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Court Confirms PDRCI Award for Sobrepena-LED CJHdevCo to Vacate Camp John Hay

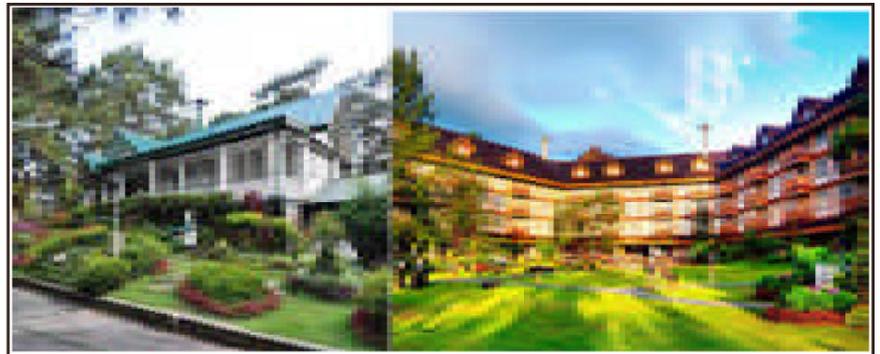
The Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 6 of Baguio City has confirmed the Final Award of the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc. (PDRCI) for the Sobrepeña-led Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) to vacate the Camp John Hay and promptly deliver the leased property, inclusive of all new constructions and permanent improvements in tenantable condition to the state-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

BCDA President and CEO Arnel Paciano D. Casanova lauded the decision of the Baguio RTC as a step towards recovering Camp John Hay and ending CJHDevCo's exploitation of the former US rest and recreation facility.

"Finally, a delinquent lessee will be evicted and BCDA will be able to recover a public property and make the property really benefit the country particularly the people of Baguio," Casanova said. He added that "we are also making business accountable by ending impunity in Camp John Hay."

The seven-page order penned by Acting Presiding Judge Cecilia Corazon S. Dulay-Archog also confirmed, as part of the PDRCI final award, for the BCDA to return to CJHDevCo the amount of P1.42-B which the CJHDevCo paid to the BCDA as lease payments.

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At left photo- Ang dating Camp John Hay na para sa lahat ng mamamayan. At right photo- Ang bagong Club John Hay na para sa mga elitista at may kakayahan sa buhay!!! Ok na sana kung hindi naagrabyado ang gobyerno at si Juan dela Cruz!!!

Hay naku, wala nang katapusan yan John Hay Scandal na yan, kesyo may mga conditionalities pa kuno na safeguards nung pinasok ng magagaling na opisyaes ang kontrata na yan, para lamang sa bandang huli ay si Juan dela Cruz din ang kawawa!!!



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BCDA Slams CJHDevCo for Making Misleading Statements

The Final Award of the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc. (PDRCI) which was confirmed by the Regional Trial Court in Baguio City is direct and unequivocal.

Attorney Peter Paul Andrew T. Flores, BCDA's head for legal services said Sobrepeña-led CJHDevCo had been coming up with misleading statements when in truth and in fact, the court's decision which confirmed the PDRCI Final Award is unconditional.

The award says that, "claimant (CJHDevCo) is ordered to vacate the leased premises and promptly deliver the leased property, inclusive of all new constructions and permanent improvements introduced during the term of the lease as reckoned from the execution of the Original Lease Agreement, to Respondent (BCDA) in good and tenable condition in all respects, reasonable wear and tear excepted."

Flores said that the PDRCI lifted this from the Original Lease Agreement between BCDA and CJHDevCo, which simply means that CJHDevCo must return the land and all the structures to the government free of encumbrances and occupants.

Flores said the key word here is "tenantable." What he is saying, Flores clarified is the same as the content of the RTC's decision dated March 27 saying "the Final Award is clear. It needs no further interpretation. Moreover this Court is not authorized to revise, interpret or in any way encroach upon the work of the Arbitral Tribunal..."

The Court, instead, ordered the following:

1. The confirmation of the Final Award in toto citing the PDRCI award verbatim;
2. The lifting and rescission of the injunction against BCDA that prevented it from exercising its contractual right to take over the property;
3. The Entry of Judgment that will prevent CJHDevCo from seeking a reconsideration or appeal from the case;
4. The issuance of a Writ of Execution.

Flores said CJHDevCo had been issuing misleading statements to the media, not only to mislead the reporters but specifically the sub-lessees who are directly affected in the case.

"As always, CJHDevCo's statement is misleading. It is designed to confuse and to sow fear and uncertainty in the heart of their sub-lessees. CJHDevCo posits a slanted and self-serving interpretation of the Final Award of PDRCI."

Adding, "they claim that the award obligates BCDA to retain the lessees in possession of their units. What it does not say is that CJHDevCo and its officers possess a considerable number of units." Flores said that in the list of sub-lessees CJHDevCo submitted to the court, it shows that cabins and hotel units are either occupied or in the names of Messrs. Bob Sobrepeña, **Cont. on page 9**

RH Bill Anniversary in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – Principal sponsor of Republic Act 10354 or the Reproductive Health (RH) bill Representative Edcel Lagman pointed out five aspects for its implementation during the first year commemoration since being deemed "constitutional," last Wednesday at People's Park.

A massive national multi-media information drive to awaken awareness of the public for reproductive health;

The involvement of the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) in the choice of legal and medically safe contraceptives, specially for the marginalized sector of society;

The Department of Health as principal implementing agency to provide family planning supplies for the local government units, as mandated;

Access to said supplies; and the implementation of RH education for adolescents in public and private schools, as coordinated and supervised by the Department of Education, Lagman said.

The RA is deemed constitutional by the Supreme Court and should be implemented after an "epic struggle," where we worked with hearts and minds, Lagman said.

Purple-clad Lagman spoke before the public, artist and women's groups, also in purple accessories, their chosen color.

Representative Lisa Hontiveros, who also fought for RA 10354's approval said it is a continuing debate as there is a daily struggle for its implementation. This includes issues about gender sensitivity, women and children's health and rights, adolescents' concerns, she said. She, however noted the support from the health department.

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Mother of Two Patients Cries Out for Help

Marissa Pasyalen is a 38-year old former overseas worker with six children, one of whom is bed-ridden and racking up bills in a hospital for pneumonia while another is at home, confined to a wheelchair for bladder, kidney and heart problems.

Marissa, who worked as a domestic help for three years in Malaysia who had to come home to take care of them, admitted she doesn't know who and where to turn to for help. A public appeal coursed through the Baguio media might help, she said last week.

Her daughter, Desiree, 14, has been confined at the Baguio General Hospital since last Feb. 14, the left side of her body paralyzed due to pneumonia and complications. Her family had used up P30,000 for medicines and her hospital bills had shot up to P134,000.

"Doctors said she would need an oxygen tank to help her breathe and be able to recuperate at home when she would be released from the hospital," Marissa said.

The gadget would cost about P11,000. It's a pittance compared to the hospital charges and to the cost of an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) procedure, estimated at P25,000, her other child, Ralph Benedict, 19, needs to undergo.

Ralph, third in a brood of six, underwent surgery for multiple angioliopoma when he was 10 months old, again when he was two

City to Check on Business Firms' Compliance with Parking, STP Requirements

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday directed the city buildings and architecture office (CBAO) to check if the owners of commercial buildings at the central business district complied with the parking requirement after the lapse of the grace period given to them last February.

The mayor said those who did not comply will be penalized by having their building and occupancy permits revoked.

"We conducted a dialogue with them and gave them ample time to comply. At least they cannot say we are being unreasonable if we impose the penalty to the violators," the mayor told departments heads.

The mayor with Councilor Elaine Sembrano in September last year held a dialogue with the building owners where the latter agreed to provide ample parking spaces to comply with their building permit requirement.

