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# Aliping Pushes for World- class Tech-Voc School



**B**AGUIO CITY – Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. is seeking the creation of the Cordillera State Institute of Technical Education (CSITE) to improve the delivery of technical and vocational instruction in the region in line with the Philippine Qualification Framework, and the ASEAN Mutual Reform Agreements.

Rep. Aliping is making this a reality when he filed House Bill 6213 during the third regular session of the 16th Congress.

“The creation of the CSITE will address the need for a higher quality Technical and Vocational Education and Training programs that will sharpen relevance and competitiveness for the development of technically competent, innovative and creative Filipino workforce in the Cordillera,” Rep. Aliping explained.

He added that synergy among the technical vocation institutions will be achieved, efficiency in operations will be enhanced, the range of academic course offerings will be broadened, a single administrative support system will be provided, and institutional performance will be heightened with the creation of CSITE.

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ang responders kaya  
nabawasan ang mga  
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## Chiz Sees Opponent's Hand in Harassment, DQ Cases vs Poe

Sen. Chiz Escudero will not be surprised if it is found that one of Sen. Grace Poe's opponents is behind the disqualification cases filed against the leading presidential contender in the May 2016 national elections.

Escudero, who is Poe's vice president running mate, said he was leaving it up to their allies to investigate the brains behind the filing of the disqualification cases, but added that his gut feel was telling him that it was one of the lady senator's rivals in the presidential race.

"Hahayaan ko na lamang siguro si Mayor Rex Gatchalian at si Atty. George Garcia ang magsabi at maghayag kung sino yun dahil mas kumpleto sila sa kanilang imbestigasyon at pagsasaliksik kaugnay kung sino ang nasa likod nito. Pero hindi na ako magugulat siguro kung isa sa mga katunggali ni Senator Poe sa pagkapangulo ang makikita't mapapag-alaman na nasa likod ng mga panggigipit na ito (I'll just leave it to Mayor Rex Gatchalian and Atty. George Garcia to reveal who is behind it since they are the ones conducting the investigation. But I will not be surprised if it turns out that one of Senator Poe's opponents is behind these incidents of harassment)," Escudero said in an interview at the Senate.

Former Senator

Francisco Tatad on Monday filed a disqualification case against Poe before the Commission on Elections (Comelec), saying that Poe was not a natural-born Filipino and that she failed to satisfy the 10-year-residency requirement for presidential candidates.

Two other disqualification cases have been filed separately against Poe by defeated 2013 senatorial bet Rizalito David and Estralla Elamparo, former Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) legal counsel under the watch of Winston Garcia, an ally of Vice President Jejomar Binay who is running for governor in Cebu.

"Sigurado akong marami pang kaso at panggigipit ang kakaharapin ni Sen. Grace dahil ganyan ang trendpalagi sa pulitika sa ating bansa (I am sure that more cases will be filed and more harassment will

be done against Grace, as that is always the trend in politics in our country)," said Escudero, who like Poe, has been topping various pre-election surveys.

Gatchalian, official spokesperson of the Poe-Escudero tandem for the 2016 elections, earlier urged all presidential bets to "keep the campaign on a professional level" after Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte cried foul over the spread of a malicious rumor on his health condition.

"It is lamentable how a valuable civil servant like Mayor Duterte should fall prey to such attacks. We just cannot stand and watch while all that talent and goodwill go to waste just because of another candidate's ambition," Gatchalian said. */chizescudero.com; FB: senchizescudero; TWITTER: @saychiz @chiznewsalert*

## 2 dead, 7 hurt, 483 families evacuated during Lando onslaught

**B**AGUIO CITY – Typhoon Lando's onslaught in the summer capital left 2 children dead, 7 hurt and 483 families fleeing to evacuation centers here.

Sisters Dianne (7) and Vanessa (6) De Padua Tucay were the casualties when a landslide buried their house in Purok 7, Tacay road, Fairview.

Injured are Evelyn De Padua (36), River Maya De Padua (15) and Bienvenido Tucay (45) who were given immediate medical attention.

Four year old Charizza Fernandez also suffered abrasion on her head when a Pine Tree fell on her house in Lower Cabinet Hill while Larry Fernandez (49) suffered

blunt abdominal injury.

Lourdes Soneja (67) of dominican Road suffered a dislocation on her left leg when the roof of her house was blown off while Isabelita Villanueva (75) suffered a fracture on her right rib during a landslide which affected her house in Balbac, Sto.

## Bilog: No need to declare state of calamity

**B**AGUIO CITY – Acting Mayor Edison Bilog during the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) meeting held Wednesday in this mountain resort said there is no need for the city to declare a state of calamity here.

This after the CDRRMC gave its report on the status of the city after the onslaught of Typhoon Lando in the summer capital.

The storm was centered about 130 kilometers Northwest of Laoag City carrying maximum sustained winds of 95 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 120 kph as of October 20, the city was struck strongest early Monday morning moving Northeast at 5 kph.

Malacanang announced the suspension of all classes for schools and work for

government agencies in Manila and other affected areas except for health and emergency response.

Acting Mayor Edison Bilog also announced the suspension of classes on all levels and work Monday.

As per guidelines from the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) of the Department of National Defense, either the President or the Chief Executive of a Local Government Unit (LGU) may declare an area under a state of calamity for the purpose of utilizing the five percent reserve fund for emergency operations.

As per reports from the CDRRMC, the city did not meet the conditions set to declare the city under a state of calamity.

Two or more of the following conditions should be met before a province or city may be

declared under a state of calamity.

1. At least 20% of the population are affected and in need of emergency assistance or those dwelling units have been destroyed.

2. A great number or at least 40% of the means of livelihood such as bancas, fishing boats, vehicles and the like are destroyed.

3. Major roads and bridges are destroyed and impassable for at least a week, thus disrupting the flow of transport and commerce.

4. Widespread destruction of fishponds, crops, poultry and livestock, and other agricultural products.

5. Disruption of lifelines such as electricity, potable water system, transport system, communication system and other related systems which cannot be restored

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Tomas Proper.

More or less 1,888 persons or 483 families were evacuated and provided with relief supplies by the Office of the Social Welfare and Development Office (OCSWADO) and concerned groups and individuals.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) recorded the following barangays

with directly affected families; Gibraltar evacuated 2 families or 15 persons, Pacdal – 1 family, 5 persons, Honeymoon – 7 families, 28 persons, Lower Rock Quarry – 157 families, 503 persons, City Camp Central – 22 families, 78 persons, Middle Rock Quarry – 34 families, 116 persons, BGH Compound – 31 families, 136 persons, Irisan – 14

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Houses, partially submerged in floodwaters caused by heavy rains, are seen in City Camp Lagoon./Reuters



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## City maps out action plan vs. el niño

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city government mapped out an action plan to address the impact of the El Nino phenomenon expected to affect the country from the last quarter of 2015 to the first semester of 2016.

The action plan contains the consolidated plans, programs and activities (PPAs) before, during and after the climate cycle of agencies involved in the four core concerns namely food security, energy security, health and safety.

City planning and development coordinator Evelyn Cayat who convened the El Nino action meeting last Oct. 16 said the plan will make up the city's Roadmap to Address the Impact of El Nino (RAIN).

