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BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET

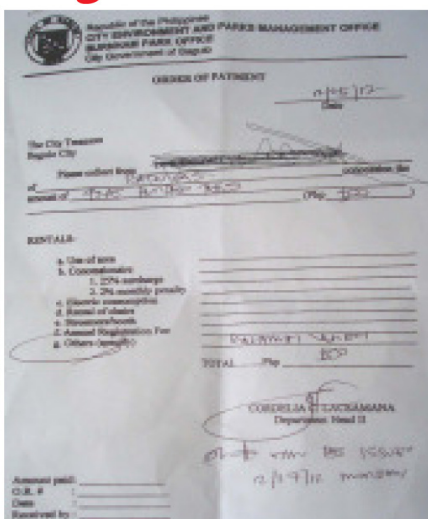
LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

## Language Spoken at Home Will be used to Study Lessons up to Grade 3



**IMPORTED AMBULANT VENDORS** - Ambulant vendors from nearby provinces and as far as Batangas freely occupy and sell

a portion of Burnham Park further congesting the city's premier park to the detriment of tourists and visitors. A two -day permit was issued by the park authorities with a written note "officials receipt will be issued on February 27,2012 Monday" but no officials receipt was issued on the promise date./Che Gueverra Photos



Language Spoken at Home Will be used to Study Lessons up to Grade 3

The Department of Education will start using 12 major local languages as medium of instruction and as subject matter when classes open in June as part of the department's thrust to implement the Mother Tongue-Based Multi-Lingual Education (MTB-MLE).

"We are institutionalizing the teaching of MTB-MLE as one of the subjects from Grade 1 to Grade 3 and as the medium of instruction from kinder to Grade 3 so that we can develop well-rounded and life-long learners under the K to 12 basic education reform program," said Education Secretary Br. Armin Luistro FSC.

Local and international studies have shown that using the language used at home (mother tongue) inside the classroom during the learners' early years of schooling produce better and faster learners who can easily adapt to learn a second (Filipino) and third language (English).

The 12 major languages are Tagalog, Kapampangan, Pangasinense, Iloko, Bikol, Cebuano, Hiligaynon,

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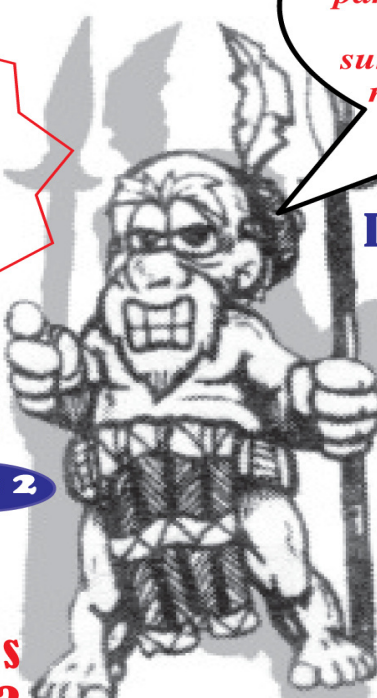


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hindi Tanga. Kapag mayroon  
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pakunwaring peryahan o Barangay  
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suhulan at may mga nakikinabang  
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## Lawmaker Pushes for Improvement of Quality of Science Education, Not Merely on Number of Education Years

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano urged the Department of Education (DepEd) to focus on improving the quality of education in the country especially in the area of science.

The senator lamented that the Philippines, despite allotting the most time to science education in elementary in the Southeast Asia, continues to rank poorly in comparison to other countries in the region.

He cited a study by the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) that puts the Philippine time allotment to science at 1,100 minutes per week as compared to Brunei's 810 minutes, Singapore's 540 minutes and Malaysia's 360 minutes.

He then compared this to the country's ranking in the annual Global Competitiveness report that pegged the quality of science and education in the country at 112<sup>th</sup> out of 139 countries in 2010-2011 and 115<sup>th</sup> out of 142 countries in 2011-2012.

"With the amount of time we spent learning science, shouldn't we be performing better compared to our neighbors?" he asked.

The minority leader pointed out that these results should urge DepEd to focus on improving the quality of education rather than only the quantity or the number of years a student spends in school as a result of the K+12 program.

He suggested that this be done through a careful review and improvement of the existing elementary science and math curricula.

"Rather than asking students to spend more time in school, efforts should be focused on enhancing the quality of education they receive when they are in school," he said.

Cayetano also said that adding more years to basic education will only put unnecessary strain on teachers and the country's already limited educational resources if this is not complemented with efforts to also improve the quality of education students will get from school./Office of Senator Allan Peter Cayetano

## Return Mixed Garbage to Erring Households, Mayor Tells Barangay Officials

After threatening to seal sewage pipes polluting waterways, mayor Mauricio Domogan told barangay officials to implement a similar "return-to-sender" action on mixed garbage to give teeth to the city's "no-segregation, no-collection" policy in solid waste

management.

"Isubli yo ti aglalaok nga basura idiaay balay ti saan nga nag-segregate ti rugit da (Return mixed garbage to the houses of those who don't segregate their trash)," the mayor told barangay officials at a recent meeting of the "Alay sa Kalinisan", a public-private partnership at the forefront of the

city's environmental thrusts.

Earlier, the mayor told the Alay that illegal sewage pipes draining into the Balili River should be plugged so erring house and building owners would get a dose of their own liquid waste.

"Let us seal with concrete these pipes

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## Baguio City Propagates Bamboo for Reforestation

BAGUIO CITY - The lowly bamboo which has symbiotic relationship with the Benguet pine trees will be planted in the various watershed in this summer capital for reforestation and help prevent landslides and soil erosion.

According to Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Diocese of Baguio and Benguet, mass propagation of bamboo seedlings is now being undertaken at the St. Francis seminary nursery in order to produce at least 100,000 seedlings which will be used to reforest identified critical areas in watersheds in the city.

"Bamboo is suitable and most appropriate plant for our balding mountains, we urgently need to save and guard our remaining and endangered watersheds," Cenzon said.

Baguio City congressman Bernardo Vergara provided P2 million from his Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) to be used for the mass propagation of the kind of bamboo specie that will thrive in the city.

Philippine Bamboo Foundation (PBF) president Ed Manda earlier said that majority of the 60 species of bamboo variety thrive well in Baguio and nearby Benguet.

Bamboo industry also provides livelihood for our woodcarvers and can be a multi-billion industry a few years from now, Cenzon.

The propagation of bamboo in the city is being jointly undertaken by civic groups, government institutions and the PBF.

Taking care of the environment is a concerted effort of everybody, from the government and private sectors; we should all join hands together to persevere the greenery of mother earth and help mitigate climate change, and this is for the benefit of our present and future generations, the Bishop enjoined./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

## Firefighters ask Public Vigilance to Avert Fires

BAGUIO CITY - "Public vigilance and precaution remain the best means for fire prevention". Thus reiterated officials of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), which is the lead agency in the celebration of Fire Prevention Month this March.

With this year's theme, "Makiisa, Makiaalam, at Makipagtulungan Upang Sunog ay Maiwasan", BFP Cordillera regional director Fire Senior Superintendent Samuel M. Jamias is calling on all citizens, schools, companies, and communities to be alert,

vigilant, and cooperative to avert fires.

According to Jamias, firefighting groups, together with government agencies and private sector entities, schools, and media, among others, seek to educate and remind everybody about the value of preventive measures to avoid any disaster that may be caused by fire.

There will be fire and earthquake drills, information dissemination, and safety campaigns, Jamias said.

Records show the biggest number of fire incidence in the region is Baguio City, that is why we

need to have more fire sub-stations for a speedy response for firefighters, Jamias said. There is an urgent need of firefighting equipment for all fire stations located in various parts in the region, like fire trucks and breathing apparatus for the safety of our firefighters, he added.

The BFP issued a few useful tips to prevent fire: matches, flammable liquids, lighters and other combustible materials should be properly stored to keep away from children; candles or lighted mosquito coils should never

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## Pag-IBIG Fund Offers Savings Program to Members

**BAGUIO CITY** – Pag-IBIG Fund is now offering a voluntary savings program called Modified Pag-IBIG II (MP2) Program which has higher yields and shorter terms.

Lawrence Ocampo, Chief Marketing and Enforcement Division of Pag-IBIG Fund, Baguio, in a radio interview announced that the program is open to all Pag-IBIG I members including Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) with a monthly gross income exceeding P5,000.

Ocampo explained that under the said program, Pag-IBIG members have a savings option with a term as short as five years and a preferential dividend rate that is higher than that of regular membership. A member may contribute as low as P500 monthly at a six percent dividend rate per annum.

He pointed out that a 6% dividend rate per annum for a monthly contribution of P500, the Total Accumulated Value (TAV) at the end of the five year membership term of P34,921.79 and P81,655.02 for 10 years. The TAV comprises of a member's contributions and its corresponding dividends.

