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# Robredo wins as VP on late husband's birthday

MANILA – Congress finished the canvassing of votes for president and vice president on Friday evening, May 27, with Liberal Party bet Leni Robredo winning the tight vice presidential race – incidentally on the birthday of her late husband, former Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo.

The canvassing wrapped up past 7 pm, with figures from all 167 certificates of canvass

showing Rodrigo Duterte winning as president with a total of 16,601,997 votes.

In the vice presidential count, Robredo got 14,418,817 votes, against Senator Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr’s 14,155,344 votes.

Both winners were in their home cities when the canvassing was completed. Duterte was in Davao City, where he had stayed since election day

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FEAR OF TANIM BALA. OFWs bound for Dubai and Kuwait had to totally wrap their luggages with packaging tape for fear of becoming a victim of tanim bala perpetrators at the NAIA Terminal 2 (exclusive for our flag carrier Philippine Airlines). With the incoming Duterte administration, will this pesky menace finally see its end?



Sana etong si Leni Robredo ay di maging isa ring trapo.

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BY: NESTOR “PAKEN” CASTRO





## City intensifies social protection system

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Department of Social Welfare and Development in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office headed by social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan recently spearheaded a four-day training on the Social Protection Handbook at the City Travel Hotel.

Based on the reports of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), the poverty incidence among the population as of the first semester of 2012 was 27.9 percent. Thus, poverty remained unchanged compared to 2006 and 2009 estimated as 28.8% and 28.6% as the difference is not statistically significant.

Because of this, the government has shown increased attention to reforming and reinforcing its social protection

system and has taken some positive steps in addressing the major lapses in its social protection policies.

DSWD is now undertaking a Social Welfare and Development Reform Project which is an instrument to support the social protection program of DSWD.

Said project aims to further enhance its capacity in policy and strategy formulation to be a leader in social protection as well as to develop tools for analysis and planning that can help respond to the situation.

In order to be efficient in the undertaking, the Social Protection Vulnerability and Adaptation Manual (SP VAM) was formulated which will serve as an instrument for broader social protection with regard to risk-related vulnerability.

Said manual is a tool for identifying adaptive strat-

egies and capacities for social protection implemented at the local level.

This will enable the generation of macro-level assessment of vulnerabilities that operationalizes the concept of bottom-up development approach to social protection.

It was emphasized during the training the importance of identifying actual risks, vulnerabilities and hazards and subsequently, how to respond to such situation.

"It is very important to know and to identify who are the vulnerable groups that needs our attention and how we can help them recover from their plight," said CSWD Officer Fangasan.

It is the advocacy of the city government here to develop and reinforce its social protection system for the benefit of its constituents. /Jho Arranz

## City releases financial assistance for Lando victims

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city government of Baguio through the City Social Welfare and Development Office released financial assistance due to the victims of typhoon Lando last year.

A total of P1,625,000 million was personally handed to the 288 beneficiaries/families whose houses were damaged during the onslaught of the typhoon.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan disclosed that under existing rules and regulations, individuals whose houses are totally damaged during

the onslaught of calamities will receive cash assistance amounting to P20,000 from the city government while those whose structures were partially damaged will be receiving a cash assistance of a maximum of P10,000 depending on the extent of damage inflicted to the structures.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan explained to the affected families on the delay in the release of the financial assistance during the onslaught of typhoon Lando is because of the stringent rules and regulations in the assessment, evaluation and val-

uation of the damages inflicted to their properties.

It is remembered that September of last year, typhoon Lando struck the city of Baguio and other parts of Northern and Central Luzon causing damages to hundreds of houses in the different barangays of the city and according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and management Council (NDRRMC), typhoon Lando was the worst storm to hit Philippines in 2015. /Jho Arranz

## Day care workers realize importance of ensuring adequate child care

**B**AGUIO CITY - Being the second parents of the young children in Baguio, about 87 day care workers underwent a two-day capability building conducted by the city government here spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office headed by CSWD Officer Betty Fangasan last May 26 and 27 at the Elegant Hotel.

The said training aims to enhance and develop the skills of day care workers on how to properly handle and motivate the young children especially in times of unforeseen natural catastrophe.

Highlighting the training was the revisiting of the Early Child Care and Development

(ECCD) that focuses on supporting young children's development at their early childhood.

The day care workers realized how to handle and motivate young children to listen and cooperate in times of typhoon/landslides, earthquake, fire, and bomb threats, and at the same time the first aide basics to be done by the day care workers.

Also, every day care center is encouraged to practice backyard gardening.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan acknowledged the priceless dedication of the day care workers in molding the values of the children at their early childhood.

"Your role as day care

workers is very important in the development of young children. The city needs your special skills, patience and talent to teach the children in developing their skills and talents as well as good values," said Domogan.

"Teaching, training and developing the children at their early childhood is very important in the society, and subsequently, in the country as a whole in the near future," he added.

At present, the day care workers only receive P4,000 subsidy every month from the city government. However, the city has already proposed an increase of P2,000 which is still pending the approval of the city council. /Jho Arranz

## Search on for most outstanding volunteers

**B**AGUIO CITY- In support to the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency's (PNVSCA) nationwide Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV), the National Economic and Development Authority - Cordillera is now accepting nominations for exemplary volunteers based in the region until 30 July 2016.

The SOV puts faces and names to the unsung and ordinary Filipino citizens

and organizations who have rendered priceless and noble acts of service towards nation-building and community development.

"Through the Search, PNVSCA acknowledges the significant role of volunteers as indispensable partners of both the government and the private sector in their development efforts to uplift the lives of the people, especially the marginalized. It also serves as a platform

to promote and share best practices in volunteerism," PNVSCA Executive Director De Vera said.

The Search is open to the following individuals and organizations currently providing volunteer assistance in the Philippines.

Individuals of Filipino citizenship - Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international non-profit organizations; and Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international corporate organizations are qualified to join the SOV.

Nominations are accepted for the following categories: National Outstanding Volunteer Award (NOVA) - Individual, Youth and Adult and Not-for Profit and Corporate, and Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award for individual and organization.

A Special Citation award is also conferred to outstanding volunteers who do not qualify under the regular SOV categories

## 210 graduates from ALS livelihood

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Alternative Learning System (ALS) Abot Alam in partnership with the city government of Baguio recognized 210 students for having completed their respective required training hours.

The mass graduation was held at Manuel Quezon Elementary School grounds last May 26.

