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## Mayor Prays Cordi Autonomy Gets Same Attention as Bangsamoro



Hon. Nestor Fongwan  
Benguet Governor

PCSUPT. Benjamin Magalong  
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Hon. Gregorio Abalos Jr.  
La Trinidad Mayor

**MONTEHAN GAMBLING WHERE TO GO!!!** Upper left photo is the PEA Drug at Km 5 beside the La Trinidad Gymnasium and the entrance to the street where the Karates Bakeshop is located. Upper middle and right photos is the location of the Karates Bakeshop, just proceed to the 2nd floor and enjoy you Monte illegal gambling as much as you want. Lower photos are the three (3) top Benguet officials tasked to see to it that there are no illegal gambling at their jurisdiction, are these men doing their jobs and mandate accordingly or are they sleeping on the job??? For more on this go to page 7 LG Komentaryo.

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday expressed hopes that the Cordillerans' bid to establish an autonomous region will get the same attention and priority from the national government as the Mindanao people's quest for a Bangsamoro region.

"I hope that our clamor for autonomy will also be given proper attention and that we will not have to resort to violence just to gain that attention," the mayor war

The mayor said armed struggle will never be an option for Cordillerans who are known as peace-loving people.

"Many are joking now about war being an effective means to catch attention but let us make a difference and show them that we can attain our autonomy goal through peaceful means," the mayor said.

Domogan who headed the Third Autonomy Act Drafting Committee that crafted the content of the act has been seeking support from President Benigno S. Aquino III to certify as urgent House Bill 5595 and Sen-

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*Basta kami sa Junction hindi kami tutol sa Cordillera Autonomous Region. Tutol kami sa isang pol-politikong nag ngingit-ngit na maging Gobernador ng CAR para lamang ma dagdagan ang kanyang nakaw at kapangyarihan!!!*

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## Mayor Sees Ganza Parking Area for Temporary Flower Vending Site

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday (October 17) sees a feasible site for the Cut flower vendors and candle vendors to ply their trade come All Saints Day here.

Domogan said, 'the city and cut flower vendors are into negotiations for a win-win solution on their request for the use of a portion of Harrison Road as a temporary vending site for flowers and candles as done in the past'.

'We are studying the possibility of them selling within the Ganza Parking Area or the side of Melvin Jones', Domogan said.

Currently, there are 150 vendors who have applied for a special permit to sell flowers and candles come October 26 to November 1.

He said, 'the pinpointed site will not cause traffic congestion and will not obstruct the public in using pedestrian walkways'.

'I hope both sides can agree on a place for them to sell taking into consideration the recommendations of the BCPO for unobstructed traffic which is a major concern', Domogan said.

Currently, Harrison Road is being used from 9:00pm to 4:00 am by Night Market Vendors which the city approved. /paul rillorta

## SOFAD Councilors Pass 30 Resolutions

BAGUIO CITY – the Scout Officials for a Day (SOFAD) councilors made their first and last City Council session with 30 resolutions passed here.

Literally taking over the helms of the Council Session Hall, Scout Councilor Kristian Angelo Dela Pena opened discussions with his proposed resolution providing for a safe pedestrian crossing for senior citizens along Harrison and Magsaysay roads which was approved immediately.

Scout Councilor Ana Marie Cacayuran's request for the provision of additional digital Timbangan ng Bayan installed on a strategic and secure location at the Baguio public market was also approved including her proposed resolution re-enhancing public awareness on land ownership in the city.

With a little discussion, Scout Councilor Glydel Ann Daniel's proposed resolution for a 'freedom wall' for graffiti and other kinds of art was also approved

which comes with it the eradication of vandalism by repainting the city walls and posts.

The solon also suggested that additional directional signboards will be installed along the major thoroughfares of the city for tourists.

Scout Councilor Ian Christopher Mangaoang on the other hand urges the different offices directly supervising the maintenance of Burnham Park to immediately rehabilitate and clean the lake which was indicated in his

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## Mayor Approves Bus Unloading Zones to Ease Traffic

BAGUIO CITY – easing traffic congestion in the Central Business district (CBD) has been a major concern here that the Baguio City Police Office Traffic Management Unit has recommended a schedule for buses entering and exiting the city.

In a letter addressed to Mayor Mauricio Domogan September 22, Traffic Chief James Allan Logan recommended a time schedule for the unloading of buses here.

'After careful review, evaluation and assessment of the observations of the traffic branch, we find their recommendations meritorious in the improvement of the traffic situation in the city', Domogan said.

Administrative Order no. 137 simultaneously has been approved which orders all buses occupying Governor Pack Road to unload their passengers at PNR unloading area from 6:00am to 6:00pm.

The unloading area along Governor Pack road will be utilized from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am daily.

Meantime, two slots has been designated as unloading areas at the right side of BGH rotunda and additional two slots is also allocated for unloading just after the entrance of Baguio Convention Center.

There is also a single slot for unloading fronting Insular Life Building along shuntug street and another slot for unloading at the back of Rizal Monument, Rizal Park.

Meantime, the City Engineers office and the DPWH-BCDEO will put in place traffic signages to this effect.

Bus operators and drivers are advised to follow strictly the traffic scheme to insure unobstructed traffic flow in this areas. /paul rillorta

## Two More Dialysis Patients Trying to Reach out

Sharon, their 27-year old daughter who was diagnosed for end-stage kidney failure in July last year. She's been on twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment since then, every Monday and Thursday evening, on the 8 p.m.-11 p.m. shift, at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

Last Sunday, the couple ended up empty. As in previous tries, they were unable to pool P2,200, the basic cost of one

blood-cleansing session done by a machine over the four-hour shift. Probable donors on their list had already been tried or tapped – some even repeatedly. They'd ran out of names, and there's this thing called "donor fatigue".

The pressure to sustain the cost of blood-cleansing also continues to be bloody for Bernadette Domingo, perhaps even more so. The 34-year old laundrywoman and

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## City Draws up Disaster Mgm't Plan

BAGUIO CITY – The city government began drawing up a comprehensive disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) plan via a workshop held Oct. 9-11 here.

Members of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) and concerned sectors participated in the workshop and provided inputs for the disaster plan envisioned to be an "adaptive, effective and efficient tool to be operated in times of pre and post disasters."

The plan was also intended for integration into the Community Development Plan, Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the National Security Plan.

The output

will be finalized and submitted to the city council for approval.

The workshop framework centered on the so-called four thematic areas namely prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and rehabilitation or recovery.

The participants supplied strategies on the goals set for each of the areas.

Under the prevention and mitigation, the objectives centered on properly identifying and delineating exact locations of hazardous area in the city to be incorporated in the existing maps, identifying and constructing critical infrastructures to mitigate and prevent disasters, integrating DRRM in all information-

education campaign activities and development plans, establishing and sustaining early warning devices in hazardous areas, intensifying information dissemination and monitoring campaign, enhancing the capability of the barangay DRRM and private sectors and strengthening management and utilization of hazard monitoring equipment.

For preparedness, the key foci were strengthening the CDRRM office, preparing a master plan for DRRM, enhancing the existing awareness of the citizens to respond to disasters, building the capacity of the city, barangays, families and individuals to prepare for any disaster, Cont. on page 9

## Led Deal Defended

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday defended the proposed Light Emitting Diode (LED) light replacement and management venture saying it remains as a workable option for upgrading the city's lighting system.

In his Ugnayan ang Panlungsod media

briefing, the mayor set aside set aside snowballing suggestions that in lieu of commissioning a private company, the city by itself undertake the replacement of the existing lighting facilities, maintain the management and in the process enjoy the full benefit of the savings to be generated.

The mayor said this option was also considered but was thumbed down in view of the city's lack of financial capability to shell out the huge capitalization needed for the project. He said LED bulbs and fixtures are costly and replacing the approximately 12,000 bulbs operated by the city govern-

ment along streets, overpasses, schools and government offices would command a hefty sum which the city cannot afford.

The recommendation for the city to secure a loan for the project is also impractical as the interest rates would also cause a strain on the city's finances, the mayor added.

"On the other hand, why not give it to a private firm and our only obligation would be to continue appropriating what we are regularly paying for our electric bills and we will freed from the obligation to maintain and replace the lighting facilities which will mean savings from the operational costs," the mayor said.

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## Tourism Decline Reports Unfounded - Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – The city shall continue to implement tourism-oriented activities and infrastructure despite the hazy information that tourism in the city is on the decline, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said last Wednesday, during the regular media Ugnayan.

Beautification is on-going, including that of the Botanical garden along Leonard Wood road, the mayor said, “as we have to entice the tourists to come.”

The thrust on peace and order, improvement of other tourist destinations are also in place, he added.

Other activities for locals shall also go on, including a fishing tournament this Sunday morning at Burnham Park Lake. According to event organizer and chair of committee on tourism, special events, parks and playgrounds, Councilor Elmer Datuin, succeeding fishing tournaments and other activities are being planned for the next months.

On Nov. 5, the 2013 Baguio Flower Festival or Panagbenga shall be launched after the flag-raising ceremonies at the city hall grounds. The festival’s theme is “A blooming odyssey,” which would again showcase Baguio’s floral flood in the month of February. Panagbenga preparations for the next three months would then ensue after the launching. Tourist arrivals is expected to increase during said period.

As to the information of tourism decline, the mayor said there is a need for a “complete report” on the matter. We also have to accept that tourists nowadays have many choices as to places to visit, he added.

We Baguioites however, aside from beautiful tourist spots within the city, are hospitable and have a friendly attitude to offer, the mayor said. “This we should sustain, with partnership and support with the private sector,” he ended./juliegfianza

## Happy Hallow Ancestral Domain as Historical Site

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. has sought the declaration of Ancestral Domain of Happy Hallow Barangay as a historical, heritage and ecological site.

In a proposed ordinance, Cosalan said the area embraced by Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title No. CAR-BAG-0206-041 and containing an area of 146.4182 hectares is the focus of the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP) of Happy Hallow Barangay which was adopted by the city council through Resolution Numbered 399, series of 2009

and incorporated in the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and development plans.

Cosalan said the plan which was formulated by the clans through the technical assistance of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and other concerned government agencies “represents a direct and collective vision of the Indigenous Peoples of Happy Hallow to preserve and protect their domain and cultural heritage as one and distinct people.”

“The ADSDPP provides for a Community-Based Sustainable Tourism activity as a medium to ‘pro-

mote indigenous knowledge skills and practices, strengthen the capability of the community in protecting the environment primarily focuses on the people’s continuing participation in the preservation and conservation including protection of natural resources,” Cosalan said.