According to Ocampo, members who want to avail of the Pag-IBIG II savings should maintain their mandatory Pag-IBIG I membership where they have to contribute at least P100 monthly as employee counterpart and which has a 20-year maturity period.

Ocampo clarified that MP2 Program is solely a savings scheme. It has membership term of five years renewal after maturity. However, withdrawal of contributions prior to maturity shall be allowed under any of the following circumstances: total disability or insanity, separation from service by reason of health and death./JDP/MC-PIA CAR



**IT'S SUMMER TIME** - Two kids hide under a concrete bench at Burnham Park as protection from sunlight exposure as Summer Season begins this month. /By Bong Cayabyab

## DOLE Orients Contractors of Private Companies on Contracting Arrangements

**BAGUIO CITY** - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE-CAR) conducted an orientation on DOLE's Department Order No. 18-A, to contractors and sub-contractors of Moog Control Corporation and SN Aboitiz Power (SNAP-Benguet) to ensure compliance to labor standards.

According to DOLE-CAR Labor Communication Officer George Lubin, DOLE's DO No. 18-A, provides the regulations governing contracting and sub-contracting arrangements for the promotion of employment and observance of the rights of workers to just and humane conditions of work, security of tenure, self organization and collective bargaining.

"The rules provided in DO 18-A applies to all parties of contracting and sub-contracting arrangements where employer-employee relationship exists", Lubin added.

A total of 50 management officials of 25 contractors and sub-contractors of the two companies attended the two separate orientations on March 5 for SNAP-Benguet and February 11 for MOOG Controls.

DOLE-Baguio Satellite Office's Labor and Employment Officer II Francis Gonzalo Jr. conducted both orientations, which highlighted trilateral relationship in contracting arrangement, prohibition on labor only contracting, prohibited acts in job contracting, rights of contractual employees, the required contracts in job contracting, mandatory registration and registry of legitimate contractors, requirements for registration, the substantial capital and registration fee.

Other topics of discussions were verification inspection, validity of certificate of registration of contractors, renewal of registration, semi-annual reporting, grounds for cancellation, effects on finding of Labor Only Contracting and effect on violations of the rules, retaliatory measures, enrollment in DOLE programs on improving compliance with labor standards, supersession, as well as the effectivity of the law.

Gonzalo reiterated to the participants that subcontracting is being regulated to induce responsible and ethical subcontracting. The tightened requirements, he said, are imposed to allow only legitimate, responsible and ethical contractors to do subcontracting of jobs, work or services. As such the equal protection of the workers, as well as the principal, can be accorded protection from unscrupulous and fly-by-night contractors/sub-contractors. /JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## Women's Right Advocates Warn Public Anew vs Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence

**BAGUIO CITY** — Domestic violence and human trafficking remain to be major concerns among women even in this modern age where more and more women are getting

high positions in Welfare and Development (DSWD-CAR) Training center here last week, launching the city's celebration of Women's Month this March.

This is the truth, women's right advocates both from the government and the private sector, reiterated in a kapihan forum at the Department of Social

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## Baguio City Honors Outstanding Women Leaders

**BAGUIO CITY** - In celebration of Women's Month and International Women's Day today, more than a thousand men and women from the city government of Baguio, government agencies and barangay women's organizations joined a parade around the city's main thoroughfare towards the Baguio Convention Center where a short program followed.

Highlighting the Women's Day program is the awarding of winners of the 2012 Search for Outstanding Women Leaders of Baguio. Chosen as outstanding women leaders awardees were Marlene De Castro, Florida Faculo, Brenda Yang-Ed Bal-iyang, Maria Catbagan Aplatén, Edita L. Ibarra, Hedeliza Licican Pulanco and Gloria Corazon Pudol Dalisay.

De Castro, the Executive Director of Baguio Center for Young Adults (BCYA) was awarded for empow-

ering young adults. She just recently celebrated her 25th year of committed N.G.O. work. She has produced various innovative and effective programs in alternative education and community development through adolescent reproductive health and youth participation, development and empowerment.

Faculo, the Assistant Regional Director of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA-CAR) is awardee for Gender and Development (GAD). She encourages the establishment of the Regional Organization of GAD Focal Points and is presently its chairperson.

For Alternative Education, the awardee - Brenda Yang-Ed Bal-iyang, a Master Teacher at the Rizal Elementary School, organized and coordinated the Gibraltar Barangay's Literacy Coordinating Council under the Alternative Learning System (ALS). Her approach to educating the women and men of Gibraltar

Barangay includes not only basic education, but also the training of livelihood skills and waste recycling.

For Culture and Arts, the awardee Maria Catbagan Aplatén, who is called the "modern woman of the Cordilleras" by her wards, is the woman behind the success of the University of the Cordilleras' Hapiyoh Mi Cultural Group that was recently awarded as one of the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations in the Philippines (TAYO). A Professor at the University of the Cordilleras, she founded the cultural group in order to secure college scholarships for indigent but deserving Cordilleran students, and to raise the awareness regarding the many dances and songs of the Cordillera Region.

For Barangay Women Empowerment, Edita Ibarra, a barangays leader since 1978, is presently the Punong Barangay of Middle Quezon Hill whose officials are all women. She is also



## Overshoot

"Don't bargain for fish still in the water," an old proverb counsels. Only 10 kilograms of fish are now available for every Filipino yearly—a steep drop from 28.5 kgs. in 2003.

If supplies are not to constrict further, imports are inevitable, Agriculture Secretary Proceso Alcala told Inquirer. That'd impact an insular Philippines. Six out of 10 reside along the coastal zone and fish provides low cost-protein for many. Since 1940, population has quintupled.

Fisheries accounts for a fifth of agriculture output. Destructive fishing is so widespread, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources proposed a ban in 10 of 13 fishing grounds. Other areas grapple with pollution.

There's no quick fix in sight, BFAR director Asis Perez cautioned the 4th Governors' meeting on

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protection of the Visayan Sea. More than 800,000 tons of fish were imported last year. Purchases were for galunggong, tulingan and mackerel, staple for many households.

"It's only now there's been public acknowledgement," Perez told five governors who head Visayan Sea provinces once teeming with fish: Cebu's: Gwendolyn Garcia, Iloilo's, Arthur Defensor, Masbate's Rizalina Larente and Negros Occidental's Alfredo Maranon..

The irony of bolting shortages, amidst once abundant resources is patent. The Visayan Sea falls within the "Coral Triangle"—world center for marine diversity.

The "Triangle" sprawls over 5.7 million square kilometers of tropical seas. Six countries are lodged within it: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste are About 120 million people depend on it's biological resources for their livelihood.

How did we get into this mess? Lester Brown of Earth Policy Institute describes this "overshoot" in his book "World On The Edge".

"Four fifths of oceanic fisheries are being fished at capacity or overfished and headed for collapse", Brown observes. "In system after system, demand is overshooting supply". The result is slumping water tables, soil erosion to ravaging of forests. (About 52 percent of topsoil in the Philippines is eroded. And a little over ten percent is left of natural forests.)

"We are dangerously close to the edge," Brown adds. "Former Rockefeller Foundation president Peter Goldmark, puts it well: "The death of our civilization is no longer a theory or an academic possibility. It is the road we're on."

Look at the Sulu Sea and Tubbatataha Reefs. "Malthusian overfishing" ravaged them, reports an earlier Swedish Academy of Science study. "For many fisheries, their status may be summed up as 'IUU' or Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated".

Inexhaustible marine resources are a shattered myth. This crunch spawns practices like introduction of alien species and poison.

"Squirting cyanide into reefs to stun fish originated in the Philippines and Taiwan in the 1960s," the UN Environment Programme recalls. By the mid-1980s, "more than 80 percent of fish harvested, destined for aquarium trade, were collected using cyanide." Misuse of cyanide spread to Asean countries, then leapfrogged to Maldives in the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea and Seychelles. Cyanide decimated marine populations and wrecked vital reefs.

Conservative "projections of how coral reefs respond to global warming must now be modified," says the new State of the Ocean study. "Instead of respecting oceans as a life-giving miracle, we often use them as vast garbage dumps and as stores with shelves that never go empty", write the 27 scientist-authors from six countries.

Moro Gulf fishermen used to land 100,000 tons of fish yearly. That's down to 2,000 tons, mostly trash fish. Panay Gulf and Bohol Sea yield a third of their original record of 15 metric tons. General Santos tuna catch hasn't recovered since its 2004 slump.

Headlines focus on Senator Miriam Santiago's high decibel abuse of prosecutors at the impeachment trial. But increased hunger from shriveled fish caches will persist after Santiago's accent recedes into a half-remembered nightmare.

"All fisheries are showing decline in total catch and per unit effort despite increasing effort, says World Bank. Fish are harvested at a level 30 to 50% higher than the natural production capacity... Domestic demand for fish could reach 3.2 billion kilograms by 2020.

