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There is no historical basis to have Marcos buried at Libingan ng mga Bayani

- National Historical Commission

Manila - The National Historical Commission of the Philippines said former President Ferdinand Marcos should not be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani because of his spurious military record and what he did to the country during his martial rule.

In a radio interview early Monday morning, NHCP Chair Maria Serena Diokno stressed that Marcos should not be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani because the cemetery is a memorial to Filipinos who have done great things for the country. It is not for someone with spurious military record and one who subjected the country to tyranny. Nevertheless, she admitted that the NHCP cannot do anything to stop his burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani since that is a presidential prerogative.

Duterte, during the campaign period, said if he wins the presidential race, he would allow Marcos to

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GREEN CHILL. Following the destruction of P2.2-B worth of marijuana at Mount Chumanchil, Loccong, Tinglayan, Kalinga, government troops torched some P449-M worth of illegal hemp at the same mountain in a marijuana eradication campaign last August 9-11, 2016./PDEA-CAR photo

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Sina dating Pangulong Cory Aquino, Ramon Magsaysay, Manuel Roxas, Manuel L. Quezon, at Segio Osmena, hindi naman nakalibing sa Libingan ng mga Bayani; pero bakit ipinagpipilitan ng mga Marcos na ilibing dun si Macoy? Bakit kaya???



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GSIS studies offer to purchase tree park Mayor backs declaration of martial law

BAGUIO CITY – The management of the Government Service Insurance Corporation (GSIS) is currently studying the offer of the City Government to purchase its property located near the Baguio Convention Center so that the local government will be able to maintain it as a tree park that will form part of the city's greenbelt area for the benefit of the local residents.

In his letter to Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, GSIS President and General Manager Robert G. Vergara said the State insurance corporation is looking into the impact of the purchase to a pending civil case and to the company's social insurance fund.

Earlier, the City Government expressed its interest to purchase the GSIS property located near the Baguio Convention Center so that it will be able to sustain its maintenance as a tree park and part of the city's greenbelt area to prevent the introduction of massive developments in the area similar to what had been proposed by a giant chain of malls to build a high rise condo-

minium style structure for high-end buyers.

"The property is subject of Civil Case No. 6935-R pending before the Regional Trial Court Branch 60 entitled GSIS versus the City Government of Baguio et al," Vergara stated in his letter.

The GSIS Official underscored the said property forms part of the assets of the social insurance fund and is currently valued in GSIS books at P336 million based on an appraisal conducted last November 7, 2015 by the corporation's external appraiser.

According to him, it is important for the insurance corporation to thoroughly review the offer of the local government with due consideration to other factors that may have impact to the supposed sale once it will materialize in the future.

"We shall submit our recommendations to the GSIS Board of Trustees on the matter right after our pool of experts will come out with their recommendations on whether or not to pursue the sale of the property," Vergara said.

It can be recalled that the City Government

purchased the Baguio Convention Center and the 1-hectare parking space around the facility from the GSIS through its accumulated share from the lease rentals of the 247-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) lodged with the State-run Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

The tree park which was previously part of the Baguio Convention Center property prior to the sale of the latter was the subject of a previous controversy after the SM Investment and Development Corporation proposed to develop the area by building several high rise condominium structures that will result to the eventual cutting of the thousands of fully-grown trees that serve as part of the city's buffer zone as it is only one of the few remaining tree parks in the city.

It can be recalled that GSIS earlier requested the City Government for a swapping of lands in order to abate the pursuit of the condominium project which was vehemently opposed by environmentalists. *By Dexter A. See*

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan expressed his support to the possible declaration of martial law by President Rodrigo Duterte once there exists a constitutional crisis if it will be the ultimate remedy to instill discipline among the people and to eventually curb the worsening drug trade in the country.

The local chief executive claimed President Duterte is aware of the basis when to declare martial law that is why he is also aware

when will martial law be declared in the country.

"There is nothing wrong in the possible declaration of martial law, provided, the elements that will lead to its declaration exists in the country and if it is the only available means to curb the proliferation of illegal drugs and subsequently instill discipline among our people," Domogan stressed.

It can be recalled that President Duterte warned that he will be forced to declare martial law once the Supreme Court (SC)

will continue to unduly intervene in his fight against the illegal drug trade in the country and that such undue intervention will translate to the worsening drug trade that will compromise the bright future for today's youth.

According to him, it has been observed that the discipline of the people has been significantly affected by intervening factors, one of which is the advancement of information and communication

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reaching them before submitting the list to higher authorities for the consumption of President Rodrigo Duterte.

"We fully support the all-out war of President Duterte against the illegal drug trade in the country but what is important is for concerned agencies involved in intelligence gathering to verify and validate reports on the involvement of city officials, judges, law enforcers and military to the drug trade in order to avoid the inclusion of innocent individuals in the list that will be subsequently divulged by the President, thus, the innocent individuals will then be subjected to trial by publicity," Domogan stressed.

In 2013, the Regional Advisory Council of the CIDG-CAR which was chaired by the City Mayor passed a resolution requesting the Supreme Court (SC) to dissolve the city's anti-drug court and that drug cases that will be filed should be raffled to the different courts in the city.

However, Domogan disclosed the SC never acted on the request for over three years now for still unknown reasons until the controversy on the alleged involvement of Judge Reyes to the illegal drug trade in the city based on the list

of officials linked to the lucrative trade announced by President Duterte last Sunday.

According to him, there is nothing wrong on the anti-drug campaign of the present administration because the exposure of the youth to illegal drugs will definitely compromise their bright future but law enforcers must take the appropriate precautions in order to avoid the involvement of innocent individuals in their future operations.

He emphasized the importance of having validated and verified information on the state of the city's drug problem

in the city so that future operations of combined police operatives and anti-narcotics agents will not be subject to criticism once innocent civilians will be caught in the crossfire.

Domogan appealed to those involved in the drug trade to voluntarily surrender to the barangay officials and the concerned law enforcers to avoid the inclusion of innocent individuals in their operations that might cast doubts among the people on the quality of information being brought to the attention of the operatives. *By Dexter A. See*

Law enforcement agencies told to validate reports

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan urged combined police operatives, intelligence agents and anti-narcotics personnel to verify and validate the inclusion of politicians, judges and police and military officials involved in the

illegal drug trade before formally submitting their classified information to higher authorities to avoid the inclusion of innocent individuals who will be subjected to trial by publicity.

The local chief executive made the appeal

to the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) after the inclusion of Judge Antonio Reyes of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 61 or the

city's special anti-drug court in the his of those allegedly involved in the syndicated drug trade in the country, saying that law enforcer must make sure about the veracity of reports



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Cordillera dengue cases increase by 31 percent Stoppage of small-scale mining operations backed

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR) reported a 31 percent increase in the number of suspected dengue fever cases from January 1 to August 6 this year with 5,268 recorded cases compared to the 4,016 cases registered during the same period last year.

Dr. Alexei Marrero, head of the DOH-CAR's regional epidemiology and surveillance unit, said dengue fever is preventable and the increase in the number of cases region-wide is still under control, thus, there is no need for the agency to declare an outbreak.

From five recorded deaths during the reckoning period, Marrero disclosed the number of dengue-caused deaths rose to 16 for the same period this year where Benguet registered the most with 5 deaths followed by Apayao, Abra, Baguio, Ifugao and Kalinga with 2 deaths each while 1 death was from Region II who sought medical attention in one of the hospitals in the

region. Benguet recorded the highest increase of 264 percent in the number of cases during the prescribed period reflecting the total of 2,374 cases from January 1 to August 6 this year compared to the 653 cases during the same period last year; Baguio city reported a 252 percent increase with 1,484 dengue cases for this year compared to the 421 cases for the same period last year.

Ifugao reported a 64 percent increase in the dreaded virus from January 1 to August 6 this year with 388 cases compared to the 236 recorded during the same period last year.

However, Marrero reported that Kalinga recorded the highest decrease in cases with a 79 percent drop from 1,171 cases last year compared to the 243 cases during the same period last year, followed by Mountain Province with a reported 65 percent decline from 137 this year to 388 cases for the same period last year.

Abra and non-CAR

areas were tied at an identical 50 percent decline when they recorded 422 cases during the reckoning period last year compared to the 212 cases for the same period this year and from 355 cases last year to 177 cases during the same period this year, respectively.