He said the Ancestral Domain of Happy Hallow can be enhanced as an open museum of living Ibaloi and Kankanaey culture and traditions where people can learn about the history and culture of the original settlers and tillers of the city.

In his measure, Cosalan said that with the

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## No Norfolk Pine Lighting this Year - Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – The Norfolk Pine tree at the foot of Session road may not be lighted for Christmas this year, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said during the media Ugnayan last week.

It was the recommendation of the Christmas in Baguio executive committee, in order to revive the ailing tree which, for many seasons has been the city’s main lighted tree. Wires and electrical connections for the lights have been the subject of disapproval of environmental groups, as it may have caused peripheral damage for the tree.

The long-term effect on the health of the Norfolk Pine tree should come first to mind, the mayor said, which was echoed by Councilor Elmer Datuin, chair of the committee on tourism, special events, parks and playground.

This should be true too, as with the proposed aerial fireworks sponsored by the city, Mayor Domogan said. He mused on having a centralized pyrotechnics show in coordination with fireworks entrepreneurs, Lucis, Paputok at ibapa, to celebrate Christmas and New Year. The mayor noted that firework sellers may have to vend only aerial pyrotechnics as this would minimize air quality problems during said occasions without having to sacrifice their source of livelihood.

He also called on Baguio citizens to help in maintaining pure air quality, as endorsed by the Department of Health and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)./juliegfianza

## Strengthening Family Ties Seen to Boost Citywide Devt

BAGUIO CITY – The city government through Administrative Order No. 138 series of 2012 signed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan this week declares ‘October 21’ as the city’s major thoroughfares participated by families, students, senior citizens, organizations, companies and groups highlighted by a single choreographed performance by the delegation to the tune of ‘Gangnam, Style’.

Considered the basic social unit in society, the family, be it traditional or extended is given importance in this day.

Domogan said, “the creation of simple yet befitting activities which will project the values of social responsibility and stimulate inspiration towards intensifying participatory governance and exemplification of good citizenry through unity is needed”.

He said, “wholesome activities for the family will contribute to the city’s social development in pursuit of effective community participation and involvement in govern-

ance and citywide development”.

The special Day will be opened under the office of the mayor with members composed of Councilor Elmer Datuin (Tourism), Councilor Karminn Cheryl Dinney Yangot (youth), Atty. Carlos Canilao (Administration), City Social Welfare Officer Betty Fangasan (Senior Citizens), PIA dir. Helen Tibaldo (Media), Tourism Officer Benedicto Alhambra (Tourism), Engr. Leopoldo Escano (Senior Citizens), Atty. Agustin Laban III (Dep-ed), Dr. Luisa Valencia (Ched), Vladimir Cayabas (Youth), International sector representatives Peter Ng, Alex Joung and Hiro Okuda and Performance Coordinator Missy Camacho.

The Committee will oversee the successful implementation of the various activities slated.

Domogan said, “it is the perfect time of the year that an activity which focuses on

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**SIGNS OF THE COMING YULETIDE SEASON**  
- Local and imported fruits begin to flood the city market to signal the start of the Christmas celebration./By Bong Cayabyab

## CBD Unloading Areas for Implementation

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week issued Administrative Order 137, s. of 2012 for the city’s bus loading and unloading areas along the Central Business District (CBD), as recommended by Traffic Management Unit Chief P/Supt. James Allan Logan.

The move is seen to put order in passenger loading and unloading along city roads, during specific times, it was known.

As stated in the AO:

Buses using Gov. Pack road will unload passengers at PNR unloading area from 6 AM to 6 PM;

Unloading area along Gov. Pack will be utilized from 6 PM to 6 AM daily;

The right side of Baguio General Hospital Rotunda shall have two slots for passenger unloading;

There shall be two slots unloading area just after the entrance of the Baguio Convention Center;

One slot unloading area is allotted at the frontage of the Insular Life Building along Shuntug street;

One slot unloading area shall be located at the back of Rizal Monument, Rizal Park;

All buses should strictly observe the unloading areas, for them to help ease traffic congestion in the city roads.

There shall be appropriate signages for the information of the riding public in the mentioned loading and unloading areas. The production of signages are coordinated with, and should be prepared and installed if necessary, by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-District Engineering Office-City Engineer’s Office.

Minor traffic adjustment may be determined by the Transport and Traffic Management Unit, Baguio City Police Office who shall also enforce the order.

The advisory takes effect immediately./juliegfianza

## Christmas in Baguio Committees Created

BAGUIO CITY – Starting early, Mayor Mauricio Domogan through an administrative order created the Christmas in Baguio committee which shall be in charge of all concerns for the month-long December celebration.

The executive committee shall be headed by Congressman Bernardo Vergara as honorary chairman, Mayor Domogan as chair, and Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas as Co-chair.

City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao, and Councilor Elmer Datuin, Chairman on SP Committee on Tourism and Special Events shall be action officers for said committee. City Environment and Parks Management Officer (CEPMO) Cordelia Lacsamana, City Engineer Leo Bernardez, City Building Official Oscar Flores, Assistant Assessor Nilda Navarro, Assistant Treasurer Alicia Onoza, and City Budget Officer Leticia

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## Makind A Difference

"In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man," former UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wrote. "But if you want anything done, ask a woman."

That explains the cheering after President Benigno Aquino appointed Maria Gracia Cielo Padaca to the Commission on Elections. Padaca, who hobbles on crutches due to childhood polio, could oversee a vital program to register persons with disabilities for 2013 elections. Comelec chair Sixto Brillantes Jr. said in welcome.

As Isabela province governor, the 49-year old Padaca, uprooted corrosive political dynasties. She won the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation (RMAF) award for government service in 2008.

Padaca "paid off two-thirds of the province's huge debts," RMAF's citation recalls. She scrapped a "bankrupt medical scheme for a sounder government-backed plan and) helped rice and corn farmers...(She) "empowered voters...to reclaim their democratic right to elect leaders of their own choosing..."

Trashed politicians continue harassment suits against Padaca. "As usual, there is an idiot behind every great woman," John Lennon once snapped. Will Padaca join Filipinas of "burnished steel"? That includes Gabriela Silang, executed in 1763 for rebelling against colonizers to "housewife" Corazon Aquino who sent a dictator packing.

"Women are good for the bedroom", Ferdinand Marcos sneered when told that Cory reluctantly agreed to a draft. "Walang alam yan. Cory snapped back. "True. I don't know

## EDITORIAL

how to steal, cheat, lie or murder."

"People Power" installed her as

14th and first woman president. She reestablished constitutional government, served with integrity, oversaw peaceful transition of power and returned to her modest Times Street home.

Aside from other honors Cory, won the 1999 Magsaysay Award. In contrast, Marcos war medals were bogus, revealed a New York Times series based on US National Archives records. Aquino is a revered icon. Marcos corpse moulders in a mausoleum as heirs badger for denied Libingan Ng Mga Bayani honors.

Tiene cojones, people said of Cecilia Munoz Palma. "She has balls." The first woman Supreme Court justice played the farcical "Citizens Assemblies". She dissented when male colleagues allowed Marcos to propose amendments to the Constitution by himself.

"I was a foot away" when President Joseph Estrada signed papers for a P500-million loan as "Jose Velarde," the poised bank vice-president Clarissa Ocampo testified at the impeachment trial. "I refused to certify it." That helped trigger People Power Two.

Ocampo received threats but never buckled. "Remember, Ginger Rogers," a fan suggests. "She did everything Fred Astaire did, only backwards — and in high heels"

The late Haydee Yorac won the Magsaysay Award in 2004. As peace negotiator, then elections commissioner, she showed that "the sole and only nobility is integrity. Under her watch, the Presidential Commission on Good Government retrieved from Marcos Swiss bank accounts US\$683 million. She was instrumental in crafting key court decisions favorable to small farmers over the coconut levy.

"From her sickbed, Yorac knows she will not complete the task herself," RMAF noted before her death. "Others will rise to it. No one is indispensable," Yorac reminds us all. Making a difference is enough."

Today, strong women, who challenge perverted leaders and institutions, still make a difference.

As Supreme Court justice, Conchita Carpio-Morales penned the 8-7 decision that junked the memo of agreement with Moro Islamic Liberation Front on ancestral domain. The process was "furtive". The draft exceeded legal authority...(and is) whimsical, capricious, oppressive."

The Arroyo Court allowed Eduardo Cojuangco to dip into levies, extorted from indigent coconut farmers, and pocket 16.2 million San Miguel Corp. shares. "the biggest joke (of) the century" Impeachment of Supreme Court chief justice Renato Corona hinged on now Ombudsman Carpio-Morales analysis of Statements of Assets and Liabilities

It's been 18 months since Heidi Mendoza was appointed as COA commissioner. Why is this 22-year veteran auditor with a spotless record "still unconfirmed?" asked Solita Monsod in her Inquirer column.

Mendoza quit a cushy Asian Development Bank job to testify on her ignored report of plunder in AFP Comptroller's Office. Today, Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, is in prison. President Aquino, expressed public appreciation, by asking Mendoza to return to COA.

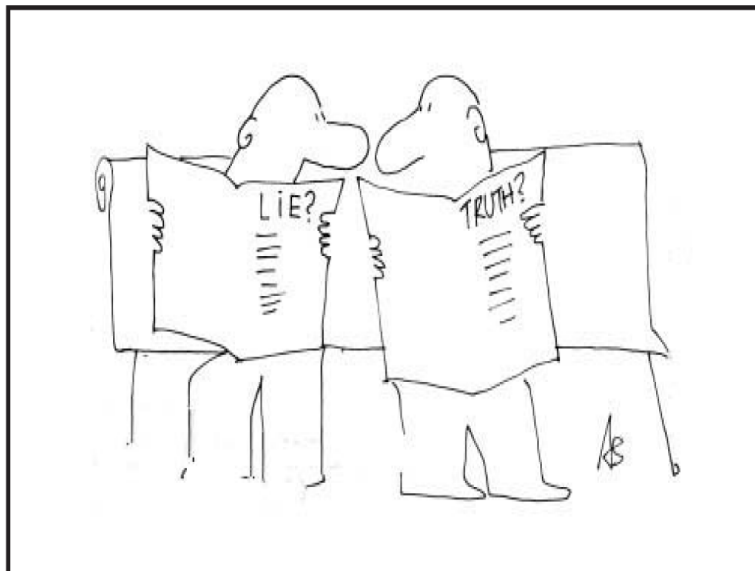
It is an open secret the one responsible for this situation is Vice-President Jejomar Binay's camp, "Monsod said. They've never forgiven Mendoza who ferreted scams in Makati City. She led the team that audited 2000 and 2001 contracts for Makati office partitions and furniture.