The city's RAIN was submitted to the National Economic and Development Authority Cordillera (NEDA-CAR) to form part of the initial report to be submitted by the El Nino Task Force to President Benigno S. Aquino III.

El Nino is an abnormal warming of surface ocean waters in the eastern tropical Pacific which causes drought, increase in temperature and erratic weather patterns that result to stronger typhoons and monsoon rains.

Weather specialists predict that this year's climate cycle could be one of the strongest to be felt in 65 years and will affect at least 32 provinces in the country.

Various agencies participated in the preparation of the action plan including the Department of Trade and Industry-Cordillera Administrative Region (DTI-CAR) for the food security; Baguio Water District (BWD) for water supply; Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO) for energy security; the City Health Services Office for health concerns; the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) for environment; and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) for the safety concern.

Under the health aspect, the PPAs center on handling the various diseases and health threats for the duration of the El Nino with preemptive actions focusing on health information dissemination activities, trainings of health workers, stockpiling of equipment, medicines and supplies at health centers, enhancement of surveillance, among others.

El Nino onslaught measures focus on mobilization and deployment of outbreak responders and clinical management while aftermath actions center on post-outbreak assessment, recovery and reconstruction.

On water security, preparation measures include bulk water supply outsourcing, watershed management, protection and preservation, water conservation advocacy, underground aquifer management, drilling and exploration, rainwater harvesting and systems loss prevention.

During the El Nino, priority will be given

## CEPMO exploring ways to reuse treated water

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) is exploring ways to reuse volumes of treated water produced by the sewer treatment plant (STP).

CEPMO head Cordelia Lacsamana said the STP has been producing 8,000 cubic meters of treated water daily and this just drains down to the Balili River.

She said the office utilizes some of the produce in watering plants in parks and along

to the equitable distribution of water supply, cloud seeding, conservation advocacy, tapping assistance of private water supplier and water recycling and after the calamity, the focus will be seeking national support to decentralize the police power to apprehend illegal water exploration, desalination, management of surface and underground water storage, well rehabilitation, water exploration

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streets but still a great volume is wasted.

"I think it's time to tap the potential of this treated water especially with the city's water shortage problem," Lacsamana said during an inter-agency meeting for the drafting of the action plan for the onslaught of the El Nino phenomenon last Oct. 16.

She said they are studying the possibility of the city's constructing a micro-hydropower plant that will convert the water as energy source.

While this plan is still at the drawing board, she encouraged other sectors to avail of the treated water for purposes like flushing, cleaning and watering gardens.

"The water is treated and safe for said purposes. It is even safe for human contact," Lacsamana said.

To prove that it is safe for human contact, she said that no one among the personnel who have been handling the water,

herself included, had contracted skin disease or any infection as a result of exposure to the water.

During the meeting, Lacsamana brought out the possibility of tapping the water in the flushing and fire-fighting operations of the Baguio Fire Department as substitute to the potable water being used by the department.

Baguio City Chief Fire Marshall Ferdinand Joe Bangyod promised to consider the suggestion given their logistics and available equipment.

Lacsamana said the city has been paying P350,000 annually to the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as penalty for discharging wastewater, treated and untreated, into the Balili River.

It will help if the city will find ways to reuse the treated water in face of the water shortage problem, she said/A. Refuerzo

## Bill to address Smuggling, Transparency and Public Accountability at the BOC passed

**I**n light of the current issues being hurled at the Bureau of Customs, Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. reported the passage on third and final reading in Congress House Bill 5525 or the proposed "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

"It primarily aims to address smuggling, one of the country's major economic problems causing huge revenue losses to the government because of the illegal entry of imported goods and services in the local market," said Aliping, a co-author of the bill.

The bill will also address Transparency and Public Accountability in the Bureau of Customs by preventing District Officers and front-liner employees to hold the same position for more than three years. "It also increases the fine and imprisonment penalties for violation of the Act, and reinforces provisions for the statutory offenses of officers and employees of the BOC and other government agencies," Aliping said.

"The measure aims to modernize customs and tariff administration through full automation of operations and thus, reduce the opportunities for corruption and technical smuggling; enact an enabling domestic legislation to make the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines compliant with the Revised Kyoto Convention; update the country's existing tariff and

customs law to more effectively address modern business and trade practices; and reduce the cost of doing business due to customs modernization and thus, encourage more trade investments."

It declares it is the State policy to protect and enhance government revenue, institute fair and transparent customs and tariff management that will efficiently facilitate international trade, prevent and curtail any form of customs fraud and illegal acts.

The measure aligns the Customs and Tariff Code of the Philippines with standards and recommended practices of the Revised Kyoto Convention, thus harmonizing the country's procedures with 140 customs administrations around the world and making it easier for traders, importers and exporters to comply with border requirements.

The measure simplifies customs procedure on express shipments and relief consignments intended for victims of calamities.

It creates the Congressional Oversight Committee that will oversee the proper implementation of the Act.

"The CMTA bill is among the priority measures of the House in the 16th Congress," said Aliping./ Carl C. Taawan

## PWDs' inclusion and easy access to services urged

**T**he government has enacted several laws to promote the welfare of persons with disabilities (PWDs), but government services to this vulnerable sector is still wanting.

In the recently held Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training in Baguio City, Department of Social Welfare and Development-Cordillera admitted that PWDs have still limited access to services due to lack of participation of this sector and unawareness to their certain rights and privileges.

According to Mr. Avelino Tomas, PWD-CAR federation president, only few have PWD organizations in the six provinces of CAR.

Cordillera has the lowest number of PWDs at 26,000 as per results of 2010 Philippine Census. Of the 92.1 million household population in the country, 1,443,000 persons have disability.

To fully tap this group and maximize their contribution, the government must provide disability inclusion and easy access to services, it was pointed out.

Service providers like the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (MSDWO) should go out in barangays to identify persons with disability to inform them of their special privileges as stated in Executive Order No. 417.

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# How SWS and Pulse Asia have been fooling us, and undermining democracy

First of two parts

**P**ollsters Social Weather Stations and Pulse Asia have been fooling us with their pseudo-scientific opinion surveys. Their polls distort the real state of public opinion on urgent issues and people's current preferences for candidates in an electoral contest. This is because they conceal the fact that there is a huge percentage of respondents who do not really have opinions on topics they are asked about, or in the case of their presidential voter preference polls, have not decided yet on which candidate to vote for many months before Election Day.

## EDITORIAL

Consider how SWS and PulseAsia have fooled us with their voter-preference polls in the 2010 presidential elections and for the coming 2016 balloting:

Presidential Preferences: Percent of Respondents				
	SWS Jan 2010		SWS Sept 2015	PulseAsia Sept 2015
<b>Aquino</b>	42	<b>Poe</b>	26	26
<b>Villar</b>	35	<b>Binay</b>	24	20
<b>Estrada</b>	13	<b>Roxas</b>	20	19
<b>Teodoro</b>	4	<b>Duterte</b>	11	16
<b>Others</b>	4	<b>Others</b>	17	17
<b>"Undecided"</b>	2	<b>"Undecided"</b>	2	3

Focus on the "undecided" figure: the three different surveys report that only 2 to 3 percent of Filipinos about six months before Election Day had not decided who to vote for.

