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# Public participation in consultations pressed

**B**AGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan wants open-minded citizens to actively participate in consultations that will be scheduled by the city government to solicit the valid and legitimate suggestions and recommendations of concerned sectors of the city relative to the crafting

The local chief executive cited that it is unfortunate that results of previous consultations relative to proposed policies on the comprehensive land use plan, zoning ordinance, environment code among others end up in a

stalemate because most of those participating in scheduled consultations have already convictions relative to such issues.

"It is high time that the silent majority come out in the open to voice out their respective positions on various issues affecting the overall development of the city. We do not object to the conduct of consultations but there should be a greater participation of open-minded citizens because there will be an avenue of meeting in

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**BUSTED.** PDEA-CAR busted a couple selling these two packets of shabu weighing 53.8 grams worth around Php221,000.00. With the incoming Digong leadership, are we going to see more arrests, more so on the big ones? Let's keep our fingers crossed. Story on page 2./PDEA-CAR Photo

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## Drug-Pushing Couple Arrested in Baguio Bust

A member of a local drug group and his wife were collared by anti-narcotics agents of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Cordillera during a buy-bust operation yesterday afternoon along Bokawkan Road.

Ansary Mamayandog Pumbaya alias Aksa/Ansari, 45 years old, driver, native of Marawi

City, Lanao del Sur and a resident of Cypress, Irian, Baguio City was arrested together with his 27-year old wife when they sold two sachets containing shabu weighing 53.7777 grams, with a street value of P220,488.57, to a PDEA-CAR operative.

Confiscated during the sting operation from the couple were the prohibited drugs, buy-bust money

worth P70,000.00, a black Nokia mobile phone and a Toyota Vios driven by Ansary.

They are temporarily detained at the PDEA-CAR Regional Office holding facility pending the filing of violation of R.A. No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 before the proper authorities./J.F. Calulut

## JHMC Creates Jobs, Protects Environment, and Raises Revenue for Government Cooffers

BAGUIO CITY - Living up to its mission and vision to transform Camp John Hay into a primary catalyst for tourism development in the Cordillera Region and the leader of environment and forest stewardship in the Philippines by 2018, the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) in a period of five years has shown reforms and accomplishments which it will proudly pass on to the next leaders of the country come June 30.

Dr. Jamie Eloise M. Agbayani, President and CEO noted great improvements in terms of job generation, forest and environmental protection, revenue generation, contribution to tourism and improved public service leading to the entry of more investments.

### Job generation

Agbayani reported that in a period of five years from 2011 to present, there are now 5,090 jobs created inside Camp John Hay Special Economic Zone, which is 3,680 more

than the jobs existing at the start of 2011.

The present administration was able to lift the available jobs by 260 percent in four years time owing to the effort of the administration to invite investors to locate in the John Hay economic zone.

A total of 3,256 of the workers are with the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies like the Inter-Continental Hotels Group (IHG) and Convergys.

Agbayani said 95 percent of the workforce is sourced from the BLISTT (Baguio, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay), a commitment it pursues until the present.

Camp John Hay Reservation Area (CJHRA), which is titled under the name of state-owned Bases Conversion Development Corporation (BCDA) created by law - Republic Act (RA) 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992), to transform former military bases and properties into premier centers of economic

growth in partnership with the private sector with integrity, excellence and efficiency in the stewardship of government resources. It aims to create sustainable urban communities to uplift the lives of Filipinos, including the host communities.

Camp John Hay is directly managed by BCDA's subsidiary, JHMC.

### Environment protection

The reservation's 625 hectare area hosts 53 percent of Baguio's forested land.

In partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), a strong forest protection program was enforced and programs were initiated.

Illegal occupation within the forest reservation including tree cutting activities were prevented.

Most significant of its forest protection effort is the conduct of research on the bark beetle damaging the pine trees. "From 2014 to 2015, the consultancy services of forest pathologists from the Benguet



A volunteer removes campaign paraphernalia just after the May 9 elections. (JBZ-PIA CAR)

## Firecracker ban in city proposed

BAGUIO CITY - The city council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance imposing a ban on the possession, distribution, display, sale and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices and materials by private persons and entities in the city.

The proposed ordinance authored by six-term Councilor and on-term Vice Mayor Betty Lourdes F. Tabanda was anchored on the snowballing clamor from local residents on the imposition of the total ban on the display, sale and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials as evidenced by the over 14,000 signatures and 48 barangay resolutions as well as an unnumbered Resolution of the Liga ng mga Barangay supporting the imposition of a total ban on firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials in the city.

The ordinance declared as a policy of the city government to keep its

air clean, preserve the environment, protect its residence from air pollution, prevent the incidents of destructive fires and related accidents caused by indiscriminate explosion of firecrackers and fireworks and to keep the city litter-free after the revelry.

Among the firecrackers that are proposed to be banned are baby rocket, bawang, small triangulo, pulling of strings, paper cups, el diablo, watusi, Juda's belt, sky rocket or kwitis, and other types equivalent to the foregoing and explosive content while the pyrotechnics to be banned include sparklers, luces, fountain, jumbo regular

and special, Mabuhay, Roman candle, trompillo, airwolf, whistle devise, butterfly, all kinds of pyrotechnic devices and other types pursuant to existing rules and regulations., atomic big triangulo and super lolo and their equivalent, firecrackers which are oversized, imported finished products with mixture of phosphorus or sulphur with that of chlorate and polyvinyl pipe or boga.

Under the ordinance, exempted from the prohibition are government-sponsored exhibitions during major festivities such as Christmas, New Year, City Charter Day and Panagbenga

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## BCPO cited for exemplary performance during elections

BAGUIO CITY - The city council passed a resolution commending the men and women of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) for their exemplary performance in supporting the Commission on elections (Comelec) maintain a peaceful and orderly elections in the city last May 9, 2016.

The resolution authored by Councilor Roberto C. Ortega was unanimously Approved upon the recommendation of the committee on human rights, justice, public protection and safety, peace and order.

The resolution stated the city government recognizes the quality of service, dedication to their respective duties and responsibilities and the remarkable efforts of the men and women of the local police force in extending utmost assistance to the Comelec that resulted to the realization of peaceful and orderly elections in the city last May 9, 2016.

With the cooperation of the general public, the council cited the BCPO led by Acting city Director Senior Superintendent

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State University (BSU) were tapped to evaluate the pest infestation in the reservation and made recommendations for a sustainable program," Agbayani said.

Using the study generated, JHMC initiated the training for personnel-equipping them with skills on evaluation of pest infestation, proper soil sterilization and plant nursery management.

Tree surgery procedures were also done to revive century old pine trees infested with pests.

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# City mulls strengthening task force in the implementation of liquor code

**B**AGUIO CITY - With the city's advocacy of having a peaceful place to live in, re-elect mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed of strengthening the task force monitoring at night time.

Despite the existence of city ordinance on liquor code, Domogan divulged on the lack of implementation of the said law because of lack of manpower.

However, if some individuals will volunteer to help in the inspection and in the monitoring of the city during night time, the possibility of creating another task force will be formed to be deployed in other strategic places, revealed Domogan.

The mayor urged the residents of Baguio as well as business establishments to abide and respect the law.

It is remembered that the city council approved ordinance no. 1, series of 1990 or the liquor code of the city limiting the operation time of liquor establishments.

The prescribed time for

liquor dealers or retailers which serve liquor not to be consumed within the premises and for liquor stores which sell by bottle and consumed within the premises would be from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

In the ordinance, "The approved penalties for owner, operator, proprietor, manager or person in charge of any establishment violating said provision would be: first offense-a fine on P2,000 with written warning; second offense- a fine of P4,000 with closure of the establishment and revocation of the business permit; and third and subsequent offenses - a fine

of P6,000 with permanent closure of establishment and imprisonment of 15 days upon discretion of the court or 15 days community service".

On the other hand, the city will also tighten the city's curfew among minors to stop if not lessen crimes involving the youth here.