Example of findings. Award for purchase of furniture was made on Sept 15. But the date of supposed bidding was two days later, i.e. Sept. 17, bidding. If the Binay camp thinks Mendoza will fold, guess again. Tiene cojones.

Mendoza is not alone in the Commission on Appointments freezer. DILG secretary Jesse Robredo (2012 Magsaysay Awardee) went to his grave with confirmation snarled by Camarines Sur politicians.

CA clones what Alibaba called a "den of 40 thieves". Mendoza and Padaca will find integrity and competence mean nothing, as did Robredo before them. Concessions is the only language spoken there.

What strike fears into "valiant women?" Margaret Thatcher says "being in an elevator with three political foes — and having only one handbag to whack them with."/ Juan L. Mercado



## THE PEACE COMBATANT

### Libel Law in our Penal Code

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



According to abogadmo.com, Article 353 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines defines libel as "a public and malicious imputation of a crime, or of vice or defect, real or imaginary, or any act, omission, condition, status or circumstance tending to credit or cause the dishonor or contempt of a natural or juridical person, or to blacken the memory of one who is dead.

Note that based on the definition on what libel is, it is easy to use the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines to claim that libel has indeed been committed even if there is a legitimate criticism of an act of a public official because there is supposedly libel when one criticizes a real defect of a person's act that will tend to dishonor or discredit the public official.

The situation implied by Article 353 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines is probably the reason why the United Nations Human Rights Commissions, as per the report of the Philippine Press Institute of 23 February 2012, released a resolution "declaring the country's libel law discordant with the provision in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that upholds free expression as right."

To date, it appears that nobody has been prosecuted on the crime of libel involving a government official except perhaps Luis Beltran on his accusation that President Aquino allegedly hid under a bed during the coups under her administration. Nevertheless, Article 353 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines remains a sword of Damocles, or in other words a threat, on press freedom of the Philippines. Having been not invoked does not imply that the potential of the law in stifling press freedom in the Philippines has been reduced.

At the same time, based on a Supreme Court decision of 1990 (Daez v Court of Appeals, G.R. 47971, 31 October 1990, 191 SCRA 61, 67), the website group identifies that there are four elements of libel: (1) imputation of discreditable act or condition on a natural person or on a juridical person; (2) publication of the imputation; (3) identify of the person defamed; and, (d) existence of malice.

Thus, if the defense lawyer is a good, the complainant's lawyer is not as a good, and a judge is appropriately partial to the rule of law and democracy, it can be viable to defend oneself from prosecution under the country's libel laws. This makes the situation of press freedom in the Philippines highly vulnerable to being rendered ineffective by politicians hiding behind the protection of their personal wealth and a phalanx of lawyers loyal to money-and-never-mind-the-laws, an anomaly because freedom requires equality before the laws!

Is it easy to be a good lawyer to defend oneself from prosecution under the libel laws? Not so. For instance, take the rule on identify. Suppose we criticize FATMAN for being so and so. According to the abogado.com, a single person's allegation that FATMAN is Congressman Gamboa suffices as identification that FATMAN is Congressman Gamboa. Based on Corpuz v Cuaderno, Sr. (16 SCRA 807), the website pointed out that to satisfy identifiability, a single allegation from a third party that he or she was able to identify FATMAN as Congressman Gamboa suffices as sufficient identification.

Will a defense of an absence of malice be sustainable? Again, not so. This is because, according to abogado.com, Article 354 of the Revised Penal Code provides that "every defamatory imputation is presumed to be malicious, even if it be true." Clearly, therefore, the corrupt can use the anti-libel law to haunt critics even if the crime committed by the corrupt politico is true because malice is presume even if the act for which a



## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

*Peace is Work of a Lifetime*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



**MALACANANG EVENT** —I was catching my flight abroad when I got word that a **Peace Framework Agreement** was signed between the **Government** and the **MILF**. This is indeed good news! We congratulate the MILF and the government for making this happen.

Today, Monday after lunch, a big event is taking place in **Malacanang**. No less than **President Aquino** will preside over the signing of the Framework Agreement. If plans push through, even **Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak** will also be present including **OIC Secretary General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu**.

There is euphoria on both sides for this milestone. And rightly so. About **150 MILF leaders** will be ferried by a chartered flight from **Cotabato City** to attend the event. All those who had in the past worked in the peace process were reportedly invited to attend.

**NOT FINAL YET** —Let's make this clear at the outset. This is **NOT** the final Peace Agreement yet. This is merely a "framework" that will guide the panels hereon. It's a roadmap that both sides will use as reference as they travel the not-so-easy road towards its final destination: a comprehensive peace pact.

**CLOSE SCRUTINY** —Of course there are blanks to fill yet. And many dots to connect. And there are phrases and provisions in that Framework Agreement that are "motherhood statements" that can be interpreted in many different ways. Others are not understandable to those who are not privy to the nitty gritty of the closed door meetings.

I am sure that after the initial euphoria of the announcement of the "breakthrough", many sectors will start scrutinizing the agreement word for word. Others will start giving their own interpretations. There will surely be those who will look at the negative. Others will merely view the agreement through the prism of their own-self interest and ignore the "big picture".

**PLAYING TO GALLERY** —Yes, it will no longer be easy for both panels hereon because every word of what they put in that piece of paper will be closely scrutinized. My guess is that the panels will "play to their own gallery". The **GPH Panel** will give interpretations that will put those provisions safely within the confines of Philippine legal framework, the **Constitution** and the laws. On the other hand, the **MILF** will assuage its **Bangsamoro constituency** that they have not squandered or betrayed nor abandoned their aspiration for "self determination". This is the hard part, I tell you. How both sides will navigate this we should all watch. The fact is: a preliminary deal has been forged and the negotiators of both panels, I am sure, gave it their best shot.

**DEVIL IN THE DETAIL** —Be prepared to hear some sectors accusing the negotiators of "a sellout" or a "betrayal". Of course everyone is entitled to his or her opinion.

Fact is: there is no such thing as a perfect Peace Agreement, folks! Let's all give this one a chance to work.

So let me now caution one and all: let's all "stay the course" at all cost and keep focused on the "big picture" no matter what! As it is, the work is not done, although a significant breakthrough has been achieved. Remember: the "devil is in the detail!"

**LESSONS LEARNED** —What happened to the **MNLF** is a good lesson to learn from. Their Framework Agreement was signed in **Tripoli, Libya in 1976 with GRP Negotiator Carmelo Barbero** during the administration then of former **President Marcos**. It was publicly known that at the "last hour" **President Marcos** astutely inserted the phrase, "subject to Philippine constitutional processes" (or words to that effect) that wrapped up the deal. There was comparable euphoria at that time. It took **20 years** of "OFF and ON" negotiations when the **MNLF Fi-** **Cont. on page 9**

## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Survey sa Autonomiya – Makatotohanan kaya o Manipulado !?!*

BY: ODELL P. AQUINO



Ayon sa **Headline Story** ng pahayagang ito na ayon kay **The One, The Only, The Great Mayor Mauricio Domogan**, mukhang lumalabas na sa survey na isinagawa ng **Regional Development Council (RDC)** na mas nakararami na ang nag kagagusto ng autonomy para sa **Cordillera**. Para sa akin ay mas gusto ko ng autonomy for the **Cordillera** per se, kung ito ay isang honest to goodness autonomy. Ngunit ang aking dahilan lamang at kaisa-isang dahilan ay sa dahilan na mapapalaki ang mapupunta na budget para sa **Cordillera** na magagamit **para sa pangongorap at pagnanakaw ng mga opisyal na nasa poder** este development ng **Cordillera Region**. Tungkol naman sa isinagawang survey ng **RDC**, Oh My Dear Lord God In Heaven. Sino ang tanga na maniniwala sa isang survey na isinagawa ng **RDC**, hindi ba etong **RDC** ang gumamit na milyong-milyong pondo na dapat sana ang milyong milyong pondo ay para sa information and dissemination campaign ( hoy kayong mga tutulog na medyas bakit kayo pumayag sa diversion of funds na dapat sana ay may lehitimong kita ang mga media outfits, kung pagdiskitahan ninyo mga ibang iligal-ubong na nakakahiya) . Ngunit kanilang iginamit ang milyong milyong pondo para sa ibat-ibang bagay na hindi na-aayon sa batas, oh well, so what's new sa ating bansa, anything goes ika nga kapag naka sandal ka sa pader na **KORAP**. So who in his or her right mind will have even a little trust and confidence to accept as gospel truth a survey that was made by the **RDC** which is a self serving survey for the benefit of **The One, The Only and The Great Mayor Domogan** and future **Cordillera Governor** (kung matuloy ang autonomy), **Mabuhay Si Apo Domogan, the indispensable, ageless and timeless Baguio and Cordillera Politician, Idol!!!**. Sa dakong ito ay examinatin natin ang datos ng nasabing survey at ating kokomentaryohan.

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**Survey says** - "The results said 40.8 percent of the respondents agreed that there is a need for autonomy and therefore support it while 24.2 percent do not see the need for autonomy and 18.9 percent are undecided and 16.1 percent are not aware."

**Bombito says**- Add 24.2 (hindi daw kelangan) plus 18.9 ( hindi pa naka decide) at 16.1 (walang kaalaman) = 59.2 so lamang na laman pa rin ang may ayaw (opposition) at neutral at walang pakialam. Ngunit kapag may nangampanya at sinabi ang katotohanan kung gaano kalaki ng pondo na mananakaw ng mga korap na opisyal abah sigurado kong maskokonti ang magkakagusto ng autonomy. Kaya bago mag auto-autonomy ay ayusin muna ang sistema na mabawasan at makulong ang mga Korap na opisyal, kung hindi ay useless lamang at ilan lamang mga pol-politiko ang makikinabang.

**Survey says** - "Among the areas, Apayao registered the highest number of positive responses with 58.5 percent with 13.9 percent disagreeing, 14.5 percent undecided and 13 percent unaware. In Kalinga, 47.2 percent agreed there is a need while 20 percent said no, 21.5 percent undecided and 11.3 unaware."

**Bombito says**- napagiiistir ng mga bataa ni Domogan ang mga taga Apayao at Kalinga, ngunit konting paglinaw lamang ay mauunawaan din nila na hindi pa panahon para sa autonomy !!!

**Survey says**- "Ifugao had 43 percent autonomy supporters, 23.2 opposition, 14 percent undecided and 19.8 unaware. Abra had 41.5 for autonomy, 23.1- opposition, 14.8- undecided , 20.6-unaware . Benguet with 40.3 for autonomy, 26- opposition, 20.3- undecided, 13.3-unaware . Baguio with 39.7- for autonomy, 24.9- opposition, 21.1- undecided , 14.2-unaware "

Bombito says – sumahin ninyo **Cont. on page 10**

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Revised RH Bill still an abortion law*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS**: "... God blessed (the man and the woman) and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it'..." God saw all that he had made, and it was very good..." (Genesis 1:28, 31, the Holy Bible).