That's really preposterous: 97 to 98 out of 100 Filipinos had already decided who they will vote for, many months before the election? This even goes against your common sense and experience: Ask your staff, boss, or friends if they have made their choices for the top posts, and I'll bet you dinner four out of five will tell you they haven't decided. Have you, dear reader, decided and won't change your mind?

One pollster kindly responded to my queries on this flaw of opinion polling when he disclosed that his firm, per request of their clients and on a confidential basis, had asked the question whether the respondents would still change their minds on their voting preferences. The result was that 35 to 40 percent said they might still change their preferences.

That question is really a proxy for the more proper question respondents should have answered first: Have you already decided on which candidates to vote for on Election Day?

This basic flaw of voter-preference polls have long been known in the US and elsewhere, so that in many countries such polls are totally banned (as in Singapore) or banned for a certain period of time before elections (France and Italy). Few broadsheets in the West, in fact, report such polls on their front pages, much less – as is the prevalent practice here – make them the banner headline for the day.

The founder of modern opinion polling, George Gallup, himself pointed out this flaw in 1947, early on in the development of that business. He proposed that this flaw be corrected by requiring as a first step (in what he dramatically called a "quintamensional plan") any poll, for the respondent to be asked if he has heard of the issue, or has an opinion on it, before he is asked to respond to a question on it. If the respondent says no, he is automatically excluded from the pollsters' sample.

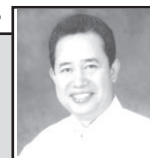
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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

After "mere children" as leaders, women-rulers next?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... My people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path..." (Isaiah 3:12, the Holy Bible).

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**REMOVE PNOY AND HIS CABINET, TOO:** I really cannot understand the basis for the removal of Senior Supt. David Lacadan as the provincial police director of Benguet Province. If Local Government Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento sacked Lacadan because of the big number of people from Benguet who died while Typhoon Lando was raging, we might as well oust others from the Aquino government, for the same reason.

First, we must also remove President Aquino because, as the highest official of the land, he is responsible for the death of 58 people from Lando-related incidents. As it were, Aquino is the ultimate official who failed in his preparations for Lando, to achieve his own "zero casualty" program during calamities.

Then, we should kick out likewise Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin, because he similarly failed to properly discharge his duties and responsibilities as the chief of the National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC). Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman, Science Secretary Mario Montejo, and Sarmiento himself, must also be booted out of office, because they failed to prevent the death of the 58 victims, too.

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**WORKING TO EARN PRAISES, NOT TO HELP THE NEEDY:** That is the problem with this government, really. All that it can do most effectively is "finger point", and toss to others the blame for things that went awry, even if these happened under their watch already. What is more, this government is also noted for immediately removing officials who dare tell the truth about how many really died from calamities that visited the country.

The sudden removal of a high police official from the Eastern Visayan Region after he announced that the death toll from Typhoon Yolanda could reach 10,000 people is a glaring case in point. Clearly, the Aquino government would rather keep under wraps the truth about the disasters that have been hitting us, rather than disclose such truth.

It is undeniable that the Aquino government, concerned as it is with projecting an image of righteousness and conscientiousness in doing its job, would rather work to earn praises, than to immediately address the problems hounding our hapless countrymen. As the late Sen. Joker Arroyo said, the Aquino government is a "high school student-council" type of government, run by inexperienced and juvenile student council leaders.

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**AFTER "MERE CHILDREN" AS LEADERS, WOMEN-RULERS NEXT?** Sadly, we have been warned about this kind of a government, and about these kinds of leaders. We have been told that if we continue turning away from God, refusing to listen to Him by not reading His Bible, and failing, deliberately or otherwise, to obey His commands, God will make our leaders "mere children."

What is more, we were warned that under a "child-leader", we shall be oppressing one another, "... man against man. The young will rise up against the old, the nobody against the honored... youth oppress my people, women rule over them..."

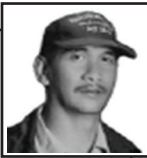
Please take notice that in this warning, after the leadership of a country is held

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## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Fearless Forecast*  
(reprint from last week)

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Sa ngayon, eto ang aking pangunang fearless forecast hinggil sa aking pagsisiyasat sa mga nag-file ng kanilang kandidatura para tongressman este congressman, mayor, at tongsekal este konsehal. Matagal pa ang eleksyon at marami pang pwede mangyari, kaya ang ating fearless forecast ay isa-sagawa ko uli nitong January 2016 at ang panghuli ay sa May 2016, mga one (1) week before elections.

At sa mga talunin as my usual a advice is huwag mawalan ng loob, try and try until you die este until you succeed. Parating pakatatandaan kung maka 2,000 votes kayo ngayon, ok lang basta 100% increase kada eleksyon aabot din kayo someday, tiyak ko yun, sigurado ko yun, kaya nga lang kapag naabot niyo na ang minimum (threshold) votes needed, tiyak din yun na patay na ako at patay na rin kayo. Ngek..... Hi! Hi! Hi!. At huwag kalilimutan ang aking mga paboritong kanta sa sing-a-long ay parating "To dream, the Impossible Dream" saka "Dreaming, I'm Always Dreaming" and op kors "Napaka sakit Kuya Eddie".

Para Congressman ang nakikita ko na mag he-head to head or neck to neck ay itong sina: Aspilan, Rudy M. (Independent) saka si Duque, Edgardo L. (Independent). Matindi ang dalawang ito at kapag hindi ginalingan ng mga ibang kandidato ay wala na silang pag-asa na mahalal. Pumapangalawa sa dalawang ito ay si kagalang galang na Vergara, Bernardo M. - (Nationalist People's Coalition), pangatlo ay si Mark Go (NP) at ang kulelat at underdog na mahihirapan makalusot ay si incumbent Nicasio Aliping (LP).

Para Mayor, ang nakikita ko na front runner dito ay si Hernandez, Guillermo C. (Independent). Aba, beteranong tested at subok na subok na sa eleksyon itong si Hernandez, di ba SIR? Pangalawa sa kanya ay si Claravall, Edilberto T. (Independent), ang pangatlo ay si Molintas, Jose M. (NPC) at ang kawawang kulelat sa ngayon ay si incumbent Mayor Domogan, Mauricio G. (UNA).

Para Vice-Mayor - ang nakikita ko nag mag he-head to head or neck to neck ay itong sina: Bagbagen, Fred L. (Ind), aba tested at subok na sa \*F^K\$\*&\$ itong si Bagbagen, at si Pinic, Jeffrey B. (Ind). Sa aking analysis and assessment ay malupit at matindi ang dalawang ito. Sunsunod sa mga ito ay si Cosalan, Isabelo Jr. B. (LP), saka si Tabanda, Betty Lourdes F. (UNA) and of course ang nakikita ko na kulelat ay si incumbent Bilog, Edison R. (NPC)

Para Councilors ang top 20 na kikita ko ay ang mga sumusunod: Nais ko lang linawin na wala pong ranking ang top 20 na ito, basta't ito ay nababase lang sa aking ulong este bolang kristal. Sa mga kandidatong hindi ko nasama sa ngayon sa aking fearless forecast, do not the mind, meron pa naman ulit akong 2nd forecast sa January 2016 and final forecast sa May 2016 Hi! Hi! Hi! Hi!

