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# City hall pays tribute to deceased councilor

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Government paid tribute to the late Councilor Roberto Ortega who died last July 30 due to a lingering illness. He was 78.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog led city officials and employees in paying their last respects to the deceased alderman during a necrological service last Wednesday at City Hall where his remains were brought last Tuesday from La Union for a two-night vigil.

Last Thursday, his remains were transported back to San Fernando City for the continuation of the wake but not after a funeral procession around key places in the city. Interment is scheduled today, August 6.

In City Council Resolution 282 series of 2017, Ortega's political career and achievements were recalled thus:

"He began his stint in the Cont. on page 8



*'Markang Bungo , passes away- The one, the only , the original , the Honorable Baguio City Councilor Roberto " Markang Bungo" Bobby Ortega . A truly great law enforcer and public servant. A true friend and supporter of this paper. Rest in Peace Manong Bungo!!! /Photo by Aileen Refuerzo*

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 ang iyong alaala!**



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# City government bent on BGH to put up 2 parking buildings

## pursuing e-governance

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Government is bent on pursuing programs to transform into an e-government through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and other web-based telecommunication technologies to improve the delivery of public service.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan bared this in his state-of-the-city address (SOCA) last Monday (July 31).

“We have joined the bandwagon of voluntarily transforming into an e-government consistent with the national thrust to revolutionize local governance by making LGUs (local government units) electronically enabled with the overall intention of improving the delivery of public services, promote transparency in government transactions and increase public access to government information services,” the mayor said.

Spearheaded by the Management Information Technical Division under the City Budget Office, the city’s ICT program started with the citywide computerization program in the mid-90s.

To date, the city has spent more or less P50 million to install the basic ICT infrastructure with the MITD at the helm of mainstreaming ICT and developing the appropriate tools and applications for various critical and lifeline government services.

All of the programs are in accordance with the ICT strategic action

plan covering the period 2013-2025 developed as the city’s e-government transformation roadmap.

The mayor said that at present, the city has automated six basic operations in the city government: the e-Business Permit and Licensing System (eBPLS), the automated processing of business permits which has a tracking system that can show the status of a business permit or license application and can easily generate reportorial requirements of the local chief executive and other city officials. It currently stores a database of 25,000 permitted businesses in the city;

Real Property Tax Collection System (RPTACS) which automated the real property tax assessment and collection and provides an integrated information system for the offices of the city treasurer and city assessor avoiding irregularities in transactions. It has a database of 91,845 registered real property owners and 130,930 real property units;

Civil Registry Information System (CRIS), an automated registration and printing of various civil registry documents based on a database of birth, death and marriage which enables an annual average transaction of 16,000 documents;

Health Patient Information System (HPIS), a partnership project provided by the Wireless for Health (WAH) to manage patients’ health

records and information for better patient management of the 16 district health centers which at present stores 200,000 patient records;

Online Building Permit Application (OBPA) has a pre-evaluation process where digital copies of plans, designs and cost estimates are uploaded for review before final copies are submitted for final processing. The digital review facilitates processing and spares applicants from submitting voluminous documents and personally lining up to wait. It is expected to be implemented within the year;

Integrated Surveillance System with CCTV installation which was initially conceived for the central business district to monitor peace and order, traffic and transport management and disaster risk reduction and management.

To promote transparency in government transactions, the mayor said the city deployed working systems to facilitate in-house and administrative operations covering personnel concerns, financial management, procurement, planning and budgeting through the following ICT programs: the city government website which was developed to provide online information about frontline services, and how these can be accessed from our city offices; leave administration system, an electronic employee leave processing system that has

**B**AGUIO CITY – The Administration of the State-run Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) will put up two parking structures within its compound to help ease the daily monstrous traffic jams around the hospital and provide adequate parking areas for its patients and visitors.

Dr. Ricardo Ruñez, BGHMC medical center chief, said the short term plan of the hospital will be the construction of a 3-storey parking structure near the administration building that could accommodate more than 50 parking slots for its patients and visitors aside from relocating the hospital’s emergency room nearer to Kennon road so that patients being brought for emergency purposes could be given immediate medical attention.

On the other hand, he informed the members of the local legislative body during Monday’s regular session that the hospital’s medium term plan is for the construction of a 6-storey parking building near the Flavio building that could accommodate more than 100 slots for its patients and visitors to improve the parking

conditions in the hospital compound and to help lessen the impact of the lack of parking spaces around the hospital compound.

“We continue to look for ways on how we can maximize the available spaces in our compound for those who have patients and our regular visitors transacting business with the different departments of the hospital. We want our patients and their family members to have a stress-free stay in our hospital,” Ruñez stressed.

The BGHMC head claimed the planned multi-level parking structures in the hospital compound is in preparation for the expected expansion of the hospital’s bed capacity to around 1,200 bed capacity with an expected influx of people and vehicles entering and going out of the hospital every hour of the day.

According to him, BGHMC management is still studying the possibility whether or not to offer the parking structures free to patients and visitors for the benefit of ensuring sufficient parking spaces for those who are in need of medical intervention from experts assigned in the hospital.

Ruñez explained management is trying to negotiate a loan with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to fund the construction of the two multi-level parking structures within the hospital compound and the loan will be repaid through the savings of the hospital or through the collection of reasonable parking fees from user of the facilities.

City Planning and Development Officer Evelyn G. Cayat underscored the city needs more multi-level parking projects like what BGHMC is planning to put up to provide adequate parking spaces for the rapidly increasing number of motorists plying the city’s streets, thus, the local government is supportive of the endeavour because it will help a lot for the hospital patients, their wards and their visitors.

The City Council passed a resolution supporting the overall development plan of BGHMC, including the planned construction of 2 multi-level parking structures within the hospital compound that seeks to provide convenience to hospital patients and their visitors. /By Dexter A. See

employees totally eliminating the long queues on paydays;

Procurement Management and Information System (epmis) which focuses on the automation of procurement operations from planning, request for materials, issuance of purchase orders, bidding, delivery and payment. The systems’ main objective is to fast track the processing of requisitions that can be monitored regardless of the stakeholder’s location; the Sangguniang Panlungsod Legislative Management System, an automated tracking system from the crafting, searching, monitoring and downloading of ordinances and resolutions;

E-budgeting System (EBS), a system for planning and budgeting

deployed for the preparation of the 2018 budget; and the Human Resource Information System (HRIS), a database of employee profiles.