Apayao reported the lowest decline in dengue fever cases with 253 reported cases from January 1 to August 6 this year compared to the 371 dengue cases last year.

Marrero revealed the age range of the suspected dengue fever cases was from 2 months old to 91 years old and more males, 53.7 percent or 2,831 individuals, were infected by the virus.

Marrero called on the public to be vigilant in combating the aedes aegypti mosquito that transmits the dengue virus infection noting that infection has become sporadic and can occur nowadays at any given time year-round and no longer a 3-year cycle for epidemics. /By Dexter A. See

BCMA to set new policies for night market

BAGUIO CITY - It's been years that the experimental Night Market along Harrison Road has been operating, yet there is still a need to spell out specific rules and regulations as well as sanctions to be used as basis for its operation.

After several meetings and deliberation between the Baguio City Market Authority and the night market leaders, association presidents and representatives, the BCMA recently crafted the new implementing rules and regulations to be followed.

The requirements needed in the registration of night market vendors are: voter's ID/COMELEC certificate of registration and any proof of residence in Baguio for at least six months, latest community tax certificate as vendor, latest two pcs. 2x2 picture, official receipts/market

certificate as proof that he/she has been a long time walk-in vendor, updated health certificate (card) and food handlers certificate from the City health Office for food and roving coffee vendors.

The registration procedure must be followed by the night market vendors: 1. Secure application form from the city market office; 2. Submit the filled up form together with all the requirements enumerated to the city market office; 3. The city market office will evaluate the application, validating all the documents submitted and submit the same for approval by the city treasurer and a representative of the city legal office; 4. Qualified applicants will be given WALK-IN Vending Identification Card signed by the city mayor and city

treasurer; 5. Processing fee of three hundred will be paid before the issuance of the Walk-in Vending ID card; 6. A replacement fee of three hundred will be paid for lost vending ID card.

A registered night market vendor may resign from the Night Market at any time by surrendering the vending ID card at the city market office and if the resigning vendor has a registered alternate, the identification card of the alternate must be surrendered as well.

The IRR underscored that vendors having existing stall or vending slots at the city market shall not be allowed to register as night market, including their spouses and children without family of their own. Spouses and children,

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved a resolution strongly supporting Resolution No. 001, series 2016 of the City Mining Regulatory Board (CMRB) for the full implementation of Stoppage Order No. 2K15-001 and other similar stoppage orders issued to all small-scale mining and mineral processing plant owners operating within the Uabac area, Camp 7, Kennon road, including other small-scale mining groups operating within the area.

The resolution authored by Councilor Michael Lawana stated that it is the policy of the city through its recently approved environmental code which declares that the city shall maintain the its unique ecological, and socio-cultural character and committees to steadfastly implement all existing laws, rules and regulations to protect its environment.

It can be recalled that the CMRB issued Stoppage Order No. 2K-15-01 dated July 3, 2015 to Mr. Ronald Gamboc, Renato Bagsang, Aladin Roy Wagas, Benny Gamboc, Geoffrey Malicdan, Michael Ngeteg, Ben Pangang-at, Abreol Tabayag, Punong Barangay Alfredo L. Cong-o and all small-scale miners and processing plant owners within Uabac area, Camp

7, Kennon road, Baguio city to stop their alleged illegal small-scale mining operations.

Under the CMRB resolution, mining operations in the area causes environmental degradations such as the pollution of the Bued river, and undermines the stability of Kennon road, buildings and other constructed structures proximate to the small-scale mining operations.

The CMRB, with the other concerned government agencies, local government units and stakeholders during a joint meeting last July 21, 2016, agreed to jointly enforce the full implementation of the stoppage order covering all the small-scale mining activities in the area.

The Council said the full implementation of the stoppage order is not limited to seizures or confiscations of illegally sourced minerals or mineral products, including the tools and units of equipment and conveyance used in the operation, but also dismantling of facilities and filing of complaints against the alleged illegal small-scale mining operators.

Further, the full implementation of the stoppage order shall be undertaken anytime jointly by all concerned government

agencies, local government units and stakeholders after complying with the other identified requirements that include among others, project deputation of the Philippine National Police (PNP), securing of demolition orders from the City Mayor's Office, issuance of another stoppage order to the small-scale mining groups reiterating the earlier issued stoppage order, and issuance of a notice of implementation directing them to voluntary demolish or dismantle their adits or structures and vacate the area within one month upon receipt of the new stoppage order.

Concerned government agencies, local government units and other stakeholders were furnished the DMRB resolution to seek their full support for the implementation of the stoppage order.

The CMRB is chaired by the Regional Director of the Cordillera Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB-CAR) and the City Mayor as Vice Chair, with members from the City Council, the large and small-scale mining representatives and a representative from a non-government organization advocating for environmental preservation and protection. /By Dexter A. See



FUTURE SKATING RINK - Former City Architect Jodie Alabanza looks at the proposed skating rink schematic diagram with City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana and City Budget Officer Atty. Leticia Clemente. The three are members of the architectural working group currently drafting the terms of reference for the skating rink at Burnham Park. /By Bong Cayabyab

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The drug war hypocrisy

THE global hypocrisy about the Duterte administration's so-called war on drugs makes a Manila estero smell sweet by comparison. "Look at Columbia," the local and foreign experts say. Even the government there—Columbia being the world's largest producer of cocaine—admits it has failed. "Look at Mexico," where 100,000 people have been killed and the drug trade is still rampant.

Apparently, these experts would have a difficult time picking an apple out of a basket of bananas. Columbia does not produce 250 tons of cocaine—50 percent of global production—for its 50 million people. The \$30 billion that the Mexican crime cartels earn each year is not from selling to Mexicans but to the United States.

The Drug Policy Alliance (DPA)—a US non-governmental organization—is a leading voice against the Philippines. The DPA mission "envision[s] a just society in which people are no longer punished for what they put into their own bodies but only for crimes committed against others." DPA members are certainly entitled to their opinion that it is just fine for someone to use the drug. And if, by chance, the user goes crazy and kills, at least the family of the dead can take comfort that the user will be tried for murder.

DPA is calling for the United Nations (UN) to "take immediate action against the Philippines for the hundreds of extrajudicial killings of suspected drug offenders." Now the hypocrisy goes to biblical proportions.

Where do you think all the shabu in the Philippines comes from? From The New York Times: "Just before dawn on December 29, 2013, the southern Chinese fishing village of Boshe awoke to over 3,000 police officers who destroyed 77 methamphetamine labs, seized 3 tons of crystal meth and more than 100 tons of meth ingredients."

The US Department of State in their 2014 annual report says, "China is one of the world's largest producers and exporters of precursor chemicals, with approximately 160,000 precursor companies and production facilities." China is obviously not the only trafficker, but it is unlikely that Philippine shabu is coming from Argentina, South America's largest producer of precursor chemicals.

Go on the Internet and you can buy and legally import to the Philippines from Chinese chemical companies all you need to make shabu. Some are substitutes for the "real thing," but the company will tell you how to alter the legal chemicals to use in meth production. The finished shabu will not be five-star but certainly good enough to sell to any pedicab driver with an extra P50.

When will the DAP suggest China be taken to the UN for facilitating the manufacture of this illegal killer drug?

The Philippine government allowed the drug problem to slowly grow and it must now be brought to an end. President Duterte said exactly what he intended to do and what the results would be. No one is happy with the killings and it is a bloodbath. But the reality is that there are actually more users of meth in the Philippines than there are in the United States (1 million).

Undoubtedly, the government is more than willing to listen to all suggestions on how to protect Filipinos from this Chinese drug menace. Suddenly, the global voices are quiet./ by BusinessMirror Editorial - August 7, 2016

EDITORIAL

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

A businessman's view on extrajudicial killings

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches..." (Psalm 119:14, the Holy Bible).