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

The mayor said this constitutes violation of

years old.

In 2011, the kid became bed-ridden. Last September, he was rushed to the BGHMC for abdominal pain. That's when doctors diagnosed him for bladder stones, kidney and heart problems.

The others in the brood are Aldrin, 23, who works as a construction laborer after finishing high school Jemar, 21, also a laborer; Mark, 17, out-of-school; and Anjay, 11 and in the fourth grade.

Presidential Decree 96 or the National Building Code and city ordinances and as such the city can revoke the building and occupancy permits and close the establishments.

The mayor decided to give them a grace period of until February this year to rectify their violations either by restoring their parking areas or by designating a parking area outside their buildings but within the property's 200-meter radius.

As this developed, the mayor also asked the CBAO to ensure that high rise buildings required to provide their own sewer treatment facilities are complying with the requirement.

The mayor asked the CBAO to submit a summary of the buildings which were required to install their own sewer treatment plants (STPs) and to monitor if these facilities are indeed functioning.

City planning and development officer Evelyn Cayat said the city started imposing the STP requirement in the issuance of building and occupancy permits for high rise structures two years ago.

This was among the steps taken by the city government to address the saturated condition of the city's own STP at Sanitary Camp.

The STP built in 1986 has now been operating beyond its rated capacity of 8,600-cubic meter since 2011. *A Refuerzo*

The children depends on the laborer's income of their father, Jerry, a 42-year old construction worker from La Trinidad, Benguet. He and Marissa met when both were working at the Philex Mines in Padcal, Tuba, Benguet.

Samaritans can contact Marissa's cellphone number – 09485378418. They may visit the family at JD-147 Bayabas, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet. *Ramon Dacawi*



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Inspection to Cover City's Entire Drainage, Sewer System

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday urged Mayor Mauricio Domogan to create a composite team to inspect the drainage network and sewer system not only at the central business district but in the entire city.

The body suggested that the team be headed by Councilor Fred Bagbagen, chair of the committee on health as its action officer with the city legal officer and the Association of Barangay Captains presidents as among the members.

The body conferred with representatives of the city environment and parks management office, city engineering office, city buildings and architecture office, health services office sanitation division, Dept. of Public Works and Highways Baguio City Engineering District and the Baguio City Police Office last Monday and confirmed the need for such inspection.

Bagbagen who broached the matter said there were indications that the drainage system at the CBD is becoming defective.

“Strong obnoxious odor is perennially steaming out from the drainage in the CBD particularly along the stretch of Magsaysay Avenue,” he said.

He said this poses hazard to health and must be addressed at once through an extensive inspection of the drainage system so that the city will determine the condition of the drainage facilities and institute remedial measures. *A Refuerzo*

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inspirasyong tutularan sa pagsisilbi sa ating mga kababayan.” He likened coordinated and united efforts shown by the veterans during World War II, as being stronger than individual endeavors; against the city’s modern-day problems. Peace and order, traffic, environmental degradation, among others, are problems being faced by the city, the vice-mayor said.

“We are proud inheritors of the sacrificial legacy of our local heroes against the Japanese Imperial Army 73 years ago this day,” Mayor Mauricio Domogan said in poetic Iloko. “We honor and treasure our veterans, the memorial of their bravery are in our hearts.”

The mayor was earlier informed that some of Baguio and Benguet veterans joined the Araw ng Kagitingan rites in Mt. Samat Shrine, Pilar, Bataan, as a few attended the program. Veterans’ widows, members of the Sons and Daughters of Association, Inc. (SDAI), as well as personnel from the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) and PMA and the local government of Baguio were present.

Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr., also posed the challenge to the younger generation, for them to see sincerity, dedication, and the good examples of the veterans. *Julie G. Fianza*

RH Bill...

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Rafael Tallocoy, who spoke in behalf of the mayor, noted that responsible parenthood goes hand-in-hand with reproductive health.

Rose Fortaleza, Population on Commission (PopCom) Regional Director also declared that the agency shall coordinate and support with the local government units as to the RH bill’s full implementa-

tion.

A parade at Session road followed the program at People’s Park, with the tying of purple ribbon. A forum was done later with topics on: Family Planning and Development; State of RH and the Promise of the RH law; youth situationer; fulfilling the promise of the RH law; and working with the

Council Wants Solid Waste Plan Presented

BAGUIO CITY – City councilors on Monday reiterated their request to have the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP) presented to them to serve as basis of all actions they will make relative to solid waste concerns.

This came on the heels of their discussion on the proposed terms of reference for the development of the city’s engineered sanitary landfill with the members of the City Solid Waste Management Board.

The aldermen noted that some of the terms were not clear while other provisions were questionable particularly on the proposed cost and life span of the ESL.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said they must first have a full understanding of the entire ISWMP to be properly guided on its proposed components like the ESL.

They scheduled the presentation in their session on April 20 but asked that documents be submitted before April 16 for their study.

Demolition at Dairy Farm Pushed

BAGUIO CITY - As part of the city’s campaign on squatting, mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed during the executive-legislative meeting last Monday that the city will pursue and continue with its thrusts in protecting the remaining watersheds and forest reservations within the city.

Domogan stressed that the Baguio Animal Industry (BAI) is a reservation under the Department of Agriculture (DA), however, more that 62 hectares of the Dairy Farm has been is-

government.

A ceremonial signing of commitment to the RH law capped the celebration. *Julie G. Fianza*

Mayor Mauricio Domogan submitted the TOR for the council’s approval after the same was approved by the CSWMB.

The TOR provides for a design and build scheme for the construction of a two-hectare ESL that can accommodate 150,000 tons of compacted solid wastes with a life span of 2.5 years. The proposed contract price was P80 million.

The construction of an ESL is one of the strategies of the ISWMS to address the city’s waste problem which consists of other strategies intended for long-term management of the city’s wastes among which a waste-to-energy technology, a central material recovery facility, anaerobic digester and health care waste treatment facility and the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines.

The city is eyeing its 130-hectare property reserved for the public need at Mt. Sto. Tomas to house the ISWMS which is now the subject of a feasibility study. *A Refuerzo*

sued a Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) by the National Commission of Indigenous People (NCIP) in favor of the heirs of Ikang Paus.

The DA filed a case against the squatters occupying said lots and won the case. But despite of this, the DA is still waiting for the writ of execution to carry out the demolition of the illegal structures.

With reports of massive squatting within the DA, BAI has resurfaced anew prompting the mayor to order an immediate investigation and action together with the officials of Tuba, Benguet.

After a thorough investigation by the task force committee, the City Buildings and Architecture Office was di-



ATHLETIC BOWL COMPLETION - Mayor Mauricio Domogan instructs Councilors Michael Lawana and Peter Fianza and the technical working group representing the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Education and City Sports Development Office to determine the cost estimate of Phase III of the Baguio Athletic Bowl project held at the Mayor’s Office April 8 during a meeting. *By Bong Cayabyab*

CBAO to Shed Light on the Ongoing City Hall Improvement

BAGUIO CITY - The ongoing construction in front of the city hall has caused some negative feedbacks pointing out Republic Act 10066 also known as “An act providing for the protection and conservation of the National Cultural Heritage, strengthening the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated cultural agencies , and for other purposes”.

During the city council session last Monday, it was agreed by the august body to further evaluate and validate the declaration of the Baguio city hall and its premises as one of the national heritage sites of the Philippines.

Thus, Councilor Faustino Olowan introduced a proposed resolution inviting the City

Buildings and Architecture Office to shed light on the ongoing construction project at the city hall ground which was declared as one of the national heritage sites of the Philippines.

It is recalled that the construction of stage fronting the city hall and the fencing of its premises was a long time project of the previous administration which is now being continued and implemented by the present administration because of the new procurement process in government under the Republic Act 9184 also known as the Government Procurement Act.