Among the short courses finished by the graduates include baking, electronics, beauty care, hair science, waste

recycling, practical driving, massage therapy, shielded metal arc welding, mushroom growing/production, food processing and preservation, electrical installation and maintenance, and accreditation and equivalency program.

ALS Education Program Supervisor Art Tiongan credited the city government of Baguio under the leadership of mayor Mauricio Domogan for the success of the ALS of the Department of Education.

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# GSO clarifies approval of solid waste plan

**B**AGUIO CITY - The city government did not officially request the National Solid Waste Commission (NSWMC) to approve its amended 10-year solid waste management plan that was crafted by the city solid waste management board in order to conform with the updated programs and projects of the local government in terms of addressing the city's solid waste disposal concerns.

City General Services Officer Romeo D. Concio said that it was the consultant of the city government that requested the NSWMC to comment and critic the amended 10-year solid waste management plan before finalizing the same but what happened was that the NSWMC already considered it as a compliance to the mandate of the provisions of the Ecological Solid Waste

Management Act or Republic Act (RA) 9003.

"We never officially transmitted the matter to the NSWMC but what our consultant did was only to seek the comment and critic of the Commission on the amended 10-year solid waste management plan of the city before it will be submitted to the city council for approval," Concio stressed.

Earlier, some city councillors questioned the city solid waste management board why the NSWMC already passed upon the city's amended 10-year solid waste management plan without being approved by the city council.

Under the amended 10-year solid waste management plan, the city will embark on a 5-pronged approach in order to solve the city's garbage disposal woes, par-

ticularly the put up of the integrated solid waste disposal facility within the Sto. Tomas Apugan City-owned property that will incorporate a waste-to-energy facility, a temporary engineered sanitary landfill, the operation of the two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines, an aerobic digester and a facility for medical waste.

The city's amended 10-year solid waste management plan has not yet been officially reported out in the city council for still unknown reasons until the same was overtaken by events during the election period.

Concio cited that the city government is on a beater position with the outright approval of the city's amended 10-year solid waste management plan unlike what happened sometime in 2007 when the city council confirmed the crafted

solid waste management plan but it was not approved by the NSWMC for various reasons that were then outlined for the information of the local government.

The city general services officer appealed to the council not to take the approval of the NSWMC against the city's amended solid waste management plan because it was not their intention to officially submit the matter to the Commission for approval but the consultant decided to solicit the comment and opinion of the regulating body on the plan for incor-

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## Mayor seeks win-win solution to Asin hydro impasse

**B**AGUIO CITY - Both local government of Baguio City and Tuba town must work to achieve a "win-win solution" to the issues involving the Asin minihydro-electric power plants lest both LGUs including the affected landowners end up empty-handed.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday reiterated the city government's willingness to sit down with their Tuba counterparts to explore available avenues and points of compromise to settle the issues.

"If there will be no

outcome, then we have no recourse but to settle this in the proper forum but I would want a win-win solution because if we fail to achieve that, we all stand to lose," the mayor said.

"But for now I have high hopes that we can solve this with the cooperation of our counterparts in the municipality of Tuba. What's the use of BLISTT (Baguio-La-Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay) if we cannot agree even on this one resolvable matter?," the mayor said.

The mayor said that for its part, the city

will continue working out the settlement of the rental issue with the affected surface owners.

The city will consult with the Commission on Audit (COA) to gain clearance for the city council to waive the city's claim for civil damages against the members of the Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association (TNHALA) for allegedly diverting water supply disrupting the operation of the plants years ago just to facilitate the payment of the rental fees.

The TNHALA

members were among those included in the compromise agreement forged in 2010 for the compensation of the residents whose lands are affected by the pipelines and plant facilities.

The mayor also urged the city council to confirm the terms of reference to allow the winning developer Kaltimex Energy Philippines to start the project.

"We reiterate that we are willing to hold a dialogue with the Tuba officials where they can present a lay-out of the things

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## Crime down in city, region reports

**B**AGUIO CITY - With slight fluctuations, a downward trend in crimes in the city was reported by the Baguio City Police Office during the second quarter City Human Rights, Justice, Peace and Order Council (CHRJPOC) meeting at city hall last Tuesday.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, and attended by Councilors Roberto Ortega and Mike Lawana, Prosecutor Elmer Sagsago, Acting BCPO Director PSSupt. George Daskeo, National Police Commission

(NaPolCom) head Soledad Benware, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) head Gil Castro, Barangay Official Editha Ibarra, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Baguio Field Office head Evelyn Trinidad, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) officer April Rose Ayangwa, and other concerned agencies.

The BCPO report focused on crimes on a weekly basis, for details on crime clock peaks and hot spots. Theft cases top the list, with physical injuries and robbery next. There were a case

each of motornapping and homicide, within 4 weeks. In April 20 to 26, there were 43 crimes committed; April 27 to May 3, 40; May 4 to 10, 50; and May 11 to 17, 35. Crimes slowly peaks at 4AM, drops during most of the day, up at 4 PM up to 5PM, down by 6PM and ups again at 7PM.

BCPO personnel identified hotspots, established linkages with the community and night spot owners for the strict implementation of curfew hours and, waged information and education campaigns. Checkpoints were put up, specially during the election period.

On the illegal drug scene, PDEA regional head Castro reported on the existence of liquefied shabu (Methamphetamine) in the city in addition to that in crystallized form. Liquid shabu is easy to ingest, while fruiting tops and stalks of Cannabis sativa (Marijuana or weed) are now preferred, Castro said. Solvents are commonly bought and used by children in the streets, he added.

Since January this year, 23 operations were conducted, 27 drug personalities arrested, and 140.2116 grams of Shabu and

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**SUBSIDY INCREASE FOR DAY CARE WORKERS** - Mayor Mauricio Domogan thanks the continued dedicated service of the city's day care workers who despite receiving only a minimal of P4,000 a monthly honorarium during the Capability Building of Day Care Workers and group picture taking. Domogan promised to increase the subsidy to P6,000 a month which is now pending approval at the City Council./By Bong Cayabyab

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## Duterte's anti-Church stance: It's about time

It's about time that somebody of national stature had the balls to criticize the Catholic Church, as President-elect Rodrigo Duterte has done.

I had criticized Duterte vehemently in my columns before the elections because I not only disagreed with but detested his declared disregard for human life, even if such life is that of a suspected criminal. But I support him totally in his criticisms of the Catholic Church, that it has been one of the most hypocritical institutions in the country.

