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STL operator must get business permit

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the operator of the State-run Small Town Lottery (STL) in the city should first secure a business permit from the local government prior to the conduct of their collection and drawing activities in the different parts of the city.

The local chief executive pointed out while the operator was able to secure a license to operate from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) even without the expressed consent of the local government, it is necessary for the licensed operator to also secure the mandatory business permit from the city because their activities in the city are classified as business.

“We learned that the STL operator already started the dry run for its operations but it is important for them to secure the mandatory business permit from the city before their full blast operations since their activities are considered business operations,” Domogan stressed.

He explained that the STL **Cont. on page 5**



BAYA-O FOR THE FORMER MAYOR - Mayor Mauricio Domogan delivers the “baya-o”, an Igorot chant, honoring the life and achievements of the late Baguio City Mayor Jaime R. Bugnosen who served the city government from October 16, 1989 to June 30, 1992 during the necrological service bestowed by city officials held at SP Session Hall last May 16. /By Bong Cayabyab

Wala naman yan STL na yan, bakit may nag au-au-dit ba sa PCSO? Ano ba ito, same old dog with a different collar!!!



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Hero's welcome awaits Miss Gay World titlist Dog saves 2 boys from fire in Benguet

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the local government is willing to accord the homegrown Miss Gay World titlist the appropriate hero's welcome just like what had been done to individuals who and groups that had brought honor and pride to the city through various prestigious national and international competitions.

The local chief executive said that John Raspado's recent victory in the Miss Gay World 2017 in Spain where he emerged victorious is something to be proud of by local residents as considering that he traces his origin from the city.

"We extend our warmest greetings and congratulations to John Raspado for being crowned as the 2017 Miss Gay World and the local government will accord him the necessary hero's welcome once his handlers will allow him to be paraded around the main roads of the city and honoured with fitting rites," Domogan stressed.

It will be recalled that the local government previously accorded hero's welcome rites to 2016 Miss International

al beauty titlist KaylieV-ersoza, whose parents are from the city, and Unified Fighting Championship world lightweight champion Edward Fulayang and young female wushu sensation Divine Wali.

Domogan said that he is willing to sit down with Raspado's handlers and family members to discuss the fitting ceremonies that will be accorded to the Miss Gay World.

Aside from being adjudged this year's Miss Gay World, Raspado also won the Best in Swimwear, Best in Formal Wear, Mr. Gay World Closed Door Interview, Mr. Online Vote, Mr. Social Media special awards in Maspalomas, Spain.

In his post in the Miss Gay World facebook page, Raspado stated "Maraming salamat sa mga bumubuong MGWPO (Mister Gay World Philippines), lalong lalo na kay Wilbert Tolentino, sa laging paggabay sa aking paglalakbay at tagumpay at sa mga tumulong sa akin sa backstage at mga kapwa kong kalahok. Lalong-lalo na kay Belgium at Venezuela na aking naging kasama

sa kuwanto. (Thank you to the people behind MGWPO, especially to Wilbert Tolentino, for always guiding me on my journey to success and to those who helped me backstage and my fellow candidates. Especially the delegates of Belgium and Venezuela, who were my roommates.)

"Sa mga komunidad ng mga Pilipino sa Espanya, sa loveyourself.org, sa Kagandahang Flores. (To the Filipino community in Spain, to the loveyourself.org, to Kagandahang Flores.)

"Itong pagkapanalo ko ay hindi lamang sa aking pamilya ngunit para sa mga baklang katulad ko na may prinsipyo at layunin sa pinaglalaban. (This is not only for my family but also for the gay men like me who have principles and a purpose to fight for.)

"Maraming salamat sa Dios Ama!" (Thank you, Lord God)

Domogan underscored regardless of his status in the society, Raspado deserves to be accorded the appropriate ceremonies to honor his achievement in one of the prestigious competitions being done in the global village.

/By Dexter A. See

Miztah, the family pet, wakes up brothers Wilbur and Kurt as fire broke out in their home BENGUET, Philippines – Saved by man's best friend.

Brothers Wilbur and Kurt Santos – 14 and 12, respectively – experienced this when fire broke out in their house at the Philex Mining Corporation mine camp in Sitio Padcal in Tuba town.

The two boys were all alone in their 3-bedroom unit – part of an 8-bedroom building in the mine camp – on Saturday, May 13. Their father was working, while their mother was on vacation with their two siblings.

Wilbur was roused from sleep by the family pet, Miztah, who barked and scratched their bedroom door. Wilbur then saw that their house was filled with smoke.

After he woke up his younger brother, they ran outside and found out that their house was on fire. They immediately woke up their neighbors to help them put out the fire.

The boys and their neighbors used buckets of water to help control the fire as they waited for the firemen to arrive. Fire out was declared at 1:10 am, Sunday, but the small building was gutted. The fire was reportedly



triggered by faulty electric wires. Philex Mining officials said that safety personnel are investigating the incident.

The boys' father was at work when the incident happened.

"I was so nervous when I was called from my work station underground," said Lander, 36, a first-class production miner at Padcal's mine crushing and ore handling department.

"I was told there was a fire at our place, and I thought of my two boys who were sleeping when I left our house. My heart beat very fast as I was worrying about them," he added.

Lander was grateful to find his children unharmed. "Nothing was saved from our house, including the belongings of our housemates," Lander said. "But the lives of my children are the most important. Thanks to God and to our hero

dog, Miztah."

Wilbur and Kurt took turns expressing their gratitude to their pet.

"If our dog Miztah did not bark and wake us up, I just don't know what would have happened to me and my younger brother," Wilbur said.

