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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

# 's Tax Rates Now a Must

BAGUIO CITY - After years of stalling, the city government must now update its schedule of business and real property taxes to make the antiquated rates attuned with the times and with the requirements of the

City treasurer Alicia Onoza said the city is currently studying a proposal for a 10 percent increase in business taxes under Tax Ordinance No.

"We do not want as much as possible to impose an increase after all, we did not touch the rates for many years. But it has come to a point that increasing the tax rates is now a must," Onoza said.

Onoza said the last time the city hiked the revenue rates was in 2001 or 13 years ago. She said the city has practically imposed only a ten percent adjustment from the 1974 rates under Ordinance No. 588 -74 and since then, the rates have remained.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the city has now been left behind in tax chargers by nearby cities like Urdaneta and Dagupan in Pangasinan and San Fernando City in La Union which levy business taxes higher by as much as 500 percent than the city.

For instance the city charges P15 for certifications and clearances while other areas collect as much as P100. For stall rentals at the fish section, the city charges P20 a month but other cities collect P78 a day.

Acting Market Supt. Policarpio Tamayo last December submitted a comparison of market rates being imposed in adjoining local government

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FAST, EFFICIENT AND "FIXER" FREE - City Treasurer Alicia Onoza vows to serve the city's taxpayers an honest to goodness public service by eliminating "fixers" at city hall by providing fast and efficient service through the use of Electronic Business Licensing System in just a few minutes to avoid long lines and inconveniences for the renewal of business permits during City Halli's flag raising ceremony September 15./ By Bong Cayabyab

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### Commercial Building Owners Told to Benguet PPOC **Comply with Parking Requirement**

BAGUIO CITY - Owners of commercial buildings at the central business district on Wednesday committed to provide ample parking spaces to comply with their building permit requirement.

In a dialogue with Mayor Mauricio Domogan initiated by Councilor Elaine Sembrano last Wednesday, the building owners agreed to rectify their violation either by restoring their parking spots which were converted and used for other purposes or by designating a parking area outside their buildings but within the property's 200-meter radius.

City buildings and architecture officer-in-charge Johnny Degay said that in the course of their inspections of edifices, it was discovered that many establishments with approved parking spaces in their building permits have altered the plans and instead converted the spaces intended for parking for other Refuerzo

The mayor said this constitutes violation of Presidential Decree 96 or the National Building Code and city ordinances and as such the city can revoke the building permits and close the establishments.

He said the city will give the businessmen ample time to comply with the requirement.

The mayor also tasked Degay to investigate building owners who circumvented the parking requirement by applying for building permit for renovation but actually constructed an entirely new edifice.

Apart from the businessmen with approved parking requisites, the city intends to also consult with the other sectors like the schools and others on the same concern.

"This will be a continuing activity as part of the city's aim to decongest traffic in all areas," the mayor said./A

### PNoy Blasts GMA anew Before **European Community**

Brussels, Belgium - The blame game continues.

President Aquino has resumed his bashing of former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Arroyo, this time before the European community by criticizing the past administration for taking credit for the country's progress.

[caption id="attachment\_185653" align = "alignleft" width="202"] Arroyo[/cap-

At a forum organized by Brussels-based think tank Egmont Institute, the President recalled the sorry state of the country he inherited from Arroyo, before he led a on good governance.

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"Before my term in office, the Philippines was mired in a vicious cycle of corruption, deceit, and negativism. Some people had grown so apathetic that it seemed that the only ambition for them was to leave the country to look for better opportunities," the President

Despite such dire strait of the country, Aquino said the previous government even had the "temerity" to claim credit for continued growth, which was actually fueled by Filipinos who were working abroad. "Some called that period a 'lost decade' - a massive opportunity squandered by a government that, instead of laying foundations national resurgence anchored for growth, focused on politi-

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## **Declares** Province as CPLA-Free

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) declared the province as Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CPLA)-free and recruitment and conduct of other activities are not allowed in the province.

In Resolution No. 06 series of 2014, it stated that during the 3rd quarter PPOC meeting, the issue of people wearing uniforms claiming to be members of CPLA are seen around the province. The PPOC contends that the national government and CPLA forged a closure agreement which in effect resulted to the end of CPLA existence.

It can be recalled that the CPLA and the Government of the Philippines signed closure agreement of the Mount Data Pact in 1986. According to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, the pact embodies six elements: community projects for identified communities; livelihood and employment support for CPLA members; sub-regional development projects; legacy documentation; final disposition of arms and force, all towards the transformation of the CBA-CPLA into a potent, unarmed, socio-economic organization.

The resolution stated that the province has benefitted from said closure agreement with socio economic and political progress arising from the development interventions . " To sustain the gains and achieve further progress, a stable and secured environment needs to be provided", it further stated.

The measure came about as PPOC Chair Governor Nestor Fongwan sought the opinion of the members on how to address the issue despite the closure agreement between the CPLA and the national government.

The issue of CPLA was raised in the past PPOC meetings. Allegedly there were people in uniform claiming to be CPLA members conducting trainings at Sta. Lucia property in Tuba, Benguet . There are also re-

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to investigate the armed groups in Tuba, Benguet and for the Regional Peace and Order Council to investigate and/or verify the existence of armed groups in the said

area of operation./JDP/

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### **Mayor Seeks Aggressive Measures to Stop Pollution** of Balili

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan this week stressed the importance of cooperation in the on-going fight to save and totally rehabilitate the Balili River here.

Speaking to the crowd who took part in the Balili River Day Stakeholders forum spearheaded by the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSRC) September 16 at the University of the Philippines-Baguio, Domogan acknowledged the progress that the coalition has made to protect and maintain the tributaries leading to the Balili River.

The mayor called attention to the many activities underway in addressing the issues besetting not only the city but the adjoining municipalities where the tributaries of the Balili River traverse.

Enlisting the different schools, barangays and organizations in adopting portions of the tributaries of the Balili River within the city helped a lot in strengthening the campaign towards its revival and protection.

"We are one in showing the importance of this gathering today and that there is a lot of challenges for the Balili River," Domogan said.

The mayor also challenged the different stakeholders to come-up with aggressive ways to tackle the rampant disposal of sewage to the river system.

Domogan said, "If we cannot remove or come out with acceptable means of disposing our wastes it will continue to be a problem and there are still a lot of sewers connected to the Balili River and we have to, by all means stop them.

The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) Wastewater, Water and Ambient Air Management Division(WAMD) is continuously monitoring the different river basins primarily the Sagudin (Balili), Bued, Galiano and Ambalanga rivers.

Monthly clean-up activities are also being undertaken by the different adaptors in coordination with the respective barangays where the tributaries are situated.

The CEPMO-WAMD has also issued notices of violations to different barangay constituents who have illegally disposed-off their wastewater and advice the public to construct septic tanks

Domogan stressed,"it is of utmost importance to focus on what everyone can do to address the problem since we do not want the problem to be passed to the next generation.

"We have to do what we can so at anytime and anywhere we can tell ourselves, I have done what I can to help," he said./Paul Rillorta

### 30 Places in Baguio Sought to Dads Summon be Declared as Heritage Sites

BAGUIO CITY - Baguio Cathedral, Igorot Park, Mines View Park, Session Road, Burnham Park, Harrison Road, Anew Malcolm Square, several schools, hospitals, roads, and streets. These are just some of the places the Baguio Heritage Foundation Inc. (BHFI) seeks for the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to declare as heritage

ofit organization that aims to "preserve all irreplaceable heritage assets of Baguio City", is their way to address "overdevelopment" the city faces. "Baguio has its own limits," Arch. Joseph Alabanza of the BHFI and former city architect, said in reference to the city's rapid development at a recent press conference hosted by BHFI.

Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Diocese of Baguio called Baguio "a city under construction", so the challenge now, he says, is how to manage Baguio "when it has gone beyond its capacities." He calls for unity among the people of Baguio in order for the city to maintain its remaining beauty.

The BHFI's pursuit is in line with the city's tourism thrust, which City Tourism Officer Benny Alhambra says is "destination-based". Alhambra likewise commented on the overdevelopment of the city by rhetorically asking "Why build a city glorious when what we build comes and goes?"

Meanwhile, United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) Baguio President Aris Go admitted to architects' partial fault in the city's overdevelopment. Corrective measures are nonetheless being put forward by the UAP through its conduct of workshops and education campaigns for architects. Go added that when it comes to planning for the city, the act of planning has to be separate from the government and the term of office of politicians and that the plans have to be long term.

Several places in the city such as the Baguio Country Club, Casa Vallejo, Dominican Hill, and The Mansion have been installed with historical markers by the NHCP.

Before a place can be declared as a heritage site, the place must first be considered for its value and it must also have support from the local government unit through a resolution. Once a place is declared a heritage site, its original structure must be maintained./ JDP/Pryce Quintos, PIA-CAR

### Lawmaker to Malacanang: What Is Emergency Power's stressing that the pow-**Price Tag?**

While Senator Chiz Escudero earlier said he will support initiatives to grant President Aquino emergency powers to address the looming power crisis, he asked Malacanang to "attach the price tag" to the emergency powers it is seeking from Congress so it can contract additional generating capacity in order to avert a power shortage in Luzon next year.