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## DIMENSIONAL ROAD

*On International Phil.  
Cinematic Victories to  
National Artist Recognition*  
-Part 1-

BY: MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



*"Nothing great was ever achieved without  
enthusiasm." --Ralph Waldo Emerson,*

The Philippine cinematic industry whether independently produced or not continuously reap distinctive international citations placing the Filipino nation in the world map. These brilliant Filipino people's potentials in the motion picture industry vary from screen play writing, musical scoring, best film editing, best performance by a female or male actor, best film making, best directing to cinematography, gaining recognitions in the international race. These are manifested by the entries of Filipino films that are highly regarded in international competitions as results of rigorous screening by globally acclaimed connoisseurs in the field of motion pictures and the performing arts.

The writer's research reveals that people in the Philippine cinema have their own right time to nationally and internationally prove their worthy crafts in all components of the film making industry. Though these winning moments of Filipino performers are not exhaustive list to present its entirety, these reflect that indeed, the Philippine cinema has extended a worth adoring stage of film making creating milestones in the history of our country through the international credits the artists have garnered, not to mention their diverse nominations in varied categories defeating or defeated by other entries. Earlier than what are to be mentioned here, there were film artists who represented the Philippines as winners in different sorts.

In 2008, the 58th Berlin Film Festival featured six independent Filipino films. As a consequence, many Filipinos garnered awards. This is a relentless sign that the modern day evolution of the Philippine cinema from a national isolation to worldwide acknowledgement intensified by the emergence of independent film makers that add to set records of the Philippine cinema into worldwide recognitions in marking the 21st century Filipino film industry, thrive. It was the same year, when Brilliant Mendoza's Tirador received a Caligari Award, an honor bestowed to innovative films with worthy themes. In 2009, Jaclyn Jose won the best supporting performer in a female role in the Asian film Award for her par in Serbis.

Earlier in 2013, the Philippines dominated the 1st ASEAN International Film Festival. The winning categories proclaimed were: the Best Male Performer is Bugoy Carino, in the movie, Alagwa. The best supporting performance by a female actor is Anita Linda and Alessandra de Rossi who grabbed the best performance by a female actor under the same movie, Sta. Nina which also presented the Best Director Award to Emmanuel Quindo Palo for. The best picture in a drama category was Sta Nina. Also, The Kidnappers of Ronnie Lazaro received the best picture in a comedy category. On March 2013, expert actor Eddie Garcia won the best performance by a male actor for his outstanding act in Bwakaw during the 7th Asian Film Awards held in Hong Kong. On July 2013, Joel Torre received the Best Actor recognition for his stunning performance in the film, OTJ (On The Job) at the 17th Puchon International Film Festival which was presented in South Korea. In the film, OTJ (On The Job) alongside with the major awards, the film too got the Jury's Choice Prize. On September 2013, Filipino Child Star Barbara Miguel won a Female Performer award for her performance in Nuwebe at the Harlem International Film Festival

held in New York City.

In 2014, Mikhail Red's "Rekorder" won the Excellent Young Director Award in Gwangju International Film Festival in Gwangju, South Korea. It was also earlier in September 2014 when this film offered the Best Male Performance by an Actor award to Allen Dizon at the 9th Harlem International Film Festival in New York City. This year also bestowed Vilma Santos the Best Performance by a Female Actor credit for her role in Ekstra during the Dhaka International Film Festival held in Bangladesh. On October 2014, the New York Film Festival gave Best Actor recognition to Jake Cuenca for his role in Mulat and, Best Actress Recognition to Liza Diño for her role in 'In Nomine Matris' in Manhattan, NYC. Diane Ventura, got the Best Director Award for the same movie. On November 2014, the Philippine House of Representative honored writer and director Jason Paul Laxamana whose film, Magkakabaung won the Best Asian Film Award for the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (NETPAC) during the 3rd Hanoi International Film Festival in Hanoi, Vietnam. Allen Dizon, too won the Best Actor Award for this film.

On February 2015, Aiko Melendez won the Best Performance by a Female Role in the Foreign Language Film category during the 7th International Filmmaker Festival of World Cinema in London, England. On February 2015, Filipino independent film Director Francis Xavier Pasion won the Grand Prize Award at the 15th Tokyo Filmex festival for his work, Bwaya in Tokyo, Japan. On March, 2015 Richard Gomez won as Best Actor for his film The Janitor at the 35th Oporto International Film Festival in Portugal. On April 2015's, Asian International Film Festival in Kuching, Malaysia, Filipino awardees. The Best director was given to Joseph Laban for his movie, Nuwebe. Best Actress went to Cherie Gil for the movie, Sonata. Best Editing was bestowed to Benjamin Tolentino for the film, Bendor. The Asean Spirit Award went to the work, Purok 7. On May 15, 2015, the film of Perci Intalan, Dementia was awarded three recognitions at the Saint-Tropez International Film Festival in France. It took the Best Foreign Language Film, Best Actress, and Best Supporting Actor in a Foreign Film for Nora Aunor and Emilio Garcia, respectively. Also on May 16, 2015, Roderick Cabrido's "Children's Show" received the grand prize in the Asia-Pacific Young Filmmakers Awards at the Gwangju International Film Festival, held in South Korea. Additionally, it can be recalled that this movie aside from its victories in May this year, won other significant international awards last year in varied categories: Special Jury Prize in the Orient Express Section of the Oporto International Film Festival in Portugal and the Special Jury Prize, Grand Jury Award for Best Screenplay and Emerging

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by oppressive "mere children", women-rulers shall be installed. It is clear that being ruled by women, just like being ruled by leaders who are "mere children", is something that is not really approved by whoever wrote this message. Indeed, may God have mercy on us all!

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# City commends volunteers' help during Lando

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city government here has cited various government, non-government organizations and individuals for their volunteer work during the onslaught of Typhoon Lando in this mountain resort.

Acting Mayor Edison Bilog thanked the people who worked 24/7 to help in rescue and relief operations when the city was

being battered by heavy rains evening of Sunday until Wednesday.

"The City is very grateful to the volunteers who dedicated approximately 4 days of service to help deliver important services to the affected barangays in their time of need," he said.

Bilog said, "Volunteers deserve to be commended as they are the backbone of communities during

calamities and disasters with their support considered invaluable."

The Acting Mayor said the good coordination between all the city departments, the BCPO, the City Fire Department, DPWH, Pagasa, Office of Civil Defense, Beneco, BB-Picag, PMA-DRTG, TOG 1 Philippine Air Force, Red Cross Baguio, 21st AFGR Philippine AirForce,

REACT, Distress, 106th CDC Arescom Philippine Army, BCEMS, Notre Dame De Chartres Hospital, BGHMC, the various Communication Groups, Media, barangay officials and others who in one way another help during the onslaught of the typhoon prevented considerable damage and loss of life.

"The City is incredibly fortunate to have a lot of volunteers who work with us for many years and do not ask anything in return," he said.

Bilog said he has been

in constant communication with Mayor Mauricio Domogan presently in the United States of America and have been monitoring what is happening in the city.

"From day one, we are always in constant communication and I have been updating him on what is happening," he said.

Bilog said, "the city will be strengthening its Information, Education Campaign (IEC) on what to do before, during and after calamities to ensure that residents are abreast of information."