CBAO will be clarifying certain issues on the city hall improvement project in order to iron out any doubts of the citizenry. *Jho Arranz*

rected to issue a cease and desist order to all ongoing constructions within the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry.

Meanwhile, the anti-squatting committee has issued notices for demolition to squatters whose structures were already built. However, the committee cannot identify and locate the owners of some

illegal structures in the said dairy farm.

“The municipality of Tuba, Benguet has expressed support to the city and with the concerted effort, the dairy farm will surely be cleared from illegal squatters,” said Domogan.

“The city will remain to protect forest reservations,” he added. *Jho Arranz*

Tightening Water Spigots

"There go those stunning roses in the Palo Alto garden of our daughter," the wife muttered. She had flagged a New York Times article on California Gov. Jerry Brown's order: Reduce water use.

Tightening spigots is a first in California's history. A four-year drought crested crisis proportions after winter's record-low snowfalls. A 25-percent cut will be clamped by the state's 400 local water supply agencies.

"California is home to high-tech industries," a San Francisco resident wrote in the local paper. "Yet, we never thought of capturing all the rain..." Our Rainwater Catchment Law is universally ignored here.

Brazil's largest city, São Paulo, announced that "if the drought persisted, they'd restrict water availability for the city of 20 million to two days per week," Scott Moore wrote in the New York Times. Some might have to "get out of São Paulo" to shower.

Brazil needs to price water realistically, and spur conservation to create "water markets."

After Tropical Storm "Maysak" ("Chedeng" here), the searing summer will set in. A Filipino has 6,332 cubic meters of water available yearly. Compare that to 26,105 cubic meters for Malaysians, or 94,353 cubic meters for Canadians. Saudis have only 118 cubic meters. But they swap oil for water.

Twenty liters per person each day is the threshold requirement to meet basic human needs, according to the United Nations Human Development

Report. Here, about 72 percent of water, from rivers or ponds, is unfit for human use.

EDITORIAL

Cebu is the classic example of a city that once secured 95 percent of its water by overpumping. In the process, it wrecked—irreversibly—its narrow aquifers.

Too often, the poor pay far more for water than those in affluent enclaves. A family living in a squatter shack in Cebu City pays 13 times for water than a family in the gated Maria Luisa enclave, notes the UN World Water Development Report. This is "water aristocracy" set on its head.

The Philippines' 142 other cities, meanwhile, watch a tutorial unfold on Cebu's spreading shortages of an irreplaceable resource: Parched residents have dug up to 5,000 wells. Most are hand pumps sans permits.

The warning has been raised: Salt irreversibly taints many urban aquifers. Wells in mountain barangays are "not sustainable." Once pumped dry, they'll be difficult to replenish.

The "saline edge" has seeped inland up to 150 meters a year, University of San Carlos hydrologist Herman van Engelen discovered in 1975. "Stanch it," the SVD priest urged City Hall then, "or your children will never drink from those aquifers again."

Just 50 liters of seawater can taint 1,000 liters of fresh water, cautioned the Water Resources Center. The "saline edge" is now seven kilometers inland, shattering aquifers in 12 cities and towns.

"It'd take three centuries to flush the salt." A call for reforms was sounded from Delft University to the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. The call fell on deaf ears.

Cebu's spanking-new, P136-million-plus city legislative building boasts of plush councilor seats. But it lacks a catchment to save rain, although Republic Act No. 6716 requires all to do so. In contrast, Singapore collects every drop of rain for funneling into 17 reservoirs.

How can 142 other cities avoid similar water-policy bankruptcy?

Cebu is now getting surface water, for the first time, from the town of Carmen 40 kilometers away. This P702-million agreement between the Ayala-led Manila Water Consortium and the provincial government is still short of the demand by 18 percent. But it'd ease the pressure on aquifers.

Cebu's fiasco should prod 142 other cities to look at Cambodia's success. In 1992, the Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority gurgled murky water for 10 hours daily to only 20 percent of the residents. Water theft topped 72 percent.

Reforms instituted over 14 years resulted in today's 24-hour service to nine out of 10 customers. Illegal connections were whittled down to 6 percent. The firm won the 2004 Asian Development Bank Water Prize, the 2006 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service, and the 2010 Stockholm Industry Water Award.

What unlocked this turnaround? "Leadership, professionalism and integrity," said director Ek Sonn Chan. Add to that "community participation and information sharing," plus transparency and accountability.

Leaders of our 142 other cities must see water for what it is: a God-given, limited and irreplaceable resource, not a political bludgeon. Some cities are more endowed than others. But there is a common denominator: No one can afford to waste a drop.

The need is to involve citizens in crafting water supply plans. Start by assessing the resource realistically. Tap expertise from

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Calvary for BBL & Peace Negotiators

BY: JESUS DUREZA



Christianity's traditional annual "Calvary" is over now. But for the peace workers and the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law, the long road of Calvary is still continuing.

When Philippine chief peace negotiator, Prof. Miriam "Iye" Coronel - Ferrer called me by phone soon after Mamasapano to clarify certain points on the "coordination" issue hounding the incident, I clearly recalled my parting words for her. I told her: "Iye, I dread being in your shoes at this time".

"CATCH 22" — Indeed, I was in those very same shoes before as peace negotiating panel chair from 2001 to 2003. I tell you, it's not an easy job. Worse, it's a thankless job. It puts one in a "catch 22" situation, meaning whichever way a negotiator goes, he or she is in a bind and in an unenviable position. Why so? Simply because the task is not only to negotiate with the armed rebels on the OTHER SIDE of the negotiating table. Unknown to many, the equally difficult task is the "negotiations" that a negotiator must do with those on the SAME SIDE of his table. Meaning, your own colleagues in government and the public at large who usually disdain giving favors or concessions to armed rebels who are understandably perceived as "enemies" or the "bad guys" who blackmail government. Let's not forget: rebels take up arms because they cannot get redress for grievances within the normal system or they use the force of arms to seek demands. Hence negotiating with them to forge agreements is a tricky and sensitive work. Most important of all, factor in the fact that all rebels (MILF, CPP-NPA-NDF, MNLF) consider it a matter of negotiating principle that they do NOT adhere to nor do they operate within the ambit of our laws and Philippine Constitution while our own government negotiators MUST NOT go beyond those sacrosanct parameters. How to navigate this is inscrutable to ordinary mortals. But negotiators must somehow find a way.

FOR PRINCIPAL — The negotiator represents a principal, in our case, the Philippine president no less, who in turn represents all Filipinos. This is not only true for the government negotiators. This also applies to MILF negotiators. MILF chief negotiator Mohaqher Iqbal merely represents his own principal MILF Chair Murad Ibrahim and the MILF Central Committee, the equivalent of government's Cabinet and its claimed followings of Bangsamoro people.

PRIOR APPROVALS — During my time, a general but comprehensive framework with a negotiating strategy must first be formulated to be approved by the principal, the President with the concurrence of the Cabinet thru its Security Cluster. And every time there were important agreements to be forged in the course of the negotiations, I had to get approvals first before I could commit important consensus points to the other panel. There were specific instances of periodic consultations as new factors and points emerged in the course of the peace talks. In fact there were instances where I would find it more difficult to "negotiate" with our government side than with the rebels across the table. There were times where it took President Arroyo herself no less to over-rule some Cabinet opposition for me to have the authority to "go ahead" in order to break some impasse in the talks or avert a breakdown.

PROTOCOLS — I remember one instance when I was already in Malaysia about to sign a document with the MILF. Due to some objections by some cabinet officials who were all in Manila, I had to suspend the signing ceremony and took the first plane out to Manila where I had a quick huddle with the Cabinet Security Cluster then flew back on the same day to Kuala Lumpur when things were clarified. Of course, these protocols were required due to the nature and implications of signed agreements.