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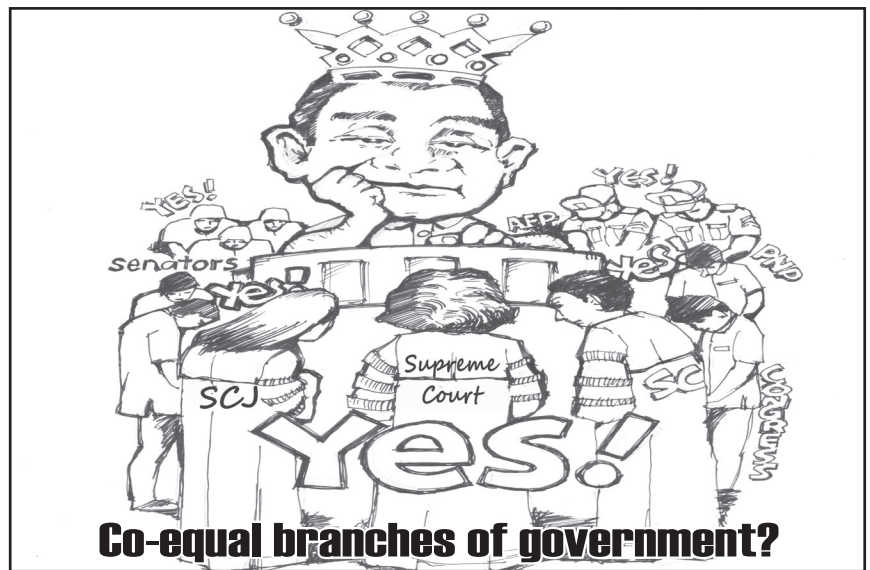
A BUSINESSMAN'S VIEW ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS: Businessman Ross Ching, a fellow member at the Rotary Club of Intramuros Manila, District 3810 of Rotary International, posted his thoughts about the on-going extrajudicial killings in the country. I asked his permission to use what he wrote. He said I can, but perhaps I should not use his name! Well, his thoughts already came out in Facebook so there is no harm in identifying him as the author.

Let's read what Ross wrote, warts and all (meaning, I did not edit it one bit): "This post is my response to my apo Angela Martinez on her question about the current national situation of widespread extra-judicial killings. This is only my personal, layman's view, and does not in any way reflect those of my parents, my relatives or friends.

"Question: Okay lang po ba kung di na dumaan sa korte ang mga suspect,

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patay kung patay na lang? Ano po ang moral stand ninyo, agree po ba kayo sa ganitong style?

Answer: Kung papayag ba ako na pagpapatayin lahat ng mga suspected criminals??? Ay apo, hindi dapat sa akin or sa atin dapat itanong.

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NO ONE CAN KILL ANOTHER, ONLY GOD HAS THAT POWER: "God gave us life, only He has the right to take it away. This is different from a State-imposed death penalty, which is still a delegated authority to the courts, ratified by the people or their representatives. Consider: 1. No one gave us the permission to grant or take life away. To tell whether this guy or that must live or die is not ours to decide.

"2. It makes the courts of law of no use. 3) Lawyers and judges will soon become jobless. 4. Force begets force; kapag nakabawi sa pagkagulat itong mga kriminal, gaganti yan. At ang pupuntirahin mga inosente. 5. This technique or style is subject to future abuses. 6. After 6 years somebody will take over the government. Just imagine kung nagbabait-baitan lang pala siya-sila at di naman pala talaga nagmamalasakit?

"7. Ang pagpatay ng kriminal kung di mo naman alam kung sino ang pumatay ay matatawag mong kriminal din. 8. It creates fear of mistaken identity. Paano pala kung me kapangalan ako na drug-lord? Kawawa naman pamilya ko. 9. It creates a bandwagon of blood-thirsty people, many of them armed with guns, but you don't even know them.

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BETTER WAY TO SOLVE THE DRUG MENACE? "10. This is not a long-term solution (I honestly believe so). There must be a better way to do this, to solve this problem. But until then, I will withhold my criticism because we have a rule in our house: 'If anybody doesn't have a better idea than what I am planning to implement, then he/she must shut his/her mouth and follow me'. However, if they have a better way, then I allow them to argue and if they win then we will follow another route.

"On the other hand, this is my word to my children: 1. God must be your God—not anybody or anything else. 2. Children must follow their parents, especially if they are correct. 3. Children must practice and be taught of good morals in an early stage. 4. Real fear can only emanate from an individual's love of God.

"4. Mistakes when they happen must be corrected with the intention of recovery not just plain punishment. 5. Look into the good things of the past, our forefathers' teachings. Somehow we will learn from them. 6. Pray for your nation, it is your duty. 7. Pray for your teachers in school and the spiritual leaders of your church..."

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July 30, August 6 and 13, 2016

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PALSIT

- **Martial Law!!!**
- **Bakla ang US Ambassador!!!**



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Martial Law - Ayon sa ating saligang batas, ang sumusunod ang siya lamang basehan para mag-deklara ng Martial Law: Aayon sa Section 18, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution, ang sabi ay: "The President is the Commander-in-Chief of all the armed forces of the Philippines...IN CASE OF INVASION OR REBELLION, WHEN THE PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIRES IT, HE MAY FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING SIXTY DAYS, SUSPEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS OR PLACE THE PHILIPPINES OR ANY PART THEREOF UNDER MARTIAL LAW. Samakatwid, sa dalawang sitwasyon lamang oobra ang pag-dedeklara ng martial law, at yuon ang:

1. There is invasion [by another country] and the public safety requires the declaration of martial law; and

2. There is rebellio, and public safety requires the declaration of martial law.

Samakatwid, kahit na sabihin pa natin na may isang invasion or rebellion kung saan ang public safety ay hindi naman damay o apektado ay hindi rin puwedeng mag-deklara ng martial law. ANG TANONG KO NGAYON AY GANITO, ANG PAGSASALITA BA NI CHIEF JUSTICE SERENO NA ISANG PINUNO OF A CO-EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AY MAKAKA APEKTO SA PUBLIC SAFETY???

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Bakla ang US Ambassador - Talaga naman oo, kung maari ko lang bawiin ang boto ko kay Pres. Du30, marahil ay akin itong gagawin o di kaya ay papunta na ako sa ganoon. Mayroon na akong matinding agam-agam at pagsisisi sa pag-bigay ko ng boto ko sa kanya. Ayon nga sa kasabihan, sa huli ang pagsisisi. Ano ba naman klaseng mga komento itong pinapakawalan ng ating mahal na Pangulo na katulad halimbawa ng "bakla" ang ambassador ng Estados Unidos. Una sa lahat ay ibig ba niyang sabihin na mahina o may masama sa pagiging bakla? Dito pa lamang ay isang uri na ng pang-iinsulto sa mga bakla at LGBT, at pag-diskrimina (discrimination) ang kanyang ipinapakita.

Pangalawa ay hindi lamang yung komento na bakla ang US Ambassador. Ang nakalulungkot kung hindi mas nakalulungkot ay ang kasunod na komento niya na "bastusin natin uli ang mga opisyal na Amerikano para mag-bigay uli sila sa atin ng pera." Ito ay isang komento ni Pres. Du30 patungkol sa pagdalaw ni State Secretary Kerry kung saan nag-iwan ng 33 Million dollars na aide para sa Pilipinas si Kerry, at ayon kay Pres Du30 ay okay si Kerry at nag-iwan pa ng pera pero si Ambassador Goldberg na bakla at inis siya duon.

Kung inyong matatandaan, noong campaign period, ang iba't ibang mga ambassador ay nag-react hinggil sa sobrang kawalang kwentang komento ni Pres Du30 hinggil sa isang foreign missionary na na-rape at napatay sa isang hostage taking situation sa penitentiary sa Davao kung saan nag-komento si Du30 na "ang ganda ng babae parang Hollywood na artista, dapat daw sana ay mayor ang nauna" - nauna sa pag rape. Alanghiya naman talaga oo, ano bang klaseng tao itong si Pres Du30? Anong klase naman mga biro ito? Wala bang ina at kapatid na babae itong si Du30? Eh kung sila kaya ang mapatay at ma -rape, makapag biro kaya siya ng ganun???

Ngayon, siya ang pinagmulan ng biro eh, bakit siya mapipikon naman kung mayn mga matitinong mga tao na katulad ni Ambassador Goldberg na siyang mag-react? Para lamang nag-react **Cont. on page 6**

Canada, why more of China and not the Philippines???