The city has two interactive systems in place that serve as avenues to access information, make queries and provide feedback to the city government: Online Public Assistance and Complaints Desk, an online communication via webchat that directly accepts requests as well as complaints. It provides a collaborative venue where the support may come from different offices or departments who can help or assist solve problems, issues or address concerns related to public governance. It has a feature of an offline mode to queue the posted public concerns

and whenever live chat feature is not available and the e-Directory and Information Support Services (EDISS) which provides online services mainly for directory information services that act as digital yellow pages.

“We have seen the benefits of adapting ICT in our present systems. If we are to promise better and faster public services, we need to step up our current efforts to facilitate our transformation into an e-government to fully realize e-governance. The initiative puts us one step ahead of other cities and lags and already aligns us with the national vision of a “Digital Philippines” now being aggressively advocated by the national government,” the mayor said. /Aileen P. Refuerzo



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# RTC upholds right of Kabayan folks to seek information on hydro projects

Indigenous peoples (IPs) or indigenous cultural communities (ICCs) have all the right to seek all information regarding proposals to set up hydroelectric plants within their river resources.

With that premise, Branch 63 of the Regional Trial Court in La Trinidad, Benguet dismissed a case filed by energy developer Hedcor Kabayan Inc. accusing the Benguet Electric Cooperative (Beneco) which serves

Baguio and Benguet with interfering with or influencing the on-going Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) the corporation is conducting for its Kabayan II hydropower project.

"The IP's/ICC's access to all information affecting their interest should be guaranteed by the diversity of the sources and means of information available,

thus enabling them to check the accuracy or facts and to appraise data, scheme and proposals objectively consistent with a laissez faire approach to the regulation of speech and expression," the court noted.

Hedcor Kabayan, part of the Hydroelectric

Development Corp. now developing hydroelectric dams in various parts of the Cordillera, earlier filed the case for injunction and damages, for allegedly influencing the FPIC and "violating the exclusive rights of Hedcor as renewable energy development of Kabayan

II hydro power generation project..."

The issue arose after Onjon ni Kasikuran Shi Kabayan (ONKASKA), composed of indigenous peoples of Kabayan, passed Resolution No. 4-2014 allowing Beneco to conduct a detailed engineering and design study

for Agno I and Agno 2 within the ancestral domain of Kabayan along the Agno River."

The Kabayan Sangguniang Bayan endorsed the Onjon resolution on August 26, 2014. Subsequently, the Kabayan LOiga ng mga Barangay

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## 20 barangays ordered to liquidate livelihood funds

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. BDomogan ordered some twenty punong barangays to liquidate more than P15 million livelihood funds that were downloaded to their barangays to prevent the non-release of future assistance to beneficiaries of the government's livelihood assistance program in the future.


The local chief executive informed the concerned punong barangays to submit to the labor department their complete liquidation reports to avoid being marked in bad standing and to allow more residents to benefit from the livelihood assistance being extended by the agency to concerned barangays.

The punong barangays with their conduit associations and the corresponding livelihood funds were Asin punong barangay Peter Dumape with the Likhang Kamay ni Nanay Association – P406,603, East Banay Park punong barangay Tomas E. Tolete with the East Banay Park Ladies Circle – P206,247, Malcolm Square punong barangay William Domoguen with the Good Care Multipurpose Cooperative – P108,173, Upper Dagsian punong barangay Raymund F. Ruivivar with the United Dagsian Livelihood Association – P499,180, Brookspoint punong barangay Douglas T. Sial with the Brookspoint Trading and Livelihood Association – P228,825, Slaughterhouse punong barangay with the Barangay Sto. Niño Livelihood and Entrepreneur Association – P247,650, Gabriela Siang punong barangay Andres S. Ricerra, Jr. with the Gabriela Silang Butchers and Meat Processors Association – P198,842, San Luis punong barangay George L. Saguid, Jr. with the Pamilya-Tahana-Simbahan Para sa Panumbalik ng Kalikasan, Inc. – P310,630, Camp 7 punong barangay Constancio F. Danao with the Barangay Camp 7 Agriculture and Fishery Council – P297,700, Loakan Apugan punong barangay Martin Anglog with the Loakan-Apugan Mothers' Association – P308,215, Brookside punong barangay James D. Doligas with the Barangay Brookside Women's Organization – P420,910, Fairview punong barangay Justina P. Andaya with **Cont. on page 8**

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# Tax 'reform' program burdens poor more than the rich-IBON

Research group IBON said that Pres. Rodrigo Duterte's State of the Nation (SONA) statement that "we achieved the first step towards more equitable taxes" is incorrect because the poorest majority of Filipinos will be paying more taxes than the rich. The Department of Finance is covering this up, the group also said.

According to IBON executive director Sonny Africa, under the tax 'reform' package recently passed by the House of Representatives (HOR) and now with the Senate, the poorest 60% of Filipinos will pay more out of their already very low incomes than the highest income 40% of Filipinos.

"The poorest 60% will pay Php32.9 billion in additional taxes next year which is 1.6% of their combined family income of some Php2.0 trillion," he said. "The highest income 40% on the other hand will pay just Php14.7 billion which is only 0.4% of their total family income of some Php4.1 trillion."

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"In effect, the highest income 40% who have twice as much income as the poorest 60% of Filipinos will be paying less than half as much in additional taxes. Measured as a share of their total income, the poorest 60% will pay four times as much as the highest income 40% including the richest Filipinos," said Africa.

Taking all the components of the tax package into consideration, Africa said, the highest income 40% will gain Php140.1 billion from lower personal income, estate and donor taxes. He said that this off-sets much of the additional Php154.8 billion they will pay in additional VAT, petroleum and automobile taxes.

On the other hand, Africa said that the poorest 60% do not gain anything from lower personal income taxes – being exempted from paying this already. They will however pay an additional Php32.9 billion in additional VAT and petroleum taxes. This does not even include further inflationary effects and the impact of the onerous tax on sweetened beverages.