If business-as-usual policies persist,

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## THE PEACE COMBATANT

### How To Recover From PANAGBENGA 2012

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN

(Re-Print from last issues)

PANAGBENGA is probably one of the worst disaster for some of our citizens since World War II, the 1990 earthquakes, the uncollected garbage of 2010 and 2011, and the worst typhoons experienced by our city.

Consider these:

- Restaurant owners in Session Road are competed against by food stalls that mushroomed right in the middle of the road
- Proliferation of garbage in the barangays in the midst of festivities in Panagbenga (not to mention the endless proliferation of refuse right in the middle of Session Road)
- Mindless road repairs of what seems to be good roads (front for further graft and corruption?) that resulted into the dislocation of many small businesses of the city

Did PANAGBENGA contribute to the coffers of businesses in Baguio? Hardly. Most likely, a number of tourists did climb up to Baguio during the PANAGBENGA parade itself but the large majority of them returned to their localities the same day or next day.

There have been marginal beneficiaries, perhaps 15 tons of flowers were bought because of the parade. However, to make a claim the flower industry benefitted from PANAGBENGA would be something else. Even without PANAGBENGA, Valentine's day and the Valentine's day month would provide enough reason for many people to come up to Baguio.

In fact, a larger number of romantics with a greater volume of money to spend would probably come up to Baguio if there is no PANAGBENGA because sure a city full of garbage and food stalls selling fish balls and Swawarma doesn't make a good ambience for romance. It also doesn't seem sweet on a Valentine's month to invite your sweetheart to round up the tiangges selling bargain fancy jewelry, food, and the like.

Now, the question is: how do we recover from a disaster that is PANAGBENGA?

Here are the takes of the PEACE COMBATANT:

**First**, let us clean our garbage. Do it fast, do it now. Leave no impression that Baguio is a dirty city.

**Second**, address the traffic jams that have been worsened by the poorly-thought diggings implemented close to and during the PANAGBENGA season.

**Third**, advertise or market the city as the best place in the Philippines for spiritual reflections and family bonding during the Holy Week. The spiritual reflections can be with one's community, religious group, or family.

Project the good sceneries of Baguio and surrounding municipalities as showcases of nature: here we can promote both the love for nature as well as the love for all the positive elements not only of Baguio but also of her surrounding municipalities.

Baguio has a good reserve of hotels, seminar, reflection houses, and transient houses for families. We promote not only tourism but also bonding for families. Essentially, we also promote positive values. We also promote reflection, whether the reflection is faith or cerebral-inspired.

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## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

*When Tycoons Clash!*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I was seated "ringside" the other day in a Makati showdown between the anti-mining and pro-mining groups. Team captain for the "antis" was Regina "Gina" Lopez (of ABS CBN, Save Palawan movement, Bantay Bata fame, Bantay Kalikasan, etc.) She has been the sector's poster girl combining fame, charm and sheer media power and savvy. And of course, an unrelentless do-gooder of sorts.

The "pros" were led by suave and usually quiet Manuel "Manny" V. Pangilinan, (of TV 5, PLDT, Meralco, Philex, First Pacific etc.) Usually only referred to as "MVP", he packs under his belt the corporate fire power no one can match hereabouts. MVP was a revelation in his simple eloquence. He was however in his unusual elements when at one point, he went for the microphone and pointedly told "I don't lie" Gina to her face: "Now you're lying!"

It was interesting. No words minced. The informal direct exchanges made the forum not only informative but temperature-raising to the panellists — but entertaining to the audience.

There were sparks flying all over the Intercon ballroom despite the apparent "friendly" but sharp personal references amongst the resource persons themselves. Not surprising as they all circulate in the same social and business circles. Gina set the tone by immediately zeroing in on Rio Tuba in Palawan. She addressed directly Chamber of Mines' Gerard "Gerry" Brimo (of Nickel Asia, Rio Tuba, Taganito, Hinatuan, etc.) by her opening spiel: "I love you Gerry, but...". She battled for priority of biodiversity over mining. She said mining should give way to tourism and food production and showed actual photos she personally took in her investigative trips, especially in Palawan. She told of how she had personally visited mining areas and depicted the perceived damage and danger to the people and the environment.

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## 1st-APLUMA!

*Integrity*

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR



I happened to be in Glorietta in Makati City Wednesday to meet the president and chairman of the country's No. flying school Omni Aviation Corp. in Ret. Capt. Ben Hur Gomez for an interview with an esteemed business magazine writer/editor.

As media consultant of the said aviation institution, yours truly gladly arranged the exclusive interview for a two-page feature article about OAC and trinkets about the personal background of the good chairman.

At the end of it or after about a couple of hours, the interviewer, who happens to be a colleague of mine way back in our sports writing days at Manila Standard, confided "brod, may pag-asa pa tayo."

"On what?" I asked. "May pag-asa pa tayo kasi kung si Capt. Gomez nga e, ang lakas-lakas pa."

Oh well, the whole interview proved much too much reinvigorating as well as inspiring.

"Yes, I just turned 80 last Dec. 15," Capt. Gomez boomed in the course of his interview.

That was the jaw-dropper.

Truly, only a few of us Filipinos enjoys as much vigor as the president of Omni who's pushing 80 and counting.

"What's your secret Captain maintaining that exceptional health of yours at 80?" The retired captain of more than 30,000 flying hours tucked under his belt blurted: "work," "work," and "work."

Capt. Gomez use to work hands-on he says that is why his personnel of 70 at Omni Aviation, home of the Aero Club of US servicemen in Clark, Pampanga of yesteryears, are wont to his dedication and multi-tasking working habit.

Wednesdays he drives by himself most of the time than with a driver to Island Aviation (formerly, Soriano Aviation) in Pasay City where he serves as president.

Island Aviation is the sole air service to

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Rotary Opens Businesses for The Poor*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting..." (Psalm 139:23-24, the Holy Bible).

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**ROTARY PARTNERS WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHER FIRM:**

Now that the country is commemorating March as "fire month", once again, I am thanking Mr. Jose Fineza, the owner of Bronco and Excelta fire extinguishers, for allowing the Rotary Club of Intramuros, District 3810 of Rotary International, to pursue a livelihood program which enables poor Filipinos to sell fire extinguishers, even without capital, at prices everyone can afford.

Mr. Fineza's gesture did not only help the poor find gainful employment, it also assured an immediate remedy against fires, even if firemen do not arrive on time, through his handy but already-proven to be effective fire extinguishers.

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**ROTARY PROVIDES LIVELIHOOD FOR THE POOR:**

In my capacity as the incumbent President of the Rotary Club of Intramuros, I readily agreed to introduce Mr. Fineza's program to the members of the Club's seven Rotary Community Corps (RCC, or duly-accredited Rotary community organizations whose members come from the poor and the underprivileged).

As a result, RCC members from slum areas in Metro Manila have found not only self-employment but, more importantly, self-respect and dignity which once eluded them. If there is anyone willing to help these new "entrepreneurs" by buying their products, please get in touch with me at 0917 984 24 68. If there are unemployed out there who would want to sell fire extinguishers, too, call me likewise, also at 0917 984 2468.

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**COCO EARNINGS SOAR:**

Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Administrator Euclides G. Forbes has every reason to be happy: coco export earnings for 2011 reached US\$1,957,275,683, which is a 20.28 percent increase compared with 2010 earnings (US\$1,627,297,062.00). In a report to Secretary Proceso Alcala, Forbes said some 39 coconut products and by-products are now exported to at least 100 countries.

Forbes also said that top seller is coconut oil with US\$1,408,397,264.00, which is 12 percent higher compared with 2010 earnings of US\$1,257,214,295.00. Second is desiccated coconut with US\$286,766,232.00, which is 87.90 percent higher than 2010 figures. Coco chemicals registered a 103.01 percent increase with US\$35,357,525 earnings compared with 2010 figures (US\$17,416,845.00).

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**UNTOUCHABLE CRIMINALS:**

Now, it is clear: the only reason why UP Los Banos student Ray Bernard Penaranda was killed was that, out of poverty, his killers only wanted to rob him of his valuables. The killers did not have any qualms killing him, when Penaranda refused to part with his belongings.

The bigger issue here is this: since the killers are known robbers, drug peddlers and toughies in Los Banos, Laguna, relatives even of a barangay captain, how come they have managed to roam free, and therefore commit more crimes? In fact, this is the same question that can be asked in many other crimes around the country: the perpetrators are known criminals and yet, they seem untouchable.

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**PROSECUTORS AFRAID OF CORONA MEDIA BLITZ:**

What is sauce for the goose, is also sauce for the gander, or so the wise saying goes. If the prosecution in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona themselves presented their case before the media when the Senate was starting to hear the case, why should Corona be prevented now from presenting his case before the media, too? Are the prosecutors afraid that the public will come to know the truth, with Corona's media blitz?