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**REVISED RH BILL STILL AN ABORTION LAW**: With due respect to Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, I still believe that the so-called "revised version of the Reproductive Health Bill" he is asking congressmen to debate on when the House of Representatives resumes its session on November 5, 2012 after its All Saints Day break remains to be a bill allowing abortion in the Philippines.

I checked the bill—House Bill 4244—in the Internet, as well as in media reports detailing his supposed amendments, and the provision granting the husband and the wife, singly or together, and even a young minor who is pregnant, the right to allow the unborn child to be born or not, or to live or die, remains under its Section 4, Definition of Terms.

Once more, let me quote this part of the proposed law: "Reproductive Health Rights refer to the rights of couples, individuals and women to decide freely and responsibly whether or not to have children; to determine the number, spacing and timing of their children; to make decisions concerning reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence; to have relevant information; and to attain the highest condition of sexual and reproductive health..."

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**RH BILL ALLOWS ABORTION EVEN BY A YOUNG GIRL**: Let me illustrate my point over this issue. Suppose that, after House Bill 4244 is passed into a law containing the provision I reproduced here, a woman goes to a doctor and asks that the child in her womb be removed or aborted. Suppose the doctor agrees and proceeds to do the abortion. While the doctor is performing the abortion, policemen come and arrest him and the woman.

As they are being handcuffed, the doctor and the woman bring out the enacted version of House Bill 4244, containing the provision on "Reproductive Health Rights". Then, they tell the policemen, "look, the law says it is the right of the woman who asked for the abortion to decide whether she will have the child or not. Since the law says the woman has the right to decide on this issue, then it is not going to be illegal to be performing abortion on her."

The policemen will read the law. And the law is clear: part of the reproductive health right of a woman is to decide for herself, freely and responsibly, to have a child. An exercise of this right, provided for by the law itself, will not be illegal. There is therefore no basis for arresting her and the doctor who agreed to perform the abortion. This, very clearly, is the danger of the both Lagman's original and revised versions

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**CHALLENGE TO LAGMAN AND RH BILL PROPONENTS**: Now, if Lagman and his cohorts who are pushing the Reproductive Health Bill are true to their claim that they do not want the proposed law to authorize abortion, they can simply remove the part of **Cont. on page 9**

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## Bureau of Immigration Officers' Hiring Exam Set Oct. 24

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Immigration will be conducting qualifying examination for vacant positions for Immigration Officer 1 on October 24, 2012 with Baguio City as one of the testing centers.

The examination for Baguio applicants will be conducted at the CNS International Language School Inc., MIC Complex, Westgrove Heights, Camp 7 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN.

The exam will be administered in Baguio City by Mr. Ricardo Cabochan, OIC-Alien Control Officer, with Ms. Gealicia M. Nunezca as the contact person.

An applicant must be less than 36 years old, must be a college graduate of any course, Civil Service Eligible (Professional), of good moral character, and physically fit to undergo intensive training.

Aside from Baguio, the other testing centers are Tarlac City, Tuguegarao, Batangas, Naga City, Cebu City, Cagayan de Oro City, and Iloilo City.

For inquiries, please contact the Bureau of Immigration Baguio Regional Office at 447-0805/PQ-PIA CAR

### philhealth unfurls 2013 run for ailing kids

Philhealth, the government's health insurance system, is thinking out of the box. It launched last week "Philhealth Run 2013", a four-category footrace to fire off simultaneously in 18 major cities next Feb. 17- to raise funds for ailing children.

The running event marking Philhealth's 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary somehow captures the spirit of "Children of Heaven", that multi-awarded 1997 Iranian drama film. It's about a boy trying to win third place in a long-distance race so he could replace his younger sister's pink shoes he lost after fetching it from the cobbler.

Philhealth is trying to draw 90,000 runners nationwide, with 3,000 targeted to sign up for the Baguio leg, according to Dr. Dominga Gadgad, chair of the regional Philhealth sponsorship committee for the event.

Instead of ending up third place, the prize of which was a pair of shoes, Ali, the boy in the film, is, however, bitterly disappointed as he accidentally finishes first.

Win or lose, the runners in next February's races will help ailing kids in the country in their personal struggles for the chance to grow up - like normal kids.

The run, which features 3-kilometer, 5k, 10k and 18k distance categories, will simultaneously fire off in Baguio, Dagupan, Tuguegarao, Clark, Malolos, Manila, Laguna, Batangas, Legazpi, Iloilo, Tacloban, Cebu, Zamboanga, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Koronadal, Marawi and Butuan.

Half of the over-all proceeds from Philhealth's 18-venue races will go to the Philippine Children's Medical Center in Quezon City as the national beneficiary.

Half of what every city/regional leg raises will be given to a beneficiary of the regional organizers' choice.

Philhealth-Cordillera has chosen Helping Hands, Healing Hearts Ministries based at Camp 7 here as the local beneficiary. A refuge and home for kids from all over while undergoing therapy in the Baguio-Benguet area, 4H operates another branch in Olongapo City.

Philhealth said the support funds under the "Nation-wide Run for Mother and Child Protection" will be raised through sponsorships and registration fees pegged at P250 (3K), P300 (5K), P350 (10K) and P450 (18K).

Early registrants, from Nov. 17 to Dec. 31, will be given P50 discount on the registration fees. Likewise, a promo discount will be given to groups of 18 or more runners signing up from Jan. 1 to Feb. 11 next year. Senior citizens may

## CDA Pushes for Strengthening of Coops to Boost Economy

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet- The Cooperative Development Authority is pushing for the strengthening of the cooperative sector which shares a chunk in the country's economy.

Cooperatives apportioned five percent or equivalent to P280 billion last year of the country's gross domestic product, CDA Chairperson Emmanuel Santiaguel announced this during the 3rd Benguet Co-op Convention this week.

But Santiaguel posed a challenge to strive better in doubling the co-ops contribution which is possible if only these are strengthened and their membership increased. This is also in line with the sub-theme; Kooperatiba ay Pagyamanin, Mga Kasapi Paramihin of 2012 declared as International Year of Cooperatives with the theme, "Transformative Cooperatives for People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace."

CDA's flagship program embraces a three-point agenda namely membership, human resource development and incentives awarding.

Santiaguel stressed the need for co-ops nationwide to mainstream cooperative membership. In other countries, about 50 percent of the population are co-op members compared to less than 10 percent membership in the country. In India alone, 700 million of its 1.2 billion population are co-op members, he said.

Creation of satellite co-ops or branching and merging is now the trend nowadays in strengthening the sector, Santiaguel stressed adding gone are the days in conforming to traditional means of organizing co-ops.

He cited the case of banks where they do branching in other areas to bring their services closer to the people. As an offshoot, it generates employment.

In areas where there are yet no co-ops established, this is an opportunity for co-ops to branch out, said Santiaguel.

For small scale co-ops prone to financial difficulties, he encouraged the merging or consolidation to a more stable co-op and discouraged the creation of more co-ops but instead increase its membership.

The failure of co-ops is attributed to lack of education, information and training, hence the need to strengthen human resources through continuing education and training, he stressed.

Santiaguel said continuing education is mandated by law with 10 percent annual budget allocated under the Continuing Education Fund Training. Co-op officers are disqualified if they do not undergo the 14 concepts of training, which is a must.

On incentives awarding, the CDA launched last year the Gawad Parangal Awards, which is an annual search for Most Outstanding Cooperatives, Co-op Leaders and Cooperative Development Office in the local government units. A non-monetary incentive award, the winners will be given automatic grant of Certificate of Good Standing (CGS), and if they pass the Performance and Social Audit Standards, they will acquire the Seal of Excellence.

This year's Gawad Parangal Awards was recently held in Mindanao./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR,Benguet

likewise apply for a 20 percent discount on the fee.

Cash prizes at stake for first-to-third place finishers, both for male and female categories, are pegged at P3,000-P2,000-P1,000 in both the student and adult categories of the 3K, aside from a P10,000 group prize; P5,000-P3,000-P2,000 in the 5K; P8,000-P4,000-P3,000 in the 10K; and P10,000-P6,000-P4,000 in the 18K.

Registration will begin on Nov. 17, either on-line (<https://run2013.philhealth.gov.ph>) or through the form that will be issued starting that date by the Philhealth regional office at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the SSS Building along Harrison Rd., Baguio City./Ramon Dacawi.

## Cordillera Remains The Least Populated Region In the Country

BAGUIO CITY — The Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) remains the least populated region in the country.

The National Statistics Office - Cordillera (NSO-CAR) revealed this data from the 2010 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) during the Regional Data Dissemination here Tuesday with officials and representatives from various line agencies in the region.

Based on the 2010 CPH, the latest NSO census that involves Philippine population and housing demographics, out of the 92.34 population of the country, 1.6 million persons are registered in CAR, the least among regions.

Benguet has the most population with 403,944 followed by Baguio City with 318,676. Abra has 234,733 population; Kalinga-201,613; Ifugao-191,078; Mountain Province-154,187 and Apayao with 112,636.

CAR was also the least populated region in 2000 with 1.4 million persons.

Households population for the entire country reached 92.1 million in 2010, and CAR also has the least number of households population with 1.6 million

Average household size in CAR is 4.6, which is the same as the national average.

The census also showed that Cordillera has the least population density of 82 persons per square kilometer. The Philippine average is 308 persons per square kilometer.

All the Cordillera provinces except Benguet, were also among the 16 provinces with the least population density of less than 100 persons per square kilometer.

Apayao, with a population density of 26, remained the most sparsely populated province in 2010. Abra, Kalinga, Mountain province and Ifugao, ranked third, fourth, seventh and ninth, with population density of 56, 62, 66, and 73 persons per square kilometer, respectively.

Among the 80 provinces of the country, five have reached a population density of more than 1,000 persons per square kilometer with Rizal as the most densely populated at 2,101 persons per square kilometer.

NSO-CAR Regional Director Olivia Gulla during the data dissemination said that "Counting people is not fun. We encounter a lot of challenges during the various phases of field operations". But she said that activity is worth it as they are able to come up with the necessary data for policy formulation and planning of programs.

She said that they feel it necessary to disseminate the results to the public emphasizing that the center of any development efforts is people, and population has effect on health, housing, employment, education, security services, food, businesses, national and local governance, among others. She added they had to source out funds and sacrifice some expenditures just to hold the dissemination forum.