BY: FREDDIE J. FARRES

When I read an article of this sort, I cannot help but be extremely bothered. Why China and not more from the Philippines, given our obvious advantage in proficiency in the English language, our supposed highly educated mass base and all other talents and skills? Again I ask the question why China and not more from the Philippines? I have my ideas as to why this is the scenario, but for the meantime, I would rather keep my thoughts to myself lest I be branded as someone who does not love this country as much as one should. But I challenge everyone to ponder on this. Truth to tell, this is not new to me. I have come across these scenarios in real life (in business and industry) several times in the past, and I always ask myself why them and not us???

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Canada wants to open 5 more visa offices in China to attract more skilled Chinese workers and students

Following the tightening of restrictions that has led to fewer Chinese people immigrating to Canada, the Canadian government has decided to open up five new visa offices in hopes of attracting Chinese tourists, skilled workers, and international students.

Currently, Canada has four visa offices in China, one in Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, and Chongqing. The government plans to open up new centers in Chengdu, Sichuan province; Jinan, Shandong province; Shenyang, Liaoning province; Nanjing, Jiangsu province; and Wuhan, Hubei province.

John McCallum, Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, met with Chinese officials in Beijing this week to discuss opening the new centers. McCallum also plans to cut down on much of the bureaucratic red tape and streamline the process for valuable workers and students wishing to live in Canada.

"We want to make it easier for them to stay in Canada. So we have the system called Express Entry, in which you have a certain number of points to be accepted as an immigrant," McCallum explained, reports ECNS.

Skilled Chinese workers -- particularly those students fluent in English -- are valued assets for an aging Canadian economy. "Canada is an aging country, so we need new young immigrants to support our economy and help make it grow," McCallum said.

McCallum believes that a new demographic of trained Chinese professionals -- experts in technology sectors -- will give the country the necessary push it needs to innovate and prosper.

"Canada needs to take advantage of a great economic opportunity to capture this market and the opening of more visa application centers throughout China would facilitate travelers seeking to come to Canada," an anonymous government official told CBC.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has tasked McCallum with drafting up a three-year immigration plan that will be revealed in further detail this fall.

Hopefully, Chinese officials still aren't sore about Canadian reporters questioning China's human rights record. Otherwise, they might not be receiving a whole lot of that overseas talent.../ By Robin Winship/ Contact the author of this article or email tips@shanghaiist.com with further questions, comments or tips./ By Shanghaiist in News on Aug 12, 2016 2:15 PM

Apay nga Agmula Tayo ti Calamansi?



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

WEN, ta napoateg iti biag ti tunggal tao. Tapno adda bunga a sindadaan a kasapulantayo. Tapno adda pangalsemtayo kadagiti sidaentayo a kas koma kadagiti rangaw a kikulnaten. Tapno adda kasukat ti suka no awan daytoy a nairana iti coci-natayo no aglutotayo. Pangalsem iti aramidentayo a kilawen a karne ti baka, baboy, nuang ken dadduma pay.

No naata pay, kasayaatan nga aramaten a pang-alsem kadagiti sidaen wenno taraontayo. Naimas pay a pangalsemtayo kadagiti meriendaentayo kas koma ti pancit, macaroni soup, kdpay. Pespesen pay ti bunga ti calamansi tapno pagbalinen a calamansi juice (lemon juice). Danuman ti tubbog ti calamansi iti naipalamiis a danum sa laokan iti asukar a puraw. Agas dayta ti paparaw, kakabsat!

No naluomen ti bunga ti calamansi, siempre, sumam-it no sepsepan ti bagasna. Paggaayatmi idi dakami ti ubbing.

Native citrus ti awag dagiti calamansi a masarakan kadagiti rebba ti Filipinas. Maibilang daytoy a kan-grunaan nga ornamental plant. Addaan iti kadawyan a pangnagan kadagiti calamansitayo ditoy Filipinas, kas koma kalamondin, kalamunding, calamansi, limonsito ken agidulce.

Agpangato dagiti sanga ti calamansi nga addaan iti siit ken tumayag agingga iti sangapulo a kadapan. Ti bunga ti calamansi, addaan iti 1 ¼ inch in diameter, nalidem a verde no naata pay; ken yellow-orange no naluomen ken naalsem karaman ti pupurosang daytoy.

Malaksid a ramen ti taraontayo ti bunga/tubbog ti calamansi, agpaay pay daytoy a kas agas iti sagubanit/an-anayen ti bagi. Kas koma iradrad iti paset ti bagi nagkagatan ti insekto, nasamay daytoy a pangikkat iti gatel ti sugat, kakabsat. Maaramat pay ti tubbog ti calamansi a pangikkat iti gagatel ti ulo gapu iti lasi. Malaksid a makaagas, maikanatad pay nga aramaten ti tubbog ti calamansi a pangikkat iti mantsa ti lupottayo. Idi dakami ti ubbing, ar-aramatenmi ti tubbog ti calamansi a kas jell ti buokmi, kakabsat.

Sumagmamano laeng dagitoy a pagsayaatan a maipaay ti tubbog ti calamansi ti madakamatko iti daytoy a salaysay. Ngem, sakbayna nga insuratko daytoy a salaysay (Agosto 9, 2016), nagimulaak ti dua a kapuon ti calamansi iti asideg ti bubon a masarakan iti arubayanmi. Kastoy met laeng a bulan, kakabsat, ti maikanatad a panagmula kadagiti patubo a kayo ta kadam-egna ngarud. Ken, nasken nga adda koma imulatayo a pinuon ti calamansi iti tinawen tapno adda taripatuken ken tagiurayen a pagpurosanto ti sadiwa a bunga ti calamansi. Nasaysayaat pay no saan laeng koma a dua a kapuon ti mula a tartaripatuken laeng. Mabalina met nga ilako ti bunga ti calamansi, kakabsat. Nangina met. Naim-bag laeng a pangalaan ti extra income iti inaldaw. Adda la ngaruden ti sindadaan a burasem a bunga a kasapulam, makaagas la ngaruden iti an-anayem iti bagim, makatulong pay a mangagas ti masasao a sakit ti bolsa (stb). Ken, siempre, agpaay metten a kas arkos iti arubayan a mangpasanikar ti ladawan ti arubayan, nangruna no narnuoyan iti bunga. Maprubitsartayo pay ti dagatayo a ngumatngato met ti pag-amiliartayo iti tinawen, kakabsat!

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT OF
BAGUIO CITY
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 3

IN RE: IN THE
MATTER OF
AMENDMENT
OF THE BIRTH
CERTIFICATE
OF CRISTINA
SANCHEZ
KENNICKER
aka CRISTINA
SANCHEZ
KENNICKER,

CRISTINA S. KEN-
NICKER-VIRAY,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,
Respondents.

SPL. PRO. CASE NO.
2549-R
X-----X

ORDER

A verified petition was filed by petitioners, through counsel, praying that:

"after due hearing, the Honorable Court issue and Order ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to cause the amendment of the birth certificate of CRISTINA SANCHEZ KENNIKER, to indicate:

Place of Birth - JOSE PANGANIBAN, CAMARINES NORTE
Middle Name - SANCHEZ
Date of Birth - OCTOBER 2, 1967
Mother's Middle Name - ABELLA
Age of mother at the time of birth - 45
Age of father at the time of birth - 45
How many previous births by mother - 12

Other reliefs appropriate under the circumstances are likewise prayed for."

It appearing that the instant petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same set for hearing on September 26, 2016 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning before this Court at its Session Hall, Justice Hall Building, Baguio City. Any person may appear and show cause,

if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication of which should not be later than August 7, 2016 in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City to be determined by raffle pursuant to the provision of Presidential Decree No. 1079; let copies hereof together with the copies of the petition and its annexes be furnished to the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Metro Manila, National Statistics Office (now known as Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Solicare Bldg. I. R. Magsaysay Blvd. Sta. Mesa, Manila and the Local Civil Registrar, Baguio City.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 3rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, 2016.

(SGD) EMMANUEL
CACHO RASING
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:
1. The Solicitor General
2. Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City
3. Philippine Statistics Authority
4. Juan Antonio Alberto III
5. The Junction

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

IN THE MATTER
OF PETITION
FOR ADOPTION
OF MINOR M.
MORALES A.K.A.
(NO FIRST NAME)
MELESIO N
MORALES.

SPOUSES GILBERT
G. GUILLERMO
AND LOMINA DIA-
NO-GUILLERMO,
Petitioners,

-versus-

THE NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE (NOW
PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS
AUTHORITY OF
PSA) AND THE
LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,

Respondents.