"MINI MAX" - Generally, before the panel embarked on a

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PNoy's Peace Process Killed SAF 44

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things..." (Romans 2:1, the Holy Bible).

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PNOY'S PEACE PROCESS KILLED SAF 44: I am tempted to say, "I told you so", but I won't. What is important now is that, our repeated claims, both in our columns here in the Philippines and abroad and in our various radio broadcasts in stations in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, have been vindicated.

Indeed, no help was given to the 44 officers and men of the Special Action Force (SAF) as they were being butchered all day long on January 25, 2015 in Mamasapano, Maguindanao, so as not to jeopardize or put in peril the peace agreement that President Aquino was forging with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Clearly, the so-called peace process was deemed more important by the Aquino government, and was worth more preserving and being protected with the might of the State, than the lives of the 44 SAF commandoes who were evidently sent to Mamasapano to prop up the campaign to clinch a Nobel Peace award for a very important official. Truly, Aquino's peace process killed the SAF troops.

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"STAND DOWN" ORDER CONFIRMED: What am I referring to? Yes, you guessed it right. I am referring to the testimony given to the House of Representatives last April 08, 2015 by Chief Supt. Noli Talino, SAF deputy director, and Supt. Michael John Mangahis, the ground commanders for the Mamasapano operation on January 25.

What did they say? That the "peace process" was used by ranking military officers in Maguindanao to justify their not providing ground and artillery support to the SAF commandoes who have been pinned down in Mamasapano after they successfully carried out their mission to kill Malaysian terrorist Zulkifli bin Hir, or Marwan, that's what.

This disclosure by Talino and Mangahis confirmed earlier allegations that police and military assistance to the beleaguered SAF commandoes were ordered to "stand down", or, in other words, were prohibited from being extended to the hapless policemen on orders of somebody very powerful in government.

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PNOY DID NOT SAVE SAF 44-NAPENAS: Who could have been this "somebody powerful in government" who prevented help from being given to the SAF commandoes as they were being mercilessly murdered by MILF rebels? Your guess is as good as mine, but I am sure the statement given by ousted SAF chief Gen. Getulio Napenas during the same April 08, 2015 hearing at the House will give us an idea.

Napenas was quoted by a media report as saying President Aquino and police and military officials abandoned and betrayed him and his men "because timely and effective support was not given to us in the middle of the firefight in the morning of January 25" despite his repeated requests for artillery support.

RULE ON USE OF ALIASES: Here is Republic Act 6085 on using aliases: "Sec. 3. No person having been baptized with a name different from that with which he was registered at **Cont. on page 8**

DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Harnessing Technical-Vocational Education for Filipino Students (Part 1)

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



"We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world."

- David Warlick

Continuous Relevant moves were made through the government and private organizations involved for the implementation of quality education in the country. These are moves in conjunction to the new education learning structure of the Department of Education (Dep Ed) known as the K-12 curriculum. Past and current interchanges were done and continuously being undertaken to implement the said curriculum. While these pedagogical processes get nearer to its full implementation, these breakthroughs that attempt to empower the fulfillment of the learning objectives are locally and globally supported.

It is a fact that Philippines' educational system are handled by three government organizations interacting continuously for the governance of Philippine learning system: Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). All these three education governing bodies are interlink for a common purpose for the enrichment and achievement of the learning objectives of the K-12 curriculum. But these three groups however, would fail without the sustenance of other Philippine agencies and without the aid of other private sectors in the country and overseas who stand with the common educational agenda.

The Philippines is the only country member in the ASEAN region that has ten years of basic education compared to Brunei: 15 years; Cambodia 13 years; Indonesia: 13 years; Laos: 13 years; Malaysia: 13/14 years; Myanmar: 12 years; Philippines; 10 years; Singapore: 12 to 14 years; Thailand: 12 years; Timor: 12 years; and Vietnam: 14 to 15 years and with the great distinctive years of difference among these countries' span of basic education, it is believe that the K-12 may seek to receive quality education disregarding the number of years needed to complete in the Philippine Curriculum.

The K to 12 program is to "broaden the goals of high school education for college preparation, vocational and technical career opportunities as well as creative sports, sports and entrepreneurial employment in a rapidly changing and increasingly globalized environment. It is then urgent that these concern groups move to suffice the objectives stipulated in its reconstruction.

By January 2015, Philippine Star reports that ABOITIZ Company supports more than 26,000 Filipino scholars from preschool, elementary, high school, college, post-graduate and technical-vocational (tech-voc) students. The corporate social development arm of the Aboitiz Group reported this development as well as its other education program milestones at the annual "Interventions in Education" program held during the Tent, Enderun Colleges in Taguig City recently.

Furthermore on February this year, Jose Santos reports that Japanese company Auto Technic Japan Co. (ATJC) will provide P1.2 million worth of automotive technology equipment to the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA) regional training center in Talisay City, Negros Occidental. According to Auto Technic president Akio Aoki, the equipment is meant to support the advanced training needs of TESDA vocational students on automotive assembly and repair.

The linkage between TESDA and Auto Technic was spearheaded by Daiki Hoshini, a Japanese volunteer who saw the need for materials and equipment to enhance the automotive skills and boost the job potential of Filipino

vocational students in Negros wherein the new facility will also help teachers demonstrate higher automotive manufacturing skills benchmarked to Japanese universities' technical curriculum.

Currently this April, the Dep Ed introduced ICT education for out-of-school youth (OSY). Janvic Mateo of the Philippine star writes that "Department of Education (DepEd) has forged a partnership with the STI Education Services Group to establish community learning centers in the school's 36 campuses to provide information and communication technology education for out-of-school youth."

Which adds to the vision of Education Secretary Armin Luistro who claims that absolute real mandate of the department is to be in search of those who cannot, in one way or another, enter the system. The STI's campuses will serve as learning centers of DepEd's Alternative Learning System (ALS) under the Abot-Alam program.

Previously as it should be expected, the Department of Education has manifested its prowess as one of the best performing agencies of the present regime. Let's reflect on some of the recorded Dep Ed's achievements: classrooms constructed show that: In 2010: 3,291 classrooms; in 2011: 12,513 classrooms; in 2012: 16,323 classrooms; 2013: 34,686 classrooms; and in 2014: 33,608 classrooms. With regards to new teachers hired, these statistics showed developments: in 2010: 11,347 teachers; 2011: 13,268 teachers; 2012: 15,253 teachers; 2013: 58,793 teachers and in 2014: 29,394 teachers. There has also been a reduction in the number of congested schools. In 2011 there were 81 elementary schools with 4 shifts and in 2014 this was reduced to 0 schools. In 2011 there were 461 elementary schools with 3 shifts and in 2014 this was reduced to 14 schools.

Sources reveals that in 2011 there were "296 secondary schools with 4 shifts and in 2014 this was reduced to 0 schools. In 2011 there 53 secondary schools with 3 shifts and in 2014 this was reduced to 4 schools. There has also been a steady improvement in completion rates and National Achievement Test scores for both elementary and secondary schools."

This year, the DBM has increased the budget of the public education sector. It was said that the "budget increase of 18.6 percent— as compared to P309.5 billion in 2014—will support the National Government's thrust for improving people's access to quality education, including the successful implementation of the K to 12 Program."

Philippine Information Agency (PIA) from the National Capital Region (NCR) releases that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Florencio Abad had expressed success in addressing the backlog of classrooms based on the previous targets including the reconstruction of school buildings affected by the previous disasters under the Administration's 'Build Back Better' thrust. Of the DepEd's total budget, P53.9 billion has been allotted for Basic Education Facilities to cover the construction of 31,728 classrooms as well as the repair of 9,500 more. The amount will also cover the construction of 13,586 water and sanitation facilities, 455 technical-vocational laboratories, and the procurement of 1.3 million seats.