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## PNP, Barangay Office atbp.. NAGBUBULAG-BULAGAN sa Pasugalan sa Kayang –Hilltop!!!



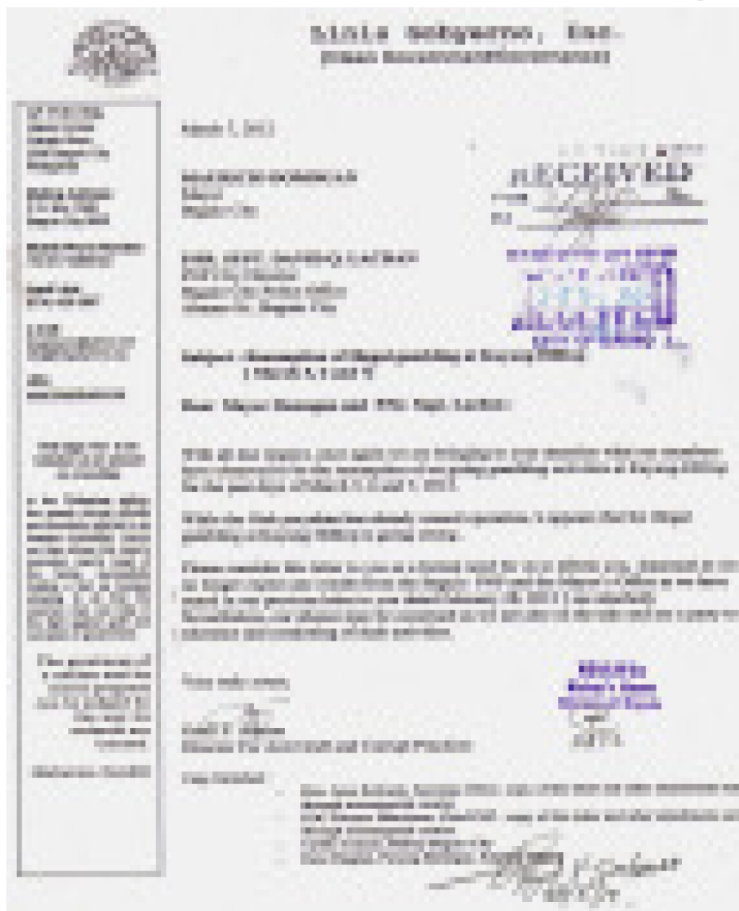
**Attention: Hon. Jesse Robredo, DILG Secretary, PDG. Nicanor Bartolome, Chief PNP, Bishop Carlito Cenzon (Baguio City), madlang pipol at Juan Dela Cruz. Isang kuwento hinggil sa pagbubulag-bulagan ng mga kinaukulang opisyaes ng PNP at Barangay Kayang-Hilltop at pati na rin ang isang kwentong TUNAY NA NAKAKATAWA kung saan sana ay mas-ginandahan man lang sana nila ang kanilang moro-moro o yung sinasabing sarswela o pakunwaring mga raid –raid!!!**

Pangalawang beses na natin tatalakayin ang isyu ng patuloy na ilegal na pasugalan sa Barangay Kayang –Hilltop kung saan hangang sa ngayon ay patuloy pa rin na nag bubulag bulagan ang mga kinaukulan opisyaes ng Philippine National Police [PNP], Opisina ng Punong Barangay at pati na rin ang opisina ni Mayor Mauricio Domogan . Ang isyu na ito ay ating tinalakay nuong February 25, 2012 isyu ng LG Komentaryo sa pahayagang ito at sa katunayan ay mismong ang PNP kasama ng POSD ay nagsagawa ng isang raid sa nasabing pasugalan nuong February 24, 2012 at positibo ang naging resulta ng kanilang nila. Ngunit ang tunay na nakakatawa ay hangang sa ngayon ay sinasabi ng ga opisyaes ng PNP at ng Barangay na wala raw nagaganap na

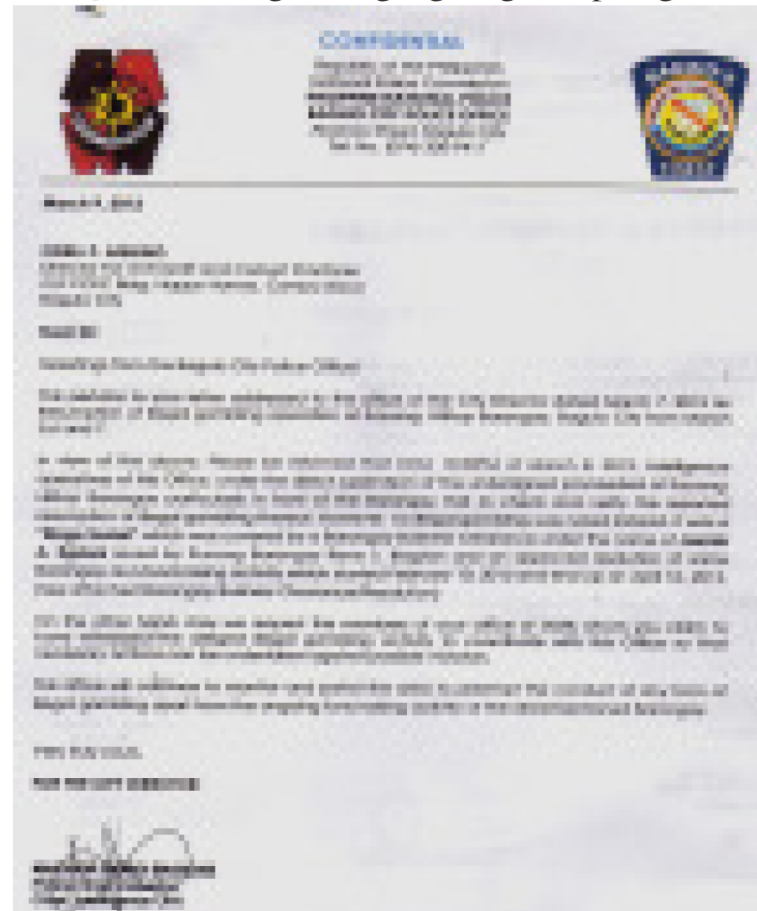
ilikal na pasugalan, ito ay base sa isang liham ni Police Chief Inspector Nacho B Baucas, Chief Intelligence Unit at pati na rin ang Punong Barangay na si Rene Biagtan na di umano ay kumokontak pa raw sa isang opisyaes ng Linis Gobyerno para makipag ayusan daw di umano.

Bagamat tutuo na mayroon mga araw na huminto ang operasyon ng ilegal na pasugalan at ito ang mga araw/petsa ng February 29, March 1, 2, 3 at 4 2012 ngunit nagpatuloy muli ang ilegal na pasugalan sa mga araw ng March 5, 6, 7 at hanagang sa kasalukuyan kaya natin pinadalhan ng liham ang tangapan ni Mayor Domogan at opisina ni P/Sr. Supt Lacdan, inyong makikita ang ating liham petsa March 7, 2012. Maliban dito, ay pinadalhan na rin natin ng liham [together with

all attachments] ang tangapan ni PDG. Nicanor Bartolome, Chief PNP at tangapan ni Sec. Jesse Robredo. Maliban dito ay makaaasa ang lahat ng ating mga miyembro na ilan beses ng kumokontak at pati na rin si Juan De La Cruz na sasampahan ng Linis Gobyerno ng kinaukulan reklamo ang mga opisyaes ng Local Government PNP, City Mayor at Barangay Officials na nag BUBULAG-BULAGAN AT NAG BIBINGI-BINGIHAN. Tunay na nakalulungkot na kapag ang mga ilan opisyaes ng Gobyerno, bagamat matataas na ang kanilang katungkulan sa Gobyerno ay lumalabas at kitang kita ang kanilang pagka GAHAMAN, pagka SUWAPANG at pagka KORAP at kanilang kinokonsinte ang ganitong mga ilegal na pasugalan.