Africa added that these estimates exclude the Php2,400 cash transfer for the poorest half of families that the DOF is hyping. He said that the DOF is only using the cash transfer to cover up for the gross inequity of the tax reform package. "After 2018, the cash transfer will be discontinued but the tax burden on the poor will remain," he clarified. "The tax burden on the poor will become even worse as even higher petroleum excise taxes start to be applied," Africa warned.

The tax impact is estimated by IBON for 2018 from scant data available from the DOF. Family income estimates are from the government's latest Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) from 2015.

"During the SONA, Pres. Duterte was also quoted saying 'The poor and vulnerable are at the heart of my tax reform.'" Africa commented: "The president was correct but for the wrong reasons — they are at the 'heart' because they are paying more taxes than the rich."/www.ibon.org

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Child kidnapping in RP is real, gov't helpless**

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... 'But the children rebelled against me: They did not follow my decrees, they were not careful to keep my laws, of which I said, 'The person who obeys them will live by them,' and they desecrated my Sabbaths. So I said I would pour out my wrath on them and spend my anger against them in the wilderness'..." (Ezekiel 20:21, the Holy Bible).

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**CHILD KIDNAPPING IN RP IS REAL:** Parents, guardians, and any other person whose job or concern is to take care and assure the safety of children and other minors, this column today is not meant to scare or frighten you, but on Wednesday, August 02, 2017, the truth and reality of syndicates snatching, kidnapping, and taking away kids for a host of reasons jolted me like I was hit with several bolts of lightning.

One of the lady preachers of the Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK or the Children of God Blood Kin of the Christ) Church told me and the other preachers and deacons of the AND KNK who were gathered for their regular Wednesday Bible immersion and admin-



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- SEN. BAM AQUINO



istrative deliberations while she was profusely crying, that one of her grandsons had become the latest victim of kidnapping.

The lady preacher said the incident happened at Payatas, Quezon City, a squatter colony near the La Mesa Dam complex, just this week, as her grandson walked home from school at about 1 p.m. The mother of the grandson, one of the preacher's daughters, was with the child and two other kids of hers who were also going home when, literally, at the batting of her eyelashes, the grandson was gone.

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**CHILD KIDNAPPED IN PAYATAS, QC:** Frantically, the mother of the child who vanished from her sight tried to look around her, searching for the child, her eldest. But he was nowhere in sight---as if he vanished into thin air. As panic began to engulf her, the mother literally dragged her two other very young children with her as she went hither and thither, and even in circles, searching for him.

When the missing child could not be located even after almost an hour of searching, the mother rushed to the nearest police station and reported the apparent kidnapping of her son. Policemen then were dispatched to join the search. Unfortunately, as the afternoon descended into dusk, their efforts yielded no sign of the child.

As daylight started to give way to the enveloping darkness of the night, the mother found herself retracing her steps back to the school of her missing son. She dreaded going home to their shanty, where the wake of her husband who died last year was held, without their child.

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**GOV'T INCAPABLE OF STOPPING CHILD KIDNAPPING:** But as she sat on the side of the road, she caught sight of her son, stripped of his school uniform--polo and shorts---and was only in his underwear, looking dazed, and gravely afraid. She rushed to the son and tried to hug him. At first, the son coiled away from her, perhaps unable to recognize her with his troubled mind.

But as recognition came back to the child he embraced his mother in a tight grip, crying. The mother tried to talk to him, asking him questions, but the boy kept quiet all the time. Even today, the lady preacher said the kidnapped boy doesn't want to talk at all. He has refused going out, even to go to his school, indicating that he is still suffering from deep psychological turmoil, which may take a long time to heal.

Indeed, this experience of the grandson of the lady preacher confirmed, beyond reasonable doubt, that there are people out there, whether organized or not, who are engaged in snatching away or kidnapping of children, mostly to take their internal organs so they could be sold to rich patrons. Since no one in government appears capable of stopping this, parents and elders can only rely on God to take care of their children.

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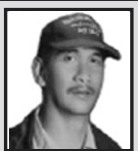


## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**IMBECILE daw si Speaker Alvarez!!!**

Reprint from last week

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Ang no nga ba ang ibig sabihin o depinisyon ng imbecile? Ayon sa Merriam Webster Dictionary ay "fool", "idiot" "a person affected with moderate mental retardation." Ayon naman sa Cambridge English dictionary ay "a person who behaves in an extremely stupid way." Ang dalawang depinisyon na ito ay sa aking palagay ay medjo tama bagama't kulang pa rin kung iha-hambing kay Speaker Pantalon este Pantaleon Alvarez sapagkat sa aking pagkakaalam ay masahol pa siya sa imbecile. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Ispina mo naman na isa rin na kapwa Duterte (Atty. Anderson) na isang abogado este agogado ng BOC ang tumawag sa kanya ng ganito at isang kapwa Ateneo Law School ang babaeng abogado ang nagsabi na siya ay isang imbecile. Ito ay nag-ugat daw sa banta ni Alvarez na ipabuwag niya ang Court of Appeals. Iba talagang taong ito na laseng na laseng sa kapangyarihan.

Kaya nga kami sa Linis Gobyeno nuong Secretary ng DOTC yang si Alvarez nuong panahon ni GMA ay isa kami sa mga grupo na nag-sampa ng reklamo laban sa kanya at pinagaksayahan namin siya ng panahon at gastos sa pag-aattend namin sa Senado, sa Commission on Appointments (CA) upang tutulan ang kanyang confirmation as Secretary of the DOTC. Sa awa naman ng Diyos ay tinamaan rin siya at ang kanyang Bossing-GMA ng hiya at nag-resign na lang siya pagkalipas ng several attempts na ma-confirm, bagama't alam na namin kung gaano na kalalim ang kanyang bulsa nuon pa lang. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Base lang sa malawakang research namin hinggil sa kanyang PIATCO-FRAPPORT NAIA-3 deal kung saan pagkatapos nuon ay itong si Speaker Imbecile na nakatira nuon sa Better Living Subdivision sa Paranaque nuong siya ay Assistant General Manager (AGM) ng NAIA ay lumipat siya pagkatapos sa Magallanes Village nung DOTC Secretary na siya at pagkatapos ay marami na siyang matitinding mga pinaggagawa. Ang marami dito ay iiwan ko na lang na Secret. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Bagamat gusto ko yung kanyang sinabi na siya ay miyembro ng Manobo Tribe (alaman ko nga kung maka member din ako duon) nang maka pag asawa rin ako ng mahigit sa isa. Kaya pala siya nag-panukala ng very-very easy separation among spouses na sinasabi niya na marriage dissolution na sa aking alam ay hindi ito palulusutin sa kongreso ng mga asawa ng mga tongresista este kongresista. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Talaga naman itong si Speaker Imbecile, masyado ka na ha, mukhang dapat na mag esep-esep na ang mga ibang tonggressmen kung dapat ka ng patalsikin at itapon ka na sa Court of Appeals. Hi! Hi! Hi!