"We will also be

strengthening our BDRRMC so that at their level, we will have competent men who can immediately provide assistance to our residents in need of help," he said.

Aside from calamities, volunteers are also active during the season of tourist arrivals where their help is needed in public order and safety, peace and order and assistance to tourist.

They also help in traffic control, roadside assistance and direction especially during big city events./Paul Rillorta



Workers clear the road of fallen trees that hit a vehicle after a strong winds battered Baguio city./Reuters

## Aliping Pushes... from page 1

The plan is for the existing Baguio City School of Arts and Trades (BCSAT) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) technological institutions (TTIs) to be merged into what will be called the CSITE.

The TTIs are located in the six provinces of the Cordillera, called Provincial Training Centers, as well as in Baguio City, called the Regional Training Center.

The CSITE will be governed by a Board of Trustees to be comprised of the Director-General of the TESDA as chairman, the executive director of CSITE as vice chairman, and as members the chairperson of the committee on labor, employment and human resources development of the Senate, the chairperson of the House committee on higher and technical education, the regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority, the regional director of the Department of Science and Technology, the administrator of the Philippine Export Zone Authority in Baguio, the chairman of the Cordillera regional chamber of commerce, two representatives from duly recognized industry organizations, and a representative from the labor sector.

Its daily operation will be managed by the executive director and three deputy directors with the present Vocational School Administrator of the BCSAT serving as the first executive director of CSITE.

The TESDA Provincial Training Centers will be converted into Campus sites which will be run by campus directors.

"The CSITE will provide an institution-based scholarship program and other programs in coordination with TESDA, local government units in CAR, national agencies and sponsoring private organizations and industries for scholarships to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission into CSITE," Aliping stressed.

The amount needed to run CSITE will be charged against existing appropriations of the BCSAT and the provincial training centers and the amount necessary for the continued operations of CSITE will be included in the General Appropriations Act to be enacted by Congress.

Aliping added, "The immediate passage of this bill creating the CSITE is earnestly requested in order that the regional workforce can become internationally competent as soon as possible especially in light of the ASEAN integration."/Carl C. Taawan

## State of Calamity.. from page 2

within one week, except for highly urbanized areas where restoration of the above lifelines cannot be made within 24 hours.

As per evaluation by the CDRRMC, only condition 5 was present during the typhoon which is not sufficient to declare the city under a state of calamity.

Typhoon Lando's estimated damage in the summer capital is 5 million more or less leaving two people dead, 7 hurt and 483 families in need of assistance./Paul Rillorta

## 2 Dead, 7 Hurt... from page 2

families, 51 persons, Lourdes Extension – 52 families, 202 persons, Kias – 43 families, 214 persons, Camp 8 – 1 family, 4 persons, Balsigan – 2 families, 7 persons, Brookpoint – 1 family, 3 persons, Ambiong – 5 families, 23 persons, East Bayan Park – 3 families, 8 persons, Happy Hollow – 2 families, 7 persons, Brookside – 2 families, 12 persons, Dizon Subdivision – 2 families, 5 persons, Upper Quezon Hill – 2 families, 6 persons, Cresencia Village – 1 family, 6 persons, MRR Queen of Peace

– 6 families, 23 persons, Sto. Tomas Proper – 30 families, 155 persons, City Camp Proper – 22 families, 78 persons, Dominican Mirador – 5 families, 21 persons, Fairview – 2 families, 8 persons, Bakakeng Central – 5 families, 26 persons, Gabriela Silang – 5 families, 23 persons, North Sanitary Camp – 6 families, 23 persons, Phil-Am Compound – 1 family, 5 persons, Cabinet Hill Teachers Camp – 7 families, 40 persons, Session road Gov. pack – 1 family, 7 persons, Pinsao Proper – 8 families, 41 persons and Bakakeng Norte – 1 family, 9 persons.

The affected families were brought to the nearest evacuation centers while the others were taken-in by their neighbors.

Approximately six (6) houses were totally damaged while 27 were partially damaged.

Meantime, the CDRRMC said at least 93 landslides and soil erosion occurred, 232 trees fell causing damage to property and 7 floods have been recorded.

Presently, 66 electrical problems have also been reported while the Baguio Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) has restored 60% of electrical power as of October 21.

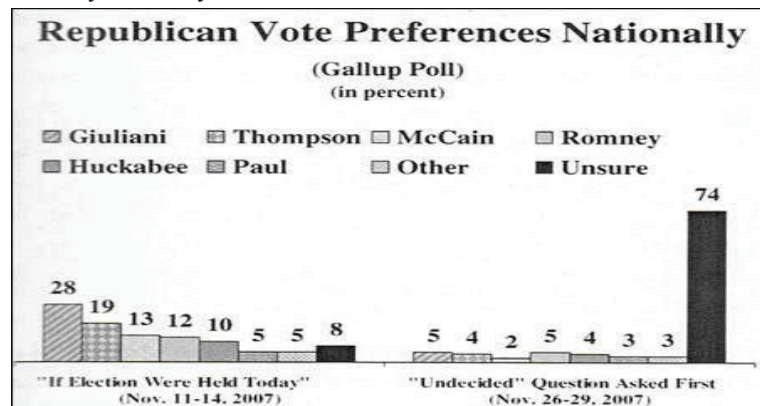
Estimated damages caused by Typhoon Lando is estimated at 5 million pesos more or less./Paul Rillorta



## Editorial

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Gallup Poll itself undertook in 2007 a variation of this procedure when, in conjunction with the usual poll, it had a special one in which it asked first if the respondent had decided or was still unsure of which candidate to vote for as US President. The results of the special poll changed drastically the portrayal in the usual poll that Giuliani and Romney were way ahead:



From: Moore, David, *"The Opinion Makers: An Insider Exposes the Truth behind the Polls,"* Boston: Beacon Press, 2012.

This is what has been called by political scientists as the problem of "nonattitudes" in all opinion polling. Even an American textbook on polling (Asher, Herbert, "Polling and the Public: What Every Citizen Should Know," 2012) pointed out: "The presence of nonattitudes is one of the simplest, yet most perplexing problems in public opinion polling ... People respond to questions about which they have no genuine attitudes or opinions."

"No distinction is made between people with real views on an issue and those whose responses are simply artifacts of being asked a question in the first place," the book explained. "Few people in such circumstances want to admit they are uninformed, particularly on a popular or timely issue."

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## PWDs' Inclusion...

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DSWD-CAR said that MSWDO cannot attend fully to the PWD sector due to many tasks at hand but they assured that MSWDs are doing their ability to complete the profiling of PWDs in the six provinces.

Tomas stressed that government should attend to the PWDs, however, it should not "babysit" them. After rehabilitation and development programs, an access to economic independence program should tailor-fit necessary measures such as livelihood trainings and workshops to help them get a job for themselves, he said./JDP/GBBrioso-PIA CAR, Abra

## City Maps Out...

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and protection of watershed reservations.

On food security, the focus will be on regular price and supply monitoring of prime commodity sources and retailers, assessment of market situation during disaster and replenishment of inventory by tapping local distributors, manufacturers and government assistance and conduct of diskwento caravans in affected areas.