Kurt said: "I am very thankful to God as he used Miztah to save us from the fire. Now we can continue with our life despite what happened to our home."

Lander and Anabelle Santos and their 4 children lived in the 3-bedroom unit in a building in Sitio Padcal's Purok Upper Camp, which had a total of 8 bedrooms.

Annabelle was on a vacation in Tabuk, Kalinga, with the two other Santos children when the fire happened.

Two other project employees occupied a room each in the building but were also on vacation. /Rappler.com/Photo by Mau Vicia

RDC, RPOC committed to ending violence

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC) and the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) committed to helping in the national government's cause to end violence and to the attainment of a permanent ceasefire that

will put an end to hostilities between the military and the communist rebels that will translate to rural development and the eventual eradication of poverty.

In a joint statement read by RPOC-CAR and RDC-CAR chairman and Mayor Mauricio G.

Domogan, both councils affirmed that one of the foundations for inclusive growth and sustainable development is the attainment of just and lasting peace and this can be realized through continuing peace negotiations, sustainable socio-economic reforms and recognizing

the right of the Cordillerans to self-determination through an autonomous regional government.

Further, the councils declared

their commitment to support the snowballing call to end violence and to the attainment of a permanent ceasefire which is deemed instrumental in cascading development efforts to the countryside and putting an end to extreme poverty among the Filipinos.

The joint RDC-CAR and RPOC-CAR statement was signed by the members during the First Series of Regional Consultations on the Peace Talks Between the government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Communist Party of the Philippines-New Peoples Army-National Democratic Front of the Philippines Consultative Workshop

with the RDC and RPOC on the Draft Agreements on Socio-Economic Reforms (CASER) and on Ceasefire held in the city last week.

Domogan underscored lasting peace is a catalyst for countryside development and violence is considered a major hindrance to the realization of lasting peace, especially in the rural areas, thus, the need for concerned sectors to sustain the gains of the peace talks that could eventually lead to the signing of a permanent ceasefire that will also guarantee the end of hostilities.

He pointed out there is a need for both parties to strike a balance between the prevailing issues

on both camps and the overall clamor of the people for peace and development, citing that the recognition by the national government of the region's renewed quest for regional autonomy is a giant step towards realizing lasting peace in the region.

Autonomy advocates believe that self-governance and self-determination will help the people in most parts of the region move out from the shackles of poverty because of lesser restraint from outside forces.

Earlier, the RDC-CAR embraced the strategy of achieving autonomy towards the Duterte administration's plan of

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Baguio to bid for hosting of palarong pambansa, asks Benguet to co-host

BAGUIO CITY – The city will bid for the hosting of the Palarong Pambansa in 2018 in partnership with Benguet province and La Trinidad town.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said it has been the city government's dream to serve as venue

of the country's biggest sports event and with the expected completion of the rehabilitation of the Baguio Athletic Bowl, the city can now fulfill said aspiration.

But to ensure its success, the city needs to collaborate with Benguet province and La Trinidad

municipality.

The mayor on Wednesday (May 17) wrote Benguet Governor Crescencio Pacalso and La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda to join the city in pursuing the bid.

"With the completion of (the Baguio Athletic Bowl's) rehabilitation

project, we are convinced and determined that it is about to host this momentous sports event (but) we are formally requesting the Province of Benguet and the Municipality of La Trinidad that together we pursue our bid since we strongly believe that the city gov-

ernment cannot do the hosting alone," the mayor said.

The mayor said that the city expects to face tough competition during the bidding since there are many local government units in Luzon equally interested to play host to the sports meet.

"But with the support of (Benguet government), we are confident that our bid will be given favorable consideration by the Palarong Pambansa Technical Evaluation Committee headed by the Dept. of Education," he said.

Among those that
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DPWH, developer, barangay officials summoned

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved a resolution inviting the management of the SunTrust Properties, Inc., the officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways-Baguio City District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO), barangay officials of Gibraltar and Mines View, the management of Tower Condominiums and the sisters of the Good Shepherd Convent, and the contractor of the on-going construction to appear before the local legislative body on May 22, 2017, to shed light on the complaint of residents regarding the damages and inconveniences allegedly caused by the current development works within the SunTrust property.

The resolution authored by Councilors Leandro Yangot, Jr., Faustino A. Olowan, Arthur Allad-iw, and Edgar M. Avila stated in the observance of due process, the local legislative body needs to listen to the side of the developer and the complainants relative to the alleged collapse of the national road and the erosion of portions of some private property damaging surrounding private and public properties and caused inconvenience to the public, to ferret out the truth and guide the local government in concretely solving and taking action as well as applicable policies in aid of legislation regulating construction works that affect the public.

The resolution added on several occasions, the construction of a high-end condominium at Gibraltar reportedly owned by the Suntrust Properties, Inc. had been the subject of numerous complaints by residents claiming that the development in their place caused the collapse of the national road and the exposure of a sewage pipe posing danger to the lives and health of motorists and residents and the neighbouring properties as well.

Earlier, affected residents in the area alleged that half of the road near the construction site reportedly collapsed, including the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road exposing them to possible accidents.

With the advent of the rainy season, the concerned legislators need to assess the extent of the damage and the inconvenience caused and determine if it is related to the on-going Suntrust Properties project.


It will be recalled that the road pavement near the project site of the controversial company collapsed last
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How important is the EU to the Philippines?

MANILA, Philippines – The Philippine government explained its decision to refuse new grants from the European Union (EU) by saying that the country must be “independent.”

Before making the controversial decision, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte had already dared the EU to withdraw its aid, saying that the country would survive.

The EU previously warned that the Philippines could lose its trade incentives if it did not improve the human rights situation in the country.