**On the P6.4-billion worth of shabu smuggled from China**

BY: SENATOR LEILA DE LIMA

The ongoing investigation on the large-scale smuggling of methamphetamine (shabu) from China betrays a glaring inadequacy of the anti-illegal drug program of the government. While our law enforcers focus their attention on going after street peddlers and drug addicts, less efforts have been placed on other, perhaps more important, aspects of the War on Drugs: supply and demand reduction.

The obscene amount of shabu confiscated during a raid in Valenzuela was only identified after being informed by customs officials in China. Without such

## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**And Now The End is Near? For Who?**

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA



This week will be registered as one that has the shocking event in the history of our country. Recently, there was an arrest on a very influential family on the south that leads to the killing of some of the members of the family. There was a lot of speculations on the legality of the operations and media and CHR (Commission On Human Rights) are like flies feasting on the dead bodies trying to do their "job" and or trying to further the agenda they have.

While this family denies their connection to the drug business. The smoke their fire had created is too thick to be ignored. It had shown what every Juan in the country has already knew; that power corrupts the mind of the people who have it. According to my research, this the head of this political family, their grandfather, was the chosen leader of Kuratong Baleleng, an Anti-communist group in the '80s. Amazed with the power given to him, he had used the group to conduct illegal business to gain more money for his pocket.

How they got into politics is a no brainer because we knew in democracy popularity is always the main cause of winning. As they stayed in power they found out that they can siphon money using their position thus it lead them to what happened to them today. Because of what we have seen, one can't help but ask, if this kind of government or system of government is really helping our country or is it destroying and corrupting the people it uses to stand? Or is this kind of government prone to corrupt people taking in charge? Who must be blamed for such thing? Answering these questions can branch out to a lot of arguments so I chose to leave it at that and let you ponder on your own point of view.

The killing and arrest of this family won't solve the country. It's a Band-Aid to a gaping wound to say the least but in an optimistic point of view it is an effort to curb criminality. Let's just hope in pray that whatever hidden agenda was injected to this that it won't trample down the real goal it aims.

piece of intelligence, the contraband could have been distributed all over our country by now. This can only lead to two conclusions: first, that China is not doing enough to prevent the exportation of shabu from their country; and second, our Bureau of Customs is almost utterly incapable of preventing the entry of illegal drugs.

During his testimony before the Blue Ribbon Committee, BOC Commissioner Nicanor Faeldon admitted that they do not have the capacity to screen all incoming shipments. That while the rest of the world has the capability of x-raying 100% of all incoming commodities, we can only process 16%. That is a massive hole that exposes our local police enforcers to a steady supply of imported drugs well beyond their capability to detect.

We already know that China is the biggest source of imported illegal drugs. If China is indeed sincere in their offer to assist us in our war on drugs, they should step up their efforts to stop the outflow of illegal drugs from their country. At this point, who knows how much more drugs came through the same channel with the drugs that were confiscated during the raid?

If this administration is to succeed in the War on Drugs, it has to stop the wide-scale smuggling. Angry words and bullets are not enough. There has to be a policy that combats illegal drugs on all fronts and vigilance to properly implement them. All players must be well equipped to perform their functions. If we provide our police force with guns and →

## RTC upholds right of...

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also adopted a resolution asking the Department of Energy to consider the application of BENECO for hydropower development for the Nalatang River.

Firstly, the court noted, "Hedcor did not establish a clear legal right to preliminary injunction". It said that the amendment to the hydropower service contract between Hedcor and the Department of Energy was executed only on June 13, 2016.

"Also the endorsement letter was sent to the NCIP on 22 June 2016 for Hedcor to secure the necessary permits and clearances from all relevant government entities including the certification precondition and the conduct of the FPIC (free and informed prior consent) process," the court said.

"Indubitably," the court said, "the alleged acts were committed prior to the amendment of the Hydropower Service Contract between Hedcor and the DOE on 13 June 2016."

Therefore, the court added, "as of 22 June 2016, Hedcor has yet to file its application before the NCIP for Certification Precondition based on the amended contract. It can not rely on its earlier application filed on 31 July 2015 and the proceedings therein had which were deemed mooted with the execution of the amended contract." /Ramon Dacawi.

## Baguio to host, heart, trauma, brain center

BAGUIO CITY – The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) was identified by the health department as one of the expansion areas for the put up of state-of-the-art health facilities to help decongest the overcrowded hospitals in Metro Manila and allow the maximum use of existing tertiary hospitals for medical purposes.

Dr. Ricardo Ruñez, BGHMC medical center chief, said included in the hospital's master development plan will be the put up of an 8-storey heart center, a 6-storey trauma center and a 6-storey brain center within the next years.

Earlier, President Rodrigo Duterte announced his plan to improve the tertiary hospitals in the different urban centers in the country for them to cater to the complicated medical requirements of patients seeking medical attention so as not to contribute in the clogging of hospitals in Metro Manila.

"We are grateful that BGH was chosen by the health department as one of the beneficiaries of the government's plan to improve the facilities to cater to the medical needs of people not only from the city but also from other parts of Northern Luzon considering that it is a tertiary hospital," Ruñez stressed.

The BGHMC head underscored part of the buildings that will be constructed will be the provision for underground parking to help address the parking needs of patients and visitors seeking medical attention from the facility.

According to him, part of the development of the BGH structures will be the conversion of the buildings into green buildings to make the facilities a treatment haven for patients seeking treatment from specialists in the said hospital.