Abad further pointed out that in the coming year, DepEd will also hire more teachers with an allocation of P10.0 billion to create 39,066 new teaching and 1,500 non-teaching positions. On the other hand, the agency will allocate P3.5 billion to purchase and distribute 70.5 million textbooks and instructional materials to schools nationwide. This is more than double last year's allocation of P1.7 billion including the country's state universities and colleges (SUCs) which is an important part of the Administration's program to modernize the public higher education system.

Other DepEd programs received the following budgets: The Abot-Alam Program, Alternative Delivery Mode Project, Basic Education Madrasah Program, Re-designed and Technical-Vocational High School Program

to be continued

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT,
BRANCH 64
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Abatan, Buguias,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER FOR CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF REMEDIOS PABLO NONAN BEARING LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR NO. 68,

REMEDIOS PABLO NONAN,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANKAYA BENGUET,

Respondent.

SPECIAL PROC. CASE NO.15-C-242

ORDER

Remedios Pablo Nonan, through counsel, filed the above-captioned verified petition, praying that after due notice and hearing, her Certificate of Live Birth on file with the respondent Local Civil Registrar bearing Reg. No. 68, be expunged from the records of the said registrar

Petitioner alleged that she was born on January 6, 1968 at Mankayan, Benguet, to Spouses Julieta Pablo Nonan and Alfredo Nonan. She came to learn that the fact of her birth was registered by his father on February 5, 1968, as evidenced by a copy of her Certificate of Live Birth bearing Reg. No. 68, attached to the Petition as Annexes "G" and "H". Her name appearing herein, however is Glory Foster Nunan. Later, on February 26, 1974 her mother again registered her fact of birth in the same respondent Civil registry office, and her name therein is Remedios

Pablo Nonan, the name by which she had been using since then, up to the present, as shown by her school records and other public transactions. Copies of her second registration of birth likewise attached to the petition as Annexes "A" and "B". In order to set straight her record of birth, Petitioner filed the instant petition.

Wherefore, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, Initial hearing is hereby set on June 2, 2015 at 9:00 in the morning, at the Session Hall of this Court, Located at the 3rd Floor, Buguias Municipal Hall, Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than March 29, 2015.

Furnish a copy hereof, together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet; and the Philippine Statistics Authority, for their information; as well as petitioner and her counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines, this 25th day of March 2015.

(SGD)

AGAPITO K. LAOAGAN, JR.
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: March 28, April 4, and 11, 2015

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

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-Versus-

RAMILO BALANBAN married to EVELYN B. BALANBAN,

Respondents-Mortgagors

Case No. 15-EXF-1811

For:

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 Filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC., duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at 1993 Public Market Bldg., Km. 5 Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, against herein Respondents Mortgagors, RAMILO BALANBAN married to EVELYN B. BALANBAN, both of legal ages, Filipino Citizens and with residence and postal address at Bahong, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 30, 2015, the mortgagors have an

accumulated obligation to the mortgagee in the total amount of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS (662,180.00), Philippine currency, excluding interests and penalties, filing fees, publication, attorney's fees and other expenses to be incurred relative to this foreclosure sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on April 23, 2015 at 11:30 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 real property, together with all existing improvements, with the following description, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 016-2011002454

"A parcel of land (Lot 1-D-1), Psd-CAR-019236) being a portion of Lot 1-D, Psd-1-05554; situated at rurban code 131110, Barangay of Bahong, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along lines 1-2-3 by lot 1-G, Psd-1-05554; along line 3-4 by lot 1-J, Psd-1-05554 along 4-5 by an existing road (10.00 m. wide) portion of Lot 1-J, Psd-1-05554; on the SE., along line 5-6 by road; on the SW., along line 6-7 by an existing road (10.00 m. wide) portion of lot 1-D-2 of the subd. plan; along line 7-8 & W., along line 8-9 & N., along line 9-1 by Lot 1-D-2 of the subd. plan. Beginning at point marked "1" on plan being N.07 Deg. 01 min E., 388.91 m. From BLBM# 2, Takan, La Trinidad, Benguet, to corner 1, thence, S. 03 Deg. 42 Min. W., 11.78 M to point 2; S.88 Deg., 55 min. E., 3.17 M. to point 3; S.13 deg., 22 min E., 10.75 m. to

point 4; S. 13 Deg. 22 min E., 10.59 m. to point 5; S. 57 Deg. 33 M, W., 10.96 m. to point 6; N.17 Deg 46 min. W., 10.34 m. to point 7; N. 17 Deg. 46 Min. W., 18.03 m. point 8; N. 06 Deg.09 Min. E., 12.50 M. to point 9; S. 83 Deg. 53 Min. E., 9.28 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

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 property 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 May 26, 2015 at the same time and place without further notice.

Done this 24th day of March 2015, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

(SGD)
WHINSTON P. DULAWAN
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates: March 28, April 4, and 11, 2015

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9 (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

LILIAN OKIN-KANAZAWA,

Petitioner,

-versus-

AKIO KANAZAWA AND THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,

NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,
Respondents.

CIVIL CASE NO.15-F2255

FOR

JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF DIVORCE DECREE WITH CANCELLATION OF MARRIAGE CONTRACT/ ENTRIES IN THE NSO UNDER RULE 108 OF THE RULES OF COURT

ORDER

Plaintiff, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing the DIVORCE DECREE issued by the Mayor of Shirikawa City, Fukushima, Japan be judicially recognized, validated and confirmed by Philippine Court and the court to order cancellation of said marriage with the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and declare petitioner Capacitated to Remarry.

Wherefore, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on June 18, 2015 at 9:00

o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this order be published at the expense of the petitioner at 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 made not later than April 5, 2015.

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

SO ORDERED.

This 31st day of March 2015 at La Trinidad, Benguet

(SGD)
FRANCIS A. BULIYAT, SR.
PRESIDING JUDGE

Publication dates: April 4, 11 and 18, 2015

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

MARCELO ALVIEDO- Vendor
MILTON R. CAWIS - Vendee
Applicant(s)
Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-1220

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI service with the Sale and Transfer for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City to any point in CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 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 31st day of March, 2015.
(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 60 BAGUIO CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME OF AMY NG CHA LEE TO AMY ALONSO

AMY NG CHALEE, Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA, Respondent.

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. 2430-R

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified Petition for change of name in the Certificate of Live Birth of AMY NG CHA LEE is filed before this Court praying that after publication and hearing, an order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Manila, to change Petitioner's name from AMY NG CHA LEE to AMY ALONSO and to reflect the declaration of the COURT and change the entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner, specifically the column "Name of Child" to AMY ALONSO.