Just how important is the EU to the Philippines? Rappler takes a look:

1. The EU is a major donor and source of Official Development Assistance.

The EU was the 8th largest contributor of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to the Philippines in 2015, according to latest data from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). The EU provided \$227.31 million in grants, interest-free, and accounted for about 2% of the total ODA funding in 2015.

According to the EU office in Manila, aid to the Philippines was raised to €325 million for 2015 to 2019, from €130 million for 2007 to 2014. Bulk of the current aid has gone to Muslim communities

in Mindanao where the EU has been active in funding peace- and development-related initiatives.

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In a statement last April, EU Ambassador to the Philippines Franz Jessen said the EU is providing 80% of the multi-donor Mindanao Trust Fund for the socioeconomic recovery of conflict-hit communities in Mindanao.

“Over the past 11 years, the program has delivered more than 500 community sub-projects for over 650,000 people in 316 conflict-affected communities all over Mindanao, in an effort to demonstrate the benefits of reaping the dividends of peace,” Jessen said.

2. The EU is the Philippines’ 2nd top export destination.

The EU has been a major export destination of Philippine products.



In the 1st quarter of 2017, about \$901.24 million worth of products from the Philippines were received by the EU, according to data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). That's equivalent to about 15.5% of total exports and more than the \$577 million worth of goods shipped in the same period

in 2016.

Exports to the EU grew 48% in the 1st quarter of 2017, making the EU the biggest and fastest-growing export destination of Philippine goods. The EU overtook the longtime top export markets, the United States and Japan, in March.

These were generally the result of the Philippines enjoying the benefits of its EU GSP+ status (Special Incentive Arrangement for Sustainable Development and Good Governance). The GSP+ scheme is a preferential tariff scheme that allows the Philippines to export more than 6,000 products, including fruits, coconut oil, footwear, fish, and textile, to any EU member-country tariff-free.

The Philippines is the only ASEAN country and among 13 beneficiaries with a GSP+ status.

According to the European Commission, the Philippines' main exports to the EU include office and telecommunications equipment, machinery, and food products, as well as optical and photographic instruments.

The conditions for GSP+ include adherence to core international conventions on environmental protection, good governance, and human rights.

3. Europeans are the 3rd largest group of tourists in the Philippines.

Europeans are also the 3rd largest group of foreigners visiting the Philippines, next to the Americas and Asia.

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BIGYAN NG PALUSOT
ANG PAG-REJECT NI DUTERTE SA AID GALING EUROPEAN UNION

"We're supposed to be an independent nation."
 — EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SALVADOR MEDIALDEA

"These grants [that will not accept] pertain to particular projects or programs that have the potential of affecting the autonomy of the country."
 — PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON ERNESTO ABELLA

"I think that is a way of mollifying or softening the impact of that golpe de gulat. He's fond of doing that so I would not take it as a policy."
 — SOCIOECONOMIC SECRETARY ERNESTO PERNIA

"When we say we do not accept aid, it only means that we are trying to be self reliant & we are no longer dependent."
 — SENATOR DICK GORDON

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

SC must clarify Morales tenure as Ombudsman



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled! She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God. Her officials within her are roaring lions; her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning..." (Zephania 3:1-3, the Holy Bible).

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OMBUDSMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY WHETHER MORALES CAN BE A STATE WITNESS OR NOT: Now, let's get this over with: transforming Janet Lim Napoles as a witness for the government in connection with the theft, stealing, and plunder if you may, of hundreds of billions of pesos as pork barrel of congressmen and senators, and even of President Benigno Aquino III, must be conformed to first by Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales because it becomes a reality.

Under the present system where criminal cases for graft and corruption or plunder involve a government official in the discharge of his or her official functions, it is the Ombudsman which has the exclusive right to investigate and prosecute them, and to determine who would be its witnesses to pin down the accused in those cases.

There is no other government agency which possesses this power granted to the Ombudsman---not even the Department of Justice, the Office of the Solicitor General, or any other government lawyer can exercise this right, power, and jurisdiction of the Ombudsman insofar as criminal cases involving government officials are concerned. At this point, however, Morales already said she will not allow Napoles to be a state witness.

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OPTIONS FOR DUTERTE GOV'T ON NAPOLES: So, where does this leave the Duterte government which is obviously conducting negotiations with Napoles so she can become a witness who will finger other government officials who may have committed diversion of government funds in the nature of congressional or presidential pork barrel?

There are several options. The first, of course, is impeaching Morales. But this is a dead alternative now, considering the inability of those who want to impeach her, like the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC), to convince even just a single congressman to endorse their impeachment complaint last Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

The second is to talk to her, and persuade her to resign now. Unfortunately, however, this is similarly a dead option, since it is highly unlikely that Morales will agree to resign, unless of course, someone, somewhere, makes her an offer she cannot refuse, in the nature of the offers usually made by Mafiosi bosses during their heydays.

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EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

Bayanihan



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

The spirit of helping each other without expecting something in return otherwise known as the "Bayanihan" is one of the true nature of Filipinos. This trait is so common and evident in the earlier times. It is a common sight to see men carrying nipa hut in the lowlands to be transferred to another place. It is also a common thing to help someone build a house, help each other clean the road and many more. This is one the trait that would make you proud to say you are a Filipino.

As the modern times come along, one can't help but wonder if this trait that makes Filipino stand out among any other Nationalities is already extinct. One might say it is, due to a lot of reasons. In this time and age, time is equitable to money and when there is no money involved and you're using a lot of time then that is being counterproductive. A lot of people right now wouldn't like the idea of using you're time without producing the proper financial equivalent.