The election itself demonstrated that ours, after all, really isn't a Christian nation, and that the Church has failed in instilling one of its most important teachings – reverence for life – among its faithful. If the Church were just even barely successful in doing so, Duterte wouldn't have won the presidency with his declared plan to kill criminals where they stand without due process. (Whether this rhetoric will turn out to be just his brilliant political and propaganda strategy or he really believes that adopting such

**EDITORIAL** a policy may work on a national scale, we will have to wait and see.)

While the Church has failed to instill its prime teaching about the value of human life among its members, it has been extremely successful in serving the Philippine oligarchy since the Spanish era, allowing them to sleep soundly at night with the thought that with their huge donations and display of obeisance to the Church, they have VIP entrance passes to the Kingdom of Heaven in the next life.

Indeed, the Church for most Filipinos is really the Deity's embassy in this land, where the masses apply for visas to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Catholic Church's history has been in service of conquerors. Las Islas de las Filipinas had not been as attractive as Mexico, Peru and other Latin American countries for the Spanish crown to send troops to, and expend its dwindling funds.

*A Spanish-era church: Both a house of gods and a fortress*

The colony had become notorious for its typhoons, as a 17th century priest described it: "These occur very often and we suffer so much, that even after experiencing them, it is difficult to believe these can happen." And the most important disincentive for a full-blown Spanish colonization, gold – the main reason why the conquistadores and adventurers invaded Latin America – could not be found here.

There wasn't even the weakest rumor of an El Dorado, the City of Gold, and agricultural exploitation through the encomienda system wasn't too profitable (before the advent of the sugar industry). The Spanish Crown naturally found it difficult to justify the deployment of troops in this god-forsaken colony, and only the most adventurous (or desperate) such as the Basques dared to travel to this farthest outpost of the Empire.

### Less than 2,000 troops

One estimate is that at the height of the Spanish rule in the mid-18th century, there were fewer than 5,000 Spaniards (half of whom were clergy) all over the archipelago and less than 2,000 troops, were concentrated in Manila. Such a small military presence here was the reason why Spain couldn't really wage war to conquer the Muslims in the South, and, really, why Filipino revolutionaries could have easily defeated them if the US had not intervened.

So how did Spain manage to control the indio population with such small military presence? First was through the cooptation of the ruling elites, who were given the nice title of *gobernadorcillos*.

And second, Spanish rule was so easily imposed because the Catholic Church and its missionaries managed to convert the indios with their unsophisticated tribal, mostly animistic, religions into Christianity and to convince them their obeisance to the Spanish Crown was a requirement of the faith.

Why were the indios so easily converted? As was the case all over the world where the West colonized the native population, they thought the Spaniards' superior technology – their armor and muskets, as

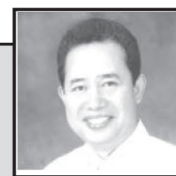
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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*PNoy the blamer is now  
being blamed, too*

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... 'Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you'..." (Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, in Matthew 7:1-2, the Holy Bible).

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**PNOY THE BLAMER IS NOW BEING BLAMED, TOO:** Now, the shoe is on the other foot. Whereas during the six years he was president, Benigno Aquino III concerned himself with nothing but endless blaming of his predecessor perhaps as a tactical move to cover-up his own failings and shortcomings as chief executive, he is now himself at the receiving end of blames from incoming President Rodrigo Duterte.

In a late night-early morning interview with media on May 25-26, 2016 in Davao City, Duterte sarcastically lamented the "total absence of government" on the matter of education, underscoring the lack of tangible programs to promote the education of the Filipino youth in the past six years that Aquino led the nation.

This lack of program for the education of the young was, of course, undeniable, but, as the whole country witnessed rather ruefully, there was really an absence of government not only in education under Aquino, but also in many other areas of day to day living---economics, peace and order, graft and corruption, crime and criminality, smuggling, illegal drugs and gambling, among many others.

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**PNOY'S LEGACY OF FAILURES:** Indeed, if we talk about what legacy the Aquino government will be leaving behind by June 30, 2016, the only honest answer that can be given, even by the most rabid supporters of President Aquino, is that, it is a legacy of failures, of broken election promises, and of governing senselessly and without any direction.

Even now, his veto of the law enacted by both houses of Congress to increase the monthly pension of retired members of the Social Security System by as little as P2,000.00 a month, is headed for another failure as it is being challenged by lawmakers who, at one point in his term, literally were his puppets, ready to do his bidding, and lick the soles of his feet, if there was a need for such sycophancy.

That our lawmakers are moving to override Aquino's veto even while he is still in officeshow that he egregiously failed, yet again, to truly impress upon his erstwhile legislative allies the importance of rejecting the pension hikes for SSS members because that would ultimately deplete SSS funds, leading to the collapse of the SSS program.

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**PNOY EVEN FAILED IN ENFORCING TRUCK BAN:** Oh well. The fact is that, Aquino even failed to enforce or truly implement quite a minor, yet long-standing, ban on trucks on Metro Manila roads between six o'clock in the morning 10 a.m. Mondays to Fridays. Before Aquino, there was compliance with that ban. During Aquino, there was literally a ban on the ban, pardon the pun.

This disregard of the ban is most evident along North Bay Blvd., particularly on the stretch between Malabon and Bonifacio Drive in Manila, where policemen and traffic enforcers of Metro Manila nonchalantly abound in groups, seemingly unaware rather blissfully of the trucks violating the ban.