'What's the cost to taxpayers of this measure?" Escudero, chairman of the senate finance committee asked,

ers the government is seeking is "basically the authority to enter into purchase agreements with private power producers.'

"Even if power contracted by the government will eventually be sold to distributors, and thus the acquisition cost will be recouped, we still would like to know the costs involved" Escudero. chairman of the senate finance committee said.

"How will it be financed? Even if it's an off-budget transaction, the government has the Cont. on page 10

# BCDA, JHMC

BAGUIO CITY - The city council will invite anew Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) president and chief executive officer Arnel Paciano Casanova and John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) president and chief executive officer Jamie Eloise Agbayani in the body's session on Sept. 29 to give an update on their compliance with the 19 conditionalities under Resolution No. 362 series of 1994 and to clarify Paciano's claims against the city government in a published statement recently.

Councilors Faustino Olowan, Roberto Ortega and Leandro Yangot Jr. said the BCDA and JHMC should once and for all shed light on these issues to clear the air amid its growing friction with the city government over the John Hay bodies' disregard of the conditions.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan earlier said the city still supports the BCDA and JHMC despite their acts disrespecting the city and the conditionalities.

'We support them and we want to be partners with them. We continue to appeal to them to rectify these violations and comply with the conditionalities," the mayor said.

The city has issued the same plea over the years but instead, the BCDA committed acts in violation of the conditions that further exasperated the city officials.

The latest act was BCDA's application for special patent over Camp John Hay which according to the mayor was denied by Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr. in deference to the city's 19 conditionalities.

"It's good that the DENR-CAR made that stand because if not and Camp John Hay is patented, then the city will lose its right over John Hay," the mayor said.

The city also cried foul over BCDA's application for water rights over the water sources of three barangays inside the camp in violation of conditionality number 3 on water supply which mandates BCDA to ensure that additional water supply for use in Camp John Hay's operations including the various concessionaires and their clientele will be sourced outside the city.

The mayor also questioned the alleged extension of the contract of lease to the Ayala company for 75 years which if true is another violation of the conditionalities.

He said the original lease agreement with the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) was for 50 years and any negotiation for lease extension should have involved the city govern-

The BCDA, moreover, has failed to remit the city's 25 percent share from the earnings from locators in violation of conditionality number 10



COMMERCIAL BUILDING PARKING AREA COMPLIANCE - Commercial building owners and administrators commit to provide ample time for parking spaces to comply with their building permit requirements to Mayor Mauricio Domogan and SP City Market, Trade and Commerce chairperson and Councilor Elaine Sembrano during a dialogue. Mayor Domogan gave the building owners and administrators one month to abide or face the violation of Presidential Decree No. 96 otherwise known as the National Building Code facing the revocation of their permit and/or closure of their building./By Bong Cayabyab

### Mayor Still Says no to Pyrotechnics

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week reiterated his refusal to grant members of the Baguio Retailers of Paputok, Lucis (Pailaw) Atbp Association or any entity, permit to sell firecrackers, these coming holidays.

The mayor has also urged the city council to pass the ordinance to that effect.

Last year, members of the Paputok group have requested a permit to sell their wares in the city for several days, to no avail. They were then allowed by Tuba Mayor Florencio Bentrez to ply their trade in the neighboring Benguet town.

Mayor Domogan however said the matter will be a part of their agenda for discussion by the Baguio La Trinidad Itogon Sablan Tuba and Tublay (BLISTT) executive and planning group.

As for Mayor Domogan, he urges members of the association to find other materials or Christmas items to sell, which we would gladly allow, other than firecrackers. "We have repeatedly explained our decision, which we firmly believe is for the good of a greater number of Baguiotes, he said.

Even then, the mayor encouraged the traders to join the bidding for the city-sponsored centralized air shows during the holiday month but which was disregarded.

The mayor continues to anchor his refusal to allow the selling of firecrackers, due to human health and environmental issues. Health authorities report a high incidence of respiratory ailments during holiday celebrations, more so with firecrackers being exploded in nearby areas; while the threat of global warming and the greenhouse effect becomes more eminent with firecracker exhaust.

Mayor Domogan's stand is supported by the medical and other government agencies, all for the health and safety of Baguio residents./Julie G. Fianza

He said the BCDA should answer the city's questions and claims as to its continued violation of the conditionalities particularly its refusal to allow its locators to secure building and business permits from the city government, its failure to provide its own water source, segregate the 13 barangays from the reservation and remit the city's shares from the lease rentals under the present administration./A Refuerzo

## **Standing Room Only?**

What do you do when all seats are taken?

The Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan and Malaysia control real islands in the South China Sea. "China came very late to this party and missed out on all the good real estate," wrote British Broadcasting Corporation's Rupert Wingfield-Hayes in "China's Island Factory." So, it is creating, through reclamation, new islands.

Wingfield-Hayes, who joined BBC in 1999, worked in Beijing from 2000 to 2006. He served as Moscow correspondent until 2010 and was named Middle East correspondent.

Beijing today seeks "to dominate sea-space within the first island chain," Wingfield-Hayes writes. It runs from Borneo's coast, past Taiwan, to southern Japan. It is, in Beijing's opinion, China's backyard.

"But in the longer term, China wants to move beyond the Philippines and southern Japan to the 'second island chain.' That stretches from Palau, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands.... This will be a seismic shift in the Western Pacific's balance of power."

For the past 70 years, US power has been unassailable there. "Now, for the first time, a new power is emerging with the will and means to challenge America's military dominance. It is unlikely to be a smooth ride."

Recent Philippine Navy photos document land reclamation work China

## EDITORIAL did since January. It is building new islands on five different

reefs. They are creating "new facts on the ground."

Beijing's belated "nine-dash line" map sweeps in a tongue-shaped expanse up to the coasts of the Philippines, Vietnam, even Borneo. For decades, China did little to enforce its vague and sweeping claim. Now, the Communist Party reclassified South China Sea as a "core national interest." That lumps it with Taiwan and Tibet and "means China is prepared to fight to defend it."

Manila lacks military muscle. So, the Philippines brought its case to the United Nations, seeking a ruling based on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos). Unclos usually accords coastal states an exclusive economic zone up to 200 nautical miles from their coastline. An Unclos ruling would be good for the Philippines. Beijing made it clear it will not be bound by any ruling.

This is not just a quarrel with the Philippines and other countries bordering the sea, its resources or even strategic space, let alone sovereignty, Wingfield-Hayes notes. Instead, it is about China's real strategic rival: the United States.

Washington does not acknowledge China's claim. And the US Pacific fleet sails regularly through these waters. Almost a third of global crude oil and over half of global liquefied gas pass yearly from African and Persian Gulf suppliers, through the South China Sea, to Asian consumers.

The "Monroe Doctrine" of 1823 identified the Western hemisphere as America's backyard, notably the Caribbean Sea. Old European colonial powers were told to keep out. "Today, China is doing something very similar in the East and South China seas."

Thursday, Manila displayed ancient maps which document China's claims. From the Song Dynasty in year 960 until end of the Qing Dynasty in 1912, "China's southernmost territory was always Hainan island, just off the Chinese coast." All five constitutions of China make that point. None include, for instance, Scarborough Shoal, which China seized in June 2012.

Supreme Court Justice Antonio Carpio, who did the most extensive research on this territorial dispute, notes: The facts "can restrain extreme nationalism ... or give hope to a just and durable settlement of disputes."

Indeed, these waters are dotted "with strange little military outposts and civilian colonies," Wingfield-Hayes notes. It's hard to decipher which is which and who controls who. Pagasa was called Thitu Island; in Chinese it is Zhongye Dao, and Dao Thi Tu in Vietnamese.

Johnson South Reef is dubbed Chi Gua, Yongshu, Gac Ma to Mabini Reef. And so it goes for dozens of other islets, even sandbars. The Philippines has nine outposts, Vietnam eight, and Malaysia seven—like China, at last tally. Taiwan has a sprawling air base in the biggest island in the Spratlys.

Ayungin Reef is 120 nautical miles from the coast of the Philippines. That puts it well within the Philippines' claimed 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone. It is more than 800 nautical miles from the Chinese coast. "And yet Beijing claims that this submerged reef is an integral part of Chinese territory."

Pagasa is halfway between Palawan and Vietnam. An eccentric Filipino businessman landed there in 1956 and declared it "Freedomland." Arrested and forced to hand over his country by Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos, Tomas Cloma was paid a token one peso.

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#### **ADVOCACY MINDANOW**

#### UNSOLICITED ADVICE TO CONGRESS ON BBL



BY: JESUS DUREZA

(Author previously served as chief government negotiator and Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process)

**DAVAO CITY** — I have two initial suggestions to **Congress**, if I may, as it works on the proposed **Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL)** that will replace the **ARMM**. One, make it truly "*inclusive*" for all and not only for the **MILF**. Two, extend the transition period to somehow give it a fair chance of succeeding. Of course, there are several other enhancements but let me focus on these two because they are, in my humble view, crucial.