Considering that BGHMC is a heritage area, the BGH official assured that the

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bullets, we should provide our customs officials with proper equipment as well.

To borrow words from Macbeth, our war on drugs, as it is, is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing except dead bodies.

# NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of CAMILO DUGAYEN who died in Baguio City on November 7, 2017 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on May 22, 2008 as evidenced by Doc. No. 129; Page No. 26; Book No. XLIV; Series of 2008 of the Notary Public Omar R. Evangelista.

July 29, August 5 and 12 2017

## Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate of the late John Degay Sr.

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late John Degay Sr. who died on February 22, 2014 at Baguio City involving a lot covered by TCT No. T-69968 was the subject of an extrajudicial settlement and entered into the Notarial Register of Notary Public Robles G. Calabias as Doc. No. 450; Page No. 90; Book No. CLXX; and series of 2017.

July 29, August 5 and 12 2017

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late GEORGE H. CAO-ILE who died on July 14, 2017 in Baguio City without will, consisting of two (2) units of Public Utility Jitney with Plate Nos. AYJ-710 and AYN-790 covered by LTRFB Case No. 2001-BC-278 and 2003-CAR-663, respectively, had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 26 July 2017 as per Doc. No. 587, Page No. 118, Book No. XLI, Series of 2017, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

July 29, August 5 and 12 2017

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

**ASUNCION BENCILA**

**Applicant**  
**CASE No. 2003-CAR-389**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 26, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - ACUPAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on August 25, 2017 at 2:25 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 1st day of August 2017, Baguio City.

**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

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

**JOEL & MARILYN BANTIYAN**

**Applicant**  
**CASE No. 2011-CAR-736**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 26, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - LOURDES-DOMINICAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

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

**LUCAS GALLEO**

**Applicant**  
**CASE No. 2006-CAR-0320**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 26, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TRANCOVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 1st day of August 2017, Baguio City.

**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

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

IN RE: PETITION  
FOR COMMISSION AS NOTARY  
PUBLIC FOR AND  
WITHIN THE  
PROVINCE OF  
BENGUET

17-NC-0412

ATTY. RICHARD P.  
DUMAPIS,  
*Petitioner*  
X-----X

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the above-entitled petition for commission as notary public for and in the Province of Benguet filed by the above-named petitioner shall be held on September 15, 2017 at 1:30

o'clock in the afternoon  
before the undersigned  
Executive Judge of the  
Regional Trial Court, La  
Trinidad, Benguet.

Any person who has any  
cause or reason to object to  
the grant of the petition  
may file a verified  
written opposition thereto  
on or before the date on  
the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of  
Hearing be published  
once (1) a week for two (2)  
consecutive weeks in the  
Junction, a newspaper  
of general circulation in  
Baguio City and Benguet  
Province, the first publication  
to be made not later than August 10,  
2017.

SO ORDERED.  
La Trinidad, Benguet,  
Philippines, this 3rd of  
August 2017.

(SGD) JENNIFER P.  
HUMINDING  
Executive Judge

*Publication Dates:*  
*August 5 and 12, 2017*

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
Baguio City

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY SHERIFF

PHILIPPINE  
SAVINGS BANK,  
Mortgagee

-versus-

MARIAN L.  
FERNANDEZ  
married to EUGENIO  
L. FERNANDEZ,  
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE  
CASE No. 17-726-S  
EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT No.  
3135 AS AMENDED

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF  
SALE

Upon extra-judicial  
petition of the sale under  
Act 3135 as amended  
filed by PHILIPPINE  
SAVINGS BANKS, here-  
inafter referred to as  
MORTGAGEE, as against  
MARIAN L. FERNANDEZ  
married to EUGENIO  
L. FERNANDEZ, here-

inafter referred to as  
MORTGAGOR, to satisfy  
the mortgage indebtedness  
which as of June 20, 2017,  
amounts to Php518,914.77  
plus accruing interest,  
penalties but not to  
exclude other expenses  
incidental to the fore-  
closure proceedings, the  
Clerk of Court/Ex-Officio  
Sheriff thru her Deputy,  
will SELL at public auction  
on the 25th day of August  
2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the  
morning or soon thereaf-  
ter at Justice Hall Lobby,  
Baguio City, to the highest  
bidder for CASH and  
in Philippine Currency,  
the real property and all  
improvements existing  
thereon, more particu-  
larly described as follows,  
to wit:

"TRANSFER CERTI-  
FICATE OF TITLE No.  
T-65893

A PARCEL OF LAND  
(LOT 5, Blk. 15, Psd-1-  
01421 BEING A PORTION  
OF LOT 19 II-11894,  
L.R.C. REC. NO. ---  
SITUATED IN THE BO.  
BAKAKENG, CITY OF  
BAGUIO, ISLAND OF  
LUZON., BOUNDED ON  
THE E., ALONG LINE 1-2  
BY ROAD LOT 8; ON THE  
S., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY  
LOT 6; BLK 15; ON THE  
W. ALONG LINE 3-4 BY  
DRAINAGE LOT 2; ON

THE N., ALONG LINE  
4-1 BY LOT 4, BLK 15,  
ALL OF PSD-1-014521..  
BEGINNING AT A POINT  
MARKED "1" ON LOT 5  
BLK 15 ON PLAN BEING  
S.4 deg.56'E., 914.61 M.  
XXX, CONTAINING AN  
AREA OF NINETY SIX  
(96) SQUARE METERS,  
more or less." Xxx

Prospective buyers/  
bidders are hereby  
enjoined to investigate for  
themselves the property  
and its encumbrances  
thereon, if any there be.  
Baguio City, Philip-  
pines, 21 July 2017.

