall, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Regional Newspaper a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than July 10, 2011.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the

sive of interest and penalty charges, but exclusive of attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or any authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on December 14, 2011 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in PHILIPPINE CURRENCY, the real property together with all improvements existing thereon is more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-47094 REGISTRY OF DEDS., BAGUIO CITY

"A parcel of land (Lot 68-A-3-A-2 Psd-1-015075, being a portion of Lot 68-A-3-A, (LRC) Psd-153182, L.R.C. Rec. No. _____), situated at the Res. Sec. "J" City of Baguio, Island of

petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Administrator National Statistics Office; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; The Junction Regional Newspaper, the petitioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 11th day of November 2011 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) EDGARDO B. DIAZ DE RIVERA, Jr. Presiding Judge

Publication Dates : November 19, 26 and December 3, 2011

Luzon. x x x x x ; containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX (526) SQUARE METERS . (Complete technical description appears in the title)

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

Baguio City, Philippines, November 14, 2011.

By: (SGD) ATTY. REMEDIOS BALDERAS - REYES Clerk of Court VI & Ex-officio Sheriff

By: (SGD) DELFIN E. ARIAGA Sheriff IV

This publication awarded by raffle to The Junction Regional Newspaper, Dates of publication - November 19, 26 and December 3, 2011.

Copy furnished all parties concerned.

We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals - not to mention human cruelty to other humans - we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Benguet SP ratifies MOA for Japan Internship Training

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Qualified skilled farmers in the province may have the chance to undergo internship training with compensation to Japan upon the forging of memorandum agreement of the provincial government with Ehime Prefecture.

The MOA authorizing Governor Nestor Fongwan with the Farmer's Cooperative of Ehime Prefecture represented by Chairman Tsukuru Kuramoto on the Technical Intern Training Program was ratified through a resolution by the provincial board in a session held recently.

Under the program, the provincial government will be sending skilled and qualified agricultural farmers to Japan for the internship program paid on salary basis, according to Provincial Agriculturist Lolita Bentres.

The trainees who will be working will be treated as co-equal time workers and are paid on an hourly rate unlike before where they are given only allowance, Bentres said.

Prior to their training-employment, interns will learn Niponggo for one to two months, she explained.

The partnership program with a number of Prefectures in Japan is ongoing for several years now.

Accordingly, it has vitally contributed to the agricultural development and effective technology transfer both to the province and Japan.

It also promotes and strengthens the parties' mutual understanding and friendship, the measure reads./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR, Benguet

SLU reigns Supreme in 20th Philippine Statistics Quiz

Joy Adviento while University of the Cordilleras Mon Argel Del Mundo came in third. Turalba received thirty thousand pesos in cash, trophy, medal and certificate of recognition while his coach Ms. Nora De Vera of the SLU Department of Mathematics also received fifteen pesos in cash prize.

The contest was supervised by Benguet Provincial Statistics Officer Villafelipe Alibuyog and Mt. Province Statistics Officer Adrian Cerezo.

The PSQ is held nationwide and involves students enrolled in colleges and universities in the 17 regions of the country.

Its main objective is to assess the competency and skill of students in statistics as acquired from their secondary education while promoting and enhancing their appreciation of the importance and value of science particularly statistics.

It is open to all Filipino first time college freshmen currently enrolled in the second semester of the school year in

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17th century documents reveal, Loyola House of Studies' Catalino Arevalo, SJ notes. Did he come from Tigabauan? Fr Pedro Chirino established, in this Iloilo town, the first Jesuit school for boys in the Philippines.

Starting a new mission in Guam, the Jesuits were joined by "the brightest and the best" students. Did these 17 Filipino teenagers sail from Cebu? Calungsod "family traditions say a boy, only 11 or 12, joined Jesuits in Mactan, then traveled to islands "near Hawaii" and was killed there."