Though the spirit of "Bayanihan" seems to be deteriorating as time goes by, many Filipinos are still demonstrating it in a lot of ways. In the DepEd, we have what we are calling "brigada eskwela", an allotted time where in parents, teachers and students will work together to fix the school before the start of the class. The Brigada Eskwela is a demonstration of the spirit of bayanihan and a lot of Filipinos are participating in it.

Fellow Filipinos, let us participate in keeping the spirit of "bayanihan" alive. Let us participate in the Brigada Eskwela, let us take time to help others. Most of all, let us show the world what Filipinos are made of.

STL operator must get...

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operation is the government's approach to curbing the proliferation of the age-old jueteng operations, the poor man's gambling game in the different parts of the country but law enforcers must be vigilant of the possibility that enterprising collection agents might take advantage of the situation to still collect bets not for STL but for jueteng.

While it is true that bet collectors are provided by the Pines State Gaming Corporation with uniforms and identification cards, Domogan underscored there is still a big chance for enterprising collectors to collect bets not for the STL draw but for jueteng that continues to persist in the different barangays.

According to him, he was not provided with the rules and regulations on how the STL operations will be done that is why he is still waiting for the PCSO or the operator to orient local officials on the operations of the enterprise and also answer questions raised by the public.

He admitted jueteng is considered a cat-and-mouse game between law enforcers, the bet collectors and the operator because there are still rampant jueteng bet collections in the city's barangays even with the government's pronouncement to curb the proliferation of illegal gambling around the city.

Under the previous administration, applicants for STL operations in a certain area must first secure the consent of the concerned local government through an approved resolution of the local legislative body but in the revised guidelines for the enhanced STL operations, the consent of local governments is no longer required provided that interested operators must comply with the provision of the multi-million bond, among others.

Domogan said that the local government will insist that the STL operator in the city must first secure the

FAIR AND SQUARE

Here Come the Uber, the Grab and the Uhop...



BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS

After the Mega Taxi, Vehicle-for-Hire (VFH), the AP2P, the GT Service and the UV Express Service, now come the Uber, Grab and Uhop services, all inventions of the LTFRB intended allegedly to enhance transport mobility of the public.

These, notwithstanding the moratorium adopted and prescribed by the LTFRB upon recommendation of the City Council, owing to the traffic congestion already being felt building up in the city beginning 1995.

Supposedly, all CPC or franchise applications to operate public utility vehicles (PUVs) during moratorium should secure Route Measured Capacity (RMC) Certification from the DOTC Secretary and the consent or recommendation of the Local Government Unit (LGU) in our case, Baguio City through the City Council.

Unfortunately, these requirements were not observed both by the applicants and LTFRB personnel accepting CPC applications for years now since moratorium was declared in 1996, thereby resulting in the thousands of irregularly issued franchises in Baguio City and CAR.

Similarly now, since we cannot expect the LTFRB-CAR to refuse acceptance of Uber, Grab and Uhop applications, it goes without saying that again we will be flooded with irregularly issued CPCs which will add up to the thousands already issued despite the moratorium.

In fact there are indications that Uber, Grab and Uhop otherwise known as Transport Network Vehicle Services (TNVS) will be more worse than the previous modes of services issued with franchises notwithstanding the moratorium. For, even before these TNVS applications were filed, their units have been seen operating and plying their intended routes within Baguio City to any point in the Island of Luzon except Metro Manila. They in fact were already issued Provisional Authorities to operate upon filing of their applications good for forty five (45) days and expectedly, these Provisional Authorities will be renewed since the LTFRB has committed itself to admit TNVS as additional mode of service purportedly for the benefit of the public who allegedly need to be more mobile.

While some oppositions have been filed from existing other modes of transport service like the buses and the taxis, it is doubtful whether these oppositions will prosper since by all indications a bold lobby has been engaged in by the TNVS companies. This is obvious from the fact that the TNVS units are able to operate without having filed their applications. Never in the history of franchising beginning from the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Board of Transportation (BOT), through the Land Transportation Commission (LTC) and start of the LTFRB has this special treatment given to CPC applicants except now, for the sake of Uber, the Grab and the Uhop TNVS.

What is sweet smelling with the TNVS companies that their members can start operating without a franchise and are able to secure Provisional Authorities to operate even in the absence of initial hearing determinative of the requisite urgent need? Is it the alleged P170,000 paid out by a member to be included in the list of applicants. Maybe. Only the LTFRB and/or the TNVS company concerned can probably answer the question!

required business permit from the local government before their bet collectors will be allowed to collect bets and hold their regular draws in their stationary draw center based along Gen. Lim St. /By Dexter A. See

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- D natin kelangan ang AID ng EU!!!
- PI dapat maging probinsya ng China!!!



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

D natin kelangan ang AID ng EU - Bakit naman natin kekelanganin ang AID mula sa European Union o EU? Bakit tayo ba ay isang bansang mahilig sa libre at sa palimos? Hindi ba at first world country naman tayo? Bakit natin kekelanganin ang AID mula sa EU eh sa dami na nga ng may HIV sa ating bansa (nasa 30 cases a day daw ang nagkakaron ng HIV) eh marami sa mga yan ay magiging AIDs rin, kaya sa tutuo lang ay marami na tayong AID at hindi na natin kelangan ng AID mula sa EU at sa US! Ngunit kung ang AID ay manggagaling sa China o Russia, ito ay most welcome. Hi! Hi! Hi! Kaya kung AID ang pag-uusapan ay mas mabuti na lang na wala ng pag-uusapan sapagkat mas mainam ang loan o yung utang. Alam naman ninyo mga dear readers na wala naman talagang AID na unconditional o yung AID na walang kondisyones.