MILF A MINORITY — Let's face it. The Bangsamoro area is not predominantly MILF. In fact, MILF is a minority in the present ARMM although it admirably carried the torch to secure what is rightfully due to the whole Bangsamoro. In fact truth to tell, many areas that suffered in the conflict, up to now, view the MILF as the "enemy" responsible for bringing misery. Others seriously doubt MILF's capability to make things better for the Bangsamoro given the depth and magnitude of the challenges at hand. And there are many others who begrudge the MILF for taking up arms to virtually blackmail government and the public into giving them concessions in the peace agreement and their proven incapability to even marshal and whip into line their own forces becoming so-called armed "rogue elements" in their own controlled areas. Whatever it is, let's give the MILF the benefit of the doubt that it can hack it, to use a common lingo

**LIKE A BUS RIDE** —This journey is akin to a bus ride, with the MILF now at the driver's seat. To be able to successfully reach its ultimate destination, the "peace bus" must have as passengers not only the MILF. Everyone must be on board to include the MNLF, the mainstream Muslims, the present Muslim political leaders, or even the so-called "rogue elements" if they wish to take a hitch in this bus ride. But those who prefer to miss this bus ride, let it be. They can be dealt with accordingly later in the day. Or they can take the next bus ride if they wish and converge.

**ONLY ONE ROAD MAP** —Congress , in passing the BBL, must work for "convergence". It must consolidate the two (2) peace agreements: the **1996 Peace Agreement** with the MNLF and this new CAB with the MILF. It must craft a common road map, not only for the MILF but for all Muslims and others for the "peace bus" to travel on. One way for Congress to do this is to reach out to the MNLF for them to take the bus by seeing to it that the results or output of the so-called tripartite review of the MNLF peace agreement which I initiated during my time at OPAPP be consolidated with the new agreement with the MILF in the proposed law. This way, there is common feeling of ownership of all factions and groups.

MISUARI — Although there were token efforts to bring in Nur Misuari's MNLF and be part of the transition commission to ensure convergence in the latter stages of the MILF peace talks, OPAPP's obvious disdain towards Chairman Nur Misuari was not conducive in bringing in the desired results. That Nur's group being tagged as a "spent force" by Malacanang and that the MNLF had already squandered its chance when they governed the ARMM with Misuari as governor following the 1996 peace agreement obviously did not at all help. "He blew it", was a usual refrain. And mind you, there was indeed some basis for this. But methinks, it could have been better handled. Anyway, that's now water under the bridge.

#### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Who is Judge Paz Esperanza Cortes?



BY: BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... maintain justice in the courts..." (Amos 5:15, the Holy Bible).

#### ATTACKS ON JUDGE, ATTACKS ON JUDICIARY: Too much mud is now being heaped on Taguig City Regional Trial Court Judge Paz Esperanza Cortes in connection with her 75 page or so ruling allowing Denice

Cornejo, Cedric Lee and Zimmer Raz to post bail in the non-bailable case of serious illegal detention which actor and TV host Vhong Navarro filed against them.

The objective in the attacks against Judge Cortes, led by no less than Justice Secretary Leila De Lima and a big media organization, is to discredit her, first to remove Vhong Navarro's case from her and transfer it to a judge who maybe convinced to be more sympathetic to Navarro's side, and, second, to compel a reversal of the order allowing Cornejo, Lee and Raz to post bail, obviously upon the prodding of powerful persons.

This is unfortunate, because this mudslinging is hurting not just Cortes anymore, but the entire judicial system, because what De Lima and her cohorts have been doing is eroding the people's faith not only in Cortes as a judge, but against the judiciary as a whole and in the capacity of the judicial branch to dispense equal justice even for the poor and the oppressed.

#### WHO IS JUDGE PAZ ESPERANZA CORTES? I

don't personally know Judge Cortes, although there is a case that is being handled by me in her court (I intend to ask for her inhibition after this column so I will not be accused of merely courting her favor). That notwithstanding, I am compelled to write this column to contribute to the discussion of Cortes' ability to be fair and just, in the face of relentless attacks against her now, in media vet.

First, Paz Esperanza Cortes graduated from the University of the Philippines College of Law. Her classmates, among them activist lawyer-doctor Rudyard Avilla III, in Facebook posts, fully vouch, in unison, for her integrity and dedication to the law, and her beyond-reproach handling of cases in

Then, even before I appeared in her court, her reputation for honesty and fairness already reached me, in my personality as a free legal aid lawyer who had been helping the poor and the underprivileged fight their cases, especially those against the rich and the powerful who have no qualms using their money to win. It appears that Cortes is a jewel of the judiciary when it comes to fair and blameless disposition of cases.

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JUDGING FAIRLY, ACCORDING TO LAW: For, I learned that Cortes was assigned a case involving several Taguig City residents whose small-sized lands, near where the C-6 Highway is to be constructed and where their modest residential shanties stand, were being run after by a rich businesswoman and her heirs who had earlier sold them the lands. The businesswoman managed to get an order ejecting the residents allegedly because they failed to pay their amortizations.

Without anyone from the residents talking to her and without anyone of them trying to influence the outcome of the case against them, Judge Cortes sided with them, revoked the ejectment order against them, and recognized the residents' status as buyers in good faith of their lands who

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#### **MAGKASANGGA TAYO**

ABS-CBN, TV PATROL-Baguio, Ano Problema??? Ukay-Ukay, kelangan natin !!! BY: NESTOR CASTRO



This is a Re-Print of last week's Column

Ukay-Ukay, kelangan natin !!!- tunay na kelangan natin ang patuloy na pagtitinda ng ukayukay o wag-wagan sa ating lungsod, at bakit? Una sa lahat ay napakaraming pamilya ang umaasa dito bilang kanilang kabuhayan, libolibong katao at pamilya ang nabubuhay sa pamamagitan ng pagtitinda ng ukay-ukay. Pangalawang dahilan ay , hindi natin maipagkakaila na ang ukay-ukay ay napakalaking mura ang halaga kumpara sa mga ibang lokal na rtw o mga brand new na ready to wear. Bagamat ang ukay-ukay kadalasan ay mga segunda mano o second hand, madalas rin naman na magaganda pa rin ang kalidad o quality ng mga ukay-ukay at kung minsan ay parang mga brand new na rin. Kaya quality na, mura pa! Pangatlong dahilan, ang ukay-ukay ay siyang isa na rin atraksyon ng ating siyudad kung saan ang mga taga manila at marami sa mga lowlander ay sinasadyang umaakyat sa siyudad ng Baguio para maka pag ukay-ukay. Pang-apat na dahilan ay nagbabayd rin naman ng mga local fees and taxes ang business establishments na nagtitinda ng ukay-ukay. Kaya hindi ang mga retailers ng ukay-ukay ang dapat na pagdiskitahan at pag-initan kung hindi ang buwaya este bureau of customs (BOC) ang siyang palpak sa kanilang tungkulin at trabaho na kung saan sila ang pangunahing ahensya na dapat na susugpo at babantay ng mabuti para mabawasan o maipatigil ang smuggling. Siyanga pala, KUDOS rin at Mabuhay itong si Konsehal Lourdes Tabanda para sa kanyang isinumite na resolution sa tongseho este konseho ng Baguio kung saan ang layunin ay hilingin sa ating mga mambubutas este mambabatas na luwagan at payagan na ang ukay-ukay, sapagkat sa ayaw o sa gusto natin ang ukay -ukay is here to stay!!!

ABS-CBN, TV PATROL-Baguio, Ano Problema??? - Hi! Hi! Hi! Hi! . Sumakit talaga ang aking tiyan sa katatatawa at montik na ata akong atakihin sa puso ng katatawa nitong nakaraan araw hingil sa balita na aking natangap. WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA !!!!! At ano itong nakakatawang balita na ito? Alam ninyo mga dear readers, mahigit isang buwan na kami sa pahayagang ito na nagrerequest in writing sa ABS-CBN Baguio at pati na rin sa ABS -CBN national kay Ms. Ging Reyes na siyang VP for news and Current Affairs ng ABS-CBN, kung saan tayo ay nag-rerequest for certain footages regarding the Mt. Cabuyao issue (alleged illegal logging issue) on the fantastic and great reporting of my Idol Mr. Dhobie de Guzman (lam nyo naman mga dear readers, isa ako sa kabilang na mga limpak-limpak na fans ni Ginoong de Guzman) . Ilan beses na rin silang nag padala ng email sa amin kung saan ipinanapa explika at ipinasisiguro lang sa atin kung ano ang dahilan at rason ng ating request, at atin rin naman ipinaliwanag sa mga little Bossing ng ABS-CBN kung ano ang ating dahilan at

### KBP Baguio Carries uut 'Oplan Broadcastreeing'

BAGUIO CITY More than 200 hundred pine trees seedlings were planted recently by the Kapisanan ng mga Broadkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP), Baguio-Benguet chapter at the Emerald Mountain along Kias barangay in this mountain resort city.