Like San Lorenzo Ruiz, was Calungsod an "overseas foreign worker"? Canonization may come to a country of OFWs but "no longer a nation of believers." Only 21 percent of urban students believe in life after the grave, a survey by McCann Erickson and Philippine Jesuits found.

Majority or 88 percent believe in a Supreme Being. But only 15 percent were instructed in their faith by parents, "The phenomenon of bursting churches is actually misleading," notes Windhover. magazine. "Their doctrinal foundation and catechetical instruction seem to be faltering."

Our houseboy pasted Calungsod's cutout from Inquirer on to cardboard, with a makeshift stand. With his wife and two young daughters, Airen says they pray for Blessed Pedro's intercession.

Isn't that the "communion of saints?", we itched to ask. "How about coffee?", we requested instead./Juan L. Mercado



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO) that the 31st Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) will be held on December 03, 2011, Saturday at the Covered Court, Benguet State University-Bokod Campus, Ambagueg, Bokod, Benguet.

Schedule of activities:

08:00 A.M. - 09:30 A.M. - Registration
09:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M - Program Proper
10:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon - Business Meeting
12:00 Noon - Onwards Lunch and Raffles

Order Of Business :

- I. Report on the number of members present in order to determine the existence of a quorum;
- II. Reading the notice of meeting and proof of its publication or mailing thereof including the waivers executed by members from attending the meeting;
- III. Reading the approval of the minutes of the previous general membership assembly;
- IV. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous general membership meeting;
- V. Presentation and consideration of the President and General Manager's Report;
- VI. Unfinished Business;
 - a. Policy on the District Contingency fund (DCF)- Proponent NASECORE
 - b. Proposed separation of Baguio City from the franchise of BENECO Proponent: BAELECO and Mr. Bial Palaez.
 - c. Proposal to register BENECO with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Proponent: NASECORE
 - VII. New Business

Proposed by Management :

- a. Confirmation of the 2008 AGMA Resolution No. 001-2008 approving the redistricting of BENECO whereby towns of Sablan and Tuba will remain to comprise District IX and barangays Asin Road and Irisan will revert back to Baguio City.
- As proposed by: Mr. Bial Palaez District 7, La Trinidad
- b. Refund scheme of the Php 98,561,178.00 over collection for the period 2006-2009 based on the approved unbundling decision dated July 20 2001 under ERC Case No. 2002-214.
- c. Preparation by management a supplemental CAPEX plan covering the far flung areas not covered by the original CAPX earlier submitted.
- d. Update of consumer-members master list deleting the names of deceased, transferees and those who left for abroad.
- e. A report status of the energy power project being undertaken by BENECO in Manasoc, Buguias, Benguet with respect to project cost, amount spent, percentage of project completion and its MW capacity.

As proposed by: Ms. Emerita Fuerte, Chapter President, NASECORE

- f. Requesting BENECO Board of Directors to present to the General Membership accountability of the BENECO Board of Directors and officers to the fines and penalties paid by to the BIR related to the misdeclaration of actual cost of the lot purchased at South Drive, Baguio City.
- g. Requesting BENECO Management, in the spirit of transparency and accountability to member-consumer who shoulder the operating and capital expenditures of the electric cooperative, to present in its report the following data:
 - Updates of the refunds being implemented in terms of actual amount to be refunded, amount already refunded, the length of time to complete the refund specially on the meter deposit, the loan condonation and PPA with MIRANT (now Team Energy)
 - The management recommendation of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) Audit Report and what management intends to do to comply
 - The breakdown of the District Contingency Fund amounting to P 350,000.00 for each Director, how the amount was spent (project funded) the beneficiary/beneficiaries and the source of the fund.