If Aquino's presidency and government were unable to enforce a very minor rule on road traffic, the question that necessarily presents itself for resolution in the mind of right-thinking Filipinos is this: what other rules, regulations, or laws

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## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

• *Kawawa naman si BBM-Dinaya ni Penoy!!!*  
 • *Korapsyon sa administrasyon ni DuDirty lalong titindi!!!*



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

**K**awawa naman si BBM-Dinaya ni Penoy - Tiyak Yun mga dear readers, nalutong makaw na at na hokus pikos na si kagalang-galang na Bong Bong Marcos ni outgoing at malapit nang makulong na si Penoy. Saan ka naman nakakita ng binaleewala ang mga butos na nagmula sa solid north (Pangasinan, Cordillera, La Union, Ilocos Sur at Ilocos Norte). Aba eh yun pa lamang ay nasa ilang milyong boto na yun, wala pa ang malakas na showing sa mga surveys ni BBM sa NCR na mismo at mga iba pa na mga stonghold din na katulad ng central Luzon at mimaropa. Mabuti ka ninyo na itong si BBM ay bata pa naman at maaari pa siyang tumakbo muli after another 6 years, kaya ang sigaw natin ay BBM FOR PRESIDENT AT MARCOS PA RIN!!! Nakalulungkot nga lamang at itong si Penoy ay mayroon ring itinalaga na kanyang protektor na si Ombudsman Immorales mismo na siyang po-protekt kay Penoy kaya marahil ay dapat ay ma-impeach itong si Ombudsman Immorales na ito. Kaya nga lang ay mukhang mayroon rin matinding kasangga itong si Ombudsman Immorales na itong asawa ni Inday Sarah Dudirty ay siyang pamangkin ni Ombudsman kaya ayun mukhang lusot-lusot na at walang mangyayari kay Penoy habang Ombudsman si Immorales. Sabi nga nila na weder-weder lang ngunit mukhang lusot na naman itong si Mister este Ms Penoy na aking inaasahan ay siyang mag laladlad na rin pag-baba niya bilang panggulo ng Pilipinas.

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**K**orapsyon sa administrasyon ni DuDirty lalong titindi- Tiyak yan mga dear readers. Tiyak na lalong titindi ang korapsyon sa administrasyon ni Du30. Simple lang naman ang aking basehan para sabihin ito sapagkat ang mga kasalukuyang opisyaes na nakapaligid kay Du30ay puros mga recycled ng mga nakaraang admistrasyon at ang kanya pang gagawin na Speaker of the House na si Pantaleon Alvarez ay siyang isa sa pinaka-korap na opisyal noong kapanahunan ni GMA kaya ni hindi na confirm itong si Alvarez ng commission on appointments (CA) kung saan siya ang promotoer ng PIATCO deal (NAIA 3) kung saan nahatulan ang Pilipinas ng pagkatalo ng international court in favor of Fraport at pinag-babayad ang Pinas ng milyun-milyon dolyares. Bagamat binoto ko itong si Du30 ay hindi ko akalain na kanyang itatalaga ang maraming mga recycled na mga korap din. Haaaayyyy Diyos ko, nakakatakot at nakaka-awang isipin ang kahihinatnan ng Pinas sa administrasyon ni Dudirty!!!

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of the country did Aquino fail to enforce? Again, I am glad I did not vote for him in 2010.

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## PALSIT

*Agtultuloy Ti Climate Change*



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

**I**ti laksid ti agtultuloy a pangta ti global warming, agtultuloy met ti iyaarangkada dagiti mining companies nga agkalikagum a mangtunton iti agkapateg a gameng iti uneg ti daga. No umadak daytoy a mining firm iti maysa a lugar, mabingay ti pulso dagiti umili. Adda PRO ken ANTI-mining. Ti kas-angna no ti iseserrek ti mining firm, anamongan pay dagiti agtuturay, kaarigna, ipalubosda a kauten dagiti kapitalista ti lalaem dagiti umili. Ta ngamin, dagiti madalapus ti mining operation nangruna iti mining site, isualitda a kasla ruting laeng babaen iti agkakangato ti kalidadna a heavy equipment. Kangrunaan ditoy a maisualit a kasla ruting dagiti muyong iti mining site. Ala, saan a bale, kuna dagiti pro-mining ta adda met pagimbagan nga isangbayna kadagiti umili: sumbrek ti adu a buis iti turay. Maikkan iti trabaho dagiti umili. Apaman a malpas ti mining operation, simpaenda dagiti nadadael a sukog ti daga. Tarimaanenda dagiti kalsada a nagdaldaliasatanda. Mulaanda ti adu a kayo dagiti nawidawidan ti mining operation. Pagimbagan ti sapasap, kasta latta ti pannakasabong ti dila dagiti pro-mining.

Idinto a kurangna laeng a bumtak ti bulkan ti barukong dagiti anti-mining a tattao: madadael ti rekursos naturales. Madadael ti pagbiagan dagiti umili. No marangrangkay ti bantay a sagnapen ti mining operation, madadaelto ti pagbiagan dagiti lumugar. Aglayus. Magaburan dagiti nadalus nga ubbog. Masabidongan ti bagi ti danum, angin, daga, bayat iti mining operation.

Saan a makiinnungpot iti panawen iti kapaut ti maipaay a panggedan dagiti umili bayat ti mining operation ngamin. Ti kayat nga ipaawat dagiti anti-mining, uray di maal-ala ti gameng ti daga basta saan a maipusta iti ngarab ti peggad ti biag dagiti agindeg. Saan a ti masakbayan ti maipusta iti kibaltang nga isangbay ti mining operation.

Adun a lugar ti nadadael gapu iti nakaro a panagminas. Saan a maisubli iti sigud a kinatalged ti nakaparsuaan. Kas pangarigan ti sibubukel a bantay (no isu ti mining site), raatanda. Madadael. Adda pay ramanenna. Double purpose ngamin ti iseserrek ti mining operations. Umuna, agtarikayoda. Maikadua, kalienda dagiti gameng iti uneg ti daga. No nakalidan ken panawenen nga isardengda ti trabaho, ipanawdan ti kinabaknang a nakalida. Dagiti mangmangged, awanton ti trabahoda a pagsuelduanda ti pangwadwaden met. Nagsardengen a kasla agdayyeng ti panggedanda. Ita, kasano ti masakbayan ti nagbalinen a jobless nga umili kalpasan a pinanawan ida ti kontrata? Sukayenda ti nabatbati pay a dagada. Nabun-as man wenno saan dagiti mulada gapu ta pultak metten iti asideg wenno surongenda a bantay, adda dita ti peggad, ti desgracia, kaab-abayda. No aglayus iti napigsa, agtartarus ti danum iti nababa; ikuyogna ti bato, daga, pitak; igaburna iti nalungog.

Ti itataud ti kellaat a trabaho a di met makiinnungpot bayat iti kaadda ti anges, kaarigna ti agas a tomaren, isapsapo iti naut-ot a paset ti bagi. Ngem, saan a daytoy ti umno nga agas tapno agimbag. Pangpasar iti tiempo laeng. Di kasapulan ti tao ti datdatlag nga agas a di makapaimbag.

Pro wenno Anti-mining? Ti maiparbeng ti kaskenan a panunoten.