On safety concern, actions include the fixing of budget allocation for water supply, continuous training and education of the various sectors on fire and disaster prevention, determination of fire and disaster-prone areas, drilling and restoration of water reservoir beside the fire station and information-education campaign and mobilization of personnel and volunteers to respond to emergency situations./A Refuerzo

## Dimensional Road

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Filmmaker Award at the Fantastic Cinema Festival of the Film Society of Little Rock in Arkansas.

On June 29, 2015, World Premieres Film Festival Philippines which is currently the most high-status international film festival in the Philippines came out with the Best Picture and a first 1st Prize entitled, *Ang Kubo Sa Kawayanan*, a film directed by Alvin Yapan. On July 11, 2015, Best Feature Film, *Mana* by director Gabby Fernandez and Best Actress Cherie Gil won, respectively at the Madrid International Film Festival in Spain. On September 2015, Philippine film artists won two awards at the Guam International Film Festival. Buboy Villar bagged the Best Achievement in Acting in the movie directed by Paul Soriano, *Kid Kulafu*. Moreover, the romantic comedy category, *That Thing Called Tadhana* by Antoinette Jadaone was awarded the Best Narrative Motion Picture.

The list goes on and on awarding excellent national and international performances in recognition to Filipino film artists. But in as far as national and international acting credential is concern among the performing artists of the Philippines, Nora Aunor outstand the rest creating a monument of achievement that draws a transparent and dominant picture of what an artist truly deserves in the country she represents. For these achievements worthy to be emulated by other Filipino film artists, the Philippines' controversial National Artist Award is what she more than deserves.

## FEATURE

## The Marcoses and the Aquinos compared

Probably he had his ulterior, Machiavellian reasons. Still, though, the strongman Ferdinand Marcos saved the life of his archenemy, Ninoy, then 48 years old in 1980. He released him from prison (having been convicted by a military court to be executed by firing squad for multiple murder charges) and allowed him to go to the US for a crucial heart surgery.

After that, Aquino would get a fellowship at Harvard University, and live with Cory at the upper-class suburbia of Newton, Massachusetts in an elegant two-storied brick house. "That was the happiest days of our lives," his widow Cory would later say.

In cruel contrast, Ninoy's son, Benigno 3rd, has kept his predecessor, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who at 68 has a life-threatening illness, incarcerated for three years now in a military hospital for baseless charges, which the United Nations Working Committee on Arbitrary Detention has condemned as violating the grandmother's legal and human rights. Due to the utter disregard for her rights and the rule of law, the UN group even recommended that Arroyo file for compensation for her arbitrary detention.

Indeed, after three years, neither a witness nor a single document has been presented in court to support the government's allegations that Arroyo stole from the confidential funds of the sweepstakes office. In the other case filed against Arroyo, that of electoral sabotage – allegedly in the 2007 senatorial and local elections and not in the 2004 presidential elections – no other witness has been presented to corroborate the sole testimony of one Norie Unas.

And who is this guy? He is the city administrator and, for decades, the right-hand man of Maguindanao governor Andal Ampatuan, Sr., the accused, with his son, as being the brains of the massacre of 58 people in that province in 2009. Unas would have been among the dozens accused for the killings, if not for his false testimony against Arroyo.

If only for this vindictive, petty president's disregard for the rule of law, his lack of the most basic sense of justice, and his moral depravity in persecuting

Arroyo, we should reject in 2016 his party and its candidate Manuel Roxas 2nd.

This candidate's lack of any moral sense is demonstrated in the fact that despite his decades of friendship with the former President, despite her total support for him in her Cabinet, and even as he knows in his heart that Arroyo is innocent of the charges, Roxas has not lifted a finger to convince Aquino not to persecute her. Why? Because he can't afford to lose Aquino's support for his all-consuming bid to be President.

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Ninoy's son, Aquino 3rd, assaulted the independent branch of government that is the bastion of a republican democracy's rule of law: the Supreme Court. He launched an impeachment lynch mob to remove its Chief Justice, Renato Corona, from office. Why? In order to get the Court to agree to a billion pesos more in compensation for his clan's Hacienda Luisita, even if the Tribunal under Corona had ruled that its land reform program during Cory's Administration was bogus.

Marcos' son, Ferdinand ("Bongbong") Jr., defended the Supreme Court, and voted to acquit Corona. He was one of only three senators (the other two being the late Joker Arroyo and Miriam Defensor-Santiago) who refused to be bribed, who refused to buckle under the lynch mob that included even award-winning journalists.

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Ninoy's son, Aquino 3rd, tried to force down the throat of this republic, most probably with the help of Malaysian money, a law that would have dismembered it and created a Bangsamoro nation-state,

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**SPS. Manuel & Angeline Gurion - Vendor**  
**Ryan Howell A. Buena - Vendee**

**Applicants**

**Case No: 2011-CAR-468/2015-CAR-606**

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer 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 with the use of three (3) units.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on November 4, 2015 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 16th day of October 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Hearing Officer

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Baguio City

**Ryan Howell A. Buena**  
**Applicant**

**Case No: 2015-CAR-607**

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Truck-for-Hire (TH) Service for the transportation of cargoes and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN LUZON and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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## BSU registers more foreign students

**L**A TRINIDAD - The Benguet State University (BSU) registered a growing number of foreign students.

For this school year, there are 34 international students from South Korea, Timor-Leste, Thailand, Japan, Libya, Ghana, Saudi Arabia and Nepal compared to the 29 for the SY 2013-2014.

Last April, BSU conferred seven international students their respective degrees. They are Amaral, Frederico Timorese (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine); Park, Donghyun, S. Korean (Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education); Prereira, Abrao Jose, Timorese (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine); Kachilei, Levy K., Kenyan (Master of

Science in Agricultural Economics); Kang, Yeon Hee, S. Korean (Master of Arts in Education major in Educational Administration and Supervision); Nguyen, Te Dinh, Japanese (Master in Community Development); and Cho, Gun Moog, Chinese (Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management).

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controls the minds of media, which do not even realize it.

This is one of the biggest reasons why there is no public outrage over Aquino's turpitudes such as his ruthless incarceration of Arroyo; the corruption at the MRT-3 that has made a hell out of millions of Filipinos' daily commute; the massive smuggling that even our poor farmers are being outpriced by imported agricultural products; the massacre of 44 of our elite troops in Mamasapano because of this President's criminal bungling; his government's incompetence in relief operations for victims of the Yolanda Super Typhoon and the amazing dearth of news reports on jueteng, the billions of pesos it generates to line the pockets of government officials, and criminals' rampage across the land that sows fear and uncertainty among members of all strata of society in this country./ by RIGOBERTO D. TIGLAO/  
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Is this justice? Above, Aquino's home in the US, where he was allowed by Marcos to have heart surgery and stay indefinitely. Below, Arroyo visited by son and grandson on her last birthday at Veterans Memorial Hospital.

## The Marcoses and the... from page 7

complete with its clearly defined people, its territory, and its armed forces – the three basic elements, as any college student would learn in college, of that entity we call a “nation-state.”

Marcos' son, Ferdinand, blocked that conspiracy, and exposed this Bangsamoro Basic Law's violations of the Constitution. The Senate hearings he led convinced even those supporting it to junk it or at least, drastically amend it so it would conform to our Constitution, and block the Moro Islamic Liberation Front from using it to carve out the group's own independent nation.