Gulla also reiterated that the goal of NSO is to provide the government program/policy planners and development partners with statistical and civil registration products and services at the least possible time, as she asked for public support in cooperation in the agency's undertakings especially in the conduct of censuses./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR



*Linis Gobyerno*

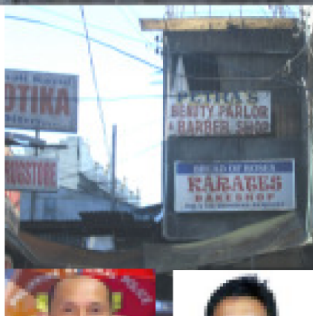
## Montehan (Iligal Na Pasugalan) sa 2nd Floor ng Karate Bakeshop

### ATTENTION : DILG SECRETARY MAR ROXAS and CHIEF PNP PDG NICANOR BARTOLOME

Inyong mababasa ang isang liham na ating ipinadala kay kagalang-galang na P/Chief Supt. Benjamin Magalong ang hepe ng PNP sa buong Cordillera. Makikita sa ating liham kung saan ating ipinararating sa kanya ang isang matagal ng nagaganap na iligal na pasugalan sa pamamagitan ng isang lamehsahan ng Monte. Ang pasugalan na ito ay matatagpuan sa 2nd floor ng Karate Bakery na kung saan itong karate bakery ay napakalapit ang lokasyon mismo sa opisina ni Mayor Abalos. Maraming mga impormasyon ang nakarating sa amin na kung sino sino daw ang protektor ng pasugalan na ito kaya malakas daw ito at patuloy ang pagragsada ng nasabing pasugalan. Ayon sa aming impormasyon nakalap nuong ipinadala natin ang liham na reklamo kay General Magalong ay agad naman daw siyang kumilos at ipinatigil ang nasabing pasugalan ngunit kama-kailan lamang itong sabado (October 19) ay muling nagpapalaro ang nasabing lugar ng kanilang iligal na pasugalan.

Ang tanong ngayon sa tatlong Honorable Gentlemen na ito ay ano ang kanilang gagawin sa impormasyon na ating ipinararating sa kanila sa pamamagitan ng pahayagan na ito? Hindi na mahalaga ang pasulat sulat pa ng hepe ng intelligence ng PNP na keso wala naman nagaganap na pasugalan etc..., at kung ano pang palusot, sanay na sanay na p[ro] kami sa ibat ibang palusutan blues. Sanay na sanay na po ang grupo ng Linis Gobyerno sa sarit-saring mga palusot, paki gawa na lang po ang inyong sinumpaang tungkulin na hindi ninyo papayagan na manatili at mag-operate ang mga bagay na iligal at sa pamamagitan ng inyong agarang aksyon ay ipatigil na ninyo agad. Pronto, at wala nang marami pang palusot o ano pa man kiao-kiao!!! Sa mga darating na araw ay magpapadala kami ng feedback (on a daily basis) sa inyong tangapan kung patuloy pa rin ang operasyon ng nasabing iligal na pasugalan. At sa halimbawa ay inyong tolotoleratin ang nasabing pasugalan within this whole week, pasensyahan na lang po tayo mga Apo sapagkat katungkulan din namin na sampahan kayo ng mga kinaukulan reklamo sa mga kinaukulan na opisina.

**MONTEHAN GAMBLING WHERE TO GO!!!** Upper photo is the PEA Drug at Km 5 beside the La Trinidad Gymnasium and the entrance to the street where the Karate Bakery is located. Middle and bottom photos is the location on the Karates Bakeshop, just proceed to the 2nd floor and enjoy you monte illegal gambling as much as you want.



Hon. Nestor Fongwan  
Benguet Governor



PCSUPT. Benjamin Magalong  
Regional Director, PRO COR



Hon. Gregorio Abalos Jr.  
La Trinidad Mayor



## DILG Leads Celebration of the 21st Anniversary of the Local Government Code

BANGUED, Abra - The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) here started the celebration of the 21st anniversary of Local Government Code (LGC) with a team building and family day celebration.

With the theme, "Do, inspire, lead and grow! Together, everyone achieves more!", the event was an opportunity for staff development for the DILG employees as they prepare themselves for the month-long celebration of the LGC anniversary, according to Provincial Director Cresencio Calina.

For the local government units in the province, the LGC anniversary celebration focuses on the conduct of barangay assembly meetings.

On October 14, DILG - Abra staff attended the general assembly meeting in Brgy. Layugan in Bucay municipality where the barangay officials reported their annual plans and accomplishments and financial transactions to their constituents in the presence of the municipal officials led by Mayor Victorino B. Barona, Jr.

In Bangued, Evangeline Bosque, municipal local government operations officer, said barangay assembly meetings are on-going. She said two barangays

have invited the municipal officials of Bangued to witness their barangay assembly meetings- Brgy. Banacao on October 20, 2012 and brgy. Cosili West on October 22.

The anniversary theme is "Pagdiriwang ng ika-21 taon ng pamahalaang lokal. Tanglaw Kinabukasan, awtonomiyang lokal; reporma sa pag-unlad ng ekonomiyang pamayanan at pagsulong ng kapakanan ng taong bayan."

Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 enacted on October 10, 1991 is the landmark on local autonomy and decentralization. /JDP/ MTBB-PIA CAR, Abra

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Baguio City

**MICHAEL G. LEE**

Applicants

Case No: 2007-CAR-0276

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 7, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pactal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER, Regional Director on this 12th day of October 2012.

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

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**ROMEO P. MANAOIS**

Applicants

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*Respondent-  
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Benguet, Philip-  
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eral circulation for  
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of October, 2012.

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CIAL EX-OFFICIO  
SHERIFF OF  
BENGUET

By: (SGD) HENRY  
B. LONGAY, JR.  
Sheriff IV

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## Families of Salvage Victims Cry Foul Over Accusation

The family mem-  
bers of the salvage  
victims found in a  
mountain side of  
Tuba, Benguet are  
crying foul after the  
police identified the  
victims as snatchers  
and pick pocketers  
without any strong  
proof or further in-  
vestigation.

On Wednesday,  
two bodies were dis-  
covered at along the  
stretch of Marcos  
Highway particularly  
in Poyopoy, Tuba.  
Upon recovery of the  
bodies, police already  
made accusation that  
the victims were

snatchers and pick  
pocketers.

Tuba Municipal  
Police Station Chief  
PC Inspector Marlo  
Evasco told reporters  
that the victims were  
snatchers and pick  
pocketers at the site  
where they were  
found.

The bodies  
were then brought to  
the La Paz Funeral  
Homes and police  
conducted autopsy  
on the bodies and or-  
dered the funeral  
home to embalm  
them. At around 1 PM  
of Wednesday, the  
police informed the

family members of the  
victims they traced  
through a cell phone  
recovered at the  
pocket of one of the  
victims.

The salvage vic-  
tims were identified  
later as Jomar  
Chumayag, 31, a car-  
penter and a resident  
of Dump Site, Irisan,  
Baguio City. He was  
identified by his fa-  
ther, Johnny  
Chumayag. The other  
was identified as  
Erwin Maggay, 27,  
also a resident of  
Dump Site, Irisan. He  
was identified by his  
brother.

The family mem-  
bers of the victims are  
calling for the police  
to withdraw or take  
back the tag given to  
their salvaged loved  
ones as they are not  
criminals of any sort.

Johnny  
Chumayag said that  
he has known his son  
since his childhood.  
They have been work-  
ing together carpen-  
ters for the past 10  
years and the accu-  
sations of being a  
criminal is not accept-  
able and not true.

Marlet  
Pimmawon, live in  
partner of Jomar, said

that for the past five  
years of their relation-  
ship, Jomar has al-  
ways been a loving  
and industrious man  
providing for both of  
them.

Felix Sidorio,  
cousin of Mayyag,  
who came all the way  
from Candon, Ilocos  
Sur, also conveyed  
his anger on the po-  
lice for tagging his  
cousin as a criminal.

Commission on  
Human Rights - Cor-  
dillera Legal Officer  
Lyndon Morales said  
that any suspect  
should always be  
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## DA Sets up New Food Terminals in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY  
— Seven barangays  
in the Cordillera are  
the recent recipients  
of the Barangay  
Food Terminals  
(BFTs) of the De-  
partment of Agricul-  
ture through its  
Agribusiness and  
Marketing Assistance  
Division (AMAD).

The selected  
barangays are

Bugnay, Poblacion  
and Sumadelto in  
the municipality of  
Tinglayan, Kalinga  
province; Supang  
and Capinitan in  
Sabangan, Sinto in  
Bauko and Kayan  
East in Tadian, all in  
Mountain Prov-  
ince.

DA CAR Re-  
gional Executive Di-  
rector Marilyn Sta.  
Catalina said the

BFTs were provided  
with cooling facilities  
and other equip-  
ments and wage  
goods worth P200,  
000.00.

The local gov-  
ernment units (LGUs)  
which are the benefi-  
ciaries of the facilities  
have a capital coun-  
terpart of ten percent  
for building con-  
struction, labor and  
administration, she

said.

Sta. Catalina  
also disclosed that a  
Municipal Food Ter-  
minal (MFT) was  
launched in  
Poblacion, Tadian,  
Mt. Province with  
DA assistance  
amounting up to P1  
million worth of mar-  
ket structure while  
the LGU beneficiary  
had 10 percent capi-  
tal counterpart in-

cluding the supplies  
needed by the food ter-  
minal.

The BFT and MFT  
projects are intended as  
market outlets for small  
farmers as well as to pro-  
vide cheaper basic food  
commodities to every  
family in the community,  
she said.

At present, DA-  
CAR has already  
launched a total of 178  
BFTs and 32 MFTs in  
the region. /JBZ PIA-  
CAR

## Benguet town offers Ambuklao Adventure eco-tourism package on Oct. 26-28

BAGUIO CITY  
- The municipality of  
Bokod, Benguet, in  
partnership with SN  
Aboitiz Power -  
Benguet and in co-  
ordination with the  
Department of Tour-  
ism (DOT-CAR)  
will offer an eco-  
tourism event fea-

turing beautiful  
sceneries and  
unique flora and  
fauna on

October 26 to  
28.

The three-day  
event dubbed  
"Ambuklao Adven-  
ture" themed  
"Finding Nature's  
Hidden Treasure",  
is a tour package  
which aims to pro-  
mote the scenic  
beauty and eco-

tourism potentials  
of Bokod particu-  
larly barangay  
Ambuklao, where  
the country's oldest  
hydroelectric power  
plant, the Ambuklao  
Dam, is located.