Katulad sa kasalukuyang pagkakaton, magbibigay sila ng AID pero ang kapalit naman ay wala ng papatayin na mga drug users, drug pushers, collateral damage etc..., at wala na ring EJK. Aba eh pwidi ba yun? Hindi yan pwidi. No AID but more EJK, 'yan ang pangunahing stratehiya para suguin ang drug problem.

The operative word is KILL, KILL, KILL. Kaya kayong mga human rights advocates, manahimik na kayo at baka mapugutan kayo ng ulo. Ito ay ayon kay mahal na haring Dutirti. Hi! Hi! Hi!

O ngayon, ipagpalagay na natin na ang kondisyones ng China para pautangin tayo ay ipamigay na natin ang spratlys etc..., eh ano ang masama dun, tatal naman katulad ng sabi ni haring Dutirti ay hindi natin kayang labanan ang China. O, di ba tama si Haring Dutirti. Hi! Hi! Hi! Bow.

Mabuhay ka Mahal Na Hari!!

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PI dapat maging probinsya ng China - Ano ba ang masama kung ang Pilipinas ay maging isang probinsiya o teritoryo ng China? Katulad halimbawa ng Hong Kong? Isipin na lang ninyo mga dera readers na hindi na natin kailangan pa kumuha ng Visa kung pupunta tayo sa mainland (China). Matitikman na natin ang the real and authentic Chinese Food at hindi na lang tayo parating siopao, siomai, lumpiang shanghai at pansit canton. Aba eh, mapaparami ang Peking Duck at iba pa. Hi! Hi! Hi! Bagama't mayroon pa ring korapsyon sa China, mismong sa communist party ay mahigpit ang mga batas nila sa korapsyon kaya siguradong tigok ang halos lahat ng mga Senador at tongressmen sapagkat sila ang unang bibitayin. Isn't that such a nice and wonderful thought? Unang bibitayin ang mga matatakaw na opisyal na korap sa gobyerno.

Katulad ng sinulat ko noong nakaraan kong kolum na pinag-aaralan ko kung magsasagawa ako ng isang petisyon na hihilingin natin sa China na maging isang probinsiya tayo ng China para ang tawag sa atin ay Philippine Islands a Province of the Republic of China. Kalimutan na yang Federalism na yan KALOKOHAN YAN HINDI YAN OOBRA AT DADAMI LANG ANG MGA LITTLE HAR-HARIAN NA UBOD ANG KORAP. Ang sigaw dapat ay we want to be a part of China, tatal hindi naman na magtatagal at magiging number 1 super power ang China.

REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 59
ADDITIONAL
FAMILY COURT
OF BAGUIO CITY

IN RE: PETITION
FOR ADOPTION
OF MINOR MARY
ANN BERNALDEZ
ANGELES WITH
CHANGE OF
NAME FROM
MARY ANN
BERNALDEZ
ANGELES
TO MEANN
SARAH GOUDY
HENDERSON,

SPOUSES MARK
KENNETH
HENDERSON
AND CLAIRE
GINA GOUDY
HENDERSON,

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
QUEZON CITY,
PHILIPPINES

Respondent.

Sp. Pro. Case No.
510-A

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ORDER

The petitioners Mark
Kenneth Henderson
and Claire Gina Goudy
Henderson file this
verified amended petition
praying that:

a.) After due notice,
trial and hearing, the
adoption of minor Mary
Ann Bernaldez Angeles be
granted;

b.) The adoptee's name
be changed from MARY
ANN BERNALDEZ
ANGELES to MEANN
SARAH GOUDY
HENDERSON; and

c.) The Office of the
Civil Registrar of Quezon
city be ordered to cancel
the adoptee's birth certifi-
cate and issue a new one
reflecting the aforemen-
tioned changes.

Finding the petition
to be sufficient in form
and substance, let the
same be heard before the
Regional Trial Court,
Branch 59, Baguio City

on October 10, 2017
at 10:15 o'clock in the
morning, at which place,
date and time, the peti-
tioner shall prove their
case. Any person inter-
ested may appear and
show cause, if any there
be, why the petitioner
should not be granted.

Let a copy of this
Order be published at
the expense of the peti-
tioner in the Junction,
a newspaper of general
circulation in the City
of Baguio and Benguet
province once a week for
(3) consecutive weeks.

The petitioner is
directed to make an
appointment with the
Court Social Worker for
the purpose of conducting
the required case study on
the minor MARY ANN
BERNALDEZ ANGELES.
The Court Social Worker
is required to submit to
the Court the case study
not later than October
10, 2017.

SO ORDERED.

D O N E I N
CHAMBERS, this 2nd
May, 2017 at Baguio City
Philippines.

(SGD) IVAN KIM B.
MORALES
Judge

*Publication Dates: May
13, 20, 27, 2017*

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

IN RE; PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF
AYRA CHEONG
TIGGANGAY
BEARING LOCAL
CIVIL REGISTRY
NO. 70 (b-79) AND
CANCELLATION
OF CERTIFICATE
OF LIVE BIRTH
BEARING LOCAL
CIVIL REGISTRY
NO. 91-01111 IN
THE NAME OF
AYRA CALAOA
CHEONG,

AYRA CALAOA

CHEONG –
WAGSAYEN A.K.A
AYRA CHEONG
TIGGANGAY,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
ITOGON, BENGUET
and THE PHIL-
IPPINE STATIS-
TICS AUTHORITY,
QUEZON CITY,

Respondents.