The implementation on the curfew which takes effect between 9:00PM and 5:00AM is a necessary approach for the city government especially now that vandalism, unruliness and youth-oriented violence occur every now and then./Jho Arranz

## Mayor to make another go at elusive tax reforms

**B**AGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan will make another go at implementing his sought-after tax reforms in his last term as chief executive of this city.

The mayor during the department

heads meeting last Monday asked the city council anew to act on the pending the proposed increase in business and realty taxes stressing its utmost urgency.

The mayor has been calling for speedy action on the tax proposals stressing the city's obligation to implement the increase after years of stalling to make the antiquated rates attuned with the times and to comply with the requirements of the law.

"No less than the Bureau of Local Government Finance has been pointing out that we have been remiss in our responsibility to update our land tax schedule and this has also been highlighted in the low score we have been getting in the economic dynamism component of our yearly competitiveness ranking," the mayor said.

The city needs to update its schedule of fair market values of real properties which remained unchanged since 1996 making the city non-compliant with the New Local Government Code or the Republic Act No. 7160 provision mandating local government units to undertake a general revision of real property tax valuation every three years.

It was assured that a minimal assessment level will be recommended to temper the expected huge



**NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCILORS** - Newly elected Baguio City Councilors hand signs after officially proclaimed. From left to right are Atty. Benny Bomogao (UNA); journalist Arthur Allad-iw (LP); former Upper Quezon Hill PB Leah Fariñas (LP, wife of the late Vice Mayor Daniel Fariñas); former Youth Sectoral Representative Atty. Edgar Avila (UNA) and Arch. Mylene Yaranon (LP), daughter of former Mayor Braulio Yaranon. The new set of the members of the City Council is now composed of three women (two previously) including re-elected City Councilor Elaine Sembrano./By Bong Cayabyab

## Council summons DPWH-CAR officials on May 23

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city council approved a resolution inviting officials of the Cordillera office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) to appear before the local legislative body on Monday, May 23, 2016, to shed light and explain the current citywide construction of drainage systems which had been the major cause of traffic congestions in the city's central business district.

The resolution authored by Councilors Michael Lawana and Faustino Olowan cited there's a need for the DPWH-CAR to explain why the projects were implemented without appropriate consultations with the city government in order to facilitate the smooth implementation of the projects and prevent its significant impact to the traffic congestions within crowded areas around the city.

Barangay and city officials had been receiving numerous complaints and criticisms from local residents and visitors in the city's 128 barangays relative to the on-going citywide construction of drainage systems along national roads and that they had even been blamed for such luckluster implementation of projects that contribut-

ed in the worsening traffic problems around the city.

The proponents admitted that on-going citywide construction of drainage systems resulted to massive traffic woes, potential risk to life and limb affecting the people and visitors in the city.

"With the upcoming rainy season, local residents and visitors are in a state of uncertainty whether or not the on-going citywide construction of drainage systems be completed before the rainy season will prevail in the city," the resolution stated.

The council required DPWH-CAR officials to explain the status of the projects, their percentages of completion, the assurance that it will be completed before the onset of the rainy season, whether or not the projects will address the drainage problems of the city among others.

The members of the council want to know whether or not the contractors had been complying with the standard construction practices, whether or not the drainage systems are inter-connected throughout the city and will form part of the master development plan of the city and other related matters.

Local residents and visitors were irate over the simultaneous implementation of the various

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## Aquino: Duterte in for a reality check as next president

The Duterte the public saw on the campaign trail will have to 'adjust to the realities of governance,' says outgoing President Benigno Aquino III

After 6 years at the country's helm and an intense election season, President Benigno Aquino III weighed in on his successor in an exclusive interview with TIME magazine.

During the interview on Thursday, May 19, Aquino said Duterte will have to adjust from the campaign to the real work of running the country.

"Undoubtedly, he [Duterte] has begun to recognize that certain rhetoric that was allowed in the campaign might not be allowed in governance. He will adjust to the realities of governance," said Aquino.

On the campaign trail, Duterte made headlines with his sensational statements on killing criminals and insults to his fellow rivals, particularly Aquino's anointed one, Liberal Party standard-bearer Manuel "Mar" Roxas II.

**EDITORIAL** Analysts have said many of those who voted for Duterte were not satisfied with the Aquino administration's promise of "Daang Matuwid" or "straight path" governance.

Aquino was asked if he thought Duterte's victory was a "repudiation" of his 6 years in office.

"We will study it but [Duterte's victory] was about a successful campaign," said the outgoing president.

Aquino said not all of those who voted for Duterte – about 40% of voters – were not necessarily unhappy with his presidency.

"Even that 40%, without taking anything away from them, what portion is always interested in being on the winning side? Is it a repudiation? I don't think so," said Aquino.

Duterte ran on a platform of "change" anchored on a tough anti-crime program and federalism, among other things. He has begun to organize his Cabinet, made mostly of old faces who have served previous administrations.

Duterte had also said that he would continue the Aquino administration's macroeconomic policies which have helped boost the economy, making it one of the fastest-growing in the region.

Duterte is set to be proclaimed as the 16th president of the Philippines in the coming days. His inauguration will take place noontime of June 30, the end of Aquino's presidency./ Pia Ranada/Rappler.com

## JHMC Creates Jobs... from page 2

There were also continues tree planting activities using JHMC propagated tree seedlings.

It also keeps track of the number of trees with the latest inventory marked at 94,828 trees in the 267.67 hectares of JHRA.

Because John Hay is the last bastion in the city, JHMC endeavors to assure that people will continue to breathe clean air. A contract was signed with the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) in 2015 for the installation of a Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Station (CAAMS)-to help maintain the

below 22.6 ug/cubic meter Particulate Matter 10 and guide the government's future clean air programs.

A rainwater harvesting facility was also installed in December 2015, to collect the rainwater from the downspouts of the Bell House, for watering the plants in the nursery, greenhouse, gardens and other facilities within the Historical Core.

### Revenue generation

As a result of good governance and the establishment of systems in place, JHMC achieved significant financial milestones.

From losses in the

previous years, the JHMC began to post positive net incomes starting 2012. As quoted from Corporate Treasurer Director Caesar Oracion "We are leaving JHMC in a better financial position than when we first came in".

The revenues were generated from regulatory fees in the economic zone, rental income, business services and miscellaneous income, other businesses, and the payment from the beneficiaries of the Scout Barrio Housing Project. The Historical Core also raised revenue for the government of P3.8 million in 2015 which is also a sign of robust tourism arrival in Camp John Hay.

The signing of the  
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### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**PNoy, Trillanes, face death for China "treason"**

**BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO**



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them..." (Hebrews 6:10, the Holy Bible).

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**"PRESUMPTIVE PRESIDENT" IS LEGALLY AND GRAMATICALLY CORRECT:** Whoever started calling Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte as the "presumptive president" surely did his sleuthing well on his choice of the word "presumptive". A check with Google on what "presumptive" actually means gives rise to the conclusion that, indeed, the proper way to address Duterte at this point is "presumptive president".

First, Duterte has not been proclaimed yet, even if partial and unofficial vote tallies show him to be leading by the proverbial mile against his rivals. And because he has not been proclaimed yet, he could not be properly called "president elect". A "president elect" is someone who has not assumed office yet, although he had already been proclaimed the winner.

On the other hand, "presumptive" means "having a good reason to believe that something is true" (see [www.vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com)) or "based on a presumption" or "presumed" (see [www.thefreedictionary.com](http://www.thefreedictionary.com)) or "based on probability or presumption" (see [www.meriam-webster.com](http://www.meriam-webster.com)). In short, a "presumptive president" is a person who, like Duterte, could be presumed or believed to be the next president, based on unofficial election results, although he is not proclaimed yet.

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**OFFICIALS WITH NO STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS MAY NOT ASSUME OFFICE:** Here is a reminder to the candidates in the just-concluded May 09, 2016 elections, whether they won or lost: you must file a "statement of contributions and expenditures" not later than 30 days after the day of election, pursuant to Section 14, Republic Act No. 7166.

You are facing possible perpetual disqualification from holding any public office if you failed to do so, in at least two elections. What is more important is this: if the candidate won, he may not be allowed to assume the office in which he got elected.