The Ambuklao  
adventure package  
offers trekking,  
boating across the  
dam reservoir and  
camping. It fea-  
tures the Bobon  
Eco-walk along  
Jangjang river and

the Ambuklao dam  
Trail; Mt. Shipil  
whose elevation  
ranges from 1,290 to  
1,300 Meters above  
sea level and Mt.  
Patoktok which tow-  
ers at 1,425 meters  
above sea level, and  
believed to be the  
highest mountain in  
the barangay.

To launch the  
event, the Tourism  
Department hosted a  
kapihan forum here  
at the DOT-CAR  
Conference Hall,  
Thursday, with Re-  
gional Director  
Purificacion  
Molintas, Bokod  
Mayor Mauricio  
Macay, Ambuklao  
barangay captain  
Arthur Solano and  
SNAP-Benguet VP  
for Corporate Ser-  
vices Mike Hosillos  
as panelists.

Solano dis-  
closed that prepara-  
tions for the three-  
day adventure are in  
place including the  
toilet amenities in the  
camping site, safety  
precautions and the  
medical team that  
will monitor the par-  
ticipants.

Solano also af-  
firmed that around  
80 individuals from  
outside Baguio and  
Benguet have al-  
ready signed up for  
the adventure. In-  
terested participants  
can register at the  
DOT Regional of-  
fice along Governor  
Pack Road, Baguio  
City at the  
Ambuklao Barangay  
Multi-purpose hall.

Registration fee  
is P800 inclusive of  
transportation, tour  
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- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

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## Mayor Prays Cordi Autonomy Gets Same Attention as Bangsamoro.....from page 1

ate Bill 3115 or "An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region."

The mayor said majority of the governors, vice governors, mayors and vice mayors of the 76 towns, six provinces and two cities signed the manifesto of joint support for the passage of said bills which also urges the President to certify the said bills as urgent measures to speed up their approval.

The mayor also bared the results of the latest survey on autonomy conducted in the seven areas as part the on-going information-education campaign (IEC) being conducted by the Regional Development Council.

The results said 40.8 percent of the respondents agreed that there is a need for autonomy and therefore support it while 24.2 percent do not see the need for autonomy and 18.9 percent are undecided and 16.1 percent are not aware.

Among the areas, Apayao registered the highest number of positive responses with 58.5 percent with 13.9 percent disagreeing, 14.5 percent undecided and 13 percent unaware.

In Kalinga, 47.2 percent agreed there is a need while 20 percent said no, 21.5 percent undecided and 11.3 unaware.

Ifugao had 43 percent autonomy supporters, 23.2 opposition, 14 percent undecided and 19.8 unaware.

Abra had 41.5-23.1-14.8-20.6 percentages of yes-no-undecided-unaware votes followed by Benguet with 40.3-26-20.3-13.3; and Baguio with 39.7-24.9-21.1-14.2.

In Mt. Province, autonomy lost in votes with 31.9 saying no while 24.2 said yes and 23.7 undecided and 20.3 unaware.

Judging from these results, there is a big possibility or chance of ratification now than in the past," the mayor said./A Refuerzo

## Kakampi mo ang Batas

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Section 4 of House Bill 4244 defining "reproductive health rights".

If they remove that portion, and no other similar provision would be inserted in it, the bill would generally become acceptable. Then, even the Catholic Church and its bishops and its leaders, and other oppositors, would no longer have any valid objection to the bill.

So I am hurling a challenge, once more, to Rep. Lagman: remove from my proposed law the reference to any "reproductive health right", if you are really not pushing for abortion in this country. If you will not take up this challenge, and allow the controversial part to remain in the proposed law, it would be clear to all what you really want.

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**REACTIONS?** Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193 and 0922 833 43 96. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

## Advocacy Mindanow

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nal Peace Accord was finally signed in 1996 during the administration of former President FVR. When Congress did its part in approving implementing legislations, the MNLF complained that the **Philippine Congress** MODIFIED the terms of that Framework Agreement in the subsequent laws that were passed. The MNLF bucked but eventually —and grudgingly— accepted. That's the reason why up to this time, the review of the implementation of the 1996 Peace Accord with the MNLF is still pending. That's the reason why **MNLF Chairman Nur Misuari** is now openly protesting the eventual entrenchment of ANOTHER peace pact with the MILF. The rest is history.

**LIFETIME WORK** —A final word of reminder. Assuming a final peace accord is later forged with the MILF, the provisions of the agreement are NOT SELF IMPLEMENTING. They need Congress (both the **House and the Senate**) and the planned new **Bangsamoro** legislative body, to pass legislations to make them happen. Then, we must "marry together" the 1996 MNLF agreement and the MILF's simply because they both affect and cover the same bangsamoro constituency. Then the wrap up process is a plebiscite or referendum that will be done in the affected areas. In all this work, we have to factor in the entrenched political leaders whose interest will surely come into play. Assuming again this is hurdled, the most difficult part begins when we all start IMPLEMENTING the concessions and provisions of the peace agreement. The bottom line in all this is to uphold the bangsamoro right to self determination. The work is not easy. It requires the support and PATIENCE of all.

That, by the way, is a WORK OF A LIFETIME.

## City

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ensuring availability of structures, materials and equipment, developing and installed early warning systems, conducting monitoring and evaluation of disaster preparedness and ensuring financial risk protection of the citizenry

The response aspect dwelt on the conduct of safe and organized search and rescue operations in times of calamities, provision of immediate medical aid, nutritional assessment, psycho-social care and temporary livelihood activities to affected constituents and conduct of reliable damage assessment and needs analysis.

Under rehabilitation and recovery, the following objectives were tackled:

- \*Provide basic needs in the form of emergency feeding, housing, clothing and other essential items and supplies to disaster victims in affected areas;

- \*Restore vital infrastructure and services such as electricity, power, transportation and communication based on disaster-resilient standards;

- \*Provide livelihood programs to the affected families;

- \*Assist victims in the evaluation and processing of their claims for assistance;

- \*Ensure the efficient implementation of

programs with regular monitoring and evaluation of performance;

- \*Encourage the spirit of "bayanihan" especially in the implementation of Rehabilitation and Recovery programs;

- \*Maintain peace and order during the rehabilitation and recovery process;

- \*Identify safe relocation sites for resettlement of displaced families, ensure the construction of disaster-resilient housing and provide needed basic services;

- \*Institutionalize child, gender-sensitive, elderly and differently abled individuals -focused policy guidelines on disaster management including the operations of evacuation centers;

- \*Ensure the psychosocial well-being of disaster victims and emergency responders; and

- \*Ensure proper handling, distribution and accounting of external support and donations for disaster assistance and recovery./A Refuerzo

## SOFAD....

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proposed resolution with insertions from other councilors to include the words "strongly" and "maintain it" with additional guidelines for its protection.

Mangaoang also requested for the increase of the yearly funds of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines-Baguio City Council and a portion of open grounds in Camp John Hay Reservation specifically for scouting activities.

But Councilor Carlos Blanco sees a better view of tree planting for the Boy and Girls Scouts. The solon proposed a resolution adopting the concept of urban forestry in any tree planting activity which will be conducted by the group and any other greening projects.

He also sees the reduction of crimes especially for students if police visibility near schools are maintained which is at par with Scout Councilor Carlos Escaler's proposed resolution for the designation of police officers every 30 meters in public areas in the Central Business District (CBD).

Escaler also reiterated to make it a policy for the City Government to institutionalize the employment age in the city to 18 years and above as long as applicants meet the qualifications provided by these establishments.

Meantime, Scout Councilor Diane Nazarro proposed two resolutions, the first requesting the Dep-Ed to strictly implement the ordinances involving minors and the conduct of seminars for young women to prevent sexual abuse.

Scout Councilor Kristine Arlyce De Guzman however focuses on the proposal for fund assistance for Active Senior Scouts (FAFASS) requesting the City Treasurers Office, The Commission on Audit and the City Mayor to allot funds for the purpose.

Scout Councilor Gian Carlo Guanzon also wants to appropriate the amount of five hundred pesos (P500) for all legitimate barangay tanods in the city as a monthly allowance.

Both resolutions were recommended referred to the Local Finance Committee (LFC) for possible funding.

Another proposed resolution of Guanzon, due to water pilferage requested

the Baguio Water district General manager to conduct periodic inspection and detection of illegal tapping and installation of water pipelines which the council approved unanimously.

Six proposed resolution of Scout Councilor Franklin Jan Wayang were heard in the sessions, the first is the installation of countdown timers on pedestrian traffic lights, second is to limit the registration of cars and renewal of driver's license to individuals who own a garage and reasonable parking space, third; urging the BCPO to strictly monitor 'no parking' if front of schools, fourth; banning Styrofoam as a form of food packaging and encouraging the use of paper box as alternative, fifth; replacement of existing garbage receptacles in the Central Business District with durable, segregated garbage bins which will be placed every 200 meter from each other and the last urges business establishments to impose payment on every plastic bag to be used by their customers and providing discounts to customers who bring their own reusable bags.

Meantime, Scout councilor Diane Nazarro has proposed a resolution re-opening the pedestrian lanes along lower Session Road for the benefit of students and the elderly while Scout Councilor Ramil Ico proposed the increase of incentives of Baguio athletes who win in regional, national and international competitions.

Scout Councilor Avegail Dominguez wants to conduct a study on the possible rehabilitation of Magsaysay Day Center along Loakan Road and urges the BCPO to look into the double parking along national roads most especially in Session Road.

Scout Councilor Nizza Ann Payap-a has requested the extension of the overpass along Hotel Veniz and tionsan Harrison while Scout Councilor April Joy Quirimit called for the promulgation of a stronger city ordinance regulating the operation of internet café and computer shops near the school zone.

Scout Vice-Mayor Rochelle Faith Malafu ended the session with a bang./paul rillorta

## Strengthening

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this aspect of our society is brought to the fore to bring back positive values such as love, generosity and unity among families ./paul rillorta

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

ANTONIO C. JIMENEZ  
Applicants

Case No: 97-01-1748

## NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 7, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and may, if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidence submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director this 12th day of October 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV



## Two

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mother of two has to have P2,200 early every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. That's when her husband, Rolando, is attached on the machine, under the 6 a.m.-10 a.m., three-times-a-week shift.

Rolando, who'll turn 35 on Nov. 16, learned the other Christmas his kidneys could no longer function. The following January, he began his dialysis treatment work as chief tanod of Lourdes Extension Barangay here in Baguio.

"(Bernadette) does laundry services once a week to provide the basic needs of the family," wrote social welfare aide Janine Abalos in a social case study report on Rolando.