In support of her Petition, Petitioner states:

1. That she is of legal age, a naturalized Filipino citizen by virtue of her father acquiring Filipino citizenship in 1959, married, and with residence and postal address at No. 134 Session Road, Baguio City;

2. Petitioner has been a resident of Baguio City since 1974 and still maintains the same residence thereat;

3. That respondent Civil Registrar of Manila, where the Petitioner's birth was registered, is impleaded in his official capacity, with office at the Manila City Hall where he may be served a with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court;

4. That Petitioner was born in 18 September 1956 to parents Tian Hu Chua Lee (Lee Tian Hu) and Flordeliza Lim Ng Cha, and was given the name AMY NG CHA LEE. xxx;

5. That on 29 July 1959, Petitioner's father was able to acquire Filipino citizenship through naturalization. Consequently, Petitioner likewise became a Filipino citizen, following the citizenship of her father. xxx;

6. That after acquiring Filipino citizenship, Petitioner's father filed a Petition for Change of name from TIAN HU CHUA LEE (LEE TIAN HU) TO ALBERTO ALONSO before the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Manila, docketed as Sp. Proc. No. 04091. Since the approval of the Petition, Petitioner's father has used the name ALBERTO ALONSO in all his records and documents. xxx;

7. That since 1970, Petitioner has been using the name AMY ALONSO in order to follow the surname of her father. In fact, a Petition for the change of name of the Petitioner and her sister, who were at that time minors, was filed by their father before the Branch XII of the Court of First Instance of Caloocan City on 1 August 1969. It was docketed as Special Proceedings Case No. C-351. xxx;

8. In an order dated 15 July 1970, the Court granted the petition, hence, in all her documents and records, Petitioner has used the name AMY ALONSO, as it is the

name she grew up knowing and relying on the fact that the Petition was granted by the Court. xxx;

9. Likewise, copies of the Petitioner's Passports, School Records, NBI Clearance and Marriage Certificate are hereto attached xxx and made integral parts hereof, to prove Petitioner's continuous use of the name AMY ALONSO in her documents and records;

10. Sometime in January 2015, Petitioner applied for a renewal of her Philippine Passport. Much to her surprise, she discovered that the petition granting her change of name was not annotated in her Certificate of Live Birth on record with the National Statistics Office and the Local Civil Registrar of Manila;

11. Upon verification and inquiry with the Branch Clerk of Court of Branch XII (now Branch 120) of the Regional Trial Court of Caloocan City, Petitioner discovered that the prior Petition for change of name was not listed in the Criminal/ Civil Docket and Case Inventory of the said Court. xxx;

12. Furthermore, upon inquiry with the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Caloocan City, it was discovered that although the said Petition was docketed in their records, no entry of finality was contained thereat;

13. That the Regional Trial Court of the Caloocan City refuses to issue a Certificate of Finality considering the above circumstances, leaving the Petitioner no choice but to re-file the Petition;

14. In order to set all her personal records straight and to avoid any confusion regarding her identity, Petitioner now comes to the Honorable Court seeking the change of her name from

AMY NG CHA LEE to AMY ALONSO as the latter is the name she is known for by all his (sic) relatives, friends and acquaintances and it is the name she has used and continues to use in all her transactions, records and legal documents;

15. That this Petition for Change of Name is being filed not for the purpose of evading any obligation under the law or for the purposes which may be contrary to law.

xxx

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City on September 17, at 8:30 in the morning at which place, date, and time, the Petitioner shall prove her case. Any person may appear and show cause, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes be served upon the respondent, Local Civil Registrar Manila, who is hereby enjoined to file its comments and/or opposition, should there be any. Furnish a copy of the Order and Notice of Hearing together with a copy of the petition to the Office of the Solicitor General, and the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio City.

At the expense of the Petitioner, the Branch Sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of this Order and Notice of Hearing on the Bulletin Boards of the Court, the City Hall, the City Market and the Post Office, all of Baguio City. Let this Order and Notice of hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and suburbs for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the Petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 19th of March, 2015, at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) EDILBERTO T. CLARAVALL Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: March 28, April 4, and 11, 2015

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

FLORENCE BACAYAN GALANGEY, Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

RAMIL BESLEY NISPEROS, Respondent-Mortgagor.

CASE NO. 15-EXF-1818

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by FLORENCE BACAYAN GALANGEY of legal age, Filipino citizen, married and with residence at No. JC-226 Km. 5, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of RAMIL BESLEY NISPEROS, of legal ages, Filipino citizens, married and

with residence at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred to as respondent-mortgagor, to satisfy his obligation which as of the present time amounted of EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND (P896,000.00) PESOS, Philippine currency, excluding attorney's fees and other charges and expenses.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at public auction on April 29, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan Building (Justice Hall of Benguet), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged properties together with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY ARP No. 99-007-02121

A parcel of unregistered residential lot containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400) SQUARE METERS situated in Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet; bounded on the North by lot 068; on the South by lot 016; on the East by lot 071; and on the West by lot

046. Said lot has a Market Value of P8128,000.00 and Assessed Value of P825,600.00.

TAX DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY ARP No. 99-007-02122

A one (1) storey residential house with floor area of 44.40 sq.m. and with porn containing an area of 13.80 sq.m. built of mixed materials with galvanized iron roofing. Said lot has a Market Value of P8128,000.00 and Assessed Value of P817,860.00.

TAX DECLARATION AOF REAL PROPERTY ARP No. 99-007-02123

A two (2) storey residential house with floor area of 37.10 sq.m. on both storeys and with terrace having a floor area of 6.3 sq.m. built of mixed material with galvanized iron roofing. Said lot has a market value of P8302,720.00 and Assessed Value of P830,270.00.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real properties herein above described and the encumbrances thereon if there be any.

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Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City SPS. RODOLFO and ZENAIDA MENDOZA Applicant(s) Case No: 89-CAR-332 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio Plaza - Aurora Hill and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit. Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 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/their 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 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 31st day of March, 2015. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

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foreign trip (usually to Malaysia or to Libya) to attend a round of negotiations, the negotiating positions in the agenda item for that meeting were discussed and cleared and the panel given the mandate to negotiate and commit. There was such a thing as "mini-max" in negotiations, getting inputs coming from government agencies and the Cabinet with a range of options from the minimum to the maximum. Anything "in between", the panel can commit. Anything "beyond the max" will have to get prior clearance or approval. In other words, a negotiator works on the basis of what has been authorized and processed. This was the procedure during my time.

I could not tell how the Aquino panel did its work. But I was surprised to know that the BBL that was finalized, signed and sealed by the two panels, had to be retrieved, re-drafted and "cleaned up" by Malacanang before the final version was submitted to Congress. I wondered why: either Malacanang did not monitor closely and just gave the negotiators a free hand or the Chair Iye's panel exceeded its mandate. Or it was pure hubris only to be shaken back to reality by Mamasapano.

But I can tell you that the work of a negotiator is not an easy job. One usually walks a tight rope. And in the eyes of the public, any error in judgment is the negotiators' responsibility. The whole government though must bear responsibility — the President primarily.

IN DEFENSE OF FERRER — With Mamasapano, the whole scenario was radically altered. While during our time the Filipinos at large were not too keen and focused on the peace negotiations except for the affected sectors, today an angry and awakened sector at large must be mollified. Mamasapano was a monkey wrench. I just could not picture myself now in the shoes of Chair Ferrer with all the challenges she and all the peace negotiators and peace workers are now facing. Truth to tell, I credit her for her composure and clarity in defending and explaining the collective outcome of a difficult, tedious and crafty procedure that is now being publicly scrutinized, torn to pieces — even demonized.

DEFEND PACT — It is not fair that we should take it personally against Chair Ferrer for standing pat on the signed documents, as she is being pilloried today. Having forged an agreement together with the MILF negotiators, she is duty bound to stand by it and defend it. For her to do so does not mean she's taking the side of the MILF as she is unfairly charged. In the same vein, MILF Chair Mohaqher Iqbal has to defend the same agreement and MILF should not, in the same vein, charge him of being pro-government. They jointly forged an agreement and they had to stand by it, no matter what. If Chair Ferrer is being "roasted" by the public after she worked hard to get a peace settlement, Chair Iqbal will get more roasting from the MILF if he too falters, for sure.

RESIGN? — At a critical time like this, there is a call for Chair Ferrer to resign. Perhaps that can be the most expedient escape from it all but to me, that's the last thing a negotiator should do at this time. One worth her salt does not dismount at the time when she is most needed to give clarity to a muddled situation, however difficult or inscrutable the work appears to be, however tempting and convenient it would be to leave and go back to quiet private life. This is a time to work and face the music. There is another time to call it quits and quietly dismount. I trust Chair "Iye" will continue to hold her ground as she does — and which she must.