The law says: "No person elected to any public office shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has filed the statement of contributions and expenditures required herein within the period prescribed by this act." These parts of RA 7166 could prove to be effective weapons against political rivals. This could prevent a candidate from proceeding with his candidacy, and a winner from assuming his post.

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**PNOY, TRILLANES, FACE DEATH FOR CHINA TREASON:** President Aquino and Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV are in danger of facing the death penalty for their alleged complicity in the take-over of Scarborough Shoal in the West Philippine Sea by China, which happened, according to Mayor Duterte, after Trillanes visited Chinese officials 16 times during the presidency of President Aquino.

Duterte told media on Monday, May 16, 2016, that Trillanes could have committed treason. "Trillanes went to China 16 times and, after the 16th visit, we lost the Scarborough Shoal. To me, its treason," Duterte was quoted as saying. His supporters sued Aquino and Trillanes with treason before the Ombudsman before the elections.

The Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, under its Art. 114, defined "treason as follows: "Any person who, owing allegiance to the Government of the Philippine Islands, not being a foreigner, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid or comfort within the Philippine Islands or elsewhere, shall be punished by reclusion

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## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

• *Korapsyon aalinsin within 3-6 months???*  
• *Malamang na malamang ay nadaya si BBM!!!*

Part 1

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Sinasabi ko na nga ba mga dear readers, noong Spinapakinggan ko ang mga campaign promises ni presumptive President DuDirty na tatanggalin niya ang korapsyon at krimen sa loob ng 3 to 6 months ay natatawa na lamang ako at kadalasan ay hindi ako nag-ko-komento. Within the first 100 days ay tahimik muna ako sa bagong administrasyon, ngunit sa nakikita na natin na puros mga lumang trapo pa rin ang mauupo at ang ilalagay sa puwesto, aba eh patay na ang mga pangako ni Dudirty na 3 to 6 months. Siguradong mapapako lamang ang mga pinagsasabi niya. Kung tutusin ay kaya niyang patigilin ang krimen ngunit dahil magiging laganap pa rin ang korapsyon kaya mahihirapn ring sugpuin at bawasan ang krimen sapagkat alam naman po natin na hand-in-hand po yan mga dear readers. Ganun pa rin ang magiging siste sa law enforcement, prosekusyon, at hudikatura. Bakit ko nasabing magiging laganap ang korapsyon?

No. 1- Ang kanyang bata para Speaker of the House is one highly notorious corrupt official. Itong si Cong. Pantaleon "Bebot" Alvarez ay dating DOTC Secretary noong kapanahunan ni Gloria Arroyo (bata ni FG Arroyo). Siya ay sinubukan na ma-confirm sa Commission on Appointments for at least 6 times ngunit denied siya in all attempts dala ng kanyang very corrupt record hinggil sa PIATCO Fiasco kung saan nag kaletse-letse ang Pilipinas at nahatulan ng international court na mag-bayad ng milyun-milyong dolyares sa Frapport dala ng pangga-gago (pango-ngorap) ng NALA-3 project. Diyos ko naman talaga oo, Mr. Dudirty SIR, wala na ba kayong ibang ma back-apan para House Speaker? At ayon sa huling balita ay mahigit 50% na ng mga tongressman ng LP ay lilipat na sa LDP. Hi !Hi! Hi! . Walaaa Talaagaa!!! Nalpas! Same Dog with New collar lamang.

No. 2- Napaka insensitibo naman nitong si Pangulong Dudirty na sa dinami-dami ng kanyang maitatalaga as Presidential Spokesman ay si Atty. Salvador Panelo pa ang kanyang na-appoint. Ito ang abogago este abogado ng mga Ampatuan sa Ampatuan Massacre. DIYOS KO NAMAN SIR, wala na bang ibang mas katanggap –tanggap pa at agad pa ninyong ipinagtanggol ang appointment ni Panelo? Walaaa Talaagaa!!! Nalpas!

No. 3- Mark Villar, Congressman at anak ni Senador Villar ang bilyonaryong developer. Aba eh anong maaasahan natin sa kanya kung hindi palakasin at payamanin lalo ang kanyang business empire?! Akala ko ba wala kang malalaking negosyanteng pinag-ka-kautangan ng loob? Ano ba si Villar, small businessman? Walaaa Talaagaa !!! Nalpas!

Mabuti pa itong si kagalang –galang na Dante Jimenez ng VACC at nanawagan kay pangulong Dudirty na i-background check muna ng maigi ang mga appointees sa matataas na posisyon. Ang mga sumusunod sa palagay ko ay mga good quality and high caliber appointees; ito ay sina former Gov. Manny Pinol at Secretary Perfecto "Jun" Yasay. Wala tayong masasabi sa credibilidad at kalidad ng mga ito. Marami pa rin namang mga OK jan, sigurado ko, kaya nga lang ay hindi ako makakomento at kailangan ko pang suriin ng maayos ang kanilang background and accomplishments. Sa ngayon ay oobserbahan natin sa mga darating na araw ang mga good at palpak na mga appointments ni presumptive president Dudirty. Ay Pinoy, sana ay hindi na tayo nalinlang muli!!! →

## PALSIT

*Manegdeg a Kasla  
Letteg Dagiti Parikut*



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

PUDNO a sabali manen a parikut (sigud met ketdi) ti sangsanguen iti agdama - ti mismo nga apuyen itan a bagas. Nalimbong unayen daytoy nga ariwengweng iti aglawlaw. Inaldaw a maipadamag iti tri-media ti panagkamtud ti supply a bagas iti sibubukel a pagilian a Filipinas.

Nakapimpiman ti sangsanguen ni Juan de la Cruz a kasasaad. Ti pay met ngarud pagilianna a maibilbilang nga *agricultural nation* ti agkurkurang ti apuyenna a bagas?

Agsasalupang ti pinnabasol nga ar-aramiden dagiti agtuturay (puera de los buenos) a ni kastoy a politico, binakruyna ti adu a pundo ti turay a tinakawna. Nagadu ti ariwengweng maipanggep ti *graft and corruption* iti ikub ti turay ti Filipinas.

No pudno man nga adu ti taktakawen dagiti birkog nga agtuturay manipud iti buis dagiti umili, no dagita koma a maipagarup a tinakawda a kuarta, maipan kadagiti proyekto kasta met dagiti *post harvest facilities* iti benneg ti agrikultura, ania koma a nagsayaat ti iiseman dagiti kakabsat a mannalon no nabun-as dagiti apitda ken kasta met nga adda ngina dagiti produktona. Maabrot ti gastosna. Adda pay nalabon a pangbolsana – agserbi kadagiti kasapulanna.

Ti gagangay a tarigagay ti kaaduanna nga umili, isu daytoy mangan iti mamitlo iti agmalem. Saan nga agkaradukod ti pagbagasan no maitagud ti kiraos a pagitagud iti apuyen. Saan a bin-ig nga inud-odan iti kaarruba ti apuyen.

Iti laksid a nadur-asen ti wagas ti panagbiag dagiti umili gapu kadagiti agkakamoderno nga alikamen agraman dagiti lugan, saan a mailaksid iti manegdeg a kasla letteg ti panagkay-at ti tukad ti kinapanglaw. Tumaytayok met ngamin a kasla ulla ti presio dagiti daily commodities. Aginaldaw ti ingangato dagitoy ti presioda no labsen ti agsarita. Papananna ngarud a di dumagsen iti bolsa ni Juan de la Cruz ti kasta a kasasaad?

Isu nga aguanta pamuspusan ti tao. Uray maikontra metten iti konsensiana no dadduma, iwayatna dagiti aramid a sumursurot ti nangisit nga anniniwanna. Tapno mangan ita nga aldaw. Kasta met iti sumaruno a pannangan. Kastoy man ti makitkitami itan a mapaspasamak. Ti rumrummuar ditoy a ladawan ti kinapudno, ti manegdeg a panagrigat ti panagbiag, nabileg a sugdog dagitoy tapno agbalin a dakes ti maysa a tao. Masulisog ti tao nga agbalin a dakes gapu iti dumakdakes met a kasasaadna iti panagbiag. Adu ngamin dagiti mabalinna a pagwadan iti kinadakes. Manipud kangatuan a turay agingga iti kababaan, adu met ti makita a nangisit nga anniniwan dagiti adda iti poder ngamin.