**Liham na pinadala kay Mayor M. Domogan at P/Sr. Supt. D. Lacdan nitong March 8, 2012.**

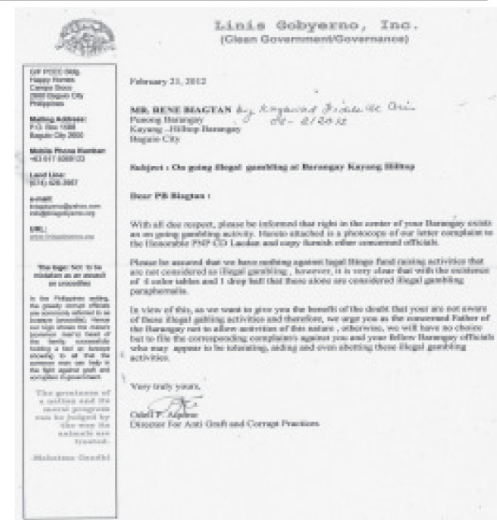
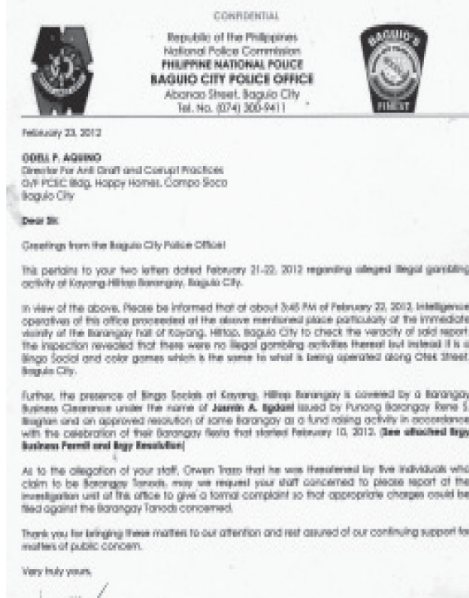
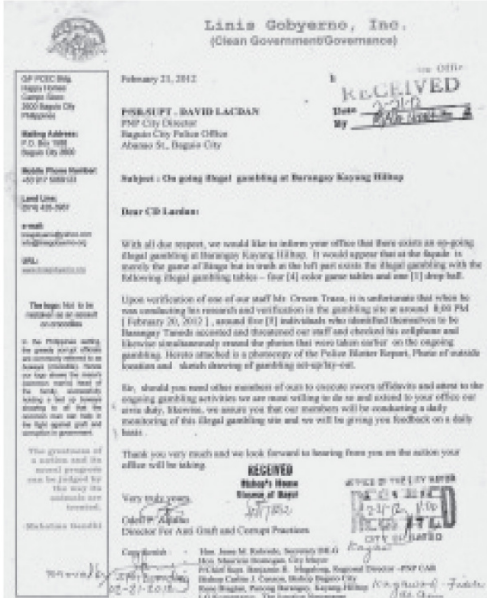


**Liham mula kay Pol. Chief Inspector Nachor Baucas, Chief Intelligence Unbit.**  
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**Liham na pinadala sa tanggapan ng Punong Barangay ng Kayang-Hilltop.**

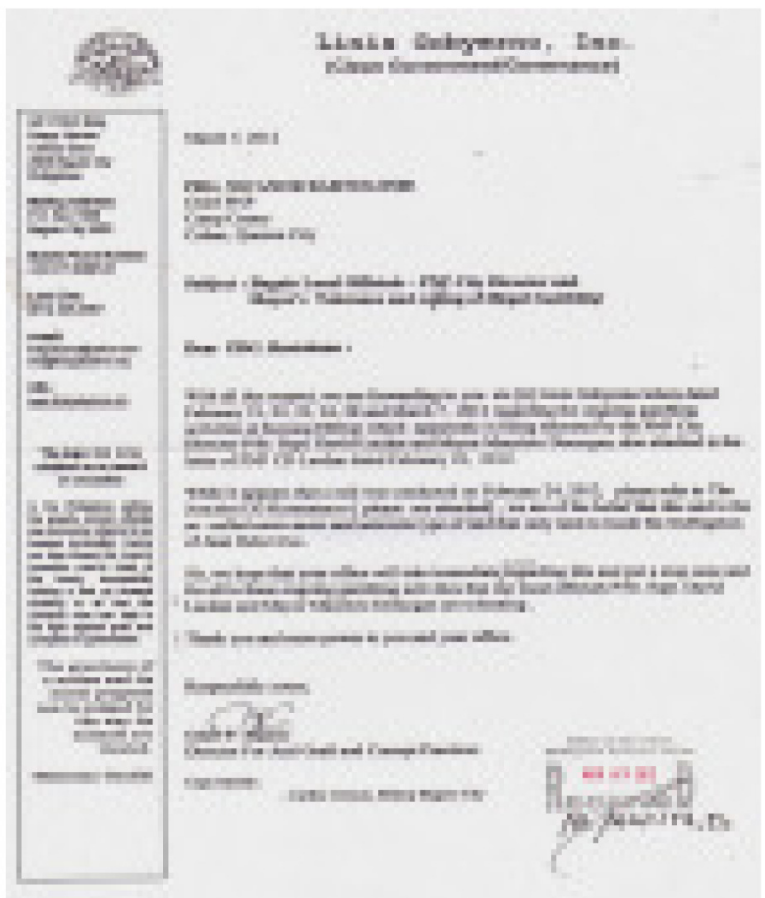
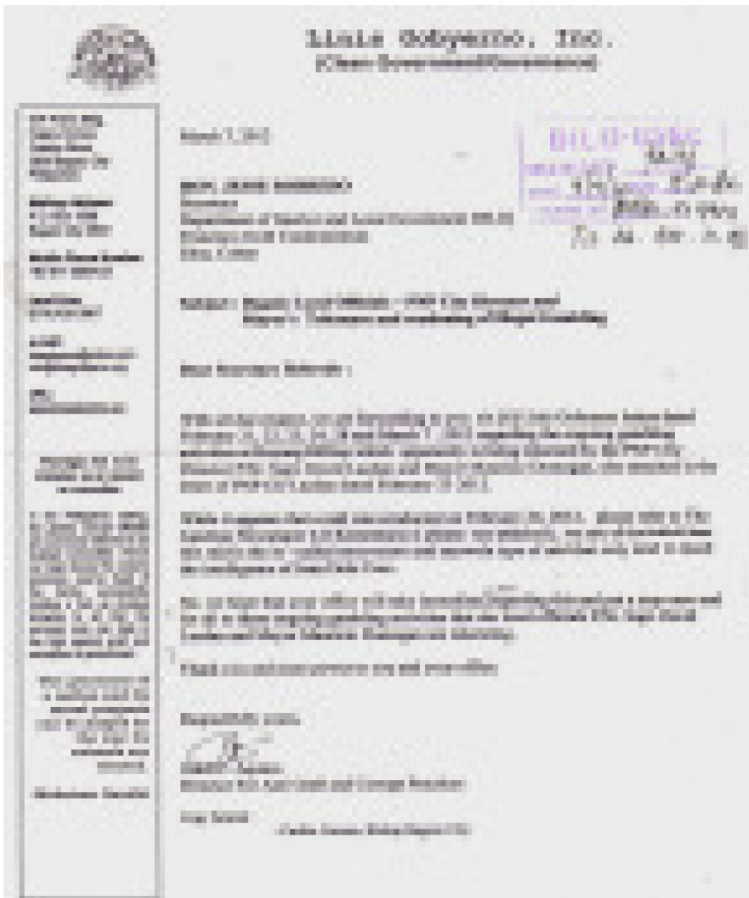
**Blotter Excerpt dated February 24, 2012 at Sub Station 7**  
Personnel of this office led by Henry Ganao Domogan, City Public Safety Company [CPSC], Intelligence Unit all of the Baguio City Police Office in coordination with the Public Order and Safety Division [POSD] Baguio City Hall led by retired Police Superintendent Fernando Moyaen, Chief POSD and PSI Salvador Dotdot conducted raid to an alleged gambling den along Kayang Hilltop Barangay and Otek St., Baguio City and simultaneously confiscated assorted gambling paraphernalia and cash money bets [P8,030 ] at Kayang Hilltop and one [P1,836] at Otek St. No person was arrested during the actual raid that transpired at 6: 40 PM of this date Kayang-Hilltop Barangay and 7:30 PM at Otek St., Baguio City. All confiscated items were properly inventoried and tagged. Said confiscated gambling paraphernalia were temporarily safe kept at this office.

Ang liham na ating ipinadala kay CD Lacdan nuong February 20, 2012. . Ganitong liham rin ang aming pinadala bilang follow-up letters sa kayang tanggapan nuong February 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2012.

Ang Liham na sagot ni CD Lacdan dated February 23, 2012



Top Photo : Ang vicinity location kung san dapat lang ay Bingo Socials. left photo. Ang kanang bahagi kung saan nagagnap ang mga ilegal na pasugalan.