Dubbed as "Oplan Broadcastreeing Project", it aims to protect and sustain the green environment of the city and in support to the National Greening Program of President Benigno S Aquino III.

According to Rene Sales, president of KBP Baguio-Benguet chapter, the annual tree planting is now on its fifth year as part of the organization's social responsibility. Their partner this time are the volunteer civic action group 911 and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Baguio City and the Cordillera are the watershed of the lowlands and we have the responsibility to preserve and protect the forests, he said.

As we observed, typhoons are getting stronger with heavy rains, this is the effect of climate change and our organization is doing its share to mitigate the effects, he added.

The event was done simultaneously with the various chapters all over the country./jdp/ JBZ- PIA CAR

yuon ay para gawin reference materials and sources for our upcoming feature on the issue. Kaya finally, after a little over a month ay meron na rin tayong natanggap na email mula sa hepe ng TV Patrol Baguio na si Mr. Bernie Aldana at ayon sa kanyang email ay puwede kami mabigyan ng aming request for segments on the Mt. Cabuyao issue bastat babayaran namin ng TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$ 200) per three (3) minutes or Php 8, 800.00/per 3 minutes . WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA !!!!! Pasensya na kayo mga dear readers sapagkat hangang sa ngayon ay natatawa pa rin ako, kapag na alala ko ang halaga na US\$ 200 para sa tatlong minoto na news footage. Anyway sumulat na sa mga Big Boss ng ABS-CBN ang aming bossing na impakto este de facto publisher na si Mr. Freddie Farres kung saan ikinaklaro lang naman niya kung talaga nga ba na US\$ 200 per 3 minutes ang singil ng ABS-CBN TV Patrol Baguio. Sapagkat, nakakatawa nga naman isipin na ang TV Patrol National ay inyong mapapanuod ng kabuuan sa susunod na araw sa website ng ABS at ang mga iba naman na episodes ng TV Patrol Baguio ay inyo rin mapapanuod ng kabuuan sa You Tube at lalong lalo na ang mga International Networks na katulad ng CNN, BBC etc... ay inyo rin mapapanuod ang kanilang mga news segments **ALL FOR FREE.** Kaya ating abangan ang kasagutan ng ABS –CBN, kung tayo ay kanilang sasagutin. Samantala, iniisip ko na baka naman kaya ganuon ka mahal ang benta ng mga TV Patrol Baguio news cast ay sa dahilan ang aking Idol Dhobie de Guzman ang siyang nagrereport, kasi sa aking opinion at pagkaka alam ay wala naman binat-bat itong sina Cristian Amanpour at Anderson Cooper ng CNN etc.., kay Idol Dhobie. WHA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!!!!

#### JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICES

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT First Judicial Region OFFICE OF THE **CLERK OF COURT** & EX-OFFICIO **SHERIFF Baguio City** 

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.), Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. EMMANUEL AND MA. CRISTINA C. MARIANO,

Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE No. 14-525-S EXTRA-JUDICIAL **FORECLOSURE** OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135. as amended, filed by SUMMIT BANK (RU-RAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.), hereinafter referred to as the MORTAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebted-SPS. ness of EMMANUEL and MA. **CRISTINA** C. MARIANO, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS. which as of the filing of the petition, now amounts to P20,523, 748.49, Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penaland other ties. charges accruing thereon until fully paid, attorney's and expenses incidental to the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on October 15, 2014. at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance)of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the

following described mortgage properties and all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-62097, CITY **OF BAGUIO**

"A parcel of land (Lot 14-F-3-A of the subdivision plan (LRA), Psd-354825 approved as a nonsubdivision project, being a portion of Lot 14-F-3, (LRC) Psd-338442; L.R.C.C.R. Rec. No. 211), situated in the Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Province of Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 1 to 2 by Existing Road and Public Land: on the SE., points 2 to 3 by Lot 14-F-1, (LRC) Psd-338442; on the SW., points 3 to 4 by Lot 14-F-3-B of the Subd. Plan; and on the NW., points 4 to 1 by Lot 14-F-2, (LRC) Psd-338442. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE (2.105)SOUARE METERS, more or

#### TRANSFER **CERTIFICATE OF** TITLE NO. T-70076, CITY **OF BAGUIO**

"A parcel of land (Lot 15-F, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-128892, being a portion of Lot 15, Parcel I, GSS-392, LRC Civil Res. Record No. 211), situated in the Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 4 to 1 Property of Binavan Walang and points 1 to 2 by Lot 15-E; on the SE, points 2 to 3 by Lot 15-A, and on the SW., points 3 to 4 by Lot 15-G, all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x to point of beginning, containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400)**SQUARE** METERS, more or less."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-70077 CITY OF BAGUIO

" A parcel of land (Lot 15-I, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-128892, being a portion of Lot 15, Parcel I, GSS-392, LRC Civil Res. Record No. 211), situated in the Res. Sec. "J", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 2 to 3 property Binayan Walang; on the NE., points 3 to 4 by Lot 15-G; on the SE., points 4 to 5 by Lot 15-H; both of the subdivision plan; on the SW., points 5 to 1 by Road; and on the NW., points 1 to 2 by Lot 15-J, of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO (362) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

#### **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-60600 CITY OF BAGUIO**

"A parcel of Land (Lot 29-B-3-C-3-A of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-202491. being a portion of Lot 29-B-3-C-3, (LRC) Psd-152541, L.R.C. RECORD No. 12063), situated in the Res. Sec. "H", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 6 to 7, by Lot 1, H-11911; on the SE., points 7 to 1 and points 1 to 2, by Lot 29-B-3-C-3-B of the subdivision plan; on the SW., points 2 to 4, by lot 29-B-3-C-2, (LRC) Psd-152547; and on the NW., points 4 to 6, by lot 29-B-3-B, Psd-19513. Beginning at a point mark "1" x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of HUNDREDS TWO AND FIFTY SIX (256) SOUARE METERS. more or less."

#### TRANSFER **CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-69631 CITY OF BAGUIO**

"A parcel of land

#### Gov Addresses Accessibility Issue of PWDs, Elderly charge of calling in PLGU Services

BONTOC, Mountain Province - Persons with disability and senior citizens in the province can look forward to accessing services of the provincial government with ease.

Governor Leonard G. Mayaen recently issued an executive order providing an alternative system to enable PWDs and the elderly citizens avail of the local government services.

The existing provincial building does not have accessibility features, facilities and devices that would allow PWDs and senior citizens

(Lot 23, Block 4 of the

subdivision plan Psd-22283, being a portion of Lot 20-A, Sec. "J" of Baguio Townsite, G.L.R.O. Record No. 12178), situated in the Res. Sec. "J" City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., by Public Land; on the SEI, by Lot 22, Block 4 of the subdivision plan; on the SW., by Road Lot of the subdivision plan; and on the NW., by Lot 24, Block 4 of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of SEVEN HUNDRED **SQUARE** METERS, more or

Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

less."

Baguio City, Philippines, this 2nd day of September, 2014.

By: (SGD) LINDA G. MONTES-LOLOY Clerk of Court VI & **Ex-Officio Sheriff** 

By: (SGD) RUBEN L. ATIJERA Sheriff-in-Charge

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free access to the offices and the services they are entitled to from the provincial government. In his EO,

Mayaen directed all

heads of provincial offices to work very closely with the Public Information/Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) Desk Unit which shall take the attention of the office concerned whose service is needed. The PSWDO will set up a waiting area or lounge where staff from offices which are not accessible can attend to the needs of clients.

The governor also enjoined all provincial employees to give due respect and courtesv to

PWDsand senior citizens and attend immediately to their needs whenever they visit the provincial offices.

The directive is in support to Republic Act 7277, Batas Pambansa 344 Republic Acts 7432 and 9994, all pertaining to the welfare of the PWDs and senior citizens./ JDP/JBS-PIA all CAR, Mt. Province

#### Cinema Rehiyon 6 Comes to September 18 from 12:00 noon Baguio

BAGUIO CITY, Sept. 16(PIA) - Cineastes in Baguio are in for a treat as Cinema Rehivon 6 comes to the city from September 18-21. Cinema Rehiyon 6 features full length and short films from various regions in the Philippines to be screened in various locations.

Full length films will be shown at the Baguio Cinematheque in Casa Vallejo. "Iskalawags" by Keith Deligero from Cebu is scheduled for screening on Sept. 18 at 6:00 p.m.; "Riddles of My Homecoming" by Ariel Mardoque of Davao on Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m.; and "Debosyon" by Alin Yapan of Bicol on Sept. 20 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free and seats are on a first come, first served

Meanwhile, short films will

to 6:00 p.m. and on Sept. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Baguio Cinematheque will also screen the short films on September 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Screenings are also scheduled in the Philippine Military Academy (September 19 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Saint Louis University (September 20 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.), but these are not open to the public.