Recently, Rolando asked that a news item "about my life" be written "because of my condition". He'd also ran out of would-be dialysis sponsors and must have to tap strangers out there. What keeps him and his wife going is the constantly precarious gift of seeing his sons - Kyle, 10; and Kiro, 8 - grow up.

So did Sharon give her permission to have her pain be written about, published and aired, believing "Samaritans out there would know and be able to extend their help to me".

Among those who could support her lifetime hemodialysis - if only they would know - are alumni of the University of Baguio Science High where he mother graduated as member of Class '68, the second batch.

Jimena met her husband when she was a working student at the Philippine Normal University. They later transferred to Baguio when Jaime found work as electrician at the city engineering office. She bore him three boys and three girls, four of whom are now married.

The couple, together with daughter Sharon and son Victoriano, 23, now rent an apartment at Sitio Paltingan in Ambiong, at the border of the city and La Trinidad, Benguet.

People who can help may ring up Sharon's cellphone number (09267429237) and Rolando's (09081778563).

With nowhere else to turn to, the two patients would have to wait for the kindness of people they hardly knew before they could report to the dialysis room. Sharon made it to her shift last Monday, thanks to an emergency fund from Shoshin, a small foundation in southern Germany which has been supporting gravely ill patients here since 2004.

"I join Sharon and Rolando in their appeal as Shoshin can only extend limited help," said foundation chair Julian Chees, an Igorot martial arts teacher and former world traditional karate champion.

Meanwhile, two Ibaloi women - Linbeth Lestino and Madeline Ranille - whose own plight as dialysis patients was earlier featured in the weeklies, reported having received additional support from two Samaritans.

Garet Vicente handed Linbeth P2,000 at the La Trinidad Trading post last October 5 and then handed Madeline an equal amount while she was on treatment at the Benguet Renal Center last Oct. 9. Donor Vivian Lucas also wrote two checks at P2,400 each for the patients, aside from P2400 cash for Madeline.

Those who would like to follow suit may ring up Linbeth (09198575207) and Madeline (09109781449)/Ramon Dacawi.

## Led

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this, he said the city also stands to have a share from the savings to be realized the shift to the LED facilities as per the proposed TOR now undergoing scrutiny by the city council.

He said the proponent that can offer the biggest share to the city under the cost-savings sharing scheme could have the edge in the bidding.

The mayor said the best offer will also become the basis of the cost-savings sharing scheme to be adopted by the city.

The said provision on the sharing scheme in the proposed TOR met criticisms at the city council lately for having no concrete figure of savings on which the shares could be based.

As to the feasibility study being suggested by the aldermen, the mayor said the results of the LED light experiments conducted by proponents near city hall and other areas are enough proof that the use of LED lights indeed cuts down power consumption by considerable proportions.

On the TOR's being inconsistent with the procurement and build-operate-transfer (BOT) laws, the mayor said these involve procedures and can be remedied by fine-tuning and adapting the terms to suit the requirements of the said laws.

He said that what is more important is to consider the practicability of the project.

"Without the LED deal, the city will continue to appropriate the same amount for its electric bill anyway so why not consider this as a practical option to improve the service while at the same time realize savings for our city," the mayor said.

The city council is scheduled to discuss anew the proposed TOR in its next session on Monday./A Refuerzo

## Happy Hallow

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declaration of the area as a historical, heritage and ecological site, it will be zoned as an Ecological-Heritage Zone in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance of the City and included in the National Historical Commission of the Philippines' list of National Historical, Heritage or Ecological Sites for conservation, protection and restoration.

"All activities inside the Ecological-Heritage Zone shall be in accordance to the ADSDDP of the Domain, the permitted uses of the zone and the guidelines set by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for such particular site," Cosalan proposed.

He proposed that the City Planning and Development Office and its unit for IP sector be the head LGU office to oversee and monitor the implementation of activities in the Ecological-Heritage Zone while an inter-agency committee will be created to aid the CPDO in the determination, formulation, implementation, and monitoring of appropriate programs for the enhancement and conservation of the Ecological-Heritage Zone.

He also proposed that the city appropriate P3 million annually for the Eco-Heritage Zone's sustainable development and protection./A Refuerzo

## Christmas....

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Clemente are designated as members.

Special committees are created for different functions.

Bonifacio Day on November 30, and Rizal Day on December 30 shall be taken care of by Vice Mayor Farinas as In-charge, Councilor Peter Fianza as co-chair, and Punong Barangays of Rizal Monument, Bonifacio, Cresencia barangays as members. City Tourism Officer Benny Alhambra is also a member of the committee.

The city hall Christmas Party shall be looked over by the mayor, the budget officer, assistant treasurer, City Accountant Antonio Tabin, Association of City Employees president, the city building official, General Services Officer Romeo Concio, the city administrator, CEPMO officer, and an executive assistant from the city mayor's office.

The Fil-Am golf tournament and other sports events shall be taken care of by the mayors and congressman's office, and the city administrator's office sports division, headed by Gaurdencio Gonzales.

Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan shall be program-in-charge of the Silahing Pasko program, with Narciso Padilla, NCCB chairman as co-chair. City Planning Officer-In-Charge Engr Evelyn Cayat, the City Sports Officer and City Public Information Officer are members of the special committee.

Diwa ng Pasko shall be taken care of by City Veterinarian Brigit Piok as in-charge, with Councilor Fred Bagbagen as co-chair. RPN-DZBS Radio Station Manager, City Health Officer Florence Reyes, the Tourism officer and City Prosecutor Gloria Agunos are members.

Activities as to charismatic and religious services shall be under the chairmanship of Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan; with the Vicariate of Baguio and the Episcopal church as members. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) City Director Evelyn Trinidad, Civil Registry Officer Sylvia Laudencia, Community of Volunteers Movement President, the head of the Maryknoll Sanctuary, and city tourism officer are also members.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda is in charge of the Foreign groups, Balikbayan homecoming Christmas celebrations, with the city administrator and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Helen Tbaldo as members. Other members are the presidents of the Baguio Korean, Filipino-Chinese, Chinese and Baguio Japanese Associations.

Serving as secretariat are personnel from the City Tourism Office, City Mayor's Office, and Office of the City Administrator.

All other Christmas events, Christmas lights, the lighting of the tallest Christmas tree, and cultural events shall be taken care of by Councilor Datuin, Dep-Ed Schools Division Superintendent Atty. Agustin Laban III, Chair on Barangay Affairs Councilor Joel Alangab, Principal of the Pines City National High School, city tourism officer, city building official, CEPMO, and City Director of the Baguio City Police Office Jesus Cambay, and the United Church of Christ of the Philippines.

The academic community are also mem-

bers: Easter College, University of the Cordilleras, Saint Louis University Lab High School Band Master, the Baguio City National High School and the Philippine Military Academy Band Master.

The designated members of each committee shall meet as soon as possible to prepare all policies, guidelines, and measures for the success of the celebration. All other activities should be appropriately supported, the AO states./juliegfianza

## The Peace Combatant

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politico is being criticized is true.

Scary, right? In short, what **The Peace Combatant** is saying is that although the anti-libel law has not been consistently used against critics, the anti-libel law contained in the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines (Articles 353 and 354, for example) contains enough arsenal to kill democracy in the Philippines.

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## Pinupuna at Pinapansin

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ang average at kapag pinagsama ninyo ang opposition, undecided at unaware ay lamang na lamang ang may ayaw ng autonomy. Kaya kayo sa RDC at mga ibat ibang mga pol-politikong may mga personal na pan sariling interes at hindi tunay na malasakit at pagmamahal sa kapakanan ng mga sunod na henerasyon ng Cordillerans, magsitigil na kayo. **AGAAMO TAYON !!!**

**Survey says-** "In Mt. Province, autonomy lost in votes with 31.9 saying no while 24.2 said yes and 23.7 undecided and 20.3 unaware."

**Bombito says-** sadyang maraming matatalino sa mga taga Mountain Province kaya hindi sila basta basta malililang ni The One, The Only and The Great Mayor Domogan and future Cordillera Governor (kung matuloy ang autonomy), **Maubuhay Si Apo Domogan, the indispensable, ageless and timeless Baguio and Cordillera Politician.**

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JOSEPH CUILAN

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## Mercury

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municipality shifting to a more environmentally friendly method of gold extraction, mining's immediate mercury contribution to water pollution is now decreasing.

"Assuming that each miner uses one kilo of mercury a month, we could imagine the volume of mercury that the whole mine is using every year," he said underscoring that mercury contamination from said mine has significantly reduced with 70% or around 1,200 miners shifting to safer means.

This development became possible after the Banao Bodong Association manifested their support and forged a memorandum of understanding with Bantox, to improve the mining practices in Gaang focusing on helping miners transition from mercury to something that is toxic-free.

With the positive response from miners, the challenge now lies on how to sustain the campaign to totally stop the use of mercury and how to manage the contamination, Gutierrez said.

"Through a convergence effort, the next step to be taken now is on how to determine the level of mercury contamination especially among the miners," he said.

The scope of pollution in Kalinga especially among miners who are constantly exposed to the chemical may manifest later. There may be cases of illness due to mercury poisoning but were not confirmed, he said.

To address this, Bantox along with its local partners are now training and tapping the help of local health workers to help in the IEC and in the determination of the level of contamination among selected miners.

To realize these goals, the local government should get involved along with key NGOs and the people's organization to address the issues and to make the people to get a clear understanding on said concern and to know how to deal with it.

"We must work together to raise the awareness of people and build the community's capacity through trainings and orientations," he said.

Bantox 'is an independent non-profit, environmental organization that is devoted to preventing toxic trade from - wastes, goods, and technology, and upholding the rights of developing countries to environmental justice, with particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region. We achieve our goals through organization, education and advocacy.'

The organization also 'works with local, national, and international environmental, academic and trade institutions using both local and international campaigning, capacity-sharing, and bridge-building between activists in the Asia-Pacific, and throughout the world.'/JDP/CGD-PIA CAR, Kalinga

## DOH.....

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Per province, Belingen reported that vitamin A supplementation reached 3,222 children in Abra; 1,712 in Apayao; 5,315 in Benguet, 2,595 in Ifugao; 3,038 in Kalinga; 2,090 in Mountain Province, and 4,478 in Baguio City.

For de-worming, 32,225 children were served in Abra; 53,150 in Benguet; 17,118 in Apayao; 25,947 in Ifugao; 30,375 in Kalinga;

20,898 in Mt. Province, and 44,780 in Baguio City.

Belingen explained that GP is more than the provision of Vitamin A and de-worming which the government through DOH is providing for free. It also includes other health care programs including exclusive breastfeeding, immunization, proper hygiene practices such as dental health care, hand washing, toilet etiquette and anti-smoking advocacy.