**Liham na pinadala kay Secretary Jesse Robredo nitong March 9, 2012**

**Liham na pinadala kay PDG. Nicanor Bartolome nitong March 9, 2012**



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

LUIS DANGATAN, JR.  
Applicants

Case No: 2001-01-1837

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to LPG FED ENGINE operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 1st day of March 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

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

RIVERA C. OLAS  
Applicants

Case No: 97-BC-969

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN vea Quezon Hill and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
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Baguio City

JOSEPH SAB-IT  
Applicants

Case No: 2007-CAR-371

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: SITIO LAMTANG/ IRISAN-CORNER PUGUIS ROAD (BRGY.) JUNCTION via PUGUIS ROAD (BRGY. LONGONG JUNCTION) and vice versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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Attorney IV

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING  
AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

JOSE DE VERA  
Applicants

Case No: 97-01-1773

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

### Walter William's Journalist's Creed

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I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

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EMILIO MARIANO- Vendor  
VINCENT KALANG-AD- Vendee  
Applicants

Case No:2006-CAR-0073/2012-CAR-217

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Dropping and Substitution of Unit to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights 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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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 8th day of March 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

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

MARIA LEONORA TAN - Vendor  
ANGELITA ESMIN - Vendee  
Applicants

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-1268/2012-CAR-1914

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 27th day of Feb. 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

That an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights was entered into on June 16, 2011 by the widower, illegitimate heirs and sole heirs of the deceased BISTAC LANGBIS who died intestate without will on December 8, 1999. That the deceased left a real property located at Sacupit, Sto. Tomas, Poblacion Tuba identified as ARP. No. 94-001-005 of the Municipal Assessors Office, Poblacion Tuba, containing an area of 20,000 square meters. The Extrajudicial Settlement with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights was executed before the faith of Atty. Rommel P. Arson and entered into his Notarial Registry as, Doc No. 1218; Page No. 02; Book No. III; Series of 2011

Publication Dates: March 10, 17 and 24

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

WILSON O. CAPEGSAN,  
*Petitioner-Mortgagee,*

-versus-

JIMMY ECKMAN,  
*Respondent-Mortgagor,*

CASE NO. 12-  
EXF-1559

FOR

EXTRA JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 3135,  
as amended

X———X

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by petitioner-mortgagor WILSON O.

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
Branch 8  
La Trinidad,  
Benguet

IN RE : PETITION  
FOR THE CORRECTION AND TO  
SUPPLY THE ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF HARVEY ROSE DONGGA - AS TELIAKEN,

HARVEY ROSE DONGGA - AS TELIAKEN,

*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET PROVINCE AND THE NATIONAL STA-

CAPEGSAN, of legal age, single, Filipino and with postal address at IB-43, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet against respondent - mortgagor JIMMY ECKMAN, of legal age, single, Filipino and with residence and postal address at Alno, La Trinidad, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS [P 800,000.00] PESOS, Philippine Currency, excluding attorney's fees, publication costs, sheriff's fees and other incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on MARCH 21, 2012 at 11:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following real properties to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-53558  
Lot : Lot 5  
Psd 13110-002199 [AR]

As surveyed for : JIMMY ECKMAN

TISTICS OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, QUEZON CITY,

*Respondents,*

SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASE NO. 12-C-1725

X———X

### ORDER

Petitioner through counsel filed a petition praying that after due notice and hearing, this court issues an Order directing the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office to correct the following entries in her Certificate of Live Birth;

1. Name of the petitioner from "HARVEY" to "HARVEY ROSE";  
2. Gender of the petitioner from "MALE" to "FEMALE";

Location :  
Alno, La Trinidad, Benguet  
Boundaries :  
NE., along line 1-2 ... Lot 6, subd. Plan;  
SE., along line 2-3-4-5-6-7 ... Lot 10, subd. Plan;  
SW., along line 7-8... Pedro Bassit NW., along line 8-1... Public Land  
Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N. 57 deg., 26' W., 457.16 m. from "BLBM No. 1", Alno La Trinidad, Benguet, thence :  
1-2 S. 24 deg., 59' E., 134.00 m.  
2-3 N. 57 deg., 10' W., 12.15 m.  
3-4 S. 84 deg., 11' W., 12.82 m.  
4-5 S. 15 deg., 33' W., 7.09 m.  
5-6 S. 48 deg., 31' W., 37.50 m.  
6-7 S. 56 deg., 51' W., 60.06 m.  
7-8 N. 68 deg., 38' W., 54.60 m.  
8-1 N. 31 deg., 14' E., 188.06 m.  
Bearings: TRUE  
Area : TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE [ 12, 379] SQUARE METERS.  
Coordinates of corner 1 : 22791.80 N. 20282.38 E  
Title No. : O.C.T. No. 1467  
Original Lot No. : F-52707  
Date of Original Survey : July 13,

3. Place of marriage of petitioner's parents from "Tuba, Benguet" to "Itoyon Benguet".

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on May 15, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning in the court room of this court, Room 202, 2nd floor, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet.

All persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in The Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be

1934  
Date of Subd. Survey : October 8-9, 1992  
Description of corners : Pts. 1 and 8 by Old PS cy: Conc. mons. 15 x 60 cms. ; and the rest by AR cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 40 cm.,

Geodetic Engineer : ORLANDO FIGUERRES

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date it shall be held on April 24, 2012 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 17th day of February 2012 at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) WINSTON P. DULAWAN Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: February 25, March 3 and 10, 2012

made not later than February 26, 2012.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; National Statistics Office, Quezon City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet Province, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; The Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines this 14th day of February 2012.

By: (SGD) MARYBELLE L. DEMOT MARINAS Presiding Judge

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## Language Spoken at Home Will be used to Study Lessons up to Grade 3....from page 1

Waray, Tausug, Maguindanaoan, Maranao, and Chabacano.

Based on DepEd Order No. 16, series 2012, the MTB-MLE will be implemented in two modules: 1) as a learning/subject area and 2) as medium of instruction. The mother tongue as a subject will focus on the development of reading and speaking from Grades 1 to 3. As a medium of instruction the mother tongue will be used in all learning areas from kinder to Grade 3 except in the teaching of Filipino and English subjects.

Filipino will be introduced on the first semester of Grade 1 for oral fluency (speaking). For reading and writing purposes, it will be taught beginning in the second semester of Grade 1. The four other macro skills which are listening, speaking, reading and writing in Filipino will continuously be developed from Grades 2 to 6.

Meanwhile, English as a subject will be introduced in the second semester of Grade 1 while reading and writing in English will start in the first semester of Grade 2.

There are currently 921 schools across the country which have been pioneering the MTB-MLE including the children of indigenous peoples. The mother tongue pilot program is implemented with assistance from the Basic Education Assistance for Mindanao, Third Elementary Education Program, Translators Association of the Philippines, Save the Children Foundation, and the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

Related to this, DepEd has organized a team of MTB-MLE trainers for each region composed of education supervisors. The existing MTB-MLE regional training team organized for the pilot schools shall be the same team that will be responsible for the division and school-based training of teachers on MTB-MLE for the K to 12.

"We are expanding the membership to include trainers in kindergarten because that is where we are going to start the reforms," explained Luistro.

Also giving support to the project are MTB-MLE trained writers who will continue to update their knowledge and skills in developing indigenized learning materials to provide the students with a variety of learning resources./Friday, March 9, 2012 10:10 AM/Vanji Planning, dep\_ed\_info@yahoo.com

## Advocacy Mindanow

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Gerry, when his turn came, immediately engaged Gina. "I love you too, Gina" and then flashed on the screen the eternal words of German propagandist Goebbels who said that repeating a lie to make it appear as the truth. He had statistics that disputed Gina's data and claims. The way Gerry sounded, he appeared to have emerged from a shell and came brandishing with facts and figures. Some of those who knew him told me Gerry was "in his elements".

MVP said this is not a fight against mining but everyone's fight against poverty, stressing that responsible mining brings lifetime benefits to people who otherwise would not be able to enjoy them were it not for mining which brought employment, livelihood, education, health benefit.

But this one got my goat. A self-proclaimed mining expert (his biodata showed

he was more into agriculture) attracted my attention immediately when he first opened his mouth. Mr. Clive Wicks, who pictured a "doomsday scenario" on the Tampakan project, in his opening statement first "paid tribute" to all those whom he claimed were murdered for their anti mining work and then quipped that immediately when he arrived in Davao City in some anti mining forum he immediately feared for his life. Wow, he was trying to bloat his credentials at the expense of Davaoenos, I told myself. Mindanao business advocate, Inday Arcenas who was seated next to me similarly reacted. I really planned to take Clive on his claim about fearing for his life in Davao City and ask for details and prove his fears and in failing to do so, I was bent on asking him to apologize to Davaoenos. Fortunately for him, he stood up to go to the men's room and when he came back the Q&A portion already ended. That's always the case with so-called experts who parachute in and fly out, leaving behind in their wake their biases, perhaps believing we are all that gullible.

One exchange that really fired up Gina was when she was asked to also look into her own backyard with the alleged mess done by the Lopez family in some past project. Peter Wallace, a long standing business consultant, came to Gina's rescue by calling the question "inappropriate and unfortunate". But feisty lady lawyer Lorna Kapunan, from another side of the room similarly confronted Gina.

To her credit, Gina held her composure, except for a few blurts of protest to the last questions that really put her on the spot. But she almost singlehandedly put up a good fight for the anti's with some assist from Christian Monsod who opened his talk saying at the outset that he was not "anti-mining" provided four conditions are present. He also disclosed a "policy gap" on post-mine-life responsibilities of mining companies, which MGB head Leo Jasareno, government's lone mainstay in the forum, readily confirmed.