Panawen unayen tapno mangabaruanan ti tao. Panawenen tapno dalusan ti dakes nga ugali. Ilinteg ti killo nga aramid. Uray agkaradukod ti boksit no adda dayaw a bassit.

Sapay koma ta adda pay pateg dayta nabati a dayaw. #

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Halatadong halatado naman ang mga palusot ng Smartmatic at kung saan nakikita na natin na ginagawang fall-guy ng Comelec ang mga taga Smartmatic, bagama't wala rin silang lusot at dapat ay ma demanda sila at makulong for very serious election offense. Talagang UNGAS ang mga ito ah. Kung bakit kailangan pa na galawin ang script sa server para lamang mabago ang ? na dapat ay N. PALUSOT pa kayo, habang mayroon pang ibang magic na isinasagawa. Alam naman natin na sa ganitong mga bagay na highly technical, kaming mga ordinaryo →

## Quantifying Discontent: An Analysis of the Bongbong Marcos Phenomenon

I love chatting with taxi drivers, whom I sometimes get into friendly arguments with, especially when they turn out to be Bongbong Marcos supporters. Their narratives are pretty much the same: life was better during the 70s and 80s, when everyone was more disciplined. They tell me that even if people earned less back then, everything was cheaper anyway, so they still had food to eat, etc.

WHY?!?!?

## 1: Metro Manila Taxi Drivers vs UP Diliman Professors

The stories they tell me are in total contrast with what I have learned in the history books. Having attended UP Diliman, I was taught that Martial Law was about human rights abuses and hordes upon hordes of cronies. Heck, some of my professors where political prisoners back then. Those that managed to evade arrest seemingly had to tone down their work or thoroughly wrap them with metaphors, such as my funny, loveable and uber-intellectual Humanities professor, Domingo Landicho, who wrote "Bulaklak ng Maynila".

I despised the Martial Law regime my entire life, and that holds true up to now. This is the same reason why I never supported Grace Poe, whose campaign was supported largely by a Marcos crony. Picture this: if ThinkingPinoy were started in November 1975 instead of November 2015, TP's blog would have lasted a week at best. Back then, popular magazines were mostly about aristocratic weddings in five-star hotels, while incendiary politically-charged literature were best kept unpublished.

However, unlike many people I know, I am not into intellectual snobbery. I don't even consider myself to be an intellectual anyway: I would like to believe I just happen to believe a pedestrian with lots of common sense and a decent internet connection. Hence, I thought long and hard about the reason behind the proliferation of the Martial-Law-Days-were-better story, about the reason behind the chasm that separates my teachers' version of the story, and the taxi drivers'.

After all, at least a hundred of my Facebook friends are wondering the same thing.

## 2: What Marcos Era are we talking about?

Here's the typical profile the typical taxi driver I meet: Male in his late 30's to late 40's, son of a subsistence farmer or manual laborer, went to public schools, earns about Php 1000 a day, married and has two to three kids, of which one or two are in college. As to why I know that, let me tell you that Metro Manila traffic is so bad you'll be privy to a taxi driver's innermost secrets by the time you arrive at your destination.

With this profile, I can infer a few things about the typical taxi driver:

First, he was about 10 to 20 years old when EDSA 1986 happened, given his age. Thus, he never really experienced Martial Law as an adult, as Martial Law was from 1972 to 1981. More likely than not, he was referring to the post-Ninoy assassination years (1983-1986) of the Marcos regime, preceding the First EDSA People Power Revolution.

Second, he earns just enough to make ends meet, given his salary and his college-age kid. He never experiences at simpleng mamamayan ay madaling malinlang hinggil sa mga ganitong bagay at mahirap rin naming maunawaan ang lahat ng mga highly technical na mga bagay –bagay kaya sa simula't sapol ay hindi na dapat ginalaw ang server hanga't hindi tapos na tapos ang proseso. PWEEEE...BUWISIT KAYO... NAKAKA-INIT KAYO NG DUGO HA!!!

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Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
First Judicial Region  
OFFICE OF THE  
CLERK OF COURT  
& EX-OFFICIO  
SHERIFF  
Baguio City

BANGKO SEN-  
TRAL NG PILIPI-  
NAS,

*Petitioner/Mortgag-  
ee,*

-versus-  
JOSEFA M. SAN  
JOSE,

*Respondent/Mort-  
gagor.*

FORECLOSURE  
CASE No. 16-644-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE UN-  
DER ACT 3135, AS  
AMENDED

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NO-  
TICE OF AUCTION  
SALE

Upon petition for  
sale under Act 3135,  
as amended, filed by  
BANGKO SENTRAL NG  
PILIPINAS, hereinafter  
referred to as the PETI-  
TIONER/MORTGAGEE,  
for the satisfaction of the  
mortgage indebtedness  
of JOSEFA M. SAN JOSE,  
hereinafter referred  
to as the RESPON-  
DENT/MORTGAGOR,  
which as of January  
31, 2016, now amounts  
to P2,998,266.67 Phil-  
ippine Currency, plus  
interest and other  
charges accruing thereon,  
penalties, and attorney's  
fees, and expenses inci-  
dental to the foreclosure,  
the Ex-Officio Sheriff or  
her undersigned Deputy  
Sheriff, will sell at public  
auction on JUNE 07,  
2016, at 10:00 o'clock  
in the morning or soon  
thereafter, at the lobby  
(fronting the main  
entrance) of the Hall of  
Justice Building, Baguio  
City, respondent's/mort-  
gagor's pro indiviso  
share consisting of ½ of  
the following described

## Public participation... from page 1

the middle, especially relative to tickles issues  
surrounding priority programs and projects  
of the city

The city mayor ordered concerned depart-  
ments of the local government to schedule a  
planning workshop involving the next set of city  
officials and representatives from concerned  
sectors of the city so that they will be able to  
craft the appropriate direction of the city in  
terms of dealing with the priority concerns,  
specifically solid waste disposal, traffic man-  
agement, air, water and land pollution, peace  
and order, rapid urbanization among others.

Domogan welcomed the recommendation of  
three-term Councilor Peter Fianza to accom-  
modate representatives from concerned sectors  
of the city so that appropriate inputs will be  
gathered and put together for the crafting of  
a short-medium and long-term development  
plan of the city which will be aligned with the  
country's development plan through Pre-  
sumptive President and incumbent Davao |city  
Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

mortgage property and all  
its improvements existing  
thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIF-  
ICATE OF TITLE NO.  
32820, BAGUIO CITY**

*"A parcel of land (Lot  
10-C-1-G-3-A-1-A Psd-1-  
05101, being a portion of  
Lot 10-C-1-G-3-A-1, Psd-  
1-00118, L.R.C. REC. NO.  
\_\_\_\_\_ situated at Res. Sec.  
"J", City of Baguio, Island  
of Luzon. Bounded on the  
N., along 1-2 by Lot 1-C-  
1-G-3-A-3, Psd-1-00118  
(Road Lot); on the E.,  
along line 2-3 by Lot 10-C-  
E-(LRC) Psd-7394; on the  
S., & W., along line 3-4 by  
Lot 10-C-1-G-3-A-1-B,  
Psd-1-05101. Beginning  
at a point marked "1"  
xxx to point of beginning;  
containing an area of SIX  
HUNDRED AND FIFTY  
(650) SQUARE METERS."*

Prospective bidders  
may investigate the title,  
rights and improvements  
of the property with  
regards to encumbranc-  
es, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philip-  
pines, this 10th day of  
May, 2016.

(SGD)LINDA G.  
MONTES-LOLOY  
Clerk of Court VI &  
Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD)ROMEO  
FLORENDO  
Sheriff-in-Charge

Publication dates: May  
14, 21, and 28, 2016.

Councilor Fainza  
suggested that in  
order to be able to  
ensure that the city  
government will  
be able to get the  
best inputs from  
concerned sectors,  
the city government  
should first pre-ac-  
credit the interested  
groups wanting to  
join the city's planning  
workshop and their  
respective position  
papers on various  
issues and concerns  
for consideration by  
the concerned depart-  
ments of the local  
government.