As proposed by : Mr. Federico Balanag, Chairman BAELECO

- h. Reduction of electricity rate through availment of tax incentives such as the 12% VAT as provided under RA 9520. The reduction shall be a big help to most consumers who belong to the marginalized sector.
- i. Refund of DISCOUNT resulting from the approval of the energy supply contract between BENECO and Team Energy as per ERC decision dated June 30, 2008 under Case No. 2005-025RC which mandated BENECO to refund the discount of P 0.2075 per kwh to its consumers.
- j. Update on the accounting/recording of Reinvestment Fund or Member Capital Contribution (MCC) per consumer-member to show/record contribution.
- k. Update on the petition to exclude the lot purchase at South Drive from the Capital Expenditures (CAPEX).
- VIII. Adjournment

Every member is encouraged to attend this Annual Assembly.

November 20 & 27, 2011

MANAGEMENT

'Outstanding Pinoy' Entrepreneur, 70 Yr Old Ma In \$10m Drug Cartel, Money Laundering Raps

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is Lucita Uy and son, Lemuel Uy Libunao whose bond was \$150,000 (Php 3.6M). Uy has been named and tagged by US authorities and the US media as the "ringleader" and the son, a co-conspirator.

The duo is assisted by the Glenn K Osajima Law Offices in Santa Ana, California with Court trial set on November 29, 2011. Pending the Court date, mother's and son's passports have been confiscated with further Orders out on travel restrictions.

Local follow ups confirmed that Libunao along with his Ilongga wife and two children made at least two trips to her hometown in Iloilo. The young couple is also known to relatives and friends to have an opulent lifestyle in the US with regular foreign vacations. In fact, the wife was reportedly set for another hometown visit for a school reunion prior to her husband's arrest.

The US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) confirmed the charges versus Uy and Libunao and two others who were similarly arrested. Said confirmation was subject of an official news release obtained by Philippine News Service (PNS).

Uy and Libunao when arraigned pleaded not guilty. US authorities in pursuing the charges against mother and son established a four-year buying and selling spree of controlled substance Promethazine. A cough suppressant, use of Promethazine is known to be habit-forming and has since been commonly-abused. "Diverted" Promethazine has street value of \$150 to \$200 in Los Angeles while price is more than doubled at P\$300 to \$600 a pint of bottle in Houston, Texas.

Being a controlled-substance, only authorized and registered doctors or pharmacists can avail of wholesale Promethazine purchase. Mother and son are now charged to have elaborately planned the illegal drug trafficking in two US states by setting up three pharmacies. Incidentally, all areas of Uy and Libunao's pharmacy have predominant presence of Filipino-American communities.

Promethazine as abused and illegally sold is known to cause a "high" to users similar to what Heroin would cause. If taken with alcohol, the results are often fatal.

In a 36-paged indictment obtained by PNS, established were wire transfers in hundreds of thousands of dollars and at least 10 bank accounts that were opened through the years by Uy and Libunao. Two of the questioned seized accounts included "nominee accounts" under the name of Libunao's Ilongga wife with initial deposits of \$10,000 and \$5,000.

"More than twice as many Americans abuse prescription drugs than those using cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants combined," said Timothy J. Landrum, DEA Special Agent in Charge in an official DEA News Release. "DEA is committed to working with our law enforcement partners to ensure those who endanger our communities by distributing these dangerous drugs are brought to justice."

"According to court documents, Uy acquired three pharmacies – Plaza Pharmacy in Santa Ana, Value Plus Pharmacy in Long Beach, and Blue Rose Pharmacy in Buena Park – so she could obtain promethazine from wholesale distributors," the DEA news release continued.

The indictment further stated deposits of more than \$6.9 million in cash and more than \$2.7 million in money orders into bank accounts courtesy of the 'drug money.'

"In conjunction with the indictment, the IRS - Criminal Investigation is seeking to forfeit property allegedly obtained with the proceeds of the illegal distribution scheme. The property to be forfeited includes seven real properties located in Monrovia, Claremont and Houston; \$64,500 in cash; a 2007 Mercedes Benz S550; a 2007 Honda CRV; a 2007 Toyota Tundra; and 11 luxury watches including a Rolex trimmed in diamonds," the DEA said. "The allegations against Uy and her co-conspirators indicate they intended to enrich themselves by engaging in conduct that put the lives of others at risk," said IRS-Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge Leslie P. DeMarco. "One of the government's most powerful weapons is the ability to seize through asset forfeiture the property obtained through this illegal distribution scheme, including real estate, cash, vehicles and jewelry. By taking away their assets and profits, we deprive them of the proceeds of their criminal activity."