(SGD) ATTY. LINDA  
MONTES-LOLOY  
Clerk of Court VI-Ex-Of-  
ficio Sheriff

(SGD) MARANI S.  
BACOLOD  
Sheriff IV

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Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
First Judicial Region  
Baguio City  
OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE  
JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION  
FOR NOTARIAL  
COMMISSION  
IN THE CITY OF  
BAGUIO

ADELAIDE  
BUCLAY  
MABALOT  
- N.A. NC-65-NEW-  
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MICHAEL JAN B.  
OSTREA  
- N.A. NC-66-NEW-  
17

MANUEL I.  
LEGASPI, JR.  
- N.A. NC-67-NEW-  
17

RENATO B.  
MANA-A  
- N.A. NC-68-NEW-  
17

VANESSA  
JENIFFER DIZON  
GO  
- N.A. NC-69-NEW-  
17

MARY GRACE  
TAMILAN

VALDEZ  
- N.A. NC-70-NEW-  
17  
*Petitioners.*  
X-----X

NOTICE OF HEARING  
Notice is hereby  
given that a SUMMARY  
HEARING on the Petition  
for Notarial Commission  
of the above-named  
applicants shall be held  
on AUGUST 8, 2017 at  
the sala of the Executive  
Judge, Regional Trial  
Court, Branch 5, Baguio  
City at 2:30 o'clock in the  
afternoon.

Any person who has  
any cause or reason to  
object to the grant of  
the petition may file a  
verified written opposi-  
tion thereto, received by  
the undersigned before  
the date of summary  
hearing.

Baguio City, Philip-  
pines, July 28, 2017.

(SGD) MARIA LIGAYA  
V. ITLIONG-RIVERA  
Executive Judge

*Publication Dates:*  
*August 5, 2017*



ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT  
Hearing Officer

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

**EMILIA ABAD**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 87-01-1195**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 12, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: MANKAYAN - PACO VIA LEPANTO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on August 22, 2017 at 4:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 26th day of July 2017, Baguio City.

**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

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

**JAIME QUIBAYEN**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 2005-BENGAR-1407**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 12, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BANGUED - BOLINEY and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

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

**ALICE CATIAN**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 2005-BENGAR-1132**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 13, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - LITENG and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

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

**FLORIMON CAPONES**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 2004-BAGCAR-749**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 14, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - ACOP and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on August 22, 2017 at 4:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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Hearing Officer

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

**ELIAS ABQUILEN**

**Applicant**

**CASE No. 2003-CAR-213**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on July 12, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BANGUED - VILLAVICIOSA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 26th day of July 2017, Baguio City.

**ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT**  
Hearing Officer

## City hall pays tribute...

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political arena in 1995 when he was elected as councilor of the City of Baguio until 2001. Because he equates himself to public service, he ran and was elected as councilor of the City of Baguio in 2013 earning the second highest rank, and in 2016 he was re-elected in the same capacity landing in the third highest rank;

"He demonstrated unselfish and dedicated public service and thus reaping remarkable awards and citations from different organizations. The City Government of San Fernando, La Union honored him the "Pagwadan Award"; he was conferred Senior Officer of the year as Lieutenant Colonel; Junior Officer of the Year as Captain; he was the recipient of 37 medals including 2 Bronze Crosses for Gallantry in Action, 34 Plaques of Appreciation for various accomplishments while in the military service, 40 letters of commendation for various accomplishments while in the service; and

"Leaving great marks on this earth, he truly upheld his maxim, "Drugs is an instrument of the devil. It is out to destroy, not only your body but also your very soul" and "Walang Personalan, Trabaho Lang."

The resolution also recounted his beginnings and his colorful career as a lawman:

"Ortega, also popularly known as "Markang Bungo," was born on 14 March 1939 at San Fernando, La Union. He came from a great political clan in the province of La Union, the grandson of the Ortega patriarch, Joaquin L. Ortega and the son of Francisco L. Ortega, a former Representative of La Union who was married to Corazon C. Ortega. All eight boys out of the 15 children have served La Union, politically, in different capacities, namely: Victor Francisco, Manuel, Pablo, Mario, Francisco Jr., Jose Ma. and Ramon. Among his

children, only Roberto C. Ortega Jr., who is a showbiz personality entered politics as an incumbent Councilor of the City of Manila;

"Bobby Ortega was an intel agent from 1963 to 1973 and carved his career in the Philippine Constabulary since then. He finished his Management and General Staff Course at General Staff College in 1984. He climbed up the ladder of success until his retirement as Police Superintendent in 1992. To name a few of the highlights of his police service career, he became an Assistant Provincial Commander in the Province of Isabela from 1985 to 1987 and his diligence and dedicated service, brought him to the Baguio City Police Command as the Chief of Police from 1987 to 1989. During his command, he was credited for bringing down the crime rate by a staggering 95 percent and eliminated criminal syndicates to its lowest; and

"He was legendary when he headed the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) group known as "Bungo" squad with former General Sonny Razon as his deputy. He was dubbed as Mr. Peace and Order and the crime buster of the City of Baguio, the number one fighter against illegal drugs, and from which his heroic and be-medaled career as law enforcer was enshrined in two films entitled, "Markang Bungo" (the Bobby Ortega Story Part I) in 1992 and "Markang Bungo Part 2" (Iligpit si Bobby Ortega) in 1994." "Councilor Ortega is remembered as a community leader and public servant, his efforts and contributions to the City of Baguio in various plans, programs and activities are well appreciated and his demise is a great loss not only to his family and friends, but to the City of Baguio," the resolution noted.

"His legacy of service continues and will serve as an inspiration to Baguio's future leaders and is worthy of recognition." /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## 20 barangays ordered...

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the Fairview Nam-ay's Club – P306,497, Irisan punong barangay Thomas K. Dumalti with the Irisan Dumpsite Workers Cooperative – P365,570, M. Roxas-Teachers Camp punong barangay Elsie Magdalene B. Tindoc with the Taga Baligya M. Roxas Barangay – P446,470, East Modernsite punong barangay Nenita Trinidad with the United Amsing Livelihood Association – P124,999, Pinsao Pilot Project punong barangay Sotero Dulyacan with the Friar Tuck Beekeeping Organization – P494,190, St. Joseph Village punong barangay Conchita H. Rillera with the Baguio City Beauty Care Association – P149,341, Happy Hallow punong barangay Soriano A. Palonan with the DES-OKAN BALATAN Indigenous People Organization – P454,470 and Camp 8 punong barangay Mariano T. Pinto with the Camp 8 Arise Livelihood Association – P447,460.

Further, the local government and various associations were also ordered to liquidate some P8,954,700 in livelihood assistance accessed through the labor department's livelihood assistance fund under the bottoms up budgeting of the previous administration.