## FAIR AND SQUARE

*Mandatory Appearance of Applicants in Hearings of LTFRB Franchises (Part 1)*



BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS

**W**hen the LTFRB en banc revised the Rules of Practice and Procedures of the Board in 2011 finally making mandatory the appearance of applicants and counsels in the hearing of franchise applications, it has for its intent and purpose and no other, to curtail the pervasive irregular issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) to operate public utility vehicles (PUVs) to third persons who could be "fixers" or "kabit" operators but not actual true applicants of franchises.

Thus, the following harmonizing provisions of the Rules:

1) Rule 4, Sec. 12. **Pleadings and exceptions through counsel** -- All pleadings, except (a) complaints; (b) petitions for dropping with expired CPC; and (c) petitions for cancellation of CPC filed by the operator; shall be through counsel of choice...

2) Rule 8, Sec. 6. **Hearing; Appearance of Applicant and Counsel** -- During the hearing, whenever applicable, the applicant shall personally appear and be assisted by counsel of choice.

In case of individual applications, only members of the applicant's immediate members of the family shall be allowed as representatives upon presentation of the necessary Special Power of Attorney and representative's identification documents. **Immediate family member shall mean the applicant's spouse, children, father or mother.** (emphasis supplied)

3) Rule 8, Section 7. **Failure to Appear** -- If the applicant or the duly authorized representative and counsel fail to appear on the initial scheduled hearing, the case shall be reset to another date. Only a maximum of two (2) resetting within a period of one (1) month shall be allowed. Failure to appear on the third (3rd) scheduled hearing shall cause the dismissal of the application for lack of interest.

Notwithstanding the plain and clear language of the above cited provisions of the Rules, hearing officers of the LTFRB-CAR are unable to correctly follow and impose the procedures premised on the foregoing rules. Consequently, the following issues for quite some time now have ensued and have become subject of continuing debate among practicing lawyers and the hearing officers, to wit:

a) Whether the Hearing Officer Designate, Mr. Gregorio Retuta, has discretion to deviate from the rules or adopt other procedures of his own for convenience of hearing.

b) Whether the Hearing Officer Designate should rely and allow the practicing lawyers to dictate the procedures they want to be followed in the hearings.

c) Whether the Regional Director may validly issue the CPCs based on the non-observance by the Hearing Officer Designate of the rules and procedures as prescribed by the Board.

This writer who is a practicing lawyer in the LTFRB-CAR fully believes otherwise. The reasons therefore, with your indulgence shall be discussed in the subsequent issues of this paper.



## Robredo Wins...

from page 1

on May. Robredo went home to Naga City on Thursday to grace the unveiling of a bust in honor of her late husband Jesse Robredo, the well-loved mayor of Naga.

### Slim lead

Duterte's victory based on official canvass was certain. Even in the unofficial count of the Commission on Elections – the transmissions from vote-counting machines in the precincts to the Comelec Transparency Server – he had a wide lead over second-placer Manuel

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

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE 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 encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, 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.

Roxas II.

The official canvassed showed Duterte with a lead of 6,623,822 over Roxas' 9,987,175 votes.

The vice presiden-

tial numbers were a cliffhanger even in the Comelec's unofficial count, based on 96% of the precincts transmitting, and were more closely watched when Congress did the canvass.

The official count by Congress as the

National Board of Canvassers showed Robredo with a lead of only 263,473 votes over Marcos.

Official canvassing Robredo was leading the race when Congress started canvassing on Wednesday, May 25. She was more than 200,000 votes away from close second placer Marcos.

However, Marcos snatched the top spot in the middle of the

second day of canvassing the following day. His lead from Robredo peaked at 1.9 million until it eroded to over 85,000 when Thursday's canvassing concluded late evening.

Votes from Marcos bailiwick, Ilocos Region, came in that caused the surge in the senator's votes. He also won in vote-rich provinces in Luzon such as Cavite, Laguna and Bulacan,

all so canvassed on Thursday. On Friday, votes from the following provinces allowed Robredo to catch up and widen her lead from

Marcos:

- Antique - 119,055
- Zamboanga del Norte - 209,491
- Maguindanao - 220,125
- Lanao del Sur - 180,539

In these provinces, Marcos only got votes ranging from over 50,000 to above 80,000.

Marcos' lawyer George Garcia told Agence France-Presse that his client was considering filing an appeal, alleging 3.9 million votes for Marcos were not reflected in the official count.

"We suspect that these votes were credited to other candidates... We believe these votes belong to Bongbong Marcos," Garcia said./Rappler.com/Patty Pasion/@pattypasion

## 210 ALS Graduates... from page 2

"Mayor Domogan is very instrumental in the increase of salaries of the ALS trainors as well as the construction of a school building at Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School being used by the out-of-school youth with the two million initial funding," added Tiongan.

In his inspirational message, Domogan encouraged the graduates to continue improving their lives.

"Gawin niyong inspirasyon ang inyong mga diploma/certificates para maging umpisa ng pag asenso ng inyong mga buhay. Dapat maging masipag kayo para sa kinabukasan niyo at ng magiging pamilya ninyo," he said.

Domogan advised the youth to have faith with the Almighty God, to take care of one's health and to do away from bad vices.

Given the opportunity to serve the city for another three

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

**SPS. ROLANDO & EDITHA TINOYAN**  
**Petitioners**  
**Case No. 2012-CAR-365**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.  
NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on June 9, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.  
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the Notice once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION;  
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written Oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same 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 26th day of May, 2016.  
(SGD) ATTY. ROBERT B. BASCO  
Hearing Officer

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

**MICHAEL LOPEZ**  
**Petitioner**  
**Case No. 2014-CAR-195**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.  
NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on June 9, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.  
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WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD – Regional Director this 26th day of May, 2016.  
(SGD) ATTY. ROBERT 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 extrajudicially 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 Romeo D. Lopez.  
May 21, 28, & June 4, 2016



**ROBREDO**

Republic of the Philippines  
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AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**MARLON C. MISA - Vendor**  
**JANICE SARMIENTO MISA - Vendee**  
**Applicants**  
**Case No. 2013-CAR-356/2016-CAR-182**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application filed on May 4, 2016 for the approval of SALE AND TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR 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 7, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.  
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the Notice once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION;  
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written Oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same 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 June, 2016.  
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer

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

**ESTATE OF THE LATE LEONARDO D. SUAYAN Represented by: TERESITA M. SUAYAN, Applicants**  
**Case No. Case No. 2000-01-331**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application filed on May 2, 2016 for the approval of EXTENSION OF VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ JITNEY service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: ACOP-DACLAN AND VICE VERSA with the use of one (1) unit/s which Certificate of Public Convenience expired on July 22, 2015.  
NOTICE is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on June 7, 2016 at 02:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.  
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the Notice once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION;  
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written Oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same 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 23rd day of May, 2016.  
(SGD) GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.  
Hearing Officer



**210 ALS Graduates...****from page 6**

years, Domogan assured to continue to support the programs of DepEd and to look for sources of fund for the continuation of the school building at Manuel I. Quezon Elementary School.