If convicted, Uy and Libunao would face a statutory maximum sentence of 25 years in federal prison while two others similarly charged would each face up to 20 years in prison.

US blogger and culture writer Brande Victorian in a post wrote, "I had really hoped the purple drank trend would die out, but thanks to Lil Wayne and a Houston grandmother from the Philippines, the sizzurp supply and demand chain lives on. Seventy-year-old Lucita Uy reportedly raked in at least \$10 million by purchasing 97,000 pints of prescription-strength cough syrup and smuggling it from California to Houston to make the purple stuff. According to the Houston Chronicle, the going price is \$300-\$600 per pint, and granny had enough to make 1.5 million doses. If you think perhaps her kids and grandkids are the mastermind behind the scheme and she's just an innocent bystander, don't. Uy once served 20 months in federal prison a decade ago for money laundering. I can only imagine what she was up to in her heyday."

Another post by Danielle Pointdujour wrote an article titled "When Old Folks Go Bad: Grandma charged with running \$10 Million 'Purple Drank' Ring."

"Whose granny is this?," he asked. "A 70 year-old Houston grandmother from the Philippines has been charged with being the ring leader of a multi-million dollar codeine distribution ring. Lucita Uy apparently felt like President Obama was taking too long to up her social security payments and decided to form her own criminal enterprise instead. The grandmother along with her son Lemuel Libunao and two others, banked at least \$10 million and used pharmacies that she owned to purchase 97,000 pints of prescription-strength cough syrup and smuggle them from California to Houston." **By Florence F. Hibionada/Senior Reporter, Philippine News Service (PNS)**

SLU

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any recognized tertiary academic institution in the country.

The PSQ regional championships was held at the Baguio City Multi-purpose hall last November 17 while the National Finals will be held on December 6 in Metro Manila/paulrillorta

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to our present interactive environment. And the need for media practitioners and the academe to talk about their concomitant challenges and responsibilities vis-à-vis today's child who is the principal consumer of today's communications; "a child who is generally precocious, vulnerable, gullible, often times confused, but transitioning to adult life".

This week's forum of the National Council for Children's Television (NCCT) of the Department of Education being supported by the PPI will hope to discuss these issues and challenges.

And before I forget, I wish to say this: If I were a child now, I don't want to be a child of today. Yesterday seemed much, much better. http://jessdureza.multiply.com/journal/item/62/IF_I_WERE_A_CHILD <http://mindanaotimes.net>

Absence of Docus

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assist in informing the DOHWA Engineering company, the project proponent of the ESL, on the requirements of FPIC.

The law mandates the conduct of FPIC process before a project will be implemented within an ancestral domain.

As can be recalled, more than 80 residents of Barangay Ampucao in Itogon filed a petition addressed to the NCIP-CAR, and DOHWA Engineering Co. Ltd of Seoul, South Korea for the conduct of FPIC relative to the proposed ESL in their village.

They have indicated in the petition that they are not opposing neither are they in favor of the proposed ESL project but only wanted to assert their right as provided for in Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Right Act of 1997.

Ramos stated in her letter the required documents set in the 2006 FPIC guidelines to be submitted by the proponent before FPIC activities will be carried out. These will be endorsed to the NCIP by the concerned or appropriate regulating agency.

Among the relevant requirements needed include the project profile, operational plan and project activities required by the endorsing agency and the environmental impact assessment.