Cinema Rehiyon is a noncompetition film festival that complements the film making frontiers of the various regions of the Philippines outside Metro Ma-

Cinema Rehiyon is a flagship project of the National Commission for Culture and Arts' National Committee on Cinema./JDP/ be screened at UP Baguio on Pryce E. Quintos, PIA-CAR

### RSC Bares Finalists For 2014 Search for Outstanding Volunteers

BAGUIO CITY - Ten nominees for 2014 Search for Outstanding Volunteers(SOV) were confirmed by the Regional Search Committee (RSC) for the national Search for Outstanding Volunteers.

The SOV aims to highlight the exemplary performance and dedication to service of Filipino volunteers in helping people and communities and recognize the role of volunteerism in development and nationbuilding.

The National Outstand-Volunteer Award (NOVA) is conferred to an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer service that has made a significant contribution to uplifting the lives of people and communities served.

Finalists of the NOVA under the individual catare: Leonarda Aguinalde, Vice President for Administration, University of the Cordilleras; Elsie Balancio, Officer, Balilians Organization, La Trinidad, Benguet; Mila Bincola, President, La Trinidad Women's Brigade, La Trinidad,

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### Attention: DOTC Secretary Emilio A. Abaya at LTFRB Chairman Atty. Winston M. Ginez



### DOTC-CAR at LTFRB-CAR ANO BA YAN MGA OPISINA NINYO, PAMPUBLIKO BA YAN O MGA PRIBADONG OPISINA NA PINATATAKBO



Celina Claver

Inyong mababasa ang liham ng wala sa lugar. Bagama't mayroon na isang Atty. Buslayan kung saan rin kaming nakalap na impormasyon hindi namin maintindihan kung hinggil sa kanyang pagpapel ng wala ano ang papel niya sa DOTC at sa lugar. Atin ring ipararating sa inyo kung bakit pumapapel siya ng ang dahilan sa mga darating na isyu!

August 18, 2014

HON. CELINA B. CLAVER Regional Director DOTC-CAR, Baguio City

Re: Comment on the Letter of Atty. James S. Valeros dated 7 August 2014

Madam:

Greetings!!!!

The undersigned hereto respectfully submits this comment on that letter to this Honorable Office by Atty. James S. Valeros dated 7 August 2014.

First, in his letter, he is reiterating his concern on alleged fixing activities in LTFRB-CAR with the allegation that praticing lawyers are involved.

In paragraph three of the same letter, Atty. Valeros went to the extent of saying that practicing lawyers thereat are now being involved to cover up or disguise the corruption so rampant in your franchising agency. I do nt know the intention of Atty. Valeros in this allegation which clearly give question into my mind who these lawyers he is refering to. In paragraph seven (7) of his letter, he stated "will necessarily be given to lawyer favored by them for purposes of signature of the counsel, for notarizastion of verification 'xxxxxxxxxxx.". He went on in saying in paragraph eight "All these for a fee of from P300 to P500 per case since these cases are given in volume. Thus favored lawyers involved are influenced, forced, if not inveigled to accede being used in that manner. After all, there are other perks given to these lawyers by the franchising personnel, one, of them being the expeditious approval and release of the decisions of their cases." With all due respect, Atty. Valeros should know the principle of lawyer-client relationship. A client could go to a lawyer of his own choice especially if the question is the competence and integrity of that said lawyer. The fee whether or not the allegation is true is beyond his business. What is his personality to question what the lawyer charge his client? That same thing is so personal and is between the lawyer and the client to talk about. Besides, if there is truth as to his allegations in favoring of lawyers, he should name names and should present evidence to that effect and to file the necessary cases/s, so that that lawyer who ever he may be could answer these malicious allegations in proper forum.

In paragraph nine (9) he stated: "So, on the day of hearing, the favored attorneys will appear without the applicants in tow since, in truth, they are "clients" of the fixers and/or the personnel who have been told not to appear any longer at the hearing. Usually in every hearing, these application folders of the so-called "clients" whom the favored lawyers do not meet either before or after hearing are stacked one foot high or sometimes even, more compared to the applictions for hearing of the other lawyers which on the average do not exceed five." With all due respect, it is very elementary in law practice that once a lawyer respresents his client/s, he has all the authority to prosecute the same with or without the appearance of the client. This is of course with the condition that in the notarization of deeds, the parties, especially the vendor should appear before the notary public. Likewise, under the law, once a deed or a document is notarized, it becomes a public document and the lawyer who will represent the client in the hearing need to go beyond the document or need to go beyond investigating whether the parties appeared the notary public. LTFRB is a quasi-judicial body and the Rules are liberally interpreted just like with that of the Rules of Court. The

only requirement in court is that the party should appear during the pretrial conference or in the alternative issue a Special Power of Attorney in favor of his lawyer to represent him in such pre-trial conference. What more thus Atty. Valeros want? The counsel of the application/petitioner has already entered his appearance, hence, the former could appear without giving the burden to his client of appearing before the same Honor able Board.

Again, in paragraph 10, Atty. Valeros is questioning how voluminous cases are heard in few minutes without the applicants being required to appear. The undersigned hereto reiterate the allegations in the preceding paragraph and hereto state that the Rules is not as strict as Atty. Valeros would see it to be. It is very clear under Section 2 of Part I of the 2011 Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure before the LTFRB that "xxxxxxxx the Board may, in any particular matter, exempt itself from these Rules and apply such fair and reasonable procedures to assist the parties in obtaining a speedy and judicious disposition of cases."

Likewise his allegation that the CPCs are sold and transferred even without the true owners or holders knowing them is baseless. True enough, there are still people who would tend to falsify documents for their benefit and to the damage and prejudice of others but this should not be interpreted as acts of lawyers practicing in the LTFRB. If he has complaint or evidence in these regards, so be it, he shuld file it in court and not to write in any news paper and other modes of communications vexatious, malicious, oppressive and libelous allegations. This is not what a lawyer do.

Due to the fact that the letter is addressed to your good office, may I respectfully request that your good office should remind Atty. Valeros of the pronouncement of the Supreme Court in that case of Atty. Miniano B. Dela Cruz vs. Atty. Teodorico N. Diesmos, (A.C. No. 6850, July 7, 2006) which states:

xxxxxxxx Complainant is therefore reminded that while a lawyer's language may be forceful and emphatic, it should always be dignified and respectful, befitting the dignity of the legal profession. Using intemperat language and unkind ascriptions has no place in the dignity of judicial

This comment is being submitted to this Honorable Regional Director to show the undersigned's highest degree of OBJECTION to the acts of a lawyer who is destroying the reputation of the practicing lawyers in the DOTC specifically in the LTFRB.

Thank you

Sincerely,

ATTY. ROMEO F. BUSLAYAN, JR.

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#### JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICES

REPUBLIC OF THE **PHILIPPINES** REGIONAL TRIAL **COURT** FIRST JUDIDICIAL REGION BAGUIOCITY **OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF** 

PLANTERS DEVEL-OPMENT BANK,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SOLID STAR FOOD CORP.. Represented by SPS. JOEY G. RUFINO and

DONATILA RUFINO.

Mortgagors.

**FORECLOSURE** CASE NO. 13-457-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE **ESTATE** REAL MORTGAGE CON-TRACTUNDERACT 3135 as AMENDED

#### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for the sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by the PLANTERSL DEVEL-OPMENT BANK, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGEE, as against the SOLID STAR FOOD CORPO-RATION, rep by SPS. JOEY G. RUFINO and DONALITA RUFINO, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGORS, to satisfy the mortindebtedness which as of August 13, 2013, amounts to **EIGHT** MILLION **EIGHT** HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOU-SAND ONE HUNDRED NINE PESOS and 94/ 100 (P8,832,109.94), representing the outstanding loan obligation, excluding other charges and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the Clerk of Court/ Ex-Officio Sheriff through HER Deputy Sheriff will SELL at public auction on this 13th day of October 2014 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or

soon thereafter at Justice Hall Lobby, Baguio City, the real properties mortgaged herein together with all the improvements existing thereon, more particularly described as follows:

#### **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-3254**

Locat ed at the Ground Floor, Second Floor &Mezzanine Floor, Building "A", Unit No. XA-6 of building comprised in the Woodstown Condominium project known as and identified WOODSTOWN TOWNHOUSES, in diagrammatic the floor plan approved in the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-36588 which embraces and described that land located at Res. Sec. "J" Baguio City with an area of 0.7930 hectares is registered in the name of JOEY G. RUFINO married to DONATILA Cuenco RUFINO.

#### **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-3026**

Located on the Ground Floor, Second &Mezzanine Floor Floor, Building "X" Type A. Unit No. XA-5 of the building comprised in the Woodstown Condominium project known and identified WOODSTOWN TOWNHOUSES, described in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling of master deed of the condominium project annoted on Transfer Certificate of Title No.T-36588 which embraces and described the land located at Res. Sec. "J" Baguio City with an area of 0.7930 hectare, registered in the name of JOEY G. RUFINO married to DONATILA CUENCO RUFINO.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real properties

mortgaged and its encumbrances thereon, if any there

Baguio City, Philippines, September 10, 2014.