It is the objective of the ALS program to cut the time needed to finish high school, hence, significantly cutting the expenses as well. Aside from giving hope to the less fortunate, it also provides opportunities to Out-of-School Youths (OSY) and adults elementary and secondary school drop-outs; industry-based workers; housewives; maids; factory workers; drivers; members of cultural minorities; indigenous people and the disabled/physically challenged. */Jho Arranz*

**Search on...****from page 2**

but which are deemed equally meritorious in accomplishment.

Since 2001, 129 volunteers and volunteer organizations have been recognized by the national government, through the SOV. This yearly centerpiece event culminates with the awarding ceremony during the celebration of the National Volunteer Month in December.

In last year's Search, Cordillera's bet, Dr. Virgilio Bautista, was awarded NOVA in the adult category.

NEDA-CAR Regional Director Milagros A. Rimando encourages everyone to participate in the Search.

Nominations for volunteers and volunteer organizations in the region can be addressed and submitted to NEDA-CAR, Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City. Nominations can also be sent via email to [car@neda.gov.ph](mailto:car@neda.gov.ph).

The SOV is being conducted by the PNVSCA and the National Volunteer Month Steering Committee, in cooperation with the Regional Search Committees (RCS) chaired by the NEDA regional offices, the Department of the Interior and Local Government for the National Capital Region and the Regional Planning and Development office in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The RSCs are in charge of the receipt, validation and documentation of the nominations in respective regions. A national selection committee selects the national and regional awardees.

For more information on how to participate to the SOV, you may log in at [www.pnvsc.gov.ph](http://www.pnvsc.gov.ph), [www.facebook.com/innovatecooperateinspire](http://www.facebook.com/innovatecooperateinspire). */JDP/MAWC - PIA CAR with reports from Joy Bulwayan of NEDA-CAR*

**Mayor seeks...****from page 3**

they want to get done. Of course we will readily consider if these are meritorious," he said.

The mayor maintained that Tuba residents would benefit from the activation of the flume lines of the city-owned facilities and the payment of the rental fees to residents whose lands are traversed by the pipelines and plant facilities.

As to the application of Goldlink Global Energy Philippines for the development of hydro power plants along the Asin river which was approved by the Tuba municipality, Domogan said the city poses no objection as long as the project will not jeopardize the city-owned Asin hydro power plants.

At present Goldlink's applications remain pending before the Department of Energy (DOE).

The city's application for the transfer of water rights from the Baguio Water District which the Tuba municipal government opposed also awaits action by the National Water Resources Board (NWRB). */Aileen P. Refuerzo*

**NCCA, partners launch arts and culture promotion in Luzon**

**B**AGUIO CITY -- The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its media partners officially launched the Culture and Arts Promotion for Luzon during the Kapihan sa Baguio media forum here on Monday.

NCCA officials led by Deputy Executive Director Marichu Tellano and Communications vice head Rodrigo Cornejo

**GSO Clarifies...**

together with Philippine Information Agency Director General Jose Mari Quinena, Sunstar Baguio President Peter Rey Bautista and Publisher Reynaldo Bautista Sr., Cordillera News Agency head Art Tibaldo and photojournalist Dave Leprozo graced the forum which was highlighted with the signing of memorandum of agreement for their partnership.

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poration prior to the plan being submitted to the city council for approval.

The city government is eyeing the 139-hectare city-owned property in Sto. Tomas School Area and the Antamok open pit site of the Benguet Corporation in Itogon, Benguet as the remaining sites where it could put up its desired integrated solid waste disposal facility in order to effectively and efficiently address the city's garbage disposal problems that is costing the city government around P70 million annually for the hauling of its residual waste to the engineered sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac. */Dexter A. See*

**Crime Down...****from page 3**

1,709.51 grams Marijuana, three Marijuana seedlings, 2.4 ml liquid Shabu and other suspected illegal drugs were confiscated.

Close coordination with the BCPO and the community is needed, Castro admitted. Thirty-nine lectures and 62 interviews were conducted. There were also cases filed in court. Thirty-two (32) barangays are still drug-affected, Castro said.

According to Councilor Ortega, chair of the Human Rights, Justice, Public Protection and Safety, Peace and Order committee, a rehabilitation center for those addicted to illegal drugs is mulled. Ortega also said rewards are given to tipsters on drug pushers and merchandisers.

As to a call for the creation of a crisis management committee, the body agreed on strengthening the existing functions to the CHRJPOC.

Meanwhile, NaPolCom officer Soledad Benware called on those interested to join the police force. Online applications for the Oct. 16, 2016 entrance examinations is on July 18 to 22, for Police Officers, July 25 to 29, and for all other positions, applications will be on Aug. 1-5. */Julie G. Fianza*

**Duterte Vows...****from page 10**

said he wanted to create opportunities elsewhere so people would not have to live in such squalid conditions.

"I will ask the engineers to find land because we will build economic zones there," Duterte said, adding people living in the Manila slums would be moved there.

"I have to relocate them but before I relocate them, I have to establish economic activity."

Manila accounts for more than a third of the economic output of the country, with two surrounding regions contributing another quarter, according to official data. */AFP News*

PIA - Cordillera through its Regional Director Helen Tibaldo, initiated a partnership with the NCCA to help in the promotion of its programs in Luzon. Initially, the project was for the Cordillera region but it was agreed that the promotion would be done by the seven PIA regional offices in Luzon.

Tibaldo vowed to help the NCCA become a mainstream concern in Luzon by using various promotional strategies and platforms including social media as well as linkages with other government and non-government agencies

The arts and culture promotions in Luzon will ensure that every Filipino living in Luzon will gain access on the different cultural projects in their community that will eventually augment their awareness on Philippine heritage; thus, developing a strong sense of nationhood.