But for applications for the conduct of activities affecting ancestral domain that do not require a permit, license or agreement from any government agency/instrumentality, there are documents required to be attached to the application such as abstract of the project which enumerates socio-cultural and economic advantages/disadvantages to the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples and location/indicative map of the affected areas, according to Ramos.

The provincial board earlier crafted Resolution Number 201 series 2011 indorsing the petition letter of the residents of barangay Ampucao requesting the NCIP and the DOHWA Engineering company to conduct FPIC of the ESL./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR

BPO

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industry itself projects continuous investment in the country even beyond the term of President Aquino.

Abad also stressed that in consultation with BPO companies, there is also a concern that the country's supply of manpower for the particular industry is also already reaching its plateau and the quality of our graduates for the said industry is deteriorating, which could result for BPO companies looking outside of the country for investment.

"Presently, the BPO industries offer about 65,000 job opportunities and I just came from Bacolod, wherein there is a need for about 3,500 Call center agents, but the city can only supply about 1,250" Abad stressed.

For the government's part, Abad stressed that they are now investing heavily on basic education including pre-school, to put up a better educational foundation for the Filipino children and the strengthening of technical-vocational (Tech-Voc) skills of the students in basic education, as well as the government's program for Tech-Voc Education and Training.

According to Abad, the government has just put up P1.2 billion investment for tech-voc education and training and P500M of the said investment were initially invested for the training of 72,000 possible BPO workers or near-hires, in which the BPO industry also committed to hire 58,000 of these trainees, as well as to recruit and train faculty members from the country's SUC, that will then serve as trainers for such purpose.

In which Abad also called on the SUCs that were present at the meeting to partner with them for such objective, as he also assured that the government, as well as the BPO industry, is willing to invest on them for such purpose.

"The ultimate objective here is to provide our graduates and even those in school, opportunity for employment and livelihood. That is what we really want to achieve. So it is just logical that the government will invest in areas it foresees that will be making huge investment for the country and its people, because that is the requirement of the market, abroad and domestic, which is in line with the government's objective of alleviating poverty and boosting the country's economy" Abad said./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Campaign Against Tree

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"Everybody should help in the protection of our remaining forest from further destruction; it is a legacy that we are going to give to our children and the future generation," Magalong added./JDP/JBZ PIA-CAR

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premises, and at which the owner of the premises shall have an opportunity to present evidence in his/her defense, the board may declare the place or premises to be a public nuisance.

Furthermore, under Section 53, if the board declares a place or premises to be a public nuisance, it may declare an order immediately prohibiting the conduct, operation, or maintenance of any business or activity on the premises which is conducive to such nuisance.

Espina and Tuazon, both from Baguio, were indicted in court of violations of Section 5 (sale of dangerous drugs) in relation to Section 26 (Conspiracy to Sell Dangerous Drugs) and Section 12 (Possession of Paraphernalia for Dangerous Drugs) of Republic Act 9165 (The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) last November 11.

Cases for violations of Section 12 and Section 15 (Use of Dangerous Drugs) were filed in court against Amonte last November 14./PIA CAR/PDEA CAR

First Veggie Noodle

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Consumer Welfare Month program said that attendees and guests lauded the inaugural contest and expressed interest in assisting the DTI in future cookfests. Gallardo added that Chef Arrieta who is also the Director of the BCC Food and Beverage promised to make representations with the Hotel and Restaurants Association of Baguio (HRAB) to align the activity with the standards established for culinary competitions in Luzon and nationwide.

The First Veggie Noodle Cookfest was successfully implemented with the help of Easter College Hospitality and Management Department which provided the venue and MJ Gacad Incorporated that lent the LPG fuel and two-burner stoves./Art Tibaldo

DOH

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leaved chaste tree), Niyog-niyogan (Chinese Honey Suckle), Sambong (Blumea Campora), Yerba Buena (pepper mint), pansit-pansitan, and tsang gubat.

With the country's rich and diverse culture, as well as flora and fauna, the DOH believes that there are more herbal plants with medicinal value and indigenous traditional health care practices that are not yet discovered or properly researched and documented.