Special Proceedings
Case No. 16-A-1048
X-----X

ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified Petition for Adoption, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the prospective adoptee, M. MORALES a.k.a (no first name) MELESIO MORALES, be declared the legitimate child and legal heir of the petitioners and that she shall be known as SHANIAH FAYE DIANO GUILLERMO.

It is likewise prayed for that a New Certificate of Live Birth be issued to the adoptee with the petitioner husband as the father and the petitioner wife as mother of the said child, amending her original Certificate of Live Birth.

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance the petitioners are directed to meet and confer with the Court Social Worker for the conduct of the Child and Home Study in relation to this Petition. The Court Social Worker therefore is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study and submit to this court her REPORTS, incorporating therein her findings and recommendations, and furnishing copies thereof to the Office of the Solicitor General; to the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; and the Office of the Regional Director of the DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. The said offices may or may not file the Comment to said REPORTS.

The REPORT of the Court Social Worker should be submitted to this court at least fifteen (15) days before the initial hearing of this Petition, which shall be on October 6, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the

morning.

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 and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later August 14, 2016. All interested person may come to court and show cause, if any, why this Petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies of this ORDER, together with copies of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City; and, the Court Social Worker and the Office of the Regional Director, DSWD-CAR, Baguio City. Furnish copies of this Order to the Junction and the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

In chambers, this 20th day of July, 2016 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) RUFUS G.
MALECDAN, JR.
Acting Presiding
Judge

*Publication Dates: July
30, Aug. 6, and 13 2016*

**MAG-
KASANGGA
TAYO**

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ang ilang ambassador sa isang komentong tunay na napaka-sama ay kanya ng tinawag na bakla at asar siya. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Ibang klase itong Pangulo na ito, mukhang ang gusto lang nito ay maging isang diktador at ang lahat ng mga Pilipino ay huwag na huwag na kokontra sa kanya at panay bow ng bow lamang at yes ng yes lamang tayong mga tao—taohan niya.

Mukhang mayroon katotohanan nga ang komento ni Joma Sison kamakailan lang nung sinabi ni Sison na si Duterte ay isang BUTANGERO. Mukha ngang may basehan at katutuhanan ang

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 62
La Trinidad,
Benguet

HANNA BHELLE
BASTIAN KANAPI
a.k.a. HANNA
BHELLE BASTIAN
REYES,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF LA TRINIDAD,
BENGUET AND
THE PHILIP-
PINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY,
QUEZON CITY,

Respondents.

SPECIAL
PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO.
16-C-1877

FOR: CANCELLA-
TION OF SECOND
REGISTRATION
OF BIRTH IN THE
OFFICE OF THE
CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF LA TRINIDAD,
BENGUET

X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner, Hanna Bhelle Bastian Kanapi a.k.a. Hannap Belle Bastian Reyes, through



PATROL CARS FOR THE BAGUIO'S FINEST - Mayor Mauricio Domogan hands over the keys to the two brand new Isuzu cars worth more or less than P1.8 million to City Police director PSSupt. George Daskeo to be utilized as police patrol cars to maintain peace and order in the city during simple rites at City Hall grounds./By Bong Cayabyab

komento ni Sison na ito. Lumalabas na mukhang isa ngang BUTANGERO itong si Pres Du30. Siyanga pala mayroon din

counsel, filed a verified petition averring that:

1. Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and with residential and postal address at Bakong, Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet where she may be served with notices and other court processes;

2. Respondents Municipal Civil Registry of La Trinidad, Benguet is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc., and can be served with summons at the Municipal Hall of La Trinidad, Benguet, while respondent Philippine Statistics Authority is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address at Quezon City;

3. Petitioner was born on July 8, 1957 at the Maternity and Children's Hospital, San Nicholas, Manila and [her] facts of birth were duly registered before the Local Civil Registrar of Manila with her mother as the informant. X x x;

4. However, her facts of birth were again registered before the Municipal Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet. That there is a need to cancel said Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner for the reason that she is actually born in Manila. X x x.

X X X"

Petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, this court will issue an order directing the respondents to cancel the Certificate

of Live Birth of herein petitioner with the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet.

Finding the Petition sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby given due course.

This case is set for hearing on 29 September 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, at which time, date and place, the petitioner shall present evidence in support of her petition. Any person interested in the matter may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner for at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Benguet. The last publication shall not be later than 24 September 2016.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order and of the Petition and its annexes be furnished the following: the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar of the Municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet; and, the National Statistics Office.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS,
8th day of August 2016
at La Trinidad, Benguet.

(SGD) DANILO P.
CAMACHO
Judge

Publication Dates:
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2016

salitang katok, also means may sayad sa ulo itong si Pres Du30 at ganito nga ang sitawasyon. Aba, PATAY TAYONG LAHAT!!!

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

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late NORMAN A. RIO who died on November 17, 2013 in Baguio City without will, consisting of one (1) unit of PUJ with Plate No. AYB-707 covered by LTFRB Case No. 92-CAR-095, had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 5 August 2016 as per Doc. No. 055, Page No. 011, Book No. XL, Series of 2016, of the National Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

August 6, 13 and 20 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF STATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FRITZ RUDOLF KURZ, a resident of 506 Badihoy Street, Pinsao Proper, Baguio City, who died on October 2, 2004, has been extra judicially settled by heirs through the extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with simultaneous waiver and quitclaim of rights involving a 179 square meters of land within a 584 square meters of land bearing tax declaration number 2016-01-002-162232, acknowledged on August 6, 2016 before Notary Public Atty. Eric O. Ueda as per Doc. No. 74; Page No. 15; Book No. XII: Series of 2016.

August 13, 20 and 27 2016

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Luz M. Mabalot who died without a will on July 9, 1984 and Canuto H. Mabalot who died without a will on March 21, 2016 was extrajudicially settled by their heirs through a Deed of Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate before Atty. Melissa L. Quitan-Corpuz and entered into her Notarial Registry as Doc. No 212 ; Page No. 43 ; Book No. XXVII; Series of 2016.

August 13, 20 and 27 2016

There is no historical...

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be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani because "he is a great soldier." Recently, it was reported that the president already gave the go signal to have Marcos be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani and that his family are now preparing to transfer his preserved body from the family mausoleum in Ilocos Norte to the controversial cemetery on Sept. 18, the strongman's birthday.

Diokno, daughter of former martial law victim and nationalist human rights lawyer Senator Jose W. Diokno, said the commission has studied Duterte's claim that Marcos is a good soldier but found out that his record as a bemedalled soldier of World War II is "fraught with myths, factual inconsistencies, and lies." She said the commission came to this conclusion after conducting an extensive research of historical archives on Filipino soldiers and guerilla units operating in the Philippines during the second world war.

The archives were declassified by the United States government some 20 years ago and was made available to the country through the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office,

Serena added.

Furthermore, Serena noted Marcos "lied about receiving medals like the US Medal of Honor, Silver Star, and Order of the Purple Heart." She also said "the U.S. government never officially recognized Marcos' alleged guerilla group, Maharlika, nor his leadership of it, or his rank promotion," from major in 1944 to lieutenant colonel by 1947.

To support its claim, the NHCP published a 26-page pamphlet entitled "Why Ferdinand Marcos should not be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani." The pamphlet contains facsimiles of U.S. historical documents proving that Marcos' military service is questionable.

The pamphlet, according to Diokno, was the result of the commission's study and part of its mandate under Republic Act 10086 "to conduct and disseminate historical research and resolve historical controversies." She said the pamphlet can be accessed on line at <http://nhcp.gov.ph/http://beyonddeadlines.com/2016/08/08/there-is-no-historical-basis-to-have-marcos-buried-at-libingan-ng-mga-bayani-national-historical-com-mission/>

Mayor backs declaration...

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technology, whereby they no longer listen to simple appeal from authorities and even children no longer give importance

to the advises of elders.

According to him, the 1987 Constitution outlined the basis for Congress to grant

BCMA to set new...

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without family of their own of regular market vendors at the Night Market vendors at the Night Market are disqualified to register as night market vendor. Also, alternate vendors shall not be qualified to register unless he surrenders/resigns as such.