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 17-C-1891

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ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this verified
Petition, praying that
after due notice, publi-
cation and hearing, the
court directs the Local
Civil Registrar (LCR)
of Itogon, Benguet and
the Philippine Statistics
Authority (PSA) to correct
as well as cancel the
following in the Certifi-
cate of Live Birth of Ayra
Calaoa Cheong-Wagsay-
en a.k.a. Ayra Cheong
Tiggangay, viz.:

1. The middle name
and last name, respec-
tively, in Certificate of Live
Birth bearing Local Civil
Registry No. 70(B-79)
issued by the LCR of
Itogon, Benguet, from
Cheong Tiggangay to
CALAOA CHEONG; and
2. The CERTIFI-
CATE OF LIVE BIRTH
bearing LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRY NO. 91-01111
issued by LCR of Itogon,
Benguet be cancelled.

W H E R E F O R E ,
finding the Petition to
be sufficient in form and
substance, this court sets
it for initial hearing on
September 7, 2017 at 9:00
o'clock in the morning.
All person 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, a newspaper
of general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet
Province, for three (3)
consecutive weeks, the
first publication to be
made not later than May
14, 2017.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition
and its annexes, to the
Office of the Solicitor

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

HECTOR LACQUIAS
Applicant
CASE No. 95-01-14
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 5, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of 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 Board shall hear this application on June 2, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and 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 ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 9th day of May 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

WALTER PUNDO
Applicant
CASE No. 92-CAR-316
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on May 30, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 9th day of May 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

ARCHIE LOYOLEN
Applicant
CASE No. 97-BC-1083
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on May 30, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 9th day of May 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

General; the Office of the
Provincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; the Local Civil
Registrar of Itogon,
Benguet; and the Philip-
pine Statistics Authority.
Also, furnish copies
of this ORDER to The
Junction newspaper, the
petitioner and counsel.
SO ORDERED.
This 5th day of May
2017 at La Trinidad,
Benguet.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.
BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

*Publication Dates: May
13, 20, 27, 2017*

Kakampi mo ang Batas from page 4

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**SC MUST CLARIFY MORALES
TENURE AS OMBUDSMAN:** The
third option is to simply wait until
her supposed seven-year term is
over in 2018, which is actually just
a matter of months by now. In the
meantime, however, it can happen
that in the run-up to 2018, those who
know they could be dragged to court
after Morales steps down from office
in 2018 would already be out of the
country by that time.

There could actually be a fourth
option, and it is the filing of a petition
in the Supreme Court, to contest her
continuing in office beyond 2012 (yes,
2012). It is like this: when Morales was
appointed in 2011, her appointment
was merely as a replacement of then
Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez,
who resigned from her position.

Because of this, Morales was to
occupy the position of Ombudsman
for only one year, or up to 2012 only,
because by 2011, Gutierrez had already
served six years of her seven-year term.
Since Morales was appointed merely
to replace Gutierrez, she, Morales, was
only assuming the remaining year of
Gutierrez' term, so that she should
have stopped being Ombudsman in
2012. The Supreme Court can clarify
this for all of us now!

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"KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS", AT
FB LIVE:** Please watch "Ang Tanging
Daan", a Bible Exposition and prayer
session at www.facebook.com/ang-tangingdaan and "Kakampi Mo Ang
Batas", a legal counseling-news com-
mentary program at www.facebook.com/kakampimoangbatas. Reactions:
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805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@

RDC, RPOC...

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changing the form of government
from the present presidential to parlia-
mentary that will allow federal states
to be independent of the central gov-
ernment.

The region's
quest for
regional
autonomy has
gained the
support and
attention of
the Duterte
administra-
tion after
taking a back
seat during
the Aquino
adminis-
tration. /By
Dexter A. See

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

JOHNNY LEE
Applicant
CASE No. 88-01-440
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 4, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on May 30, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 9th day of May 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

REYNALDO N. BUAN

Petitioner

CASE No. 98-01-761

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on May 30, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 9th day of May 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

RODRIGO H. JOAQUIN

Petitioner

CASE No. 97-01-267

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of 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 ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 9th day of May 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

ERRATUM

In a Notice of Hearing for Extension of Validity of CPC filed by Rolando Sab-it published in this paper issue of March 18, 2017, the route: Baguio City to any point in Cordillera Administrative Region and Vice Versa and the mode of service as published were incorrect, the route should have been Baguio Plaza - Ucab - Midas and Vice Versa and the mode of service should have been PUJ Service and not Taxi Service as inadvertently published.

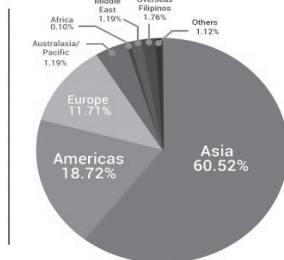
(SGD) The Junction OIC

Editorial

...from page 4 Figures from the Department of Tourism show that of the total 1,210,817 foreign tourists who visited the Philippines in the first

Visitor arrivals to The Philippines

January - February 2017



two months of 2017, over 11% came from the EU.

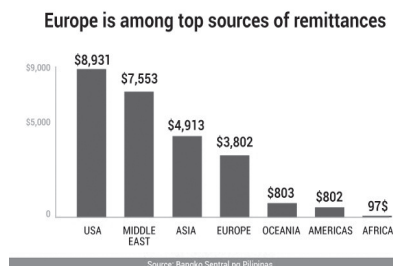
Among the top 12 markets in January and February, European countries with the most substantial growth in visitor volume included France with 15,957 arrivals (+27.64%), Netherlands with 6,890 arrivals (+13.90%), Italy with 6,604 arrivals (+25.60%), and Spain with 6,244 arrivals (+22.62%).

Germany registered the highest per capita expenditure for February. On average, a visitor from Germany spent P60,260.45 while in the Philippines.