Among the  
sensitive issues  
pending deliberations  
before the city council  
are the city's environ-  
ment code, the com-  
prehensive land use  
plan, the city's zoning  
ordinance and the  
codification of the  
city's ordinances.

Domogan cited  
there is nothing wrong  
with the conduct of  
grassroots consul-  
tations in order to  
solicit the opinion of  
the public on various  
issues and concerns  
affecting the state of  
the city but partici-  
pants should not insist  
on what they believe is  
the right thing to be  
done because there  
are numerous factors  
that affect the finaliza-  
tion of policies, thus,  
the need for them to  
be at least open-mind-  
ed in order to be able  
to reach a consensus

in the end.

He asserted that what is important is for  
concerned sectors will be able to contribute  
in findings ways and means to solve the city's  
existing problems without legal impediments  
among other factors./By Dexter A. See

## Kakampi mo ang Batas ...from page 4

temporal to death..." Death penalty, however,  
is suspended as of the moment.

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**PLEASE LISTEN:** "Ang Tanging Daan" (The  
Sole Way): a Bible study and prayer session  
online could now be heard, 24 HOURS a day,  
in the Philippines and the world at [www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan](http://www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan) or [www.facebook.com/ANDKNK](http://www.facebook.com/ANDKNK) (and look for "Ang  
Tanging Daan" broadcasts). Phone: 0922 833  
43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email:  
[batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

## JHMC Creates Jobs... from page 4

25-year lease for the century old JH mini hydro  
plant in March this year is also expected to  
boost the income derived from the reservation  
in the coming years.

### Tourism contribution

John Hay remains to be a favorite destina-

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

**GEORGE A. ROSARIO - Vendor  
MARINA C. ANDRES - Vendee  
Petitioners**

**Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-248/ 2016-CAR-153  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public  
Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers  
and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA – SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS  
EXTENSION via Quezon Hill and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.  
NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by  
this Board on June 2, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB 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) daily newspaper of general circulation  
in the CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

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

This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its  
record and the Documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless  
this Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/  
or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD –  
Regional Director this 18th day of April, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO  
Hearing Officer

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given  
that the intestate estate of  
GALO R. REYES who died  
in Baguio City on October  
31, 2014 was extrajudicial-  
ly settled by the heirs on  
April 29, 2016 as evidenced  
by Do. No. 20; Page No. 08;  
Book No. IV; Series of 2016  
of the Notary Public Ro-  
meo D. Lopez.

May 21, 28, & June 4, 2016

tion for tourists and locals alike.

Preservation of historic areas handed by  
the Americans like the Liberty Park and the  
Cemetery of Negativism within the Historical  
Core were initiated. The markers installed by  
the US Air Force in 1982 for the Liberty Park  
and the Bell Amphitheater were also upgraded  
into vertical garden signages.

### Better public service

JHMC's departments promote investor  
friendly business climate and has attained a  
95 percent satisfaction rating from the locators  
in 2015.

It was also noted to be compliant in the  
Department of Budget and Management  
(DBM) transparency seal, environment and  
sanitation code including building safety and  
fire code.

Compliance to rules and guidelines for the  
clients was also achieved through the Citizens  
Charter that provides a detailed guide on  
frontline services and process flows starting  
2012, an aid to clients.

Recently, it was awarded the ISO 9001:2008  
certification for Quality Management system,  
which through the years will make better the  
performance of its services.

### Case against DevCo

Through the BCDA, the government  
continues to uphold its right against the Sobre-  
pena-owned CJHDevCo that has reneged on  
its obligation to pay leases depriving the gov-  
ernment of the legitimate billions of pesos in

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

**FELNAR & FELIX MAMARIL - Vendor  
CARMEN J. MENDOZA - Vendee  
Petitioners**

**Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-727/2016-CAR-192  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public  
Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers  
and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by  
this Board on June 2, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office Pacdal,  
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This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its  
record and the Documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless  
this Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/  
or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD –  
Regional Director this 11th day of May, 2016.

(SGD) Atty. ROBERTO B. BASCO  
Hearing Officer

## ERRATUM

In a Notice of Hearing for Sale  
and Transfer of CPC filed by Mon-  
dero Palmaris as Vendor and Dar-  
ly Orfano as Vendee published in  
this paper issue of April 30, 2016,  
Case No. 2010-CAR-489 / 2016  
CAR-141 as published was in-  
correct, the Case Number should  
have been 2005-BENG-CAR-307  
/ 2016-CAR-142 and not as inad-  
vertently published.



## JHMC Creates Jobs... from page 6

revenue for using government owned-property.

This led to Baguio City's non-receipt of its 25 percent shares from the lease rentals of about P800 million.

Overall, JHMC is living up to the expectation as a steward of the forest of Camp John Hay, attracting investments and creating jobs for the Filipino people to boost the economy, which are pursuits leading to the attainment of the "Tuwid na Daan" goal of the government./JHMC-PR

## BCPO Cited... from page 2

George D. Daskeo for the realization of a peaceful and orderly elections in the city.

It added the police force that is efficient and devoted to their pledge of duty as manifested by the BCPO will surely motivate the other members of the police force and the citizens in upholding peaceful and orderly elections in their places.

The passage of the resolution was in recognition of the outstanding commitment and dedicated of the members of the BCPO for maintaining a peaceful and orderly elections that is worthy of emulation and appreciation.

During a previous re-election command conference in Camp Crame, Quezon City, no less than Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director-General Ricardo Marquez cited BCPO for its exemplary performance in being able to maintain peace and order before, during and after the elections that is why the ability of the local police force to do so is worthy of emulation by other police offices in the different parts of the country.

Baguio is one of the highly urbanized cities in the country with zero election-related violence and incidents during the previous elections making the city as one of the peaceful areas during the conduct of the political exercise.

For his part, Daskeo expressed his gratitude to city and barangay officials and the citizens of the city for their utmost cooperation in the stringent rules and regulations that were implemented by the local police force, particularly the Comelec checkpoints, the gun ban among others, that resulted to positive results before, during and after the elections.

"Everyone deserves a pat on the back for a job well done. We could not have achieved peaceful and orderly elections without the cooperation of the people who adhered to the stringent rules and regulations that were implemented. We also thank our city officials for trusting the local police force in being able to maintain peaceful and orderly elections," Daskeo stressed.

Copies of the approved resolution will be forwarded to the PNP regional and national headquarters and the BCPO for their information, guidance and ready reference./By Dexter A. See



This is just one of the many posters or streamers now being hanged in conspicuous corners, on vehicles and along the roads and pathways in the capital-town of Bontoc, Mountain Province where winners and losers in May 9 elections acknowledge the support and votes of the electorate. (ABD-PIA CAR Mt Province)

# Duterte urged to appoint responsible BCDA, JHMC executives

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan urged President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to appoint responsible and dedicated officials of the State-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and its subsidiary, the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), for the timely and immediate resolution of the issues and concerns surrounding the mutually prostituted lease agreement of the 247-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ).

The local chief executive accused the current BCDA and JHMC leaderships of having uni-

laterally decided on their own that resulted to the filing of various cases against BCDA and JHMC and counter charges against the developed, the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo), thereby depriving the city government its appropriate share from the lease rentals of the special economic zone.

"We are optimistic that President-elect Duterte will be able to appoint pro-people officials of the BCDA and JHMC so that the long overdue commitments of the State corporation as enshrined in Resolution No. 362, series of 1994 or the 19 conditions imposed by the city

government in exchange for the development of the special economic zone will be realized," Domogan stressed.

He expressed disappointment over the non-fulfilment by BCDA and JHMC of the 19 conditions imposed by the city government for the development of the former American rest and recreation center, thus, the need for Duterte to appoint people in BCDA and JHMC who are fully aware of the issues and concerns surrounding the same so that the full development of the special economic zone will be realized that will translate to increased job generations, more investment opportunities and greater resources for the city government.