Moreover, the awarding of regular slots will be prioritized to walk-in vendor who had been a displaced sidewalk vendor and who did not oppose the city's program and was not given a relocation slot and has the highest number of actual vending time as per record of the

authority to the President to declare martial law for a limited period of time that is why it is now up to the leaders of the legislative branch to ascertain whether or not there is sufficient basis to declare martial law.

He emphasized adopting an appropriate mechanism in order to significantly contribute in curbing the country's drug menace and instilling discipline among the people will definitely be a tough assignment for the present administration but the way things are going, it will be easy for the President to win the hearts of Filipinos to support his priority programs and projects because of the long overdue clamor for change which is in consonance with the slogan of President Duterte during the elections that change is coming.

city market office. Also, in case vendors have the same number of vending time and the vacant slots are not enough, award shall be made through drawing of lots.

On the other hand, vacated slots declared vacant shall be immediately be awarded yet only one slot shall be awarded to a registered vendor. The awarded slots cannot be transferred nor assigned.

In case of swapping of vending slots, a written request signed by both or all the regular vendors of the slots must be submitted to the BCMA

Domogan claimed the government's all-out campaign against the proliferation of illegal drugs in the different parts of the archipelago is gaining ground with bare over a month since the President assumed office and it has been noticeable that other street crimes such as theft, robbery among others have decreased over the past several weeks.

He appealed to barangay officials and local residents to continue cooperating with the present administration's major programs and projects in order for the country to achieve lasting peace that will contribute in improving the progress and development that the people had been longing for to be able to contribute in uplifting the living condition of majority of the populace in the countryside./By Dexter A. See

through the Baguio City Market Office for its deliberation. However, only slots within the same zone shall be allowed to be swapped.

Other policies enumerated includes the "no ID card, no vending", vending time, proper display stands/food carts, and prohibited acts.

Any violations in the said IRR will be given corresponding penalties.

The POSD Night Market Enforcers shall strictly enforce and implement the provisions of the rules and regulation and to submit a monthly report to the city treasurer.

However, POSD enforcers who fail to perform his duties in implementing the IRR and who do not issued violation notices to erring vendors or fails to report any infractions shall be given a demerit and his contract will no longer be renewed.

The Night Market is now one of the tourist attractions of the city at the same time has helped many residents in their livelihood. However, mayor Domogan stressed the importance of cooperation of the vendors and strict compliance on the rules and regulations set by the city./Jho Arranz

City officials liable for non-passage of tax reforms

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan urged members of the City Council to pass the pending amendments to the schedule of market values for real property taxes and the updated business taxes in order to be able to comply with the provisions of the Local government Code of the Philippines (LGC) and other related laws, rules and regulations, not to put added burden to the local residents but to ensure compliance to existing laws.

The local chief executive admitted if only the non-passage of the pertinent amendments to the real property and business taxes will be a ground for the dismissal of local officials, then

officials of the local government will be the primary candidates for dismissal for negligence of their duties in passing the appropriate legislations mandated by law.

"We must already come out with a reasonable increase in our taxes which were never increased for the past two decades. We must work together for the development of our city without sacrificing the greater interest of the majority of our populace," Domogan stressed.

Under the provisions of the LGC, the schedule real property taxes must be revised every three years while business taxes should be amended every five years, but for the city, the last time that the

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schedule of market values was in 1996 while that of business taxes were amended only in 2000.

The city mayor revealed that the city already received three letters from the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) reminding it of its obligation related to real property taxes and business taxes because the existing city tax ordinances are allegedly antiquated.

He said that consultations will be held with stakeholders in the formulation of the necessary local legislative measure to revise the relevant tax ordinances.

Further, he admitted the failure of the local government to update the tax measures significantly affected the ranking of the city in the ratings of the National Competitiveness Commission

(NCC), and, enactment of legislation is needed the soonest possible time for the city to be able to catch up with whatever lapses in its existing local tax measures.

The city's local finance committee submitted to the City Council the proposed schedule of market values for the real property taxes and the proposed business taxes but there is a need for the said committee to introduce the proper amendments to upgrade the tax rates.

Domogan explained people doing business and those who own properties in the city must pay the appropriate taxes as part of the city's income to support the implementation of priority development projects and contribute in improving the delivery of basic services. / *By Dexter A. See*

City to hold mass wedding

BAGUIO CITY - The city government here spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office is inviting couples, especially those who are living together without the benefit of marriage to join the mass wedding on September 29 at the Baguio Convention Center.

The mass wedding is one of the highlights of the Family Month celebration and the 107th charter day celebration of this mountain resort this coming September.

The family, as the basic unit of the community is better strengthened with legalization through the wedding, thus, CSWDO head Betty Fangasan urged couples to take advantage of the opportunity to legalize their union after having lived together for years or had a child or several children together as well as young couples who cannot afford to tie the knot because of financial constraints.

Interested couples more than 25 years old and who have been living together for more than five years are required to secure the following: community tax certification; birth certificates; certificate of no marriage from the Philippine Statistics Authority; and an affidavit of cohabitation from the public attorney's office or any legal officer.

For applicants securing a Marriage License at the Local Civil Registrar's Office, they must first obtain certificate of no marriage (CENOMAR) from the PSA and attend Pre-Marriage Counseling at the City Health Office scheduled every Tuesday from 1 PM to 5PM and Thursday from 8 AM to 12 Noon.

Parent's consent is needed for 18 to 20 years old applicants and parent's advice for 21 to 24 years old applicants.

The applicants will submit the Marriage License or Affidavit of Cohabitation at the

BCMA reduces fees for roving vendors

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) approved the reduction of the fees being collected by the local government from the hundreds of roving vendors in the city in order to allow them to have a bigger take home income for their respective families.

The agreement to reduce the fees collected from the roving vendors was agreed upon by the BCMA members during its meeting Tuesday upon the request of Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr., Chairperson of the City Council Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce.

From the total P1,052 per quarter being collected as regulatory fees for the roving vendors, the BCMA approved the reduction of the special permit fees for the roving vendors to only P350 per quarter in order to provide a relief for the vendors relying on vending around the city as their primary source of income.

However, the BCMA pointed out that the roving vendors must talk among themselves the delineation of the areas where they will be allowed to vend in order to avoid overlapping so that most of them will be accommodated to vend their respective products in the areas where they will be allowed to sell their goods.

The BCMA considered the argument of Yangot that while it is understood that the taxes being paid by the roving vendors actually add to the revenue collections of the city for its administrative operations, the city

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must also have to look into the economic status.

"For a roving vendor who struggles every day in the streets just to make ends meet, the amount of P1,052 paid quarterly is evidently burdensome for them," Yangot stated in his letter to the BCMA chaired by Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan.

According to him, the local government allowed the vendors to sell so that they can provide food for their families and as an added income to support the need of their respective families, thus, the special permit fee of P350 should be collected from them and that the P702 business permit fee should be removed in order to allow them to have bigger income for their families.

Earlier, the roving vendors appealed to the local government to reduce the regulatory fees being collected from them because their daily income that they derive from the sale of their goods is sometimes not enough to sustain the daily requirements of their respective families.

The BCMA is the governing body over the affairs of the city public market and satellite markets in the different barangays of the city.

The BCMA appealed to the roving vendors to already start getting their acts together for them to be able to identify the areas where they will sell their goods to avoid frequent complaints from them on issues of overlapping which might constrain the body to revoke the permits earlier granted to them to sell in the different barangays of the city. / *By Dexter A. See*

Multi-Purpose Hall.

For further inquiries, interested couples can go directly at the CSWDO or call telephone numbers 442-3842 or 442-7893. / *Jho Arranz*

People's park rehab into multi-function venue up

BAGUIO CITY - The on-going rehabilitation of People's Park will transform the place into a people-friendly multi-function events area.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the project which costs P8.9 million is expected to fulfill the vision to restore the area into its original status as a plaza or traditional events area for various public and private activities including those in the political or entertainment fields.

The rehabilitation work began last April and is expected to be completed in December.

Council tourism committee chair Councilor Elmer Datuin who proposed the restoration project said it is high time to restore the old grandeur and intended purpose of the area as a plaza and open space ideal for all kinds of events which was marred after it was remodeled ten years ago with an unsuitable design.