The number of tourist arrivals from Europe has been improving since 2014, after the EU agreed to remove Philippine carriers from its blacklist. This move followed a 2010 decision of the EU after it found that the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) failed to implement global safety standards. The EU ban had required travel agents to warn passengers against booking trips with Philippine carriers.

4. Europe is the 4th top source of OFW remittances.

Europe is the 4th largest source of remittances, which



contributes about 10% to the Philippines' GDP.

Remittances remain a main driver of private consumption

and give Filipinos more purchasing power to afford products and services.

According to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), remittances from Europe reached about \$3.8 billion, the 4th top source next to Asia, the Middle East, and US, in 2016. Those inflows from Europe accounted for about 14% of the total \$26.9 billion in remittances that overseas Filipinos sent home to their loved ones in 2016.

The United Kingdom, which is expected to divorce

DPWH, developer,... from page 3

year during heavy rains and the condominium project was severely criticised for the damage it caused to various public and private properties and the inconvenience it caused to the public.

The resolution also directed the developer to cease and desist from pursuing its project in the area until such time that all issues and concerns related to the safety of the general public shall have been satisfactorily addressed by Suntrust Properties, Inc.

DPWH-BCDEO officials were also invited to shed light on road-right-of-way issues and to pinpoint violations that Suntrust may have committed and the penalties that it may be imposed. /By Dexter A. See

School calendar 2017-18 out

BAGUIO CITY – School-related activities and holidays are enumerated in the Department of Education Calendar for school year 2017-18 which leaves 195 learning days and several days for teachers and parent conferences.

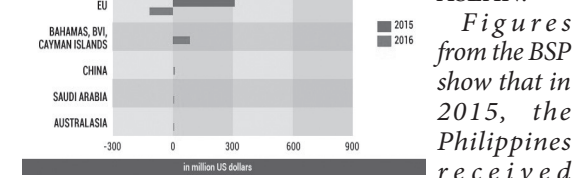
This was announced in a press conference recently at the Philippine Information Agency with Dep-Ed Director Beatriz Torno and other Dep-Ed officials. The activities started with Brigada Eskwela just this Monday where public school facilities were checked and fixed, and the surroundings cleaned.

from the EU, was the source of \$1.4 billion – a bulk of the remittances from the region in 2016.

European Union members, however, have been host to Filipinos who sent home substantial amounts as well: Germany, \$706 million; Italy, \$239 million; and Switzerland, \$158 million.

5. The EU is a key source of foreign direct investments.

Europe is also a top source of job-generating foreign direct investments (FDIs), next to Japan and ASEAN.



\$308 million worth of FDIs, coming in 2nd next only to Japan. In 2016, however, more funds flowed out of the Philippines, resulting in a net loss of about \$125 million in FDIs.

As the Philippine government refuses new grants from the EU, what else does the Philippines stand to lose? /By Sofia Tomacruz/Rappler.com

Baguio to bid... from page 3

signified intention to host is Vigan City while Bulacan in Region III and Palawan in Region IV-B were earlier named as probable candidates.

The city has yet to host a big sports event in the caliber of the Palaro. It tried to bid in 1995 but was turned down.

The city sports development office under Gaudencio Gonzales conducted a facility and equipment evaluation to assess the capability of

the city in housing the sports affair including the privately owned ones that can be tapped for the event.

He said they are confident that with the inclusion of the facilities from nearby La Trinidad, the city can present enough number of venues, facilities and equipment both for the events and for the accommodation of the thousands of participants from the other 17 regions to satisfy the requirements of the organizers. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Rabies awareness was also given attention during the brigade.

Oplan Balik Eskwela or the facilitation of enrolment in schools proceeds from May 29 to June 16 in all schools, as schools formally open on June 5 and ends on April 6, 2018.

Private schools may deviate from the calendar but with proper advisory from their respective regional offices, as to Dep-Ed order 25, 2017.

Local and national celebrations other than those indicated may be celebrated, to enhance the teaching-learning process without compromising the total number of class days. Student participation in observances, however must be regulated; the activities properly planned so as not be within two weeks of academic examinations.

In case of class cancellations due to holidays, natural and man-made calamities, make-up classes may be conducted as agreed upon by the school heads and parent-teacher associations, the order states.

General assemblies and

parent-teacher conferences should be done, for information of school activities as well as pupil involvement. The Early Language Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) for the mother tongue, Filipino and English skills; National Achievement Test for Grade 6 and 10 learners; National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) to assess the aptitude and interest of student; and In-Service Training (INSET) for teachers' continuing professional development.

Kindergarten children are also administered the early childhood development checklist, a deworming between July and January while the Philippine Equivalency Placement Test (PEPT) takes place in November.

Quarter examinations takes place in August, October, January and mid-March, with moving up rites for grade 6 and 10 will be during the first week of April 2018. Remedial or summer classes are scheduled April 16 to May 25, 2018. /Julie G. Fianza

Ten outstanding punong barangays named

BAGUIO CITY – The Rotary Club of Metro Baguio (RCMB) awarded anew the city's ten outstanding punong barangays for 2017 in ceremonies held May 18 at the Hotel Supreme.

The club headed by president Elmie Manansala has been conducting the awards program for 24 years now.

The outstanding punong barangays were Ferdinand Bucad of Hillside, Federico Codley of Atok Trail, Oliver Van Dicang of Lower Quirino Hill, Guillerma Francisco of North Central Aurora Hill, Gil Lomboy of Country Club, Murphy Maspil Sr. of Holy Ghost Proper, Wilbert Ponce of Andres Bonifacio,

William Regacho of Transcoveille, Andres Remorque Jr. of Upper QM and Julita Sagun of Upper General Luna Road.