In addition, convergence among government agencies - DOH, Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and other private partners, are also in place to ensure that the program reached-out to all children 14 years old and below, whether they are in day care centers, schools and in the community, she said.

Improving the health status of children is among the priority program of President Aquino's Universal Health Care program, in line with the country's commitment to the UN Millennium Development Goals. It is among the conditionality included in the national government's Conditional Cash Transfer program, wherein at present over 3 million indigent families with 0 to 14 years children are given assistance to ensure better health, nutritional and educational status of the children beneficiaries. JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Sec. Luistro

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the K to 12 basic education program, in the two-year senior high school(grades11-12) that will be added, about 40 to 50 percent of the curriculum will be core high school subjects while the other half will be embedded with the industry identified needed competency and skills that would help them get a job even after high school.

Data shows that many of the country's basic education graduates are not pursuing a college education while others do not continue or drop-out before finishing one.

With the K to 12 program, aside from a more comprehensive curriculum that would make Filipino graduates at par as their counterparts from other countries around the world with an average age of 18 when they graduate high school, it would make them more prepared and more guided on whatever career they would pursue, Luistro stressed.

The Secretary also disclosed that the Philippine Qualification Framework (PQF) which President Aquino has just recently signed (Executive Order No. 83), is apt and timely as it will complement the goal of the K to 12 program of preparing basic education graduates for a better career guidance and better employment opportunity when they join the country's labor force.

Luistro explained that under the PQF roadmap, the government will be working on an exit assessment or a cross-cutting tool for basic education graduates that will outline and identify their most essential competencies that will assess if they are ready for a college and what course they should pursue, or if they are ready to join the labor force after graduation, or if they need an additional technical-vocational (Tech-Voc) education or skills development.

According to him, they have already identified several career tracks that need to

be given focus that include academic, business and entrepreneurship, athletic or sports and agriculture (farming) and fisheries, aside from tech-voc.

Luistro told the participants that the government will also focus on providing assistance to those who want to start a livelihood or a community enterprise in line with the 'inclusive growth' agenda of President Aquino. He disclosed that they are setting up a program to help the around 5 million out-of-school-youths who finished basic education through the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program of DepEd and other alternative education modes./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Families

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presumed innocent until proven guilty by the court even if they were apprehended by police officers. In the case of Chumayag and Maggay, they were immediately pointed as snatchers when their bodies were discovered even without investigation by the police.

Police should not make any conclusion on the victims even they were salvaged or victims of summary executions, which is already a violation of human rights in the manner they were killed.

Autopsy reports show the victims sustained and died from several wounds caused by ice pick. Chumayag sustained two in the neck and four in the body while Maggay had eight in the neck and four in the body.

Morales said the mandate of the police is to allow a comprehensive examination and autopsy of the bodies to know the real cause of death through autopsy but before conducting autopsy, families of the victims should be informed and they decide whether to allow or not.

Morales stressed that the police should also take into consideration that in the Cordillera, there are some tribal and customary traditions against the conduct of autopsy.

In the case of Chumayag, a native of Bontoc, the family members particularly the elders cannot accept what happened to him. The elders described it as double dead since he died in a summary execution and again was opened during the autopsy.

The CHR is encouraging the families of

the victims to go to their office and consult on the possible procedures they can do to help in the cases of their loved ones./PIA CAR

## Benguet

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guides, souvenir items and three meals (dinner for two nights and lunch on the third day, which will also include a feast of freshly grown tilapia from the Ambuklao dam).

Participants are advised to bring tent, sleeping bag, food and drinking water for the trail, cooking sets, flashlight/headlamp, extra-batteries, other mountaineering gears, and rain coat for unexpected rain showers.

The scenic Ambuklao Dam which was damaged during the 1990 killer quake, has been rehabilitated and operated by SNAP Benguet since 2008. From its original 75 megawatts generation capacity, it now boasts of 105 megawatts of generated renewable energy and has been bringing in millions of income and projects under the corporate social responsibility to its host communities./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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## Mt. Province Celebrates IP Month:

BONTOC, Mt. Province — The celebration of this year's National Indigenous Peoples Month in the province will culminate on October 24 with a cultural parade here and a program with Executive Director Basilio A. Wandag of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) as the guest speaker.

IP Month 2012 also highlights the 15th Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) anniversary on October 29 with the theme, "IPRA ay Gabay sa Kaunlaran. Isaisip, Ipabatid at Isakatuparan."

The local theme of the celebration is "Sustaining Culture for Better Transformation."

George Lumiwes of NCIP-Mt. Province said various activities are being conducted in the province to celebrate IP Month. A cultural theatre arts training to grantees under NCIP educational assistance program is slated September 15 to October 21 in partnership with the provincial government.

A symposium on Republic Act 8371 or the IPRA and IP food and herbal medicines was conducted on October 14 to college students in partnership with the Mt. Province State Polytechnic College.

The Department of Education is also conducting on October 20, 2012 academic festival focusing on Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) such as oratorical contest with the topic "I Am An Igorot" for elementary pupils, local history and culture quiz bee for high school students; pagsulat ng sanaysay batay sa mga primaryang sanggunian for first year students; and pop quiz for third and fourth year high school students and poster making contest for grades three to six pupils.

Another activity is Strategic Intervention Materials (SIMs) contest for teachers. The SIMs prepared by the teachers should be very handy with activities/interventions different from that in the textbooks. The SIMs address problems on low performance of pupils/students on particular competencies.

The NCIP is also conducting symposium on ancestral domain, IPRA and Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) which aims to capacitate teachers to become better IP teachers to IP learners.

This is also laying the grounds for the full implementation of IPEd in the teaching of Araling Panlipunan and Heograpiya Kasaysayan Sibika (HEKASI).

Part of the culminating program is the reading of Proclamation No. 486 which declares October 29 of every year as National Indigenous Peoples Thanksgiving Day in order to accord due recognition and national attention to the importance of this day, and to uphold the United Nation's General Assembly Declaration of the years 2005-2014 as the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. /JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

## Mercury Contamination in Kalinga Rivers Reduced, NGO says

TABUK CITY, Kalinga — The volume of mercury coming from the mine contaminating rivers is now being reduced, but concerted effort is still needed to determine the level of contamination and manage the problem. Ban Toxics

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## Diskwento Caravan all set at the Baguio Convention Center on Oct. 19-21

BAGUIO CITY - A "Sari-sari Store Bonanza" that will feature discounted prices for basic commodities, grocery items and school supplies, as well as promotional gigs, product demonstration/tasting and entertainment await public consumers in the Baguio-Benguet in the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)- led Diskwento Caravan at the Baguio Convention Center this October 19 to 21.

The Diskwento Caravan is a public-private endeavor spearheaded by DTI Baguio-Benguet, in partnership with the city government of Baguio and Tionsgan Supermarket Harrison-Baguio and La Trinidad-Benguet branches.

Richard Limpin, of the DTI Baguio-Benguet Consumer Welfare and Business Regulation Division, in an interview, disclosed that the said Diskwento Caravan is one of the major activities lined-up in celebration of Consumer Welfare Month this October.

About 108 suppliers invited by Tionsgan Supermarket are expected to offer 10 to 50 percent discounts to consumers on various basic/prime commodities, grocery products and school supplies during the three-day caravan.

Aside from the price discount, Limpin also announced that promotional gimmicks and bundle packs, product demonstration, free tasting and sampling will also be offered, as well as entertainments which will include concerts and appearance of celebrity product endorsers such as actor Sam Milby.

A government booth which will feature demo from various agencies such as DTI, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department of Energy, City Treasurer's Office and the City Local Price Coordinating Council.

The Diskwento caravan will kick off with a simple program on Friday (Oct. 19) with Mayor Mauricio Domogan and a contingent from the DTI Central Office to be headed by Undersecretary Zenaida Maglaya as the invited guests.

It will be opened from 9:00am to 7:00 pm for the three-day event. /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## DOH Calls for Cooperation in Ensuring Children's Health Through GP

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Health (DOH) calls on parents to cooperate in ensuring that all children 0 to 14 years old will receive Vitamin A supplementation, deworming tablets and vaccines as it highlights its Garantisadong Pambata (GP) advocacy campaign.

DOH-Cordillera GP program coordinator Dr. Flora Belingen, in kapihan forum Wednesday, announced that GP program which

supports various health programs to reduce childhood illnesses and deaths by promoting positive child care behaviors, is now an everyday campaign, from the previous bi annual implementation every April and October.

With the new GP scheme, Belingen stressed the need for a change in mindset among parents to voluntarily bring their children to the health centers or nearest government health facilities in their area so that their children will be covered by the program.

During the forum, Belingen reported a good accomplishment of the GP in the Cordillera with 87 percent accomplishment of Vitamin A supplementation to six to 59 months old and 85 percent accomplishment on de-worming of 12 to 71 months children region wide. The figures are based on their monitoring report which covers the GP implementation from November of 2011 up to March

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**PUBLIC FORUM ON BARANGAY SEGREGATION.** BCDA and JHMC Officials conducted a massive public consultation with the affected barangays for segregation from Camp John Hay, BCDA President Arnel Casanova promised the residents they will conduct regular meetings with the Barangays to finally resolve all the issues they are concerned with. /Grace Bandy

## Environment Should not be Sacrificed for Urban Development

BAGUIO CITY — Environment should not be sacrificed to achieve urban development of any town or city.

Former Senator Joey Lina, author of the Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) stressed this during UDHA forum held in the city last week. "Cement jungle does not jive with a good town planning and development," he said.

"In the UDHA there is a call for a ecological balance; environment must always be considered in any town in its urban planning." Lina told the participants composed of government officials, private sector representatives and stakeholders from the Cordillera provinces.

In the ecological balance, efficient transport system and forest parks or wooded areas should also be taken in consideration in the urban planning of the city government or any other LGU. Baguio City is known for its pine trees and cool climate so development of the city should take in consideration the environmental aspects, he stressed.

Lina challenged the local government officials of the city to have a 10-20 year master development plan for the city of Baguio anticipating the very fast population growth and the influx of people in the the area.

He urged the LGUs to use the UDHA Law as basis for the better urban planning or urban renewal planning or development. /JDP/RC-PIA CAR

## Sec. Luistro: K to 12 will Provide Basic Education Grads With Industry Need Competency and Skills

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Education's (DepEd) K to 12 program will provide basic educa-

tion graduates with the industry need competency and skills, as well as to provide them with proper career guidance in pursuing higher educational learning and better employment opportunity.

DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro stressed this to

over 700 Public Employment Service Officers from various parts of the country during the 12th National PESO Congress, which was held here at the Baguio Country Club last week.

Luistro explained that under

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