The NCCA has also partnered with Sun Star Baguio to disseminate information on the NCCA, its mandate and various programs through the weekly column titled 'Arts Awake'. The column will share various NCCA cultural projects and programs as well as tackle the different cultural issues.

Other NCCA-funded

ed programs in CAR include the Tam-awan International Arts Festival organized by the Chanum Foundation, the Cultural Awareness for Media to be handled by the Cordillera News Agency and the preservation of the native attires of the different tribes in the Cordillera through documentation and photos by photojournalist Dave Leprozo.

Tellano said that the culture and arts promotion for Luzon by the PIA and its media partners is a big boost to the agencies goal of promoting arts and culture. She said that since NCCA has no regional offices, PIA will be very helpful to the agency and the different cultural and arts activities and events in the different regions and provinces where PIA is present.

Meanwhile, Oquiñena said that he is excited on the partnership of the PIA and the NCCA for the promotion of culture because aside from informing the people, he also wants the agency to inspire the people with the rich and unique Philippine culture.

"PIA will not only be an information agency but it will also be a Philippine Inspiration Agency working to promote culture and arts of the Filipino people," said Oquiñena. */JDP/RMC & J. Quinit-PIA/ UCU Intern*

**More Community Involvement...****from page 10**

by serving as umpires or facilitator and help in the assessment by submitting reports, pictures and other documents.

Establishment owners should also participate and seriously consider the significant effect and expected damage they may incur.

The activity was spearheaded by the Office of Civil Defense Cordillera (OCD-CAR) headed by regional director Alex Uy in coordination with the CDRMC in line with the memorandum issued by OCD Administrator Undersecretary Alexander Pama for the conduct of the first quarter nationwide simultaneous earthquake drill which was later launched in Clark Airbase.

Uy said results of the activity will serve as a tool to improve the city's reference system for disaster management.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan earlier issued an administrative order activating and implementing the incident command system to test the city's preparedness and response schemes through the citywide drill. */Aileen P. Refuerzo*



## Editorial

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well as the unbelievable huge galleons that arrived in Manila – was an indication of Christianity's superiority. Or perhaps, the friars' promise of a wonderful, magical place that awaited them when they die was more attractive than the indios' vague notions of an afterlife in their animistic tribal religions.

It was also during this time that the various Catholic orders were competing among each other to proselytize in the Philippines, to convert enough indios or forcibly recruit them to join them in proselytizing people in what was then known to be the largest pagan nation that needed to be brought to Christ: China

What stood as a very fitting symbol for what the Church really was in that period were the Spanish-era churches. Visit one church and you'd wonder: Why are they so massive, and built like fortresses?

One reason they were made that way was to convince the churchgoing indios who lived in nipa huts that such gargantuan structures were inhabited by divine beings, i.e., Jesus Christ, (the Goddess) Virgin Mary, and the other lesser gods, the saints.

### The Church as a fortress

The other reason is that those churches were, in fact, built as fortresses – the "Keep" – in that word's usage in the Lord of the Rings, which refers to the strongest part of a castle that acts as a final refuge. Such Hispanic churches' doors were huge and nearly impregnable; the windows were placed so high up on the walls, like those in European medieval castles.

They were, of course, military installations run by the clergy and the Spanish guardia civil. The faithful would escape to take shelter in them in the early periods of Spanish colonization when Muslim pirates would occasionally raid the towns. It was also the keep for the Spaniards and their local lackeys to escape into, in cases of the indios' revolt.

One thing about these churches that hasn't been studied in detail: How were they built? Were the indios forced to provide manual labor upon pain of death, and their families? The strength of these churches has also been due to the fact that egg whites were mixed with lime to create the strong mortar that has lasted for a century. How many indios were deprived of their protein requirements because the Spanish required them to surrender so many eggs?

Think about it: In the 18th and 19th centuries, when the exploitive hacendero and landlord, as well as political bossism systems were at their height in the entire archipelago, and when the oligarchs

# Asian Cultural Education Center launched in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – Officials of three universities from South Korea, China and the Philippines led the launching of the Asian Cultural Education Center (ACEC) in this city on Wednesday (May 25). The university

University of the Cordilleras (UC) President Ray Dean Salvosa, South Korea's Chonbuk National University President Lee NamHo and China's Ludong University Vice President Shen Dong first planted a pine tree sapling at the Burnham Park in front of the UC main building as a symbol of their unity and for the success of the ACEC.

The university heads were assisted in the planting by officials of the City Environment and Parks Management Office who is in-charge of the Burnham Park. The officials also

started to entrench themselves here, had the Catholic Church as an institution spoken against such exploitation? Has it ever been at the forefront of social reform movements?

The Church's power over the Filipino mind has been such that other than the University of the Philippines, its educational institutions such as the Ateneo de Manila, De La Salle University and the University of Santo Tomas, have been molding the minds of the elite for decades – teaching them the most sophisticated ways to justify their classes' exploitation of the peasants and working class. It is certainly not coincidental that the Ateneo has been one of biggest fans of the hacendero-cacique rule of Benigno Aquino 3rd.

Of course, there were a few brave priests, such as Fr. Jose Decena, who in the early 1970s exposed the horrors of the cicada system in Negros sugar plantations. There were also those converted into the Latin American type of liberation theology who were easily recruited into the Communist Party, such as Duterte's adviser Jun Evasco and the NDF's chief negotiator, Luis Jalandoni.

But on the whole, the Catholic hierarchy, together with parish priests and the elites, made up a single ruling class as they did in medieval Europe. The Church helped justify and even conceal the landlord class's exploitation of the peasants, and kept them in tow with threats of fire and brimstone if they challenged the status quo. The landlord class, on the other hand, donated lands and gold to the Church, and provided it with its armed protection.

In our history, there has only been one major critique of the Church that electrified the nation: That by Rizal through his Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo. Since then, there has neither been a writer nor a leader who ever dared to cross the Church as defiantly as Rizal did. If Duterte's tirades against the Church are authentic, I'm certainly all for him in that struggle. /tiglaio.manilatimes@gmail.com

watered the tree sapling using water which came from their respective countries particularly from Jeonju City in South Korea, Yantai City in China and from Baguio City.

The official launching of the ACEC followed at the UC where the heads of the universities signed a memorandum of agreement for the establishment of the education center with UC as its base. They also inaugurated the ACEC at the ninth floor of the new building of UC and unveiled a marker.