MY OWN STORY — I have my own story about resignations to tell, although a bit different from what Chair Ferrer is facing today. When

the Arroyo government assumed office in 2001, the peace process was in disarray. I was appointed as the chief negotiator with the principal task of restoring the abandoned peace talks due to the Mindanao "war" policy of former President Estrada. Within a short period, we signed the framework "agreement for peace" in Tripoli, Libya in a few months to re-start and pick up the pieces for the resumption of peace talks. For 2 years, we signed other milestone agreements.

I RESIGNED — Things went well until 2003 when something happened. I was on the verge of resigning in a huff as chief negotiator due to an incident. I refused to put my concurring signature on a prepared "Minutes" that was presented to me containing points I did not concur in during our meeting. It was handed to me for signature by MILF's Musib Buat when I was already back home in Manila. Normally, Minutes of Meetings were discussed to the last comma before heading back home. This one was different. But instead of totally refusing to sign, I annotated the minutes with some notes. This ruffled the feelings of the MILF and the Malaysian facilitators and they said I altered the minutes. Because of this, I was convinced that my affectivity as negotiator was seriously undermined. But I refused to immediately resign or dismount at that time because it would be disruptive of the over-all peace efforts. It took another subsequent incident (an attack by MILF on Siocon town of Zamboanga del Norte) and a lull in the peace talks that gave me an excuse to hand in my resignation to the President. Sec. Silvestre "Yong" Afable took over from me but he also eventually resigned too. Then retired Army Gen. Rodolfo "Rudy" Garcia took over from Sec. Yong in whose watch, the Supreme Court ruled the "Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain" (MOA

AD) as unconstitutional. I also served the OPAPP position only to turn it over to Sec. Hermogenes Esperon when I became Press Secretary. **BANGSAMORO DREAM** — An additional note. When MOA-AD was signed and later declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, although I was no longer at OPAPP but at the Malacanang press office as press secretary, I aggressively defended and explained the MOA-AD knowing the implications of depriving the Bangsamoro an opportunity to achieve its long dream and aspiration of self-governance and self-determination. But what I cannot still understand up to now is why our present government panel and the MILF did not learn from the lessons of the failed MOA AD and merely re-languaged those provisions that failed the constitutional test. Well, all those are behind me now. I have now the luxury of just reminiscing and view-

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birth... or any person who obtained judicial authority to use an alias, or who uses a pseudonym, shall represent himself in any public or private transaction or shall sign or execute any public or private document without stating or affixing his real or original name and all names or aliases or pseudonym he is or may have been authorized to use."

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ing the BBL as well. Whether BBL's "crucifixion" will eventually come now or later is of no moment. Whatever happens in the unsettled maze of Mamasapano, I am confident that all peace efforts are bound to somehow "resurrect". Maybe not now. But inevitably later./ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/ Follow us at Twitter: AMFI_Mindanow/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

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agencies and universities to develop multiple approaches. That'd end reliance on a single source.

Then, conserve rain and rehabilitate watersheds. Penalize waste and reward conservation. Price water realistically.

And remember to stash that water-diviner mumbo jumbo that one Mayor Osmeña fancied. "Make failure your tutor." Otherwise, it will be "your undertaker."/Juan L. Mercado

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payment of real property taxes are Golden Crown Realty Inc. at Navy Base, Session Brent Property Holdings, Inc. at Session Road, Eurotel Corporation Hotel at Abanao Extension, Benguet Apartments and Hotel Inc. at Prime Hotel Session Road, Mr. Peter Ng of Supreme Hotel, Magsaysay, Alfredo Go of Good Taste, Cariño Street and Er-Al Enterprises, Inc. at Chapis Village Marcos Highway.

A Hall of Fame plaques of recognition were given to the Pilipino Cable Corporation as business taxpayer and the Ayala Land Inc. as the real property taxpayer./Jho Arranz

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Court Confirms...

"We are ready to pay the P1.42 billion. All that we are waiting for now is the Writ of Execution to be issued by the Baguio RTC," Casanova said.

For his part, BCDA head for legal services lawyer Peter Paul Andrew T. Flores said the Baguio RTC confirmed the PDRCI Final Award unconditionally.

The Sobrepeñaled CJHDevCo claims that BCDA should pay them the P1.42 billion as a condition for the former to vacate the leased properties and return it to BCDA. This however is not case. "The PDRCI Final Award is not conditional, meaning one is not a prerequisite of the other," Flores said.

He also said that the Court Order means that CJHDevCo should deliver to BCDA all the structures in tenable conditions which means it should be vacant and BCDA should be able to lease it out," Flores said.

He said the claim of CJHDevCo for an appointment of a commissioner to oversee and supervise the turnover of the property has been denied.

Flores added that the other claim of CJHDevCo for the conditional delivery of structures that are in their possession has also been denied.

He noted that Court Order included an Entry of Judgement which means that CJHDevCo can not file a Motion for Recosideration (MR).

Flores called on the sublessees and sub-locators in Camp John Hay to contact the BCDA or the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) Help

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Desk to be updated on the issues so that they can protect their rights and interests.

He cautioned the sublessees and sub-locators not to be misled by the Sobrepeñaled CJHDevCo on promised legal assistance.

He pointed out that the PDRCI Arbitral Tribunal's Final Award ordering CJHDevCo to vacate and return the leased property to BCDA is binding on CJHDevCo's sublessees.

He cited the case of Guevara Realty Inc. v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. L-57469 where the Supreme Court has held: "A judgement of eviction against a lessee affects his sub-lessee, even if the latter are not sued in the ejectment case. This is so, because a sublessee can invoke no right superior to that of his sub-lessee, and the moment the latter is duly ousted from the premises, the former has no leg to stand on. The sublessees' right, if any is to demand reparation for damages from his sub-lessee, should the latter be at fault. The sublessees can only assert such right of possession as could have been granted them by their sub-lessee, their right of possession depending entirely upon that of the latter."

Flores said it is very clear based in the case cited and upheld by the Supreme Court, that sub-lessees can go after the Sobrepeñaled CJHDevCo and demand reparation of damages.

He also pointed out that CJHDevCo is misleading the sub-lessees by telling them that BCDA is aware of their contracts and should honor their contracts.

He cited the letter of CJHDevCo COO Alfredo R. Yniguez III to JHMC President and CEO Jamie Eloise Agbayani dated 11 November 2011 who said: "Owing to the nature of all these contracts which outline sensitive and confidential commercial, contractual and financial information, and which are not to be disclosed to anyone without the express written authorization of the parties involved, we regret to inform you that CJHDevCo is under no clear obligation to furnish JHMC such copies."

Flores said CJHDevCo is liable to the sub-lessees. Under the laws on contracts, CJHDevCo must refund the payments that the sublessees paid.

"Being the party signatory to the contract with sub-lessees and being party who received payments from the buyers, CJHDevCo is liable to buyers under the law," Flores said.

Earlier, Casanova advised the sub-lessees, sub-locators and buyers to seek legal counsel to ensure that their rights and interests will be protected. "The last thing we want to happen is for their contracts to be a worthless piece of paper like what happened with the College Assurance Plan (CAP)."

Casanova also urged the sub-lessees, sub-locators and buyers to run after the CJHDevCo. He said that the only way for the CJHDevCo's victims to recover their investments and protect their interests is to lay claim to the P1.42-B that the BCDA will be returning to CJHDevCo.

CJHDevCo is chaired by Robert

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William Russel Sobrepena, Alfredo Yniguez, Ferdinand Santos, Sean Bedi and other officers/cronies of CJHDevCo, as well as vacant/unoccupied units/lot pads in the names of CJHDevCo and its allied companies.

Flores said that the court in its decision rejected CJHDevCo's submission to qualify the Final Award which reads "upon confirmation of the Final Award, the issuance of a writ of execution and the BCDA's payment to CJHDevCo of P1,421,096,052.00, CJHDevCo will comply with its obligation.