This was pointed out by DOH-CAR Nurse V Teresita Foman-eg to the representatives of various agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs) and educational institutions during the Regional Healthy Lifestyle (HL) coalition meeting at the DOH Regional Training Center, Tuesday.

Foman-eg called on the HL coalition members to help in the advocacy of TAHC in their respective agencies, offices, institutions or communities. She also urged educational institutions to share with them any student or institution research that involves TAHC so that together with the government, through PITAHC, they could work together for the advancement of such research.

Aside from research, it is also the DOH's objective to further intensify the advocacy on the use of TAHC and to fully integrate it into the country's health care system, Foman-eg said.

Moreover, the DOH is also pushing for the listing (accreditation and licensing) of TAHC practitioners in the country.

In Baguio City, there are two accredited acupuncture therapy practitioners – Dr. Manuel Quirino of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center and Dr. Charles Cheng of the Baguio Chinese Hospital, according to Foman-eg.

For massage therapy, Foman-eg admitted that they are still working on the listing of the licensed massage therapists in establishments here in the city offering such service.

This November, the DOH is leading the observance of Traditional and Health Care Month./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant

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becomes unfit for agriculture and industries. The lands subjected to mining become inflexible for multiple uses for long periods.

Mining produce serious inequalities as land and wealth is concentrated in a few. In contrast, for example, an industrial cum information/computer technology zone can make a higher number of individuals rich as wealth and incomes become no longer dependent on the possession of mining properties or land properties as wealth becomes a function of skills and not in the possession of land for mining.

Local governments should be warned against putting large areas of their land for mining. The richest local governments and cities in the world are the cities that are not dependent on mining. Even in the Philippines, the same thing is true. The richest municipalities and cities of our country are those not dependent on mining but areas whose lands are flexible for multiple and diversified uses given the changing conditions in both the local and international economies.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 7, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

This application shall be acted upon by 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 CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 15th day of November 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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Case No: 2001-01-597

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - BUYAGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 7, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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35 Municipal, Barangay Food Terminals Established in Benguet

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — 35 municipal and barangay food terminals (BFTs) were already established in the various towns in the province as food depot and distribution system offering affordable, safe and quality food products like meat, poultry, fish, vegetables and fruits.

Marlyn Cosalan of the Agri-Business and Marketing Assistance Division of the Department of Agriculture (AMAD-DA) – Cordillera said these centers, formerly known as the Bagsakan Centers, were intended to ensure food security and alleviate poverty and malnutrition.

As a more improved distribution center, it now includes processed and agricultural products.

It is also being targeted as Pasalubong Centers where the One-Town-One Product (OTOP) of each beneficiary town will be showcased, according to Cosalan.

The idea of establishing the center also seeks to develop an alternative market for farmers produce through direct marketing.

The six town-recipients of the project are Sablan, P1.5 million; Tuba, P2M; Amgaleygey in Buguias, P1M; Atok, P1M; Bokod, P1M; and Kapangan, P1M.

Tublay is already in the pipeline this year and will receive its allocation of P1 million on November 18, 2011 during the Agri-Tourism Summit, according to Cosalan.

The provincial government was also allotted P2 million for its Bagsakan Center located in Wangal, this town./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR,Benguet

First Veggie Noodle Cookfest in CAR

A Veggie Noodle Cookfest was recently held in Baguio at the Easter College's Hospitality and Management Laboratory as part of the commemoration of the 2011 Consumer Welfare Month (CWM). Eight contestants from three schools offering hospitality, tourism and culinary management in Baguio City pitted for the major prizes for the first-ever contest of its kind in the region.

The activity was conceptualization and collaborated by the Department of Trade and Industry-Cordillera through its Business Development Division and the Consumer Welfare and Trade Regulation Division as a way of highlighting a major program of DTI that can also be a part of the ConsumerNet activity.