Except for that Mr. Clive Wicks, the whole showdown was worth a second round re-match. Abangan!

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MVP — At the sidelines of the Intercom forum, I bumped into Lawyer Mike Toledo, a communications expert recruited into MVP's stables at Philex Mining. He introduced me to his "boss" and for the first time I met face to face MVP whose Philex's good-paying "independent directorship" slot I politely declined some two years ago when I opted to continue working for Mindanao instead of accepting a high-paying position. At that time, I personally held the view that the additional perks to members of the cabinet, way above the reglamentary pay, although a welcome boon, was not appropriate. I was already elected to the Philex board upon being nominated by the Office of the President and I felt so guilty that Philex then had to go through some vacancy-filling process due to my decision not to accept. I remember writing an apology letter to MVP for the inconvenience I caused. I never got a reply. I felt relieved meeting him during the forum the other day and personally but belatedly expressing my apologies. He remembered me when he simply said: "Oh you are the one from Mindanao." I also said proudly: "Yes sir! Mindanao is my home."

Indeed, we have so many things to be proud of about our Mindanao!

## 1st - Apluma

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exclusive Amanpulo resort.

The interview revealed more shocking aviation issues which to me, as PR consultant of Omni suggested be relegated off-the-record but the good Captain insisted they be included in the text.

"For you to be classified private pilot you need 100 hours in your log book and 150 hours for commercial jet pilots," the captain said.

"But I don't know some aviation schools do it short cut and some students prefer padded hours by paying them short cut," he said. "And that's a big no, no at Omni" adding that "what we have at Omni is called integrity."

This is very true as the said news item on "padding" and "buying" of flying hours merited front pages layout last year among major dailies not to mention the Category 2 FAA rating our country has.

Omni he said, now caters to 100 regular flight students and 200 part-time flight students from 28 different nationalities.

Ironically, Omni has a turtle for a mascot "Omni Pagong" but Capt. Gomez averred that the mascot simply represents the corporation's 3S motto: "Slowly, Surely & Safely."

## The Peace Combatant

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Of course, there is no suggestion here to make our Holy Week sad and funless because the Holy Week is supposedly a commemoration of man's deliverance from sin through the sacrifice of the Jesus. There is no harm in having fun during the Holy Week provided we prioritize on promoting Baguio as the best place for reflection and family bonding during the Holy Week.

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## Editorial

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marine capture fisheries will buckle from the "overshoot". "(That) could lead to an eventual collapse of fisheries and the fishing industry, which employs more than one million people.

The strain is reflected paradoxically in areas where gains are promising. Take: conservation of mangrove forests. These intertidal forests — characterized by exposed roots and murky water — serve a crucial buffer zone between land and sea. They are incredibly productive hatcheries for fish, crustaceans and other sea life.

Keep a four-to-one ratio of mangroves to aquaculture ponds, suggests marine biologist Jurgenne Primavera, named by Time Magazine as one of world's top 100 scientists. Mangroves shrank from 5,000 square kilometers in 1918, to less than 2,420 square kilometers today, due to expansion of aquaculture.

More than a third of fish today come from aqua farms. Mangroves would help ensure that the aquaculture boom doesn't fizzle "All we have to do is use them", Primavera says.

Local officials to a chief justice with padlocked dollar accounts must pitch in to reverse these trends. A little boy — who offered five loaves and two fishes — enabled five thousand men to be fed in Galilee./Juan L. Mercado



## Firefighters

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be left unattended, and should be placed away from curtains, paper, and other materials that easily catch fire.

In the event of fire, one should know what immediate steps to take to keep it from spreading. Small fires may be extinguished by smothering the flame with a non-flammable item like a pot cover or a dampened towel or blanket.

Water should be used only for non-electrical fires and fires not caused by gasoline and similar combustible fluids. In the face of apparent danger, one should quickly run to a safe place and allow trained fire fighters to handle the situation./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

## Return Mixed Garbage

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draining into the river," the mayor said in response to a briefing by volunteers of an academe-led effort to restore back to life the polluted river that flows from Baguio to Benguet and La Union.

Earlier, Domogan issued an administrative order deputizing barangay treasurers to collect garbage fees in a move to narrow down the wide gap between the increasing cost of solid waste management and garbage fee collection.

The city spends over P100 million yearly for garbage management but collects only an average of P18 million in garbage fees, he stressed.

As incentive, the barangays shall be entitled to 30 percent of the garbage fees they collect, with the share increased to as much as 60 percent depending on the collection efficiency level.

He cited the city's Tax Ordinance No. 2001-01, amended by Tax Ordinance 2003-03 which "provides for a sharing scheme for garbage fees collected at the barangay level as a way of increasing collection efficiency that can serve as an incentive to support barangay-based solid waste management initiatives".

The ordinance, he noted, also imposes the following penalties for indiscriminate dumping, littering and violation of the "no-segregation, no-collection policy": warning for the first offense and fines of P500 and P1,000 for the second and third offenses.

In Administrative Order No. 132 he issued last October, the mayor directed the offices of the city treasurer, city accountant and city environment and parks management to conduct a training for duly bonded barangay treasurers on the mechanics for efficient garbage fee collection and remittance.

He directed the barangays to submit a master list of households availing of the city's solid waste management services for submission to the said city offices, and to update the list every first quarter, for submission on or before March 30.

The city's schedule of garbage fees on a monthly basis is as follows: P300 for hospitals and funeral parlors; P200 for dormitories, boarding and lodging houses; P75 for three-unit apartments; P150 for over-three-unit apartments;

Hotels, hostels, motels, inns and condominiums: P75 for those with less than 25 rooms; P150 for those with 25 to 49 rooms; P250 for those with 50 to 100 rooms; P300 for those with over 100 rooms;

Restaurants, carinderias, eateries and refreshment parlors, nightclub s, disco

houses, cocktail lounges, beer gardens, bar and liquor stores: P100 for those with seating capacity of less than 25 customers; P150 – 25 to 49 seating capacity; P200 – 50 to 100; P250 – over one hundred seating capacity;

Banks, drugstores, bazaars, bakeries, hardware stores, auto supplies, appliance, grocery and department stores – P150; beauty parlors, offices, radio stations, sarisari stores and other establishments not specifically mentioned in this ordinance – P50;

Preparatory/elementary/high schools/colleges/universities/vocational schools and review centers: P50 for those with less than 50 enrollees; P100 for those with 50 to 500 enrollees; P200- 501 to 1,000 enrollees; P300 (1001-5000); P400 (5001 to 10000);

Households in barangays where garbage trucks collect garbage and served by the city collection system – P20; bus, jeepney and other transportation terminals and private pay parking areas – P200; stalls in the city public market and satellite markets – P100;

Theaters, gymnasiums, audio-visual rooms, athletic salons and physical fitness centers – P200; medical and dental clinics, therapeutic salons, spas and massage parlors – P150./Ramon Dacawi.

## Women's Right.....

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Perlita Panganiban of DSWD-CAR, stressed that human trafficking particularly among women and children, remains to be among the country's concerns as victims are still easily lured by job opportunity/promises. This she said is somehow related to poverty concerns especially on women in the countryside.

Panganiban cited the case of 10 women from Abra who were victims of human trafficking last year and just recently, the Inter-agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) spearheaded by DSWD and through the initiative of women's group, Innabuyog-Gabriela, rescued in the city eight women who were also victims of human trafficking. They helped the victims return home to Davao.

She also disclosed that government agencies, non-government organizations and local government units, which are part of the IACAT, from the national to the regional level, are working doubly hard in addressing such concerns.

Domestic violence is another women's concern raised during the said forum. For the city alone, Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) Women and Children Protection Unit head P/Sr. Insp. Divina Mencio reported that Violence Against Women remains to be a concern. In 2011 alone more than 500 cases were recorded in their blotter report, of which only few victims actually filed cases, despite the fact that some are repeated or recurrent cases.

In the same forum, Patti Gallardo, Executive Director of Save Our Women, an NGO which advocacy focuses on Violence Against Women (VAW), stressed that reported or recorded cases does not reflect the actual number of VAW cases as there are more unreported cases that are actually happening especially in rural communities.

According to Gallardo, awareness on VAW is slowly increasing, but there is still a need for more or an intensified advocacy and programs, from both the government and the private sector, to educate women about their rights and to make them realize that violence (VAW) is a crime.

She expressed hope that there will come a day that we will no longer need to celebrate Women's Month or Women's Day, as everyday will be both a normal and special day for every woman./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## Baguio City Honors

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the President of the Senior Citizens Association and the First Vice-President of the Federation of Baguio Senior Citizens Associations (FBASECA).