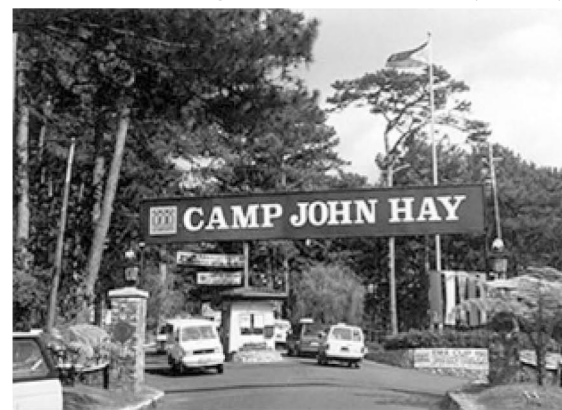
It was learned that only 26 percent of the special economic zone over the past two decades since the lease agreement between BCDA and the private developer was signed, thus, the need for more aggressive development that should be put in place in order to be able to reap the maximum fruits of the agreement.

Under the lease agreement, the city government is entitled

to have a share of 25 percent from the annual lease rentals to paid by the developer to BCDA which will be used to fund other priority development projects in the city but the same was never realized because of the conflict between BCDA officials and the developer that resulted to the filing of an arbitration case which is now questioned before the Supreme Court (SC).

Domogan cited the new set of city officials will be willing to sit down with the new BCDA and JHMC officials in order to iron out their respective positions before presenting the matter to the developer for the availment of possible legal options that would subsequently put an end to the legal battle that was initiated by the present leadership of the State corporation.

Domogan wants that the segregation of the 14 barangays from the 686-hectare Camp John Hay (CJH) forest reservation will be the utmost priority of the next BCDA administration pursuant to already established standards in the past which was suddenly changed by the incumbent BCDA and JHMC officials./Dexter A. See



## Council Summons DPWH... from page 3

projects lined up for the construction of drainage systems that contributed in worsening traffic congestions that resulted to massive inconvenience among the motoring and commuting public.

The council expressed confidence that DPWH-CAR officials will appear during their regular session in order to douse cold water on the numerous complaints being received by the offices of city officials relative to the snail-paced implementation of the projects plus the fact that future projects to be implemented citywide must be done in close coordination with the city government so that

appropriate planning could be done in order to was the serious negative effects of such construction activities to the traffic congestions around the city./By Dexter A. See

## Mayor to Make... from page 3

intended purpose.

Apart from the revenue measures, the mayor also pitched for the proposed policy reforms to update the current levels of garbage and sewerage fees.

The mayor said these tax reforms are needed to further improve the revenue standing of the city and fund priority development projects in the pipeline./Aileen P. Refuerzo

## After election meetings

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan benjoined Baguioites to "forget (our) differences," from the recent elections, "unite and work as a team for the good of the city."

"Let's be proud we had a clean, honest, fair exercise, wherein we were given a fresh mandate to serve the city for three more years," the mayor said.

He also urged Baguio citizens to freely suggest projects or programs on what they deem an improvement for the city. These could be implemented, as long as it is feasible, and within the budgetary capacity of the local government.

The mayor made the pronouncements during the weekly media Ugnayan at city hall.

According to Domogan, arrangements will be done for discussions with congressman-elect Mark Go on the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) concept. Plans and programs as to tourism, housing and development, investment opportunities, and the inner and proposed outer circumferential road project are on the agenda.

The proposed outer circumferential road runs through Sablan-Tublay-Itogon-Baguio-Itogon, and

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**After Election...****from page 7**

back to Sablan through some portions of provincial roads. If the project is realized, motorists could reach adjacent municipalities, or even the lowlands without traversing Baguio City, or the central business district.

Meanwhile, the inner circumferential road includes that of Tawang to Ambiong, and Shilan to Beckel, all in La Trinidad. Said roads skip the central portions of La Trinidad and Baguio and use alternate, traffic-less roads to other parts of the city.

On the other hand, the municipality of Tuba, with mayor-elect Ignacio Rivera, and board member-elect mayor Florencio Bentrez agreed to help with the BLISTT plans and programs.

The BLISTT concept with coordinated efforts on solving shared problems such as water, garbage and promoting the area for tourism and economic viability are being supported with more studies on their side, both said.

Mayor Domogan sits as chair of the BLISTT body./  
*Julie G. Fianza*

**Baguio Athletes...****from page 10**

and they were able to contribute in bringing honor and pride not only to the city but also to the country following their successive victories in the events where they were entered in.

The winners in the ASEAN Masters athletic championships held in Singapore last May 4-8, 2016 will be presented to city officials during the city government's regular flag raising ceremony this coming Monday.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan commended the members of the Philippine delegation who came from the city, saying that their significant achievements in the international sports competitions shows the quality of athletes being produced in the city, thus, their accomplishments should be worthy of emulation by upcoming athletes wanting to excel in their chosen sport in the future.

He challenged the winners and upcoming athletes to continue striving for the best so that they will continue to bring honor and pride not only to the city but also to the country as a whole once they are able to perform well in future national and international sports competitions./By *Dexter A. See*

**Empowered LGUs...****from page 10**

powers of the national government will be equitably distributed to the various federal states that will be created.

However, he claimed the change in the form of government will entail the amendment of the 1987 Constitution through a constituent assembly, constitutional convention among other available options prescribed in the fundamental law of the land.

He asserted it is the local officials who are aware of the priority needs of people living within their areas of jurisdiction that is why more funds, especially the unspent portions of the national budget amounting to P500 to P700 billion annually, should be equitably shared by the over 42,000 barangays, 83 provinces, 1,490 municipalities and 143 cities to fund other priority development projects that cannot be funded by their respective budgets for insufficient resources.

Domogan said the budget reform advocacy for village empowerment (BRAVE) being spearheaded by Senator-elect Panfilo Lacson for the utilization of unspent portions of the annual national budget for equitable sharing of local governments must also be enacted into law for the benefit of spurring the country's robust development./*Dexter A. See*

# Revival of ESL project in Itogon pushed

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city government, the Itogon municipal government and the management of the Benguet Corporation (BC) recently signed a memorandum of understanding for the revival of the engineered sanitary landfill (ESL) project within the company's open pit site in Antamok, Itogon, Benguet.

The memorandum of understanding was signed by City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, Itogon Mayor Victorio Palangdan and BC officer-in-charge Engr. Arsenio Sebial.

Under the agreement, the Itogon municipal government shall be the main proponent of the project and it shall be responsible for bringing in a capable landfill contractor or operator through the government's public private partnership (PPP) qualification and selection process, to provide the necessary technical and financial requirements for the construction and operation of the facility.

Further, Itogon shall assist in the construction of the project by granting the necessary permits, facilitating social acceptability, environmental compliance certificate, endorsement in providing free access to, easement, right-of-way and all necessary support to the project as the host local government.

On the other hand, the city government shall be a major partner of the project as the major client and it shall undertake to commit utilization of percentage of the landfill capacity through a contract to haul and dispose of not less than a still undetermined volume of garbage every month under terms and conditions to be negotiated by the parties in the detailed agreement.

For its part, BC shall provide the use of the Antamok 440 open pit for the ESL project without prejudice to its ownership rights and the terms and conditions for

use of the open pit shall be negotiated by the parties in the detailed agreement.

Moreover, the concerned parties committed to recognize the ESL project as the final rehabilitation plan for the open pit to be submitted to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau for consideration and subsequent approval.

The agreement also states that within a still undetermined period of time after its signing, the parties shall negotiate with each other for a detailed agreement defining their respective interests, rights and obligations with regard to the project.

Pending execution of the detailed agreement, the signed memorandum of understanding confers no right of exclusivity and that transactions with other parties interested in the project are allowed.

It can be recalled that sometime in 2008, BC offered the use of the Antamok 440 open pit located in Itogon, Benguet for an Engineered sanitary landfill project to help address the garbage problem not only of Baguio City but also the other neighboring towns of Benguet, specifically Itogon, Sablan, La Trinidad, Tuba and Tublay.

Subsequently, a South Korean government sponsored feasibility study has been made and the results show that the open pit site is technical and financially viable for the ESL project.