Earlier, Apollo R. Luspian, head of the Baguio-Benguet field office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), sought the assistance of Mayor Domogan for the submission of liquidation reports from the different barangays within the city considering that the livelihood funds accessed by the different associations under the jurisdiction of the said barangays have not yet submitted their required liquidation reports. /By Dexter A. See

## Suntrust told to restore damaged private properties

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan Bordered the management of the Suntrust Properties, Inc. to immediately address the complaint of the administration of a nearby condominium developer regarding the collapsed portion of their property that compromises the stability of some portions of their properties.

In his letter to Suntrust president Harrison Paltongan, the local chief claimed he was in receipt of a letter from Anna Manayon, president of Tower Condominium Corp., complaining of the alleged collapsed portion of the perimeter wall damaging the immediate wall, security camera, perimeter lighting and landscaping exposing the water pipe that connects the driveway tank which reportedly compromises the foundation of their driveway and their parking area to their property which is adjacent to the property of Suntrust. **Cont. on page 9**



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Domogan pointed out the matter had been allegedly raised previously and brought to Suntrust's attention even during one of the meetings of the local legislative body but no action has been done by the company to the fix the cut area, thus, the need for Suntrust to undertake the appropriate measures to address the problem the soonest.

The management of Tower Condominium demanded from Suntrust Properties, Inc. the immediate restoration of their perimeter wall as well as the rehabilitation of their compromised foundation.

Manayon informed Mayor Domogan the latest incident of erosion in their property happened at around 9 pm of July 27, 2017, thus, the need for immediate action by the concerned company to prevent the situation from worsening considering the expected continuous rains from the enhanced southwest monsoon.

According to her, though there was not enough time to articulate the complete list of their concerns, they left the previous council meeting with the understanding that what has happened to the national road will be avoided.

Further, she revealed their company's administrative officer has been consistent in bringing to the attention of the appropriate officers and officials their concerns.

Manayon claimed one of Suntrust's commitment to the initial environmental examination checklist submitted to the environment department is to avoid long exposure of open cut in the said area, but it was observed that the same has been exposed since April.

Domogan said Suntrust must start working on the problem within an acceptable and reasonable time to prevent further complications to the existing problem in Gibraltar and to prevent the situation from getting worse if the pressing concern remains unattended.

Suntrust committed to the local government that it will restore the collapsed portion of the Gibraltar road triggered by its excavation activities for the construction of its own condominium project in the area but the same was further complicated with the complaint from the management of the similarly situated company developing another condominium project adjacent to its property in the said area. /By Dexter A. See

## City ready to release payment to Asin landowners

**BAGUIO CITY** – Mauricio G. Domogan said the local government has been ready to release the P2.7 million payment to affected landowners of Asin who were affected by the previous operation of the city-owned Asin minihydro power plants.

The local chief executive pointed out that the city has been always ready to release the compensation for the Asin landowners but they have to iron out their differences so as not to complicate the situation once the funds will be released to the individual landowners.

Because of the series of complaints that there were some landowners who were not included in the list of recipients of the funds that was initially submitted to the city, he granted the request of some landowners to conduct another survey in the area so that those who were not included in the original list will be included so that the funds available for their compensation

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According to him, the put up of a TRCA does not require the issuance of the environmental compliance certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) but it has to pass stringent requirements which are much easier to comply compared to the requirements of an ECC.

He admitted the realization of the city's TRCA within a portion of the Antamok open pit area will definitely a big help in significantly reducing the expenses of the local government in the hauling of waste outside the city.

Under the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, local governments are obliged to close the operation of their open dumpsites and establish their environmentally acceptable controlled dump facilities for the sustained preservation and protection of the environment and the health of the people.

The city was able to close the operation of its 5.2-hectare Irisan open dumpsite and opted to continue hauling its residual waste to the Capas sanitary landfill while pursuing a long-term solution to the city's garbage problem with the proposed put up of the integrated solid waste disposal facility either in the 139-hectare city-owned property in Sto. Tomas School Area or the Antamok open pit site in Itogon, Benguet. /By Dexter A. See

will be equitably distributed to them.

The supposed payment of the P2.7 million compensation to the landowners who were affected by the operation of the Asin minihydro power plants was stalled because of the failure of the local legislative body to condone the claim of the city over the supposed compensation for the landowners.

"We will have to undertake another survey to pinpoint those landowners who were not included in the original list so that they will be included once the survey results will show that they are part of these that were affected by the previous operation of the city-owned power plants," Domogan stressed.

He asserted that the funds for the payment of the compensation of the landowners had been made available by the local government but it was not released after the city filed a damage suit against the landowners who allegedly diverted the flow of the water in the river that affected the continuous operation of the power plants.

He explained that if the city deducted its damage claims that amounted to P2.09 million from the compensation of the landowners, then the landowners should have only received more than P600,000 which should have been released way back in 2009.

The filing of damage claims against the landowners who diverted the flow of water in the Asin river that affected the operation of the minihydro power plants and the subsequent filing of damage suit against the landowners happened during the previous administration of the local government.

When Domogan came back as the city's local chief executive in 2010, the local government and the affected landowners agreed to a compromise settlement of the case but the landowners must still seek the concurrence of the local legislative body on the compromise agreement which took sometime before being granted.

He underscored that there is no truth to the claims of some landowners that the local government does not want to settle its obligations with them because the funds had always been ready but the affected landowners have to satisfy some requirements before the payment will be released to them. /By Dexter A. See



**"CONGRATULATION!"** Mayor Mauricio Domogan congratulates the 35 Person with Substance Use Disorder (PSUD) for coming out clean and finishes the Integrated participatory community Building Program they were recognized in a program conducted by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the Family life Resource Center at the multipurpose hall, City Hall Baguio City. The program was conducted by trained pastors for the PSUD psycho-social therapy. – rosa moresto

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park and garden in front of the hospital will not be affected by whatever development introduced to convert it as one of the state-of-the-art hospitals in the country in the future considering that it will serve as a buffer zone of the facility.

He explained the operation of the three major facilities that will be located in the hospital will be towards the end of the term of the President as the budgetary requirements for the construction of the buildings and the purchase of the required units of equipment has been programmed for the next three years.