Locally-manufactured veggie noodles are being promoted by DTI as a FLAGSHIP program of the region as a commercially viable consumer item suitable for production using indigenous vegetables. The contest highlighted the theme of this year's CWM commemoration, "Sapat, Ligtas as Abot-Kayang Pagkain Para Sa Lahat" by promoting consumer patronage to vegetable enriched noodles as an alternative to noodles that may have undergone artificial processing.

The University of the Cordilleras and Easter College each had three contestants from their schools, while Saint Louis University fielded two of its HRM students. The contestants were given two hours to prepare three dishes - a hot- or cold appetizer, a main dish, and dessert - all incorporating veggie noodles as the primary ingredient.

Baguio Country Club Chef Napoleon Arrieta headed the panel of judges composed of Joelinda T. De Venecia of the Department of Agriculture - CAR Field Unit, Joseph Sab-It of the Baguio City School of Arts and Trade - TESDA, and Provincial Director Freda M. Gawisan of DTI-Benguet.

After a thorough review and inspection of the entries, the judges awarded Shelwyn Mark G. Garrido of Saint Louis University top honors for his entry, California Noodle Maki, Veggie Noodle Ravioli and Carrot Miki Basket con Fruit Mania. Bagging the second and third was a tandem of students from the University of the Cordilleras, James Dave A. Reyes and Brent Dacquigan. The winners received medals and cash prizes of P4,000.00, P3,000.00 and P2,000.00 for first, second and third respectively, while their schools received trophies. Non-winning participants received certificates and consolation prizes.

Atty. Samuel Gallardo who orchestrated the
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Chef Napoleon Arrieta (right) of the Baguio Country Club, Chairman of the Board of Judges shares his insights on the dishes prepared by the contestants of the First Veggie Noodle Cookfest, held at the Easter School in Baguio City, November 9, 2011. A total of 24 dishes using veggie noodles as a primary ingredient were prepared by eight culinary students representing schools in the city of Baguio./Photo by Art Tibaldo

Adivay 2011 Photo Competition

Theme: Exploring Benguet's Best

Contest Guidelines

The competition is open to all photographers.

Entries could be any photo that promotes the Benguet tourism industry: Landscapes, tourist destinations, Festivals, etc.

Entries should be printed on 8 x 12 photo paper and mounted on 10 x 15 illustration board (black side). If possible, covered with plastic to protect the image when exhibited. Bigger photos submitted are acceptable. For published photos, bring hard copy of the publication.

Only the most recent photographs, taken in the past 12 months, are accepted.

Editing must be limited to cropping and minor brightness and contrast adjustments. The original digital copy of the entry should be saved on CD and submitted with the entry.

By entering your photographs into the competition, you grant the Benguet tourism Office and the sponsors a limited non-commercial privilege to use your images for the promotion of Benguet.

Each participant can submit a maximum of 5 entries.

Deadline of submission of entries is on November 21, 2011 at 5PM. Awarding of prizes will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the Benguet Provincial Capitol. Please submit your photos at the Benguet Tourism Office.

1st Prize: 12,000.00 2nd Prize: 8,000.00

3rd Prize: 5,000.00 3 Consolation Prizes

Special award for best published photo.

DOH Advocates Traditional and Alternative Health care

BAGUIO CITY - Traditional medicines and health care practices have long been part of the country's system passed on from generation to generation.

In 1997, in line with the policy of the state to improve the quality and delivery of health care services to the Filipino people, Republic Act 8423 otherwise

known as Traditional and Alternative Medical Act of 1997 was enacted. The Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC) was also established.

Today, there are now accredited practitioners of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (TAHC) modalities such as

massage therapy and acupuncture through PITAHC, the Department of Health (DOH) is now advocating for the use of 10 herbal medicines with approved therapeutic value. These include Akapulco (ringworm bush), Ampalaya (bitter gourd), Bawang (garlic), Bayabas (guava), Lagundi (5-
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