As for the sub-lessees and or vested rights holders, the Court said that, "they will be governed by the law on obligations and contracts," meaning, CJHDevCo is liable to the sub-lessees for damages that may be suffered by the sub-lessees from the non-performance of the CJHDevCo. Flores, quoting from the decision said that as the Supreme Court ruled in Guevara Realty Inc. versus Court of Appeals, G.R. No. L-57469, it held "A judgment of eviction against a lessee affects his sub-lessee, even if the latter are not sued in the ejectment case. This is so, because a sub-lessee can invoke no right superior to that of his sub-lessee, and the moment the latter is duly ousted from the premises, the former has no leg to stand on. The sub-lessees' right, if any is to demand reparation for damages from his sub-lessee, should the latter be at fault. The sub-lessees can only assert such right of possession as could have been granted them by their sub-lessee, their right of possession depending entirely upon that of the latter."

Interpreting the decision, it simply means that CJHDevCo is liable to the sub-lessees for renegeing on its obligation. Since the court said CJHDevCo should deliver the land and its improvements to BCDA, the sub-lessees has no better right to retain them, their right having come from CJHDevCo. It however has a recourse to go after CJHDevCo for damages under the law on obligations and contracts.

Flores said "It is unfortunate that CJHDevCo persists in its deception. Their offer to provide the sub-lessees with legal counsel is an act of desperation. They want to use the sub-lessees as a front to prolong the litigation by enjoining their eviction. They want to stay the execution of the Court Order as they continue to reap profits from the property.

He added, "in the coming days the sub-lessees will come to realize the truth when the Sheriff serves the writ. We can only hope that it will not be too late for them."

Following the PDRCI's decision in February, BCDA President and CEO Attorney Arnel D. Casanova has encouraged the sub-lessees to seek legal counsel so that their rights can be protected.

On the first week of April, a number of corporations have signed a Deed of Assignment for and in behalf of the BCDA, allowing the state owned corporation to help them in seeking protection of their rights against CJHDevCo./BCDA-PR

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 6, 2015 at the same time and place without further notice. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, April 6, 2015.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF

BENGUET (SGD) CRISTOPHER C. ORALLO Sheriff IV Copy furnished: All parties concerned The Junction newspaper Publication: April 11, 18 and 25, 2015

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rine hazards, tropical cyclones, heavy rain-fall and heat waves. according to Galaty.

It also has a great impact on agriculture and food security, health, marine life, among others. Drought and reduced typhoon occurrences will also be experienced, he said./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

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

VERGINIA C. LOCLOC - Vendor NEMIA M. RAMOS - Vendee Applicant(s) Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-1232

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio Plaza-Trancoville via Magsaysay and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 29, 2015 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 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 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 31st day of March, 2015. (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

CHRISTOPHER B. SARMIENTO Applicant(s) Case No: 97-BC-280

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City to any point in CAR and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 22, 2015 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 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.

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This application shall be acted upon 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 25th day of March, 2015. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV



City Mayor Mauricio Domogan exchanges pleasantries with the veterans during the "Araw ng Kagitingan" April 9 at Veterans Park./ Photo by Rj Cayabyab

Araw ng Kagitingan 2015

BAGUIO CITY – The bravery and sacrifices of deceased and surviving World War II veterans were recalled once more during the Araw ng Kagitingan commemoration last Thursday at the Veterans Park.

With the theme, "Ipinula ang Kagitingan sa Kabataan, Ihandang Beterano ng Kinabukasan," Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr., Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog gave their respective messages after the singing of the national anthems of the Philippines and the United States of America.

Wreaths were laid by the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), United States Armed Forces in the Philippines- Northern Luzon (USAFIP-NL), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and city officials present; a 21-gun salute offered by members of the Philippine Military Academy and Taps sounded off.

Speaking in Filipino, Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog expressed heart-felt gratitude to the veterans' sacrifices resulting to the freedom being enjoyed by this generation; "Kailanman, ito ay hindi po namin makakalimutan at magiging **Cont. on page 3**

Radical Change in People's Attitude, Lifestyle Needed to Avert Climate Change

LA TRINIDAD - Unless there is a radical change in people's attitude and lifestyle, the world will continue to experience warming of the climate system.

This is according to the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) Meteorologist Danny Galaty, who served as speaker in a Kalikasan Camp of Benguet State University - National Service Training Program students held last March 28-29.

Recent studies show that global warming since the mid-20th century is most likely due to human activities. It is largely caused by excessive emission of gases in the atmosphere, said Galaty.

The excessive gases emitted increased volume of greenhouse gas concentrations that deplete the ozone layer causing global warming. The three main gas sources released due to human activities are carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, he explained.

Carbon dioxide emission attributed to fossil fuel burning, so far the largest

contributor to climate change, is expected to increase in the future according to a study prepared for the Pew Center on Global Climate Change by John M. Reilly et al of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Methane gas comes from burning of plastics, natural gas and petroleum system, coal mining and landfill while nitrous oxide emission is from agriculture and livestock. Other contributors are gases emitted from industries such as fluorinated gases which when taken together with the already banned chlorofluorocarbons found in refrigerants is roughly equivalent to that of carbon dioxide, the study shows.

Galaty stressed that climate change is happening as evidenced by the decrease of ice glaciers. The original area is almost the size of the United States of America but a quarter of its size already melted, he added.

Its impact is sea level rise which is dangerous as it causes flooding. Moreover, climate change has increasing risks such as strong winds, coastal ma-

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City Lauds Top 10 Taxpayers

BAGUIO CITY - Baguio city's top revenue generators in both business and real property taxes were feted in a simple ceremony during the Monday flag raising ceremony at the city hall grounds.

DHL Global Forwarding Philippines, Inc. is this year's top one business taxpayer paying P1,943,000 followed by the Pilipino Cable Corporation with P1,871,497 payment and Highland Gaming Corporation paying P1,550,236 to the city.

Rounding out the top ten business taxpayers are Puregold Price Club, Inc., Imelda Lao, Jarco Realty and Development Corporation, Jollibee Foods Corporation Legarda Branch, Foghorn Incorporated, Philippines American Life and General Insurance and ACE Hardware.

On the other hand, gaining the top three spots in real property tax payments are Fog Horn Inc. (Azalea Residences, Leonard Wood Road Hotel), City Light Properties Development Corporation Hotel at Upper General Luna and Ayala Land, Inc. at Pineridge Condominium, Brentwood.

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Meteorologist Explains How Typhoon Develops

LA TRINIDAD - How does a typhoon develop?

Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) Meteorologist Danny Galaty explained how a typhoon develops in a lecture delivered to student participants of the Benguet State University National Service Training Program in a Kalikasan Camp held recently.

Typhoon goes through various stages before it becomes full blown, Galaty said. It builds into low pressure at the Pacific Ocean with scattered rain showers and scattered cloud formations.

As it intensifies, it develops into a tropical depression. This time its body is developing but still dispersed with maximum winds of 35 to 63 kilometers per hour (kph).

When it gains strength it transforms into a tropical storm with a wind strength ranging from 64 kph to 118 kph. It now has a body and a possible eye. It brings strong rains aside from strong winds.

As the tropical storm intensifies, it becomes a typhoon with a faster wind rate exceeding 118 kph to a maximum of 218 kph. The spiral band is now very distinct with a defined eye or a hole at the center.

Recently, due to the change in weather conditions typhoons have evolved, said Galaty. There is now a new classification called super typhoon or modified tropical cyclone borne out of the experience during typhoon Yolanda. Signal No. 5 shall be raised when wind speed reaches 220 kph. The highest used to be signal No. 4.

Based on international standards of the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva joined by 158 countries of which the Philippines is a member, the issuance of weather bulletin is every six hours Galaty said.

The weather bulletin is issued at 4:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM and finally at 11PM released through mass media or online media./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR/Benguet

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