ATTY. LINDA MONTES-LOLOY Clerk of Court VI Ex-Officio Sheriff

MARANI S. BACOLOD SHERIFF IV TIN NO. 137-060-982

Copy furnished:

To all parties concerned PUBLICATION ISSUES: Publication dates: September 13, 20 and 27, 2014

REPUBLIC OF THE **PHILIPINES** REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION **OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT** La Trinidad, Benguet

**CAMFIN LENDING** INC.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES AGNES B. **MENDOZA** And **ANTONIO MENDOZA** 

Mortgagors.

Case No. 14-EXF-1792

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by CAMFIN LENDING INC., a corporation duly organized and existing in accordance with the laws of the Philippines and with principal office at KD 27 upper Cruz, La Trinidad, herein after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, against AGNES B. MENDOZA married to ANTONIO MENDOZA, both of legal age, Filipino Citizens, and with residence postal address at Ba-ayan, Tublay, Benguet,

Philippines, herein referred to as the Mortgagors, to satisfy mortgage indebtness which as of 30, 2014 June amounted to ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSANDONE HUNDRED NINETY PESOS and 64/100 (PHP175,190.64) ONLY, Philippine currency, excluding Attorney's fees and other expenses necessary in the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on October 14,2014, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall(BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN).Justice Hall,La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highbidder for est CASHand in Philippine Currency, the following described real properties including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bldg, P-22704 Lot 27,GSS-CAR-00052

"xxx Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot 27, GSS-CAR-000552, Baayan, Tublay, Benguet. Containing an area of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND **FOUR** (4,204)Sq.m.more lessxxx"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date, Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 4, 2014 at the same time without further no-

Interested bidders/ buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said properties and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Let, therefore,a copy of this Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale be published at the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general cir-

### Benguet holds module writeshop for climate change LA TRINIDAD, is a follow up

Benguet Through of the Speakthe collaborative ers efforts of the training held Department of last July. Environment and Re- day writeshop Natural s o u r c e s - was attended Benguet, Philip- by representapine Information tives from the A g e n c y - 13 municipali-Benguet, and ties Benguet State Benguet; University, mod- Igorota Founule writeshop for dation; De-Benguet Climate partment of Change Advo- Educationcacy project at Benguet; Cliconducted at mate Smart BSU last Sep- Agriculture tember 8-9.

Cuanso, Officer cial Environin Charge of ment and Natu-DENR-Benguet, ral Resources writeshop aims D E N R to come up with CENROS of appropriate Baguio, La module for stu- Trinidad, and dents, commu- Buguias, Denity and the gen- partment of Ineral public. This terior and Lo-

culation, on September 21 and 28, 2014 and October 5, 2014; Likewise,

let a copy of the same be posted in three conspicuous places, one each in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall Tublay, Benguet, Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court and at the Benguet Provincial Capitol Lobby, all at La Trinidad, Benguet.

La Trinidad. Benguet, Philippines this 19th day of September, 2014

FOR THE EX-OF-FICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOHN MARIE O. **OCASLA** 

Sheriff IV Publication dates: September 20, 27, and Ocxtobe 4. 2014

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Center Octavio BSU: Provinthe Office; cal Government-Benguet, and Philex Mining Corporation.

The particiwere pants tasked make a module composed of four units namely What Climate Change? What are the vulnerability and impacts of climate change? for Benguet in CAR

relation to Climate Change.

It was facilitated by Development Communication of BSU with technical assistance from PIA-Benguet and DENR-Benguet.

According to BSU President Ben D. Ladilad, the activity timely as it helps build a new genre of interventions that will motivate the youth and the general public to start up with an advocacy implement an activity for the community.

Benguet Climate Change advocacy Project is a partnership efforts of the DENR-Benguet, PIA-Benguet, Provincial Government of Benguet, D e p E d Benguet, BSU, Philex Mining Corporation, SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet, and Jaime Climate change O n g p i n adaptation and Foundation mitigation, and Inc./JDP/Special Sonny Theme/ Topic Cosme-PIA

#### No- Plastic...

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The project should be functional by the end of this year at no cost to the city, he said.

He added that paper as substitute packing materials would not be viable, as production would be costly as to materials, water and electrical energy use.

Market vendors also clamored for media support through information on use, re-use and recycle of packaging materials as "no-plastic," City Ordinance 26, s. 2007 definitely would affect their livelihood. They would also be thankful if marketgoers and residents segregate their garbage as well, they collectively agreed./Julie G. Fianza

#### 114th Civil service... from page 12

fice top the list at 40 years of service.

Nellie Dela Cerna of the Planning and Development Office, Carmelita Siapno of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Angel Bambao and Nestor Mamaril, both of the Treasury Office are 35-year awardees.

Thirty-Year awardees are Clarita Sandoval of the Budget Office and Rowena Galpo of Health Services Office.

There are 20 twenty-five year awardees including Medical Officer John Tinovan, City Veterinarian Brigit Piok and Social Welfare Officer Myrna Valencerina. Twenty-seven are 20-year awardees, 37 have served the city government for 15 years, and 23 employees served in various offices for ten vears.

Thirty-one retirees, from Oct. 2013 to Sept. 2014 shall be presented, as well as two employees; Mario Angnen of the Budget Office and Jerry Guevara of the Human Resource Management who finished Bachelor of Laws and Letters while working in the city government of Baguio. There are also nine Masteral graduates from the various offices, and two employees; Daisy Diastan and Virginia Rivera who graduated in Doctor of Philosophy in Administration and Supervision, both from the Health Services Office.

Plaques, rings and cash awards will be presented to the employees by their respective department and office heads, Human Resource Officer Estrella Bisquerra, city councilors, vice-mayor Edison Bilog and top city executive Mayor Mauricio Domogan./Julie G. Fianza

#### BDCA, JHMC...

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the award of lots to the legitimate claimants during the time of President Aquino as they recognize the legitimacy and the rights of those who have contributed to the development of John Hay who are the legitimate claim-

The JHMC is the management arm of BCDA in the 625 hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone and the John Hay Reservation Area./JDP/RMC/ Hanna Fabia- PIA-CAR/ UB Intern

#### RSC Bares...

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Benguet; Lily Mayos, Barangay Health Worker, Atok, Benguet; Rafael Valencia, President, 911 On Call, Baguio City; Teodora Botis, Principal, DepEd Baguio, Member of Community Organization; and Darren Carino, Nurse, Penarubia,

For the NOVA Organization category, the finalists are as follows: 911 On Call; Highland Emergency Action Response Team (HEART); and UC-Project HELEN.

NOVA awardees shall be recognized in Manila on December 12,

Awardees based outside Metro Manila shall be provided round-trip transportation and accommodation for their attendance in the awarding ceremony.

The RSC is chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority with the Civil Service Commission, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippine Information Agency, Department of Science and Technology, Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and Julie Cabato, Private Sector Representative as members./JDP/MAWC -PIA CAR

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Baguio City RB N. DELA ROSA Applicant Case no.2004-BAG-CAR-1086

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificat of Public Convenience to operate a SCHOOL Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: TO AND FROM THEIR RESIDENCES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS WITHIN BAGUIC

CITY AND BENGUET and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 8, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formall submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Direct this 12th day of Sept 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

### **OCD Lauds Stronger Ties Among Stakeholders** in Ensuring a Safer Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - The Office of Civil Defense Cordillera Regional Office (OCD-CAR), expresses its gratitude to the region's local chief executives, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) partners/stakeholders and media practitioners for their invaluable contribution in ensuring zero-casualty during the recent typhoon Luis.

Storm signal No. 3 was raised in almost all of the Cordillera provinces (except Benguet with signal No. 2) over the weekend. Expecting heavy rains and stronger winds, the CRDRRMC raised its disaster OpCen Operations Center to "red alert status" and made all other possible emergency preparations and precautionary measures even before typhoon Luis made landfall over Isabela Saturday evening.

OCD-CAR monitoring status report dated Sept. 15 submitted to the National DRRM Council, included

some road closures due to landslides, power interruptions and around 200 families affected by Typhoon Luis. The same report showed zero-casualty for Cordillera Administrative Region.

"This was made possible because of our teamwork in implementing safety measures and our massive effort in informing the local communities, sending public advisories and in maintaining a pro-active stance. Indeed we are enhancing our disaster resiliency trough partnership", said OCD Regional Director Andrew Alex Uy, who chairs the Cordillera Regional DRRM Council.

Uy reiterated the national government's advisory to the public to remain vigilant, always consider the possible hazards in their area and to always take precautionary measures, as we cannot say or predict what effect climate change could bring./JDP/ CCD - PIA CAR

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JIMMY PLACIDO SR, - Assinor CASIMERA B. PLACIDO - Assignee MANING B. PLACIDO - Vendee Applicant Case no. 2001-01-390

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the ASSIGNMENT and SALE of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: BAGUIOPLAZA - MOTORPOOL via PICO and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

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CHRISCILLE SAPINO - Vendor JAYRALD BAIDO - Vendee Applicant

### Case no. 06-CAR-276 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the SALE AND TRANSFER with Dropping and Substitution of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of freight on the Line BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

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Applicant

#### Case no. 2000-01-1050 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Region

Director this 11th day of Sept 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

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Baguio City MICHAEL G. BAUCAN

Applicant Case no. 2000-01-1050

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Director this 4th day of Sept 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

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#### Kakampi mo ang Batas ...from page 5

must be allowed to proceed with their purchase of the real estate, in accordance with what is now known as the Maceda Law.