The signing of the agreement will pave the way for other options that will be taken into consideration by concerned local governments for the permanent solution to their respective garbage disposal problems considering the rapid influx of migrants to the urban centers to seek for sources of livelihood./*Dexter A. See*

## DOST packaging and labeling assistance open

**BAGUIO CITY** – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) regional and provincial offices are open for package and labeling assistance proposals, with seminars and trainings, was known during the recent technology caravan, in La Trinidad, Benguet.

Contact persons assigned in DOST provincial offices in La Trinidad, Benguet; Luna, Apayao; Tabuk, Kalinga; Bangued, Abra; Lamut, Ifugao; and Bontoc, Mt. Province are available to help interested DOST-assisted Micro-Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) owners with their product package and labels.

Regional coordinator for Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) Dr. Pita Picpican discussed the mechanics of the program.

Accordingly, packaging label.

An initial supply of labels can be provided if applicable. DOST also offers product development, establishment, sustenance, market niches, improvement and assistance, for food processing; furniture; gifts, decors and handicrafts; agricultural/marine/aquaculture/forestry/livestock; metals; communication technology; health and wellness products and services and other regional priorities; and the Regional Standards and Testing Laboratory with functions for nutrition facts/label and shelf life analysis/testing./*Julie G. Fianza*

Interested MSME entrepreneurs may submit request proposal to the provincial or the regional office. The form may be downloaded at [www.car.dost.gov.ph](http://www.car.dost.gov.ph). A product sample and high quality photograph may also be submitted, as a DOST in-house designer could help prepare the package

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ernment employees to the different federal states where the agencies will be established plus the need for the federal states to attend to the relocation of the national officials and employees to be displaced.

It can be recalled that House Bill (HB) 5595 creating an autonomous region in the Cordillera which was filed in the 15th Congress was passed upon by the House committee on local governments while its Senate counterpart bill Senate Bill 3115 slept in the Senate committee on local governments.

On the other hand, House Bill (HB) 4649 which was refilled in the 16th Congress by all Cordillera lawmakers was again passed upon by the House committee on local governments but it was not acted upon by the House committee on appropriations./*Dexter A. See*

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enced affluence on a level that allowed him to venture into intense mental labor. He is generally discontented with his life. He feels he deserves more.

Third, he has not read a lot about martial law, except for a week or two's worth of history lessons, because high school history classes are generally boring. Moreso for public schools, where teacher-to-student and book-per-student ratios are abysmal, to say the least.

With these said, I think it's reasonable to conclude that he was not referring to the bloody late 70's martial law, but the generally quality of life of the masses in the early to mid-1980s.

That is, when a taxi driver says "Life was better during Marcos' time", he unconsciously means:

"Life today has not changed compared to 1985."

That is, the taxi driver is saying:

"Is the post-Martial law, mostly Cojuangco-led Philippines better for the regular apolitical citizen?"

After all, what does he care about the writ of habeas corpus when all he wants is food to feed his family and a roof over his and his kids' heads?

### 3: Understanding "The Question"

Let's make sure that we are on the same page here. After all, the question mentioned above is tricky to answer, mainly because the standards that make life good is different for the intelligentsia and for mass society.

To give some perspective, let's take a quick look at the hierarchy of needs [Maslow 1943] ranked in order of decreasing urgency:

1. Physiological, or the need for basic survival, i.e. Health
2. Safety, the need to feel secure
3. Love, the need for belongingness
4. Esteem, or the need for respect from others
5. Self-actualization, or the need to be the best that one can be

This list was eventually expanded to include:

6. Self-transcendence [Maslow 1991], or the need for a higher goal, e.g. altruism (helping others) or spirituality.

Marcos-era political prisoners and their sympathizers comprise the bulk of those who are perplexed with the Bongbong Marcos phenomenon, and this group includes me, ThinkingPinoy. So, with respect to the list above, what exactly am I looking for whenever I urge someone to hate the Marcoses?

I think I have gotten past needs one to four and to some extent, have fulfilled the fifth. That is, after reasonably fulfilling needs one to five, I am now on the quest for self-transcendence, that's why I have risked life and limb through the stuff I publish in this goddamned website, like the time I wrote about that Magdalo hacker.

I have reason to believe that Marcos-era political prisoners and their sympathizers share the same situation. After all, they fight "ignorance" about Marcos Era abuses because they don't want this country to suffer the same fate again, and that, to some extent, is altruism. But does this conclusion apply to taxi drivers, i.e. the masses? No.

With the typical taxi driver as an example plus the three inferences that I made in the previous section, it is reasonable to further conclude that the masses, the same "Dutertards" that Carlos Celdran demonizes, are still struggling to fulfill the first five needs. Hence, we can't expect mass society to even bother with self-actualization and self-transcendence. They will not bother to read books because they have tummies to fill and criminals to look out for.

Most particularly, masses are more concerned about

self-actualization than self-transcendence. They want to be the best they can be. Or more specifically, they want to feel that they are given the same opportunities as anybody else.

What happens when that doesn't happen?

### Discontent.

#### 4: Defining the Regular Pinoy's (Dis)contentment "The Question" can now be restated as:

Is today's regular Filipino more discontented than a regular Filipino in 1985?

Contentment is a relative term. For example, no 1995 teenager will complain about not having a cellphone. Meanwhile in 2015, even pre-pubescent children raid the Google Play Store for the latest android games.

In short, the regular Filipino's standards for contentment change over time, and it is based on what he sees around him. If he sees more people can buy phones, he wants to be able to buy a phone too. If he sees more people buying cars, he wants to be able to do the same. A college education, an overseas vacation, a house and lot, the list goes on. That is, at any given point, a regular Filipino expects to be able to do the same things his neighbor does.

But how is discontent minimized? Through equitable distribution of wealth. After all, if every Juan shares the same income level, then any given Juan will be able to buy the same things bought by the Juan next door. Wala magkakainggitan kasi walang ikainggit.

Yes, GDP has risen by leaps and bounds since 1985. Our leaders tell us we should be happy because GDP grows. In particular, the Aquino administration use GDP to justify it claims about the Philippines' economic success [TP: GMA vs PNoy]. From Php 2 trillion in 1985, GDP rose by over 250% to Php 7 trillion in 2014.

However, is the regular Filipino 250% more contented after 30 years?

### Quantifying (Dis)content

GDP growth as a measure of improvement works only if there's equitable distribution of wealth.

However, it appears that since 1985, and even in the past 10 years, this newly-created wealth did not significantly trickle down at all, that income distribution has remained pretty much the same as, if not worse than, 1985 levels.

Thus, I believe that a more accurate measure of mass discontentment is the GINI index.

The Gini index measures equality of income distribution on a scale of 0 to 100. A Gini index of 0 represents perfect equality, while an index of 100 implies perfect inequality [World Bank]. Thus, for a regular Filipino, decreases in Gini index is preferable. (Note that some economists prefer to use the Palma Ratio [Cobham 2013] but GINI index data is more readily available.)

Now, let's take a look at the table below [World Bank]:

Year	GINI	INCOME SHARE			
		Top 10%	3rd 20%	Lowest 20%	Lowest 10%
1985	41.04	32.73	14.43	6.44	2.77
1988	40.75	31.97	14.29	6.49	2.67
1991	43.82	34.7	13.67	5.89	2.55
1994	38.52	30.26	14.81	6.98	2.95
1997	45.96	36.27	13.16	5.44	2.24
2000	46.17	36.27	13.08	5.38	2.2
2003	44.04	33.76	13.72	5.51	2.24
2006	44.2	33.94	13.53	5.61	2.32
2009	42.91	33.38	13.82	5.97	2.48
2012	43.04	33.4	13.8	5.92	2.45

Looking at the table, we can see that income inequality has actually increased by two points from 1985 to 2012. That is, mass discontent is higher in 2012 than in 1985. In particular, we can see the that richest 10% in 2016 hold a larger share of the country's wealth than their 1985 counterparts, while the poorest 10% hold a smaller share of the country's wealth than their 1985 counterparts.