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Marcos expanded Philippine territory by issuing Presidential Decree No. 1596 in 1978, which declared that a group of islands called then as the Spratlys, is Philippine territory, a municipality of Palawan whose official name would be the Kalayaan Group of Islands. He ordered garrisons stationed on the islands, especially on the biggest isle Pag-Asa, where he ordered an airstrip built.

Aquino 3rd lost Philippine territory when he foolishly ordered Philippine ships in May 2012 to leave Scarborough Shoal, believing the report of his special envoy, Sen. Antonio Trillanes 4th or his foreign secretary, Albert del Rosario, (the two would later blame each other) that the Chinese had agreed to the simultaneous withdrawal of ships. They didn't, and probably just laughed at this President's gullibility. Now, their vessels simply shoo away our vessels and fishermen still kilometers away from the shoal's mouth.

Aquino has done nothing to stop the erosion and start the repair of the airstrip Marcos had built, so that eventually its usable length could only allow the smallest of planes to land on the area.

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Marcos convinced the Philippine ruling class to lend the government their support by successfully leading the local economy through the 1970s oil crisis largely unscathed, which gave it enough momentum to grow a phenomenal 9 percent by 1973. That drove

GDP growth to average an impressive 6.2 percent from 1972 to the 1979 apex of his regime.

Aquino 3rd has won the support of a big segment of the ruling class, not because of his anti-corruption crusade, nor any economic reform he has engineered. It is because he has done nothing to derail the growth momentum Arroyo achieved during her term and the trust of the global community she earned for the country when she steered the economy through the worst global economic crisis that raged from 2008 to 2009.

The Philippines under Arroyo was the only country in Asia that still managed some growth in those tumultuous years. Under Aquino, the country's relatively high growth rates have been due to the fact that his is the only Administration in this country that had the fortune of not having to go through any global economic catastrophe.

That high growth rate from 1972 to 1979 – was achieved at the cost of the dismantling of our institutions of democracy, which we still haven't been able to rebuild.

Similarly, growth in our economy over the past five years has been at the cost of a megalomaniac President damaging our democratic institutions.

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Marcos closed down The Manila Times and the Lopez-owned Manila Chronicle and the ABS-CBN television network. His cronies then set up The Daily Express, The Times Journal, and The Manila Bulletin – to support him and his martial law.

Similarly, Aquino 3rd now uses the newspapers that replaced the Marcos newspapers and the ABS-CBN Network, which his mother helped to resuscitate to support his regime. One leading broadsheet very loyally has taken up every single political campaign Aquino has launched as its own crusade – from removing then Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez, impeaching Chief Justice Corona, jailing opposition figures for the misuse of their pork barrel funds, and even fabricating corruption charges against Vice President Jejomar Binay to weaken his candidacy in the 2016 presidential elections.

Marcos closed down media; Aquino



## Oplan Kaluluwa... from page 10

division and Recoletos

compound, Ponce st. along Quezon Hill (left side facing 1st road direction), roadside of Sofia de Veyra st., (left side descending). Pay parking spaces are available inside Cooyesan Plaza.

The road shoulder of Quirino Highway; left side, after the loading/unloading zone from the BMC entrance until the Main Gate of Bermuda Subdivision could be used for parallel parking for light vehicles only.

Private vehicles, but NOT trucks and buses, are allowed to pass through Quirino

Highway. A ban for trucks and buses, is implemented along Quirino Highway from the Buhagan road junction up to the Irisan-Circumferential road (Munoz st) junction.

Trucks and Buses should take Marcos Highway or Lamtang-Longlong, Tam-awan Rd as diversion route from 5:00 AM of November 1, 2015 until 12:00 Midnight.

Motorists from the central business district (CBD) with passengers going to the cemetery should execute a U-turn at the first or second road of San Carlos Heights before proceeding to the loading/unloading area. Exit towards the CBD shall be through Dominican road then Queen of Peace road or Queen of Apostles road to destination.

Taxis going to the cemetery shall unload passengers at the back of Police Station 1 (infront of Recoletos Seminary) and exit through the San Luis/San Roque Road, take Dominican Rd to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd to destination.

Irisan, San Carlos heights, NPC and other Quirino highway-bound Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs) going to CBD shall turn right to Dominican road, take either Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles road to designated terminal.

Passengers of vehicles from the CBD going to the cemetery shall be unloaded along the junction of San Carlos Heights 1st road.

San Luis, San Roque, Asin, Nangalisan and other PUJs using Asin Rd going towards the CBD are advised to take San Roque Rd, turn right to Dominican Rd, go down to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd to the terminal. Passengers from the CBD intending to go to the cemetery shall be unloaded at the back of Station 1 (infront of Recoletos Seminary).

Dominican PUJs, when returning to the CBD shall take Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd. Unloading of passengers shall be at the road space before the junction of Quirino HW-Dominican Intersection.

Quezon Hill PUJs, going to the CBD should take Fairview Rd down to Ferguson Rd towards

Buhagan Rd or use the 2nd rd toward Quirino Highway, turn left towards Dominican Rd then to Queen of Peace or Queen of Apostles Rd. Unloading of passengers shall be at the road space before the junction of Quezon Hill.

Guisad, Fairview and other PUJs using Ferguson Rd towards the CBD shall take Sepic Rd to Buhagan Rd.

Motorists from the lowlands (La Union) may take the Circumferential Road or Lamtang/Longlong Rd toward the CBD or La Trinidad, Benguet.

Only Emergency vehicles, water delivery, ambulance and Police vehicles are allowed inside the Baguio Cemetery on need basis./Julie G. Fianza

## Cordillera RDRRMC reports 21 dead, 18 injured and 2 missing due to typhoon Lando

The Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC) reported 21 dead, 18 injured and two missing in the region due to typhoon 'Lando', as of October 21.

Most of the death were due to landslide or soil erosion as validated by the Department of Health.

In Tinoc, Ifugao, Antonio Pallay, 61, was retrieved from soil erosion below his house; Greg Lindawan, 28, died in the hospital while being treated for injuries due to landslide, and Reginald Basilio was swept by landslide while passing through the Kiangnan-Tinoc road.

In Baguio City, sisters Dianne and Vanessa Tucay of barangay Quezon Hill died in a landslide incident evening of October 19.

Benguet province recorded the highest number of casualties. Among the landslide victims were Fernando Laso Gumpad, 56, in Bakun, Benguet; Leonard Foken Pacuran, 25, in Ampucao Itogon Benguet; Fred Gabino, 43, and Agustina Gavino in Sadang, Kapangan, Jimmy Naag, 18, and Jonathan Cabading, 28 in Lower Cruz, La Trinidad, and Victorio Isla, 34, in Camp Dangwa, La Trinidad

Also in Shilan, La Trinidad, the house of the Leston family was swept away by landslide killing Ronnie, 25; Alma, 23; Kathleen, 4 and Ronnielson, 2.

For the flash flood related deaths, Ryan Bignay, 24,

of Abra was swept by strong current at the Tineg River; Norton Aniceto, 26, of Buguias, Benguet was carried by strong current in a creek in Natubleng; while Virginia and Khalid Quilang Panganiban of Tuba and Perla Alpersel Disoy of Bokod were swept by flashfloods along the Bued River. Their bodies were recovered in Pangasinan.