I was astounded to know this decision of Judge Cortes. I mean, it would have been very easy for her to have amassed money in that case. Yet, she chose to uphold the right of the residents who could not offer her anything except their gratitude and their prayers, pursuant to what the law provides. I remember having prayed that there would be more of a Judge Cortes in our courts nationwide.

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#### PNoy...

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cal self-preservation. Its impunity only deepened the fissures in our society," Aquino added.

When the 2010 elections came, Aquino said the Filipino people decided that "the systemic pillaging of state coffers must end; and government must go back to serving its true "bosses" – the Filipino people."

With the pursuit of reforms, the President took pride of the country's positive transformation, ticking off several achievements such as facilitating a robust economic growth and holding accountable public servants involved in corruption.

He said the country's average growth rate during the past government was only 4.3 percent, compared to 6.3 percent average from 2010 to 2013. He also said 2.5 million Filipinos have been lifted out of the poverty line from 2012 to 2013.

Among the anti-corruption gains mentioned by the President were the arrest of Arroyo on corruption charges, impeachment of then Chief Justice Renato Corona, and removal of then Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez.

"My predecessor, as well, is under hospital arrest as she faces two serious unbailable charges, with another one still being reviewed by the Ombudsman," Aquino said. "In short, we made it clear: Under our administration, one's position, wealth, and influence do not enter into the equation; justice and the rule of law will be upheld," he added.

Prior to the forum, the President also criticized his predecessor for dampening investor confidence during the Public Private Partnership (PPP) infrastructure conference in Brussels.

Aquino explained that he first made a pitch for PPP in November, 2010, but the endeavor "was not easy." "We understood the apprehension that busi-

nesses must have felt at the time, given my predecessor's reputation, borne of constant allegations of wrongdoing," he added.

The former president was still in the mind of the President when he faced the Filipino community in Brussels last Monday.

He recounted that Filipinos were used to scandals and scam during the past government.

"Maybe we have not forgotten: There was 'Hello Garci,' followed by the fertilizer fund scam, and millions of retirement bonus for generals, among others. That's the Philippines I inherited," he said.

"But because of the trust given by the people and our straight path principle, change became possible," he added.

Former President Arroyo is currently detained at a government hospital pending a trial on corruption charges. Malacañang had earlier said President Aquino has no ill feeling towards his predecessor but still won't visit her at the hospital.

Since he assumed office in 2010, President Aquino has often blamed Arroyo for the problems faced by his administration, from budget woes to corruption anomalies. Some groups have criticized the President for holding on to the past, saying he should just focus on doing his job now./MB

#### Lawmaker...

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duty to publicly disclose the details," the senator explained.

According to Escudero, all the more should disclosure be observed if the contracted power will be used for "peak demand" when electricity may not be dispatched to the grid but still paid for?

"What is the burden of this to the consumers? Will it entail additional costs to us? If it's through the electric bill of consumers then government should tell them in advance," he said.

"Kung uutangin or i-a-advance muna ng national government or kung kukunin sa Malampaya royalty, dapat sabihin natin," the senator added.

Escudero was referring to the government share of the Malampaya natural gas field which next year will reach P34.5 billion, according to 2015 National Budget.

If government will tap Malampaya as the "fuel for emergency powers, and then it should tell us how it will be done and the amount involved," Escudero said.

He said a "powerful light" must shine on these contracts "in the interest of transparency and to prevent a repeat of the country's experience during the energy crunch of 1990s when power contracted later burdened consumers."

Escudero was referring to "stranded costs" in the billions of pesos which more than two decades after they were incurred are still being amortized by consumers through "universal charges "in their monthly electric bills.

In a speech in Quezon province last week, President Aquino announced he was seeking "joint congressional resolution" which would authorize the government to order additional generating capacity of around 600 megawatts.

The latter would be halved into two: 300 megawatts to meet the projected baseload deficit and 300 megawatts as buffer or equivalent to 4 percent of peak demand.

In a report to Congress, Energy officials forecast an energy shortage in Luzon at 400MW to 1,000MW during the first half of next year.

To plug this gap, his advisers have convinced the President to invoke Section 71 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001 which allows the government to "contract" additional generating capacity under terms and conditions Congress may approve.

EPIRA prohibits the government from constructing power plants. However, Section 71 of the law states that the President, upon determination of an imminent shortage of supply of electricity, may ask Congress for authority through a joint resolution, to establish additional generating capacity.

Escudero said he favors the grant of such power to the authority given the "bleak power outlook" next year.

The Department of Energy has warned that there will be some days of April and May 2015 when the power deficit will reach 300 megawatts.

This will be exacerbated by scheduled maintenance shutdown of the Malampaya natural gas facility in offshore Palawan from March 15 to April 14 next year.

Escudero said even if without maintenance issues "the fact is we need to commission more plants because any growth in the economy triggers a corresponding hike in electricity demand." /

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#### Updating of City's ... from page 1

units including Dagupan City, Urdaneta City, San Fernando City, Agoo in La Union and La Trinidad in Benguet vis-à-vis the prevailing charges in Baguio and noted that the city collects "much lower" fees, rentals and other chargers and even lot rentals on buildings within the mar-

He said this necessitates the revision of the city tax ordinance which covers these fees as the city's collections are not enough to defray the expenses for the city market which the city government shoulders including electric and water consumptions, reconstruction of burnt or dilapidated areas, salaries of personnel, equipment, demolition of stalls, improvement, drainages, canals, sidewalks, repair of buildings and others.

For the real property taxes, the city assessor's office under city assessor Nilda Navarro is presently finalizing an updated schedule of fair market values for submission to the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) and eventually to the city council for approval.

Domogan has time and again pointed out the need for the city to update its schedule of real property tax valuation to comply with the New Local Government Code or the Republic Act No. 7160 provision which mandates local government units to undertake a general revision of real property tax valuation every three years.

The last time the city implemented the revision was in 1996 and this was met by protests from taxpayers prompting the city government to instead impose the increase on a staggered basis spread out from 1997 to

In 2001, the city government adopted Tax Ordinance 2000-001 which imposed lower assessment levels for real properties that tempered the increase and eventually appeared the

Since then, the city has not implemented another revision due to humanitarian considerations.

As a result of the city's failure to comply with the revision every three years, the city was named as among those non-complying LGUs by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) while the city assessor's office has been given a poor rating by the BLGF.

Navarro said the new schedule of market values will be made effective 2015 will be submitted to the BLGF by Sept. 30 and as a new procedure, the BLGF will be the one to submit the proposed revision to the city council for its consideration.

Navarro said a new formula incorporating both the government and the private sector's valuation is being used to compute the fair market value to comply with the provisions of the Real Estate Service Act.

She assured that a minimal assessment level will be recommended to temper the expected huge increase in the market value as a result of the city's passing up on several revision terms since 1996.

At present, the city's assessment levels are 12 percent for residential and 35 percent for commercial.

This may go down to as low as three percent for residential and five percent for commercial just to cushion the effect of the increase in the market values but nothing is final yet, according to Navarro.

The recommended assessment level will pass through the city council which has the prerogative to decide on what levels will be imposed./A Refuerzo

#### **Editorial**

#### ...from page 4

Marcos built concrete bunkers along the shoreline plus antiaircraft gun emplacements. Only the airstrip remains usable. There are 30 Philippine Marines based on Pagasa. They won't be able to stop the People's Liberation Army, if it decides to clear them out.

Pagasa's most important asset lies at the far end of the island—a ramshackle village with about 30 families. Civilians started coming in the late 1970s and gradually built a little colony there. "We get a free house, a job and free food," one said. "And there is a school for our children."

Like Manila, Hanoi is settling civilians on several of the islets it controls. Civilian colonies certainly make military confrontation more difficult and less appetizing.

"Shooting soldiers, as China did at Johnson South in 1988, is one thing. Shooting women and children is quite another. Whether these heavily subsidized microcolonies really strengthen legal claims to places like Pagasa has yet to be tested," Wingfield-Hayes writes. "Clearly, Manila and Hanoi believe they do."/Juan L. Mercado

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Applicant Case no. 2013-CAR-614

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#### Advocacy Mindanow ...from page 4

TRIPARTITE REVIEW — A little flashback. Sometime in 2006 when I was working at the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) I started the so- called tripartite review of the 10- year old MNLF 1996 peace agreement due the unending angst of Nur Misuari about alleged non-implementation of certain commitments by the government. "Tripartite" because it involved the MNLF, the GRP (government) and the OIC, (Organization of Islamic Conference with Indonesia as lead country.) Nur always shouted on top of his voice in complaint during all OIC ministerial meetings. He created waves because he was received like a head of state by Islamic countries. The MNLF was granted an "observer" status to represent Muslims in Southern Philippines. (MNLF still, up to this time, enjoys this exclusive franchise). We thought then it would be best to do a tripartite review even as we negotiated with the MILF so the MNLF would not feel being sidelined and also so that the public and the Muslim world would know whereof Nur was talking through his hat or where GRP indeed had to do more. OIC sent Egyptian Ambassador Al Masry who became my close friend. We even went together as far as going to the MNLF camp of Ustadz Habier Malik in Panamao, Sulu to check things out. (He is the same Malik who, by the way, figured prominently in last year's Zamboanga siege where he reportedly died as a result, although lately, I have been getting audible signals from the ground that he allegedly survived and is now up and about somewhere.)