Datuin said among the features are a collapsible and movable stage, bigger capacity audience area, areas ideal for art pavilion and exhibits while the sitting area usually occupied by senior citizens will be retained.

The city buildings and architecture office which prepared the program of work describes the project as thus:

"The project reimagines the park as an open space allowing for multiple types of activities. The wedge shape and gradual slope of the site is taken advantage of by introducing a stepped surface that may function as platforms for viewing during speaker-led events and a stage for others;

"The space would also allow for mobile stages and setups to be fabricated anywhere within the square allowing it to be used for different purposes such as theatrical performances, concerts, fairs and art exhibitions;

"The main square is distinctively defined by randomly striped dark grey and white monolithic tiles. Striped grass and pavers, new timber clad benches and a pedestrian street at one of the edges;

"This street on the south side would accommodate the heavy pedestrian traffic from Session Road effectively extending it and gentrifying the area. This could eventually spur the redevelopment of the buildings around the square and introduce new destinations for tourists and locals."

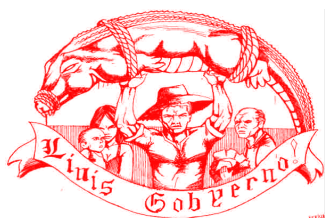
The project also covers the rehabilitation of the drainage system and construction of a rainwater catchment retention cistern for flood control. / *Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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irreparable harm to the coral reef ecosystem and (c) permanently destroyed evidence of the natural condition of the features in question. The Tribunal concluded that China had violated its obligations to refrain from aggravating or extending the Parties' disputes during the pendency of the settlement process.

e. Future Conduct of the Parties

Finally, the Tribunal considered the Philippines' request for a declaration that, going forward, China shall respect the rights and freedoms of the Philippines and comply with its duties under the Convention. In this respect, the Tribunal noted that both the Philippines and China have repeatedly accepted that the Convention and general obligations of good faith define and regulate their conduct. The Tribunal considered that the root of the disputes at issue in this arbitration lies not in any intention on the part of China or the Philippines to infringe on the legal rights of the other, but rather in fundamentally different understandings of their respective rights under the Convention in the waters of the South China Sea. The Tribunal recalled that it is a fundamental principle of international law that bad faith is not presumed and noted that Article 11 of Annex VII provides that the "award . . . shall be complied with by the parties to the dispute." The Tribunal therefore considered that no further declaration was necessary.



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ATTENTION : DOTC SECRETARY ARTHUR TUGADE, CSC CHAIRMAN ALICIA dela ROSA-BALLA



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ATTY. BRENDA D. POKLAY, DOTC-CAR Legal Officer - PINASISIBAK SA DESISYON NG CSC-CAR. MABUHAY KA CSC-CAR REGIONAL DIRECTOR MARILYN E. TALDO

Itong empleyado ng DOTC-CAR na si Atty. Poklay ay sinibak na noon sa serbisyo ni dating DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza ngunit binalik siya sa puwesto ng CSC.

Kamakailan lamang ay nag-desisyon ulit ang CSC-CAR na sibakin ang empleyado na ito ngunit siya ay nag-apela sa CSC Main office para ipawalang-bisa ang desisyon na ito laban sa kanya ng CSC-CAR for dismissal from the service.

Ang tanong ngayon ay kung muling mag-mamagaling at muling ipapawalang-bisa ng CSC Main Office ang desisyon ng CSC-CAR o magiging isang tagapagtanggol ng kaban ng bayan at tagabigay ng karampatang parusa sa mga korap ang CSC Main office.

CSC Manila, strike 2 na ito. Hanggang ilang strike ba ninyo papayagan ang isang empleyado na manatili sa serbisyo???

Basahin ang ating Komentaryo na tunay nga na isang palaisipan.

Mga kaso na nakabinbin sa opisina ng Civil Service Commission (CSC), dapat nang desisyonan ng agaran nang ang mga tiwali sa gobyerno ay mabawasan. Isang halimbawa dito ay ang

kasalukuyang kaso ni Atty. Brenda Poklay na dati ng sinibak sa pamumuno ni DOTC na si dating DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza ngunit pinabalik sa serbisyo ng CSC Main.

Ngayon ay nag-desisyon na naman ang CSC-CAR hinggil sa mga panibagong reklamo laban sa kanya kung saan siya ay pinasisibak muli sa serbisyo ng CSC-CAR ngunit kasalukuyang naka-apela ito sa CSC Main office. Ano kaya ang magiging desisyon ng CSC Main office? Mulit ba siyang ibabalik sa serbisyo sa pangalawang pagkakataon o tuluyan na siyang sisibakin?

Basahin ang mga dispositive portion ng mga susmusunod na desisyon. Dahil sa kakulangan ng espasyo ay ang mga dispositive portions lamang ng mga desisyon ang ating ihahayag. Kung nais ninyong malaman ang puno't dulo ng mga reklamo hinggil sa Respondent- Atty. Brenda Poklay maaring kumontak lang kayo sa aming tanggapan para sa kabuuan mga desisyon.

Desisyon mula sa opisina na DOTC Secretary Mendoza, Feb 2, 2008

WHEREFORE, premises considered, this Office finds respondent Atty. Brenda D. Poklay guilty of Gross Neglect of Duty and Incompetence and Inefficiency in the Performance of Official Duties. She is hereby meted the penalty of DISMISSAL FROM THE SERVICE with all its corresponding accessories.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished the respondent, the Director DOTC-CAR and the Civil Service Commission.

SO ORDERED.

29 February 2008, Mandaluyong City, Philippines.

(Sgd) LEANDRO R. MENDOZA
Secretary

Desisyon mula sa opisina ng Civil Service Commission (Quezon City), Dec 2, 2009

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, the appeal of Brenda D. Poklay is hereby DISMISSED. However, the DOTC decision dated February 27, 2008 and DOTC Resolution dated November 14, 2008, finding Poklay guilty of Gross Neglect of Duty and Inefficiency/Incompetence, and imposing upon her the penalty of dismissal from the service with all accessory penalties, are MODIFIED. She is found liable only of Simple Neglect of Duty, for which she is suspended for three (3) months.

Quezon City, 02 Dec 2009

(Sgd) MARY ANN Z. FERNANDEZ-MENDOZA
Commissioner

(Sgd) CESAR D. BUENAFLORES
Acting Chairman

Attested by:
(Sgd) DOLORES B. BONIFACIO
Director IV
Commission Secretariat and Liason Office

Desisyon mula sa opisina ng Civil Service Commission (CAR), Dec 22, 2015

WHEREFORE, Atty. Brenda D. Poklay, Department of Transportation and Communication- Cordillera Administrative Region (DOTC-CAR) is hereby found guilty of Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service and Simple Neglect of Duty. Accordingly she is meted out the penalty of DISMISSAL from the government service with all its accessory penalties of cancellation of eligibility, forfeiture of retirement benefits (except accrued leave credits/terminal benefits and personal contributions to the GSIS if any), perpetual disqualification from holding public office and bar from taking civil service examinations.

Copies of this Decision shall be furnished the Commission on Audit-CAR, and the concerned GSIS Office, for their information and appropriate action.

Baguio City.

(SGD) ATTY. MARILYN E. TALDO
Director IV

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4. The Tribunal's Decisions on the Merits of the Philippines' Claims

a. The 'Nine-Dash Line' and China's Claim to Historic Rights in the Maritime Areas of the South China Sea

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal considered the implications of China's 'nine-dash line' and whether China has historic rights to resources in the South China Sea beyond the limits of the maritime zones that it is entitled to pursuant to the Convention.

The Tribunal examined the history of the Convention and its provisions concerning maritime zones and concluded that the Convention was intended to comprehensively allocate the rights of States to maritime areas. The Tribunal noted that the question of pre-existing rights to resources (in particular fishing resources) was carefully considered during the negotiations on the creation of the exclusive economic zone and that a number of States wished to preserve historic fishing rights in the new zone. This position was rejected, however, and the final text of the Convention gives other States only a limited right of access to fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (in the event the coastal State cannot harvest the full allowable catch) and no rights to petroleum or mineral resources. The Tribunal found that China's claim to historic rights to resources was incompatible with the detailed allocation of rights and maritime zones in the Convention and concluded that, to the extent China had historic rights to resources in the waters of the South China Sea, such rights were extinguished by the entry into force of the Convention to the extent they were incompatible with the Convention's system of maritime zones.