Another salient aspect of the planned development of BGHMC is the proposed expansion of its bed capacity from 500 beds to at least 1,200 beds in the coming years to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of patients seeking medical attention from the tertiary hospital in the city.

He expressed his gratitude to the members of the local legislative body for passing a resolution supporting the planned BGH development that will include the provision for the construction of multi-level parking structures and underground parking facilities for their new buildings that will be equitably spread in the different parts of the compound.

At present, BGH always exceeds its bed capacity by as much as 20 to 30 percent depending on the illnesses whose treatments are being sought from the hospital. /By Dexter A. See



## Parks, tourist spots personnel undergo CPR training

**B**AGUIO CITY – Some 1,000 personnel and service providers in the city's various parks, city market and other tourist spots availed of the free training on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) last July 28 to enable them to attend to heart disease-related emergencies in their places of work.

Councilor Elmer Datuin said this is in line with the city's aim of making its tourist spots "CPR-ready" to enhance services to visitors and residents especially in life-threatening emergencies.

The city took advantage of the free CPR training conducted by the Philippine Heart Association (PHA) Baguio-Benguet Chapter at the Notre Dame de Chartres Hospital upon invitation of PHA-BBC president Dr. Justina Calibuso.

Calibuso said the undertaking is part of the PHA's advocacy flagship project dubbed "CPR on Wheels and Wings

towards a CPR-Ready Philippines 2021" which is a "nationwide massive promotion of hands-on CPR for the laymen along with the installation of AED (automated external defibrillator, a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening heart condition) in strategic public areas."

Its goal is to transform every tourist establishment and the community into a CPR-ready destination.

"We are bent on clinching the CPR-Ready Philippines status in 2021 to keep pace with our Asian neighbors and Western allies that have been reaping the benefits of being CPR-prepared nations for years. Their citizens (as young as 8 years old and up) are CPR-skilled and their strategic public places are equipped with AEDs," Calibuso said.

To realize the goal, Councilor Datuin proposed an ordinance

that will require all private and public establishments to provide basic life support services by employing personnel trained in CPR who can administer CPR and AED in the event a customer would require the same.

He said having CPR and AED ready personnel increase the chances of survivals of patients suffering from cardiac arrest.

The ordinance will also require government and private buildings to supply and maintain an AED device made available in cases of emergencies.

The City Health and Services Office (CHSO) will be mandated to issue policies or guidelines and conduct orientations to establishments for the implementation of the ordinance.

The proposed measure has been approved on first reading and referred to a committee for recommendation. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Melvin Jones grandstand perimeter to be designated as night market area

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance formally designating the area around the Melvin Jones grandstand as the permanent site for the night market, providing funds for its operating structure and for other purposes.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. stated the amount of P25 million from the annual budget of

the city will be earmarked for the improvement of the night market operating structure to accommodate vendors in the designated night market area.

To help in the implementation of the local legislative measure, Yangot recommended the creation of a night market technical working committee composed of the City Mayor as chair, the chairperson of the City Council Committee on Market, Trade, Commerce

and Agriculture as vice chair and action officer, and the City Planning and Development

Officer, City Budget Officer, City Engineer, City Building Official, City Treasurer, City Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) chair, City Environment and Parks Management Officer and 2 representatives from the private sector as members. The technical working committee shall prepare the comprehensive feasibility study and profitability study of the night market operation in the proposed area, prepare the architectural plan for the operation of the night market in the said area, conduct the appropriate survey to determine actual meters and bounds of the area to be delineated and identified and designated as site for the night market; prepare the comprehensive guidelines, rules and regulations for



**IN YOUR FACE** - The owner of this illegally parked vehicle totally ignores and violates city and barangay ordinances to the detriment of the public and health concern of his neighbors. / By Bong cayabyab

## Baguio to put up residual containment area in Antamok

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan disclosed that the local government will be putting up its own temporary residual containment area (TRCA) within a portion of the 60-hectare Antamok open pit area while awaiting the establishment of the much awaited integrated solid waste disposal facility which is –part of the final mine rehabilitation and development plan for the said area.

The local chief executive said the put up of the city's TRCA will be done simultaneously with the put up of Itogon's TRCA within a portion of the Antamok open pit that will purposely serve as the temporary dump

area for the residual waste generated in the city and the municipality.

He added the put up of the city's own TRCA will definitely translate to the eventual stoppage of the hauling of the city's residual waste to the sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac within the next several months wherein sufficient savings will be realized by the local government, especially in the funds earmarked for the hauling of garbage to Tarlac.

"Once out TRCA will be established within a portion of the Antamok open pit area, we have to strictly implement the segregation of waste at source so that only the residual waste will be dumped

in the facility so that the area could be used for a longer period of time. We urge our constituents to further improve the disposal of their garbage at source so that they will not suffer the consequences of their failure to abide by the garbage disposal rules," Domogan stressed.

The local government is spending some P70 to 85 million in the hauling of the city's residual waste from the staging area of the hauler in Longlong, Puguig, La Trinidad, Benguet to the Capas sanitary landfill in Tarlac based on the hauling cost of P932 per ton and P500 tipping fee per tons of residual waste dumped in the facility.

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the operation of the night market and submit the feasibility study, architectural, survey plans and guidelines to the City Council for its consideration within 60 days upon approval of the measure.

Yangot pointed out since its inception initially as an experimental activity to completely rid public easements such as roads, streets and sidewalks within the central business district from illegal and itinerant vendors pursuant to administrative Order No. 203, series of 2006, the night market oper-

ations at the Harrison road proved to be the best solution. It remained so pending the identification of a permanent site for its operation.

For quite some time, Yangot claimed while the night market operations at Harrison road inevitably addressed the proliferation of illegal and itinerant vendors in the central business district and is actually generating added revenue to the city with a monthly income of approximately P1.4 million, its present site is within a national road and it clearly violates the

established rule that open spaces, roads, alleys and sidewalks are for public use and are, therefore, beyond the commerce of man.

Yangot claimed it is imperative that the local government relocate the site of the night market operation to a more secure and permanent location and the area around the Melvin Jones grandstand has been eyed as the best and suitable site to transfer the night market operation considering its location which is near the existing night market. /By Dexter A. See

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