ROAPMAP—Government's road map at that time was, and should still be, simple. Any signed agreement with the MILF and any output from the MNLF tripartite review would all be consolidated in Congress when it passes the enabling law. Hence, what would come out from the legislative mill would be for all Bangsamoro, not only for the

#### TRANSITION AUTHORITY —

Here's something I feel, equally important to consider. The Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) will be constituted upon the approval of BBL with President Aquino making presidential appointments to constitute it. BTA will take over from the defunct ARMM to govern the new government. It will be MILF-led and will start entrenching and operating the new Bangsamoro. propose that the BTA, led by the MILF include proportionate representatives from the MNLF, the traditional political leaders or tribal leaders, even "rogue elements", if they so wish, and civil society. I knew that there was an effort to bring in the MNLF earlier but I knew it was a token gesture that MNLF of course rejected.

LONGER TRANSITION—Let me go to my second point. In the proposed BBL, the length of transition time in allowing the MILF agreement to make it work and show positive results is too short. It should be extended. If Congress approves the BBL even in the bestcase scenario by December, 2014, a

plebiscite will be held 120 days there from or by April 2015. This is a crucial stage because the affected areas will vote whether they want "in" or "out" of the Bangsamoro area. If we are not careful and prudent, the initial shocker will be that the new Bangsamoro territory may even lose some areas and will be smaller than the present ARMM. This will be a serious initial setback. But by making the BTA multi-membered and inclusive and the transition period extended, it stands a better chance of surviving the first challenge in the plebiscite.

MOVE ELECTIONS — Most importantly, if the elections are held on 2016 as envisioned or about one year after the plebiscite, the MILF and the other groups will have no time to organize as a political party, capacitate themselves and earn public goodwill to be able to fairly compete with the entrenched political leaders. Most crucial is that they will lack time to show positive results and convince the "doubters". In that light, the MILF and/or its candidates will stand no fair chance of win-

BETTER 2019 — Instead of setting the Bangsamoro elections in 2016, Congress should move it to 2019 to coincide with the next local elections. This will allow the MILF-led BTA enough time to perform and "deliver" and show to the Bangsamoro and to the world that they can make a difference and the new framework governance unit, indeed, is the correct formula for them. A shorter period will prematurely jeopardize and throw to waste what evervone fought and worked for. However, if by 2019, there's not much done or nothing much has changed, then let's all forget it. But we did try and gave it our best shot.

PNOY'S LEGACY — An inclusive law and longer period to entrench will ensure a lasting durable legacy that President Aquino shall be remembered for. An early debacle in 2016 will immediately relegate him to the dustbin of history.

FEDERAL - My final point. If this Bangsamoro formula works, we have one foot inside the federal system. If the whole country eventually decides to dismantle a Manila-centric government and shift to federal, the soon-to-be Bangsamoro Federal State can very well be the harbinger. Then we can have the Federal State of Davao or Federal State of Zamboanga, Federal State of Ilocandia, of the Ilongos, and so on and so forth. We are already regionalized and our federal states can just follow these regional groupings. Mark my word: with the special concessions given to the Muslims, other Filipinos will also demand for equal opportunity. If we all succeed in this, we ultimately leave the fate and destiny in the hands of the locals who best know what is good for them and whose status and well-being as citizens will be determined by how they handle their affairs and charter their own destiny. And no longer kowtowing and feeling dependent on or endlessly blaming Imperial Manila. This can be a turning point for all. Who knows....

But for sure. Congress is in the cusp making history./ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: AMFI Mindanow /Email info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.orgv



"ENVIRONMENTALAWARENESS" - Eco-Walk Program Coordinator Ramon Dacawi of the Public Information Office (PIO) shares to ANC how the Eco-Walk Program for Kids was sustained and kept going through concerted efforts of government, media, volunteers and the children of Baguio./photo J. Manaois

#### BCDA, JHMC Award Land Titles in Scout Barrio

BAGUIO CITY — Nine household beneficiaries in Barangay Scout Barrio here were awarded their Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) at the Camp John Hay Bell House Historical Core last September 12.

BCDA President and CEO Arnel Casanova and JHMC President and CEO Jamie Agbayani led the awarding ceremony to the beneficiaries and was witnessed by the JHMC Board of Directors and some Scout Barrio residents.

Beneficiaries who accepted personally their TCTs were Calixto Casayuran, Dorotea Delim, Dennis Manuyag, Alejandro Pablo, and Teofilo Viernes. The land titles of beneficiaries Serafin Bansil, Dominador Genove, Lydia Lumanlan, and Rogelio Munlan were received by their representatives.

Casanova said that the awarding of the TCT is part of the ongoing BCDA Social-

ized Housing Project in Scout Barrio Barangay. As of the latest count, the BCDA has already awarded a total of 116 titles to the households.

A total of 163 households had been identified to be awarded of their TCT. The remaining 47 will receive their land titles if they complete the varied requirements.

The BCDA's Socialized Housing Project in Scout Barrio gives back to the former employees of Camp John Hay when it was under the care of the Americans. "The beneficiaries have played a vital role in the legacy of Camp John Hay," he said.

The BCDA assured to abide with Executive Order No. 64 which declares BCDA property within Scout Barrio as a housing site for disposition to bonafide occupants. EO 64 also mandates the BCDA to dispose some 8.9 hectares of 15.9 hectares in Scout Barrio located inside John Hay Reservation Area Bueno and for certified occupants. The remaining seven hectares are for forest and institutional

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### TESDA Activity Ends

BAGUIO CITY - The three-day Baguio Association of Private Technical Institutions, Inc. (BAPTI) activity in celebration of their 12th anniversary ended Thursday at the Baguio Convention Center with inspirational words from Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

The mayor specially thanked the technical-vocational teachers and trainors for sharing their expertise to the students in the field of automotive, cookery, tailoring, restaurant service, information technology, software designing, health care services, house hold services, and slaughtering.

He also recalled his own struggles and urged the students to work hard, learn good traits and work attitudes from their colleagues and elders, sharpen their skills and talents, and work well with others.

Consider your work, the well-being of your workmates before anything else, he said.

His advices were well-taken by a crowd of students which filled the convention center, all from the 22 technical-vocational institutions in the city.

We would always wish you well, as you surpass what we did and had, he said.

The activity dubbed, "Ubdan Daing," was attended by officers of the different tech-voc schools, including Technical Education Skills Development Authority Baguio-Benguet Director Francisco Jucar./PIO

# Anniversary celebration

BAGUIO CITY- Retirees, outstanding, loyal, and persevering city employees will be feted during the 114th CS anniversary celebrations, annual awards and luncheon program on Friday, Sept. 26 at the Supreme Hotel, Magsaysay avenue.

Retired City Assessor Estrella Tano serves as guest of honor and speaker for the occasion.

Outstanding employee nominees numbering 30, both from the first and

s e c o n d level, since July to December 2013 and January to June 2014 will be honored as well.

George Ramon Dacawi both of the City Mayor's Office, and Domingo Tambol, Jr., of the Environment and Parks Management Of-

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## "No-Plastic" Public Hearing Done

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan favors the amendment of the "no-plastic" ordinance and urged the cooperation of each Baguio resident as to reusable containers and recyclable materials in lieu of non-biodegradable plastics.

There is no alternative packaging yet as convenient as plastic, thus we urge our constituents and business people to use biodegradable materials, the mayor said during a public hearing at the city council session hall. Marketgoers with their own reusable materials and containers should be accorded discounts, he added, to which businessmen and vendors agreed.

One setback observed however, is the cost of biodegradable plastic which is thrice the regular, it was known from businesspeople who attended the public hearing on the prohibition of use of plastics. The mayor however said the cost is equivalent to environment safety. Biodegradable packing materials are subject to testing, and passing such is proof of its being environmental-friendly.

The public hearing was spearheaded by council committee chair on Market, Trade and Commerce Elaine Sembrano and General Services Officer Romeo Concio.

Manufacturers of biodegradable materials were also urged to present alternatives which would not add to the bulk of the city's garbage and are not environment hazards. Vendors from the market promised to use environmentally-safe packing materials as they inquired if penalties await those who refuse to do so.

GSO Concio agreed with the businesspeople's issues; and informed them of a proposed 25-year waste-to-energy facility exclusively fed by segregated plastics. Cont. on page 9





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