The Tribunal also examined the historical record to determine whether China actually had historic rights to resources in the South China Sea prior to the entry into force of the Convention. The Tribunal noted that there is evidence that Chinese navigators and fishermen, as well as those of other States, had historically made use of the islands in the South China Sea, although the Tribunal emphasized that it was not empowered to decide the question of sovereignty over the islands. However, the Tribunal considered that prior to the Convention, the waters of the South China Sea beyond the territorial sea were legally part of the high seas, in which vessels from any State could freely navigate and fish. Accordingly, the Tribunal concluded that historical navigation and fishing by China in the waters of the South China Sea represented the exercise of high seas freedoms, rather than a historic right, and that there was no evidence that China had historically exercised exclusive control over the waters of the South China Sea or prevented other States from exploiting their resources.

Accordingly, the Tribunal concluded that, as between the Philippines and China, there was no legal basis for China to claim historic rights to resources, in excess of the rights provided for by the Convention, within the sea areas falling within the 'nine-dash line'.

b. The Status of Features in the South China Sea

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal considered the status of features in the South China Sea and the entitlements to maritime areas that China could potentially claim pursuant to the Convention.

The Tribunal first undertook a technical evaluation as to whether certain coral reefs claimed by China are or are not above water at high tide. Under Articles 13 and 121 of

the Convention, features that are submerged at high tide generate no entitlement to maritime zones. The Tribunal noted that many of the reefs in the South China Sea have been heavily modified by recent land reclamation and construction and recalled that the Convention classifies features on the basis of their natural condition. The Tribunal appointed an expert hydrographer to assist it in evaluating the Philippines' technical evidence and relied heavily on archival materials and historical hydrographic surveys in evaluating the features. The Tribunal agreed with the Philippines that Scarborough Shoal, Johnson Reef, Cuarteron Reef, and Fiery Cross Reef are high-tide features and that Subi Reef, Hughes Reef, Mischief Reef, and Second Thomas Shoal were submerged at high tide in their natural condition. However, the Tribunal disagreed with the Philippines regarding the status of Gaven Reef (North) and McKennan Reef and concluded that both are high tide features.

The Tribunal then considered whether any of the features claimed by China could generate an entitlement to maritime zones beyond 12 nautical miles. Under Article 121 of the Convention, islands generate an entitlement to an exclusive economic zone of 200 nautical miles and to a continental shelf, but "[r]ocks which cannot sustain human habitation or economic life of their own shall have no exclusive economic zone or continental shelf." The Tribunal noted that this provision was closely linked to the expansion of coastal

State jurisdiction with the creation of the exclusive economic zone and was intended to prevent insignificant features from generating large entitlements to maritime zones that would infringe on the entitlements of inhabited territory or on the high seas and the area of the seabed reserved for the common heritage of mankind. The Tribunal interpreted Article 121 and concluded that the entitlements of a feature depend on (a) the objective capacity of a feature, (b) in its natural condition, to sustain either (c) a stable community of people or (d) economic activity that is neither dependent on outside resources nor purely extractive in nature.

The Tribunal noted that many of the features in the Spratly Islands are currently controlled by one or another of the littoral States, which have constructed installations and maintain personnel there. The Tribunal considered these modern presences to be dependent on outside resources and support and noted that many of the features have been modified to improve their habitability, including through land reclamation and the construction of infrastructure such as desalination plants. The Tribunal concluded that the current presence of official personnel on many of the features does not establish their capacity, in their natural condition, to sustain a stable community of people and considered that historical evidence of habitation or economic life was more relevant to the objective capacity of the features. Examining the historical record, the Tribunal noted that the Spratly Islands were historically used by small groups of fishermen from China, as well as other States, and that several Japanese fishing and guano mining enterprises were attempted in the 1920s and 1930s. The Tribunal concluded that temporary use of the features by fishermen did not amount to inhabitation by a stable community and that all of the historical economic activity had been extractive in nature. Accordingly, the Tribunal concluded that all of the high-tide features in the Spratly Islands (including, for example, Itu Aba, Thitu, West York Island, Spratly Island, North-East Cay, South-West Cay) are legally "rocks" that do not generate an exclusive economic zone or continental shelf.

The Tribunal also held that the Convention does not provide for a group of islands such as the Spratly Islands to generate maritime zones collectively as a unit.

c. Chinese Activities in the South China Sea

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal considered the lawfulness under the Convention of various Chinese actions in the South China Sea. Having found that Mischief Reef, Second Thomas Shoal and Reed Bank are submerged at high tide, form part of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of the Philippines, and are not overlapped by any possible entitlement of China, the Tribunal concluded that the Convention is clear in allocating sovereign rights to the Philippines with respect to sea areas in its exclusive economic zone. The Tribunal found as a matter of fact that

China had (a) interfered with Philippine petroleum exploration at Reed Bank, (b) purported to prohibit fishing by Philippine vessels within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone, (c) protected and failed to prevent Chinese fishermen from fishing within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone at Mischief Reef and Second Thomas Shoal, and (d) constructed installations and artificial islands at Mischief Reef without the authorization of the Philippines. The Tribunal therefore concluded that China had violated the Philippines' sovereign rights with respect to its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf.


The Tribunal next examined traditional fishing at Scarborough Shoal and concluded that fishermen from the Philippines, as well as fishermen from China and other countries, had long fished at the Shoal and had traditional fishing rights in the area. Because Scarborough Shoal is above water at high tide, it generates an entitlement to a territorial sea, its surrounding waters do not form part of the exclusive economic zone, and traditional fishing rights were not extinguished by the Convention. Although the Tribunal emphasized that it was not deciding sovereignty over Scarborough Shoal, it found that China had violated its duty to respect to the traditional fishing rights of Philippine fishermen by halting access to the Shoal after May 2012. The Tribunal noted, however, that it would reach the same conclusion with respect to the traditional fishing rights of Chinese fishermen if the Philippines were to prevent fishing by Chinese nationals at Scarborough Shoal. The Tribunal also considered the effect of China's actions on the marine environment. In doing so, the Tribunal was assisted by three independent experts on coral reef biology who were appointed to assist it in evaluating the available scientific evidence and the Philippines' expert reports. The Tribunal found that China's recent large scale land reclamation and construction of artificial islands at seven features in the Spratly Islands has caused severe harm to the coral reef environment and that China has violated its obligation under Articles 192 and 194 of the Convention to preserve and protect the marine environment with respect to fragile ecosystems and the habitat of depleted, threatened, or endangered species. The Tribunal also found that Chinese fishermen have engaged in the harvesting of endangered sea turtles, coral, and giant clams on a substantial scale in the South China Sea, using methods that inflict severe damage on the coral reef environment. The Tribunal found that Chinese authorities were aware of these activities and failed to fulfill their due diligence obligations under the Convention to stop them.

Finally, the Tribunal considered the lawfulness of the conduct of Chinese law enforcement vessels at Scarborough Shoal on two occasions in April and May 2012 when Chinese vessels had sought to physically obstruct Philippine vessels from approaching or gaining entrance to the Shoal. In doing so, the Tribunal was assisted by an independent expert on navigational safety who was appointed to assist it in reviewing the written reports provided by the officers of the Philippine vessels and the expert evidence on navigational safety provided by the Philippines. The Tribunal found that Chinese law enforcement vessels had repeatedly approached the Philippine vessels at high speed and sought to cross ahead of them at close distances, creating serious risk of collision and danger to Philippine ships and personnel. The Tribunal concluded that China had breached its obligations under the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, and Article 94 the Convention concerning maritime safety.

d. Aggravation of the Dispute between the Parties

In its Award of 12 July 2016, the Tribunal considered whether China's recent large-scale land reclamation and construction of artificial islands at seven features in the Spratly Islands since the commencement of the arbitration had aggravated the dispute between the Parties. The Tribunal recalled that there exists a duty on parties engaged in a dispute settlement procedure to refrain from aggravating or extending the dispute or disputes at issue during the pendency of the settlement process. The Tribunal noted that China has (a) built a large artificial island on Mischief Reef, a low-tide elevation located in the exclusive economic zone of the Philippines; (b) caused permanent, **Cont. on page 8**

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the Convention, features that are above water at high tide generate an entitlement to at least a 12 nautical