The two missing persons were identified as Edna Botonga, 39, of Ampucao Itogon, Benguet and Olido Wanawan, 57, of San Isidro, Abra were both reported to be swept by strong currents in their respective communities.

CRDRRMC also recorded 2,354 families or 9,432 persons affected; 57 totally damaged and 581 partially damaged houses.

As the weather in the region is getting better, the CRDRRMC Rehabilitation and Recovery Cluster with NEDA Regional Director Milagros Rimando as vice chairperson, will now focus on Post Disaster Need Analysis to determine the assistance and service needed to be given to those affected by Typhoon Lando.

Meantime, CRDRRMC chair and office of Civil Defense Cordillera Regional Director Andrew Alex Uy reminds the public to remain on alert and always prioritize the safety of their families by regularly looking into possible hazards in their own households, backyards and communities, as he gave recognition to the concerted efforts of the regional council member agencies, LGUs, local DRRM Councils and other stakeholders./JDP/CCD – PIA CAR

## CHARMP aims to improve coffee production in CAR

The Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management Project (CHARMP) intends to boost the competitiveness of the coffee industry sector in the region through its Cordillera Coffee Development Framework Plan.

CHARMP manager Cameron Odsey disclosed that the coffee plan presents four strategies namely increase productivity, expand production, increase profit of coffee farmers and entrepreneurs, and improve quality. The plan's productivity target is to have a 50 percent increase in yield per coffee tree.

He said that the design is to promote the adoption of zoning to increase coffee productivity. The highest yield per tree can be produced by identifying suitable areas for specific coffee variety such as Robusta in Apayao and Arabica in Benguet.

The coffee plan identifies the need to create centralized processing centers and other accessible infrastructures that will capacitate the farmers, as well as the need to augment institutional support from private coffee councils. This will reinforce the coffee industry and monitor the implementation of the plan, he added

Cordillera has a total coffee production of around 5,627 metric tons yearly of several varieties that include Arabica, Excelsa, Liberica, and Robusta. Coffee is also considered the one town one product of the region./JBZ -PIA CAR

## City Prepares... from page 10

lantern designs.

Apart from the Baguio Country Club Christmas Village, the Baguio Village at Rose Garden, Burnham Park will again be witnessed for the second time by Baguio residents as well as domestic and foreign visitors.

Committee on tourism, special events, parks and playgrounds chair and councilor Elmer Datuin stressed that various activities are lined up in the month-long celebration of Christmas in Baguio this year and further urged private sectors to introduce other programs for the people of Baguio and visitors to feel the spirit of this year's yuletide season./Jho Arranz

## BSU Registers... from page 8

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International students who are mostly South Koreans also patronize the BSU-International Language Center's short and intense English language courses.

ILC offers the Intensive Functional English Language Program; English for Academic Purposes; Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; Advance English Proficiency; ESL Online Learning Program; Tutorial-Foreign and Local Languages; and Special Program for English Language and Literature.

Since July 2014, the Office of the University Registrar through its Bureau of Immigration (BI)-accredited Liaison Officer, Mr. Jeric Amor D. Mabale, has been providing support services to the needs of international students in coordination with the BI-Baguio Satellite Office, BI-Main Office in Intramuros, Manila, and the BI Student Desk in Quezon City.

Transnational education is advocated by the Commission on Higher Education to all colleges, schools and universities per memorandum 02 series of 2008./JDP/JBZ- PIA



## Oplan Kaluluwa 2015

**B**AGUIO CITY – It's all systems go for Undas 2015, with traffic schemes in place, police foot and mobile patrols specifically assigned, public and private cemeteries spruced up, and candle and flower stalls at Ganza, Burnham Park offering their wares from Oct. 26 to Nov. 1.

This was assured after a coordination meeting done at city hall, with representatives from the Baguio City Police Office Traffic Management Bureau (BCPO-TMB); City Treasurer; City Engineer, Health Services, City Building Officers, City Environment and Parks Mgmt Officer, Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines-Baguio Chapter, Philippine National Red Cross and Emergency Medical Services.

Punong Barangays from Irisan, Lower Lourdes Subdivision, Lourdes Proper, Lourdes Subdivision Ext., Lower Rock Quarry, City Camp Central, City Camp Proper, San Luis Village, San Roque Village, Quezon Hill Proper, Kias, Palma-Urbano and Victoria Village were present during the meeting, their areas of jurisdiction affected by the annual exodus to the public and private memorial parks.

Communication and responder volunteer groups, including media, fire officers, army and air force reservists, parking space owners were also in the meeting.

Traffic schemes are in place from 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Nov. 1; it was known from traffic authorities.

Roads on one-way schemes; all from Quirino Highway: are Buhagan road junction up to Dominican road; from the QH junction up to Queen of Peace road; from the QH junction San Luis road up to San Luis/San Roque st. Junction, and from the QH junction, 1st road Quezon Hill until Ponce st.

The whole stretch of San Roque street and Sofia de Veyra street are also on a one-way scheme., including Sepic road from Ferguson rd junction up to Buhagan road junction.

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Cemetery, Buhagan road junction to Ferguson road junction, Ferguson road junction to 2nd road Quezon Hill, 2nd road Quezon Hill junction to San Luis road junction, Queen of Apostles road, from BCPO Station 1 to the Baguio Cemetery entrance, and Baguio Cemetery entrance to San Carlos Heights junction.

Motorists are not allowed to load or unload at the entrance of the cemetery, the traffic advisory states.

Loading and unloading areas are: the road space before Quezon Hill 2nd road; road space

before Dominican road; in front of Recoletos Seminary; road space after the entrance of BMC; road space before San Carlos heights 1st Rd; road space before Shangrila subdivision entrance; DAP/Senior Citizen loading and unloading area.

Recommended parking areas are; within Shangrila sub-

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## City prepares early for Christmas in Baguio

**B**AGUIO CITY - Yuletide season is just around the corner, thus, the city government here started convening with the different stakeholders involved in the yearly celebration of Christmas in Baguio.

As part of the Silahis ng Pasko celebration, in coordination with the senior citizens organization, retirees, City Social Welfare and Development Office, Lucky Baguio Balikbayans and National Correspondents Club of Baguio (NCCB), giveaways and infant

needs await the lucky Christmas and New Year babies.

Silahis sa Pasko is an event that features the good heart of the people of Baguio City by delivering the Yuletide spirit to children, the elderly and the persons with special needs.

The traditional children's mardigras, sports competition, Christmas cantata, Share-a-

Toy, Himig ng Pasko, gift-giving to indigent groups, among others will be expected.

Session Road will be closed on

December 1 kicking off the celebration of Christmas in Baguio with activities like concerts, Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on top of Session and the much awaited fireworks display.

Brightening up session road and the main thoroughfare of the central business district with creative and glowing lanterns will be the Christmas lantern parade of the Saint Louis University students showcasing different

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**"CRUSHED"** - A resident inspects the damage caused to a parked car in Barangay Cabinet Hill-Teachers Camp Gintong alay Cottage when it was crushed by a Pine Tree which fell during the onslaught of Typhoon Lando Monday./Photo by Paul Rillorta



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