Elevated to the Hall of Fame for winning the award for three consecutive years were punong barangays Luis Badecao Jr. of Upper Rock Quarry, Ignacio Genesis Gallente of Middle Quirino Hill, Timothy Pudlao Jr. of Kias and Catherin Quinones of MRR-Queen of Peace.

The barangay leader awardees were chosen for their exemplary leadership and selfless service to the community.

Baguio Rep. Marquez Go and Mayor Mauricio Domogan who graced the awarding program lauded

the RCMB for sustaining the awards program which they said gives additional incentives to the barangay leaders to perform their duties.

At the same time, they cited the awardees for living up to the demand of their mandate and to continue serving their constituents without expecting any reward.

Manansala said the search has for the past 24 years remained competitive.

"In fact, all of the 128 punong barangays in the city are winners for their hands-on management and control of the smallest political unit. Their existence is a must," she said. /Aileen P. Refuerzo



The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) celebrates 30 years of preserving, promoting and protecting Filipino culture and the arts. The City of Baguio represented by City Human Resource Management Officer, Atty. Augustin Laban III and Private Secretary Ryan Mangusan of the City Mayor's Office and the Province of Benguet represented by Vice Governor Florence Tingbaoen and Provincial Tourism Officer, Claire Prudencio received their respective citation as LGU partners of NCCA in recognition of Baguio and Benguet's steadfast support through the implementation of programs, projects, and activities that showcase the diversity and uniqueness of the Filipino culture and artistic traditions during NCCA's 30th Anniversary celebration and Awarding ceremony last May 17, 2017 in Pasay city. /Heather Janet Gate

Back to school caravan set May 22-26

BAGUIO CITY –The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Baguio-Benguet provincial office, and the Baguio City government through the Local Price Monitoring Council shall hold a 5-day Diskwento Caravan Balik Eskwela edition on May 22-26, 2017, at the Baguio Convention Center.

The focus of the caravan will be the discounted sale on school supplies and back to school essentials in time for the scheduled opening of classes in the public schools on June 5, 2017.

Freda M. Gawisan, DTI Baguio-Benguet provincial director, said the agency is one with the local government in assuring that consumer welfare is upheld while businesses are safeguarded to ensure a continuous

supply of quality goods and services at reasonable prices for the public.

The Diskwento Caravan is supported by the SM Department Store and its suppliers and distributors for the public to have easy access to affordable and quality back-to-school products.

Gawisan explained the caravan is part of the efforts of government agencies and the city government in championing the cause of the labour sector and advocate for the provision of non-wage benefits and work together with the business sector to offer the best value for consumers through the availability of quality products at reasonable prices.

She underscored that businesses are aware and

kwentto Caravan has slowly penetrated the market as a byword among consumers, particularly those who have benefitted or are benefiting from the low prices of basic and prime commodities as well as among the businesses that took the program as an opportunity to exercise their corporate social responsibility.

SM Department Store, together with the local government of Baguio, agreed to consolidate suppliers and distributors of school supplies and related or allied products,

According to her, the Diskwento Caravan over the years aimed not only aim at marketing and moving products at discounted prices but also informing the public on sound and timely advocacies which affect the marketing and sales strategies of producers and retailers and the buying and consuming patterns of the consumers.

Gawisan pointed out as in the past runs, the program encourages businesses to directly grant consumer access to reasonably-priced

BAGUIO CITY – Close to 15,000 seedlings will be planted by city officials and employees from May 15 to the end of August, in compliance with the National Greening Program (NGP).

There are 1,494 employees at city hall and connected offices.

Now on its 7th year, the NGP earlier was projected to reforest 1.5M hectares nationwide with 1.5B tree seedlings from 2011 to 2016 only, as to Executive Order 26, s. of 2011. Employees and students were required to plant a minimum of ten seedlings per year in available areas, as identified by concerned groups, civil society organizations and agencies.

This year however, maintenance, protection and clearing sometime in December 2017 and April 2018 will be done in planted areas to increase tree seedling survival rate, a memorandum

from Mayor Mauricio Domogan states. Request for additional schedules of planting and clearing from other groups can be coursed through the Forestry Division of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), headed by Cordellia Lacsamana.

Departmental tree planting started with the City Assessor's Office breaking ground with 430 seedlings in a lot at Camp 7, May 19. The Accounting and Internal Audit, and General Services Office follow suit on May 26 and other dates; and City Budget Office, June 2, all in the same venue.

The Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Prosecutor's and Regional Trial Courts will plant 90 trees on June 9; Administrators' Office, June 20; the Health Services Office, Legal Office, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Treasury, plant their trees on June 16 and on other dates; and

the Local Civil Registrar on June 24.

The City Building and Architecture Office, Library, City Mayor's Office, Social Welfare and Development Office, and Veterinary personnel plants their ten seedlings each in July, as CEPMO, Burnham Office and remaining office personnel plant in August.

Reforestation works against climate change, and at the same time would serve in poverty alleviation as alternative livelihood, through seedling production and timber care for agroforestry products, the memorandum from the mayor read.

Areas for reforestation would be public lands, forests, ancestral claims, civil and military reservations, urban greening, inactive and abandoned mine sites and other suitable lands. /Julie G. Fianza

goods and commodities and consumers who readily purchased goods and merchandise at reasonable prices are more than willing to patronize business establishments that comply with suggested retail prices

and offer concessions to their patrons, and said establishments, in turn, gain not only additional consumers but are perceived in their communities as socially responsible partners to development.

Through the program, she claimed manufacturers, distributors, and selected retailers are brought together to sell discounted prices of commodities to consumers for a limited period of time. /By Dexter A. See

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