Yes, the reader may argue that the changes could be marginal, i.e. insignificant. With that taken into account, I can say that things have changed little, and whatever little change there was, it's for the worse.

SIDE NOTE: The Gini indices for 2000, 2009, and 2012, which are 46.17, 42.91, and 43.04, respectively. This implies that the much-demonized Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo managed to improve income distribution during her reign. Meanwhile Benigno Aquino managed to somehow worsen income distribution, albeit by a relatively negligible degree (0.13 from 2009 to 2012). Gini index data for 2015 is not yet available.

To give a better perspective, income inequality in the US has gotten so bad that it gave birth to the Occupy Wall Street Movement, where regular Americans are disgusted by the fact that 20% of the nation's wealth is owned by only 1% of the population.

Now, with a GINI index that's worse than the USA's, just imagine how much of Philippine GDP our top 1% owns.

Demystifying the Bongbong Marcos Phenomenon  
Corazon Cojuangco Aquino led the country after the First EDSA Revolution. She was followed by Ramos, her anointed successor [Skard 2015]. Ramos was replaced by Estrada, with blessings from Danding Cojuangco. After that came Cojuangco-less Arroyo, but was soon replaced by another Cojuangco: Benigno Simeon.

In a post-Martial law, mostly Cojuangco-led Philippines, the regular Filipino remains to be as discontented as he was thirty years ago. From the point of view of a taxi driver, nothing really changed.

But the manong taxi driver is just like every regular Filipino: he wants a better life. Yes, the manong taxi driver may be unaware of the "real story" behind Martial Law, but PNoy and his relatives have made it clear that their antithesis, the exact opposite of Yellow leadership, is the Marcos Era.

Therein lies the fundamental problem: **the taxi driver is sick of the status quo because it has been the status quo for as long as he can remember. He's so desperate that he's willing to exchange it for anything else, even if he does not fully understand what he wishes.**

This is the same reason why there has been a resurgence of Marcos apologists even before the election season began. The regular Filipino is so desperate for change that he will choose anything as long it's not a Cojuangco, and it just so happens that the Cojuangco-Aquinos successfully painted the Marcoses as their polar opposites.

The masses associate stagnation with the Cojuangco family, so the masses are likely to associate change with , whether good or bad, the antithetic Marcos family. Add the fact that Bongbong Marcos is a spitting image of his father makes the contrast even starker.

Then, with this decision, the masses look for more ways to justify and reinforce their decisions via cognitive bias [Wilke 2012].

And that's why they glorify that "Martial Law Thingy."

I can't blame people for not doing something that they know nothing about. So for those Manong taxi drivers, I say: "I totally disagree with what you say, but I do understand where you're coming from."

I still hate Bongbong Marcos, but I am not hating his supporters./Thinkingpinoy.net



## Empowered LGUs seen with Duterte presidency

### Baguio athletes shine in ASEAN Masters championships

**B**AGUIO CITY – Veteran athletes from the Summer Capital stamped their respective classes in their chosen events as they snared sixteen gold, five silver and one bronze medals in the recently-concluded Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Masters athletic championships held in Singapore.

Seasoned runner Christabel Martes was the lone Baguio athlete who was a quadruple gold medallist in the prestigious international athletic competition when she garnered gold medals in the 2000-meter steeplechase, 4x400-meter relay, 1500 run and 5,000-meter run.

Erlinda Lavandia led the city's triple gold medallists when she grabbed separate gold medals in the javelin throw, discuss throw and shot pot while she settled for silver in the hammer throw.

Jerma Bulautian, who was also a triple gold medallist in the same competition, snared the gold medals in the long jump, 100-meter dash and the 4x100-meter relay.

Rene Herrera ended up a double gold medallist when he bested his rivals in the 1,500-meter run and 3,000-meter steeplechase before snaring the bronze medal in the 5,000-meter run.

Also a double gold medallist in the aforesaid competition was Eduardo Buenavista who won in the 5,000-meter run and 10,000-meter run.

Ariel Ferrera won the gold in the hammer throw and got two silver medals in the shot pot and discuss throw while Danilo Fresnido won the gold in the javelin throw.

The 9-member Baguio delegation joined the 5-day competition that drew participants from other ASEAN member countries.

It was learned that the Baguio athletes were able to present the Philippines in previous Olympic, ASEAN and Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in different parts of the world.

The athletes from the city were chosen by the National Masters and Seniors Athletics Association of the Philippines (NMSAAP) to represent the country in the aforesaid competition **Cont. on page 7**

**B**AGUIO CITY – Local government units (LGUs) will be guaranteed better benefits and privileges with Presumptive President Rodrigo Duterte at the helm because he is aware of the predicament of local officials having been a local chief executive for several decades, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said here Wednesday.

The local chief executive cited the long pending proposal to increase the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of barangays, cities, municipalities and provinces will likely gain headway once President Duterte assumes the presidency by noon of

June 30, 2016 since he has been aware of such clamor since the early implementation of the provisions of the Local government code of 1991.

Under the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) 6160, 60 percent of the country's revenues will accrue to the national government while 40 percent will be equitably shared by the different local governments.

During the previous Congresses, Domogan, who was a member of the 12th, 13th and 14th Congresses, said there were a number of proposals filed by various lawmakers proposing for

the reversal of the 60-40 IRS sharing scheme or at least a 50-50 sharing of the IRA but the same was never given priority due to the stiff opposition of the national government.

"WE are optimistic that the various amendments to the antiquated provisions of the Local government code, especially in the decentralization of additional powers, the provision of funding for the devolved national government workers and functions, increase in the share of LGUs from generated resources in the areas of jurisdiction of the local governments among others will gain

headway and be subsequently realized because President-elect Duterte knows the needs of local governments and wants such needs to be effectively and efficiently addressed," Domogan stressed.

Despite Davao being the largest city in the world, Domogan cited President-elect Duterte was able to experience the difficulty of having too much concentration of powers with the central government that is why one of his published priority concerns will be the adoption of the federal form of government wherein most of the

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## Bright prospects for Cordillera autonomy with Duterte administration

**B**AGUIO CITY – The renewed pursuit for Cordillera autonomy which took a back seat during the Aquino administration will likely gain headway in the term of Presumptive President Rodrigo Duterte considering that it is aligned with his advocacy on federalism, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said here Wednesday.

The city mayor cited the clamor for regional autonomy in the Cordillera is inter-connected

with Duterte's advocacy on federalism that is why autonomy advocates will have an easier time soliciting his support for the realization of the conversion of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) into an autonomous region.

"President-elect Duterte knows what will be the best option to strike a balanced development in the neglected areas of the country like the Cordillera that is why we are optimistic that

the renewed pursuit for regional autonomy will not encounter rough-sailing in his administration," Domogan said.

It was learned that autonomy advocates spearheaded by the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera are now making arrangements with President-elect Duterte in order to be able to have a meeting to discuss such major thrust of the Cordillera before he steps into Malacañang and subsequently delivers his State of the Nation Address (SONA) before the 17th Congress with the hope that autonomy for the Cordillera will be one of his high priorities.

The local chief executive cited President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III could have completed the legacy of her mother, former President Corazon C. Aquino, who was instru-

mental in the creation of the CAR as a special administrative region, if he gave priority to the passage of the third attempt for regional autonomy which was initiated by Cordillera lawmakers in the 15th and 16th Congresses.

According to him, it is timely for autonomy advocates to take advantage of the recent pronouncements of President-elect Duterte on federalism considering that autonomy is one of the

Integral components of the establishment of federal states considering that there is a possibility that there will be a created autonomous regions within federal states.

Domogan said the two major concerns besetting the establishment of federal states in the country will be how the local governments will be equitably divided onto federal states and how will the central government address the reassignment of national gov-

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**GERMAN VOLUNTEER IS AN ARTIST -** German landscaper and artist Frank Georg assisted by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog cuts the ceremonial ribbon featuring the biggest "Last Supper" more than 60 of his artworks displayed at the City Hall lobby in his honor. The city government represented by Mayor Domogan also gave Georg a plaque of commendation for rendering voluntary services as a landscaper in the city since 2010 during City Hall's flag raising ceremony May 16./By Bong Cayabyab

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