For Elderly Leadership, Hedeliza Licican Pulanco, at 72, still lives a very active life as a member of the training team of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. She has been the head of the Upper Dagsian Senior Citizens Association since 2004, and is also the Chair of the Mutual Aid and Assistance Fund of the Federation of Baguio Senior Citizens Associations (FBASECA).

For Community Development, Gloria Corazon Pudol Dalisay, is the Punong Barangay of Quezon Hill Proper which under her leadership fast-tracked the development of the barangay including the barangay hall, day care center, livelihood programs, and the conduct of clean-up drives and even community masses.

This year's Award Search Committee is made up of past Outstanding Women Leaders of Baguio awardees. Patricia Anne Gallardo (2010 awardee), founder and Executive Director of SAVE Our Women chairs the Search Committee and Board of Judges. Other are Corazon Pindog (2007 awardee) – Executive Director of Igorota Foundation, Gloria Leal (2011) – founder and Directress of STEP Learning Academy, Balbina Ernesto (2011) an advocate for the upliftment of the rights of farmers and the Barangay Poverty Reduction Action Officer of Irisan Barangay and Milagros Costales is a Social Development Worker who was presented the award in 2010 for Waste Management through Recycling./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## Autonomy a top issue

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through a press conference that coincided with a raffle draw at the Malcolm Square here.

IGO-Philippines finance committee chair Salma Martin said funds raised from the draw will go to the scholarship fund being maintained by the IGO for students in the Cordillera. She acknowledged supporters of the campaign, specifically citing Baguio congressman Bernardo Vergara who, she said, also came in as a major sponsor of the consultation./Ramon Dacawi.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 28, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paadal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 27th day of Feb 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV



## Autonomy Atop Issue in Igorot Consultation

The elusive issue of and quest for autonomy in the Cordillera homeland will cap discussions in the ninth Igorot International Consultation (IIC) set by the Igorot Global Organization on April 12-14 here and in Benguet.

Host city mayor Mauricio Domogan, head of the committee that drafted the third organic act towards regional self-rule, will present the features of the autonomy bill during the IIC plenary session on April 13 at the Baguio Country Club.

He will be assisted by Dr. Peter Cosalan, private sector representative in the Regional Development Council who will speak on autonomy in the context of speeding up progress of this mountain region whose natural resources have been tapped for decades in the name of national development yet ironically remains among the country's poorest regions.

The twin topics will highlight the planning workshop of the three-day consultation here and at the Pooten Residence in Tuba, Benguet, according to IGO-Philippines which is hosting the biennial forum for the third time.

Expatriates from the Cordillera headed by IGO-International president Ceasar Castro in Vancouver, Canada and heads of the various chapters of the BIBAK or BIMAAC organization around the world, will be coming home for the consultation.

BIMAAC stands for Baguio city and the provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, Mt. Province, Abra, Apayao and Kalinga comprising the region established in 1987 under a temporary administrative set-up, purposely towards fleshing an autonomous region.

Domogan explained that the establishment of autonomy in the Cordillera was provided for in the 1987 Philippine Constitution in recognition of the region's contributions to national development and its own need to benefit from the exploitation of its once-rich mineral, water and other natural resources.

Specifically, the discrepancy in progress was underscored by the fact that energy generated by the hydroelectric dams and gold and other minerals mined in the Cordillera, particularly Benguet province, spurred the development of Metro-Manila. Villages surrounding the Ambuklao and Binga dams, however, were among the last to be energized.

Over the years, Benguet had to beg the national government for its tax and national wealth shares from the operation of the gold mines.

Autonomy was supposed to legally enable the national government to provide additional development support to the Cordillera over and above what its local government units receive in International Revenue Allotments (IRA).

Autonomy, Domogan stressed, would also provide the Cordillera a sense of identity as a region and as a people.

Self-rule, however, remained elusive. Two organic acts supposed to flesh out autonomy, were rejected in plebiscites. With only Ifugao voting for the first charter and only Apayao ratifying the second charter, the Supreme Court ruled that a one-province autonomous region is legally untenable.

The 9<sup>th</sup> IIC will be ushered in on April 11 with a golf tournament, art exhibit and trade fair and an indigenous ritual to launch "Igorot by Heart", a book compilation of the keynote speeches and selected presentations in the first eight consultations that began in 1995 in West Covina, California.

Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo will be invited to keynote the 9<sup>th</sup> consultation on April 12, according to IGO-Philippines president Manuel Ano and program chair Edna Tabanda.

Resource speakers will then squeeze in the following topics, each in 20 minutes, in the afternoon plenary session: IGO and IIC in Retrospect by IGO elder Mia Abeya; People Participation in a Democracy by Tanya Hamada of the International Center for Innovation, Transformation and Excellence in Governance; Public-Private Partnership by Dr. Rowena Galpo of the Baguio Health Dept.;

People Organization in the Context of Self-governance by Benjamin Solang of the Cordillera Development Program; Igorot/Cordillera Migrant Workers by Beverly Pooten of IGO-Spain; Managing the Water Commons by Prof. Andrew Bacdayan; and Multi-culturalism by National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Chair Brigitte Hamada-Pawid.

The workshops will focus on civil society participation in governance, social/health/education/sports/migrant workers, environment and climate change/disaster risk reduction, ancestral lands and domains/natural resources/ indigenous peoples, trade and industry/investment/tourism/agriculture/entrepreneurship development, culture and the arts/indigenous knowledge, issues/concerns/reforms in governance, and youth and development.

The consultations will shift to cultural festivities on April 14 at the residence of lawyer-businessman Richard Stone Pooten at Asin, Tuba, Benguet, with Ifugao Rep. Teodoro Baguilat Jr., the chair of the committee on national cultural communities as guest of honor and speaker.

The upcoming consultation was announced last March 3  
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## The JUNCTION Pahayagang Palaban!!!



**MOTHER EARTH** says **PRO-COR** regional director **PCSupt Benjamin Magalong** as he congratulates **Baguio City Police Office director PSSupt David Lacdan** and his men on their tree nursery project at Botanical Garden in cooperation with the Mayor's Office and City Environment and Parks Management Office during a surprise inspection March 8. Gen. Magalong vowed to assist and support the **BCPO Tree Nursery project** to ensure a yearly supply of tree seedlings, fruit bearing trees and bamboos. With them are **PSupt Roberto Soriano**, nursery project action officer **PSupt Edward Aquintey** and **BCPO-PIO Pl Insp Karrisma Sta. Juana/Bong Cayabyab**

## La Trinidad Launches Strawberry Festival 2012

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Barely two weeks after the month-long Baguio Flower Festival closed, it's the turn of this capital town to welcome visitors and residents alike to the celebration of 'Strawberry Festival 2012'.

La Trinidad officials headed by Mayor Greg Abalos hosted a kapihan forum yesterday to launch the Strawberry Festival promoting the town as the strawberry capital of the country.

In the said forum, Abalos disclosed that the traditional events of the Strawberry Festival will still be there with new events and festivities added. "The strawberry is the symbol of this annual La Trinidad festival, as we will also showcase the other best products and culture of the municipality for the festivity", he said.

The formal opening of the Strawberry Fest will be held on March 18, Sunday. The day will open with a civic parade, ecumenical service and a launching program. Ribbon cutting of the Barangay Agro-industrial Fair and the Strawberry Lane featuring strawberries and its by products at the municipal grounds will also be held.

On the said opening day will be the traditional 'Owik tan Tayao' ritual involving the butchering native pigs for thanksgiving. According to Abalos, they are inviting Police Regional Office - Cordillera (PRO-Cor) Regional Director Benjamin Magalong to be the keynote speaker and also the Panagbenga 2012 Grand Street Dancing champion - the performers of Kabayan, Benguet to highlight the opening activities.

In lieu of fireworks, there will also be a lantern parade, wherein strawberry inspired lantern will be released into the afternoon skies.

According to Abalos, the municipality will not be replicating the largest strawberry shortcake it made year s ago, but for this 14th celebration of Strawberry Festival, they will be serving a 100 kg.-strawberry salad to the public during the Strawberry Farmers Generosity Day on March 31.

The Strawberry Fest in 2004 landed the municipality in the Guinness Book of World Record for producing the largest strawberry shortcake weighing 21,213.40 lb (9,622.23 kg).

Two other Family Days will also be showcased at the Strawberry Lane, March 24 and 25, for a day full of fun, games and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy.

There will also be the Strawberry Magic and Acrobatic show which will be held at the Benguet State University on the morning of March 31.

Among the other featured events for the Strawberry Festival which will run until April 14 are: the traditional Strawberry Fest Mass Wedding, Search for Mr. and Ms. La Trinidad and the Breakfast at the Park: Duting Tan Dukto (Mar. 23 and March 31), which will feature Benguet's Arabica Coffee.

The Strawberry Festival trade fair will also run from March 10 to April 15 at the La Trinidad Public Market Parking area in Km. 5, wherein they expect to generate around P2.9 million. /JDP/LD-PIA CAR

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