ACEC is a tripartite program of the three universities which aims to educate Asian students to discover

and learn about the culture and traditions of other countries.

The partnership aims to support for the active international exchange of faculty and students of the three universities. It will also support cultural exchange of each country and language education for training prospective students who can lead balanced development of the Asia region. Likewise, to provide study-career connected opportunity to each country.

The agreement also stressed that the universities are the foundation of sustainable and balanced development of Asia, and the faculty of each country will hold

regular-base conference to practice such agreement instantly.

Salvosa said that the partnership will not only benefit the UC who will learn from the rich culture and tradition of China and Korea, but the two universities will also benefit from the culture and tradition of the Philippines particularly the Cordilleras where the university is named after.

The partnership is the first of its kind but they are looking into expanding the program with the other universities in the city and the Philippines and the other Asian countries as well. /JDP/RMC with J. Orines & B. Cabusi-PIA CAR/ UCU Interns

## Preservation of culture go hand in hand with the pursuit for development- PIA

BAGUIO CITY – 'It is culture that defines who we, Filipinos, are and as we pursue innovation and development, we should also continue to work for the preservation of our culture as we owe this to our forefathers and our children - the people of the next generation.'

Philippine Information Agency Director General Jose Mari Oquiñena stressed this during the kapihan media forum on Monday at the PIA Regional Office here for launching of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Luzon arts and culture promotions.

Oquiñena pointed out that there are a lot of practices in the Philippine culture that we have learned from our forefathers that we can actually use in our development

and that can help bring this country forward, only if all Filipinos, bounded by our culture, unite and work together.

'We make this country move forward together. No one needs to be left behind if only we decide to employ the teachings of our forefathers and our brothers in the indigenous communities,' he stressed.

Oquiñena attended the forum to also officially witness the Memorandum of Agreement signing between NCCA Deputy Executive Director Marichu Tellano and PIA Cordillera Regional Director Helen

Tibaldo for promotions and advocacy project involving all PIA regional offices in Luzon.

For the partnership, Oquiñena stressed his excitement on PIA working for the promotion of culture because aside from informing the people, he also wants the agency to inspire the people with the rich and unique Philippine culture.

Aside from PIA, NCCA also signed a MOA with Sunstar Baguio represented by its general manager, Peter Rey Bautista, for a partnership in information dissemination of the commission's program

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## LED Conversion Project is 95% complete at Burnham Park

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) head Cordelia Lacsamana on Friday said the city expects a 50-60 percent reduction in the power consumption at the Burnham Park with the 95 percent completion of the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Project where about 285 LED bulbs and bollard lamps have been installed.

Lacsamana said the project was part of the city's continuing effort to make the city a climate change – resilient or a green city.

The city government allocates more than Php 60 million annually for power consumption of the government facilities, including the parks and street lamps in the barangays.

The city government's power costs had run up to Php 42.32 million per year for a total of 8,200 lighting fixtures lighting streets, alleys, parks, overpasses and flyovers plus Php 24.08 million for the lighting of government offices and schools.

The LED Conversion Project is one of the several economic cost-cutting

measures implemented by the city government through the CEPMO, Lacsamana added.

The CEPMO, Lacsamana said, steered the city's participation in the Earth Hour as the city's contribution on energy conservation and reduction of the greenhouse effect.

Moreover, the CEPMO completed the construction of two European designed gazebos at the Dominican Hill and Retreat House as part of the over-all landscaping activity of the facility in coordination with the City Engineering Office. (PNA) RMA/JOJOLAMARIA

## Baguio mayor to seek clarification on land use policy of incoming President Duterte

**B**AGUIO CITY – Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan will seek to clarify some policies which incoming President Rodrigo Duterte wants to implement when he assumes office on July 1.

Domogan said Duterte's "no relocation, no demolition" policy is too general and might send the wrong signal to enterprising land speculators and their cohorts to willfully invade public and private lands for their own personal advantage.

The "no relocation, no demolition" policy might result in the proliferation of informal settlers in watershed and forest reservations that will greatly damage the state of the environment, Domogan said.

He cited RA 7279 or the Urban Housing and Development Act which provides that those entitled to relocation sites are members of the urban poor, duly registered with the local government units (LGUs) concerned and that their structures should have been built before March 1992.

The incoming president's

policy may be used by various urban poor groups and professional squatters to build their structures on public lands and then demand from the government relocation sites and payments for their improvements, thereby compromising the efforts of local officials to abate the proliferation of squatters in their areas of jurisdiction.

Domogan said the President-elect is aware of the squatting problems, being the incumbent mayor of Davao City.

Domogan is looking forward to being informed about the guidelines of Duterte's "no relocation, no demolition" policy the soonest possible time in order to abate the unscrupulous plans of enterprising urban poor groups and professional squatters in entering open spaces in the different parts of the country and subsequently demand for relocation sites pursuant to the incoming administration's policy.

He said local officials nationwide are trying their best to protect public lands

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and activities.

Other NCCA officials present during event were NCCA National Committee on Communications vice head Rodrigo Cornejo, Executive Committee member on Cinema Archie Adams, ExeCom member on Communications Francisco Macasa, ExeCom member on Art Galleries Malen Catajan, Arts section head Ferdinand Isleta, and PAIO head Rene Napenas. (JDP/CCD & J. Orines –PIA/UCU Intern



**DOMOGAN**

from being squatted upon by professional squatters considering that the same could be used for other productive purposes by concerned government agencies in order to uplift the welfare of their constituents. (PNA)/LAP/JOJO LAMARIA

## DILG to measure citizen's satisfaction

**C**itizen's satisfaction on the service delivery of pilot municipalities shall be measured through the Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government starting June 2016.

The municipalities of Tublay, Benguet and San Juan, Abra were among the 31 municipalities nationwide selected for the pilot testing of the system. DILG have engaged civil society organizations, this time learning research institutes (LRIs), as partners in this program. The pilot testing entails the conduct of survey by the University of Cordilleras in Tublay, Benguet and the Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology in San Juan, Abra. 150 respondents shall be randomly selected by the LRIs.

Respondents shall first be

asked if they are aware of the services provided by their respective municipalities, if they availed of such services, and their level of satisfaction. Assessment score will show the level of satisfaction of the respondents for seven service areas which will range from very low, low, fair, high, and very high. The seven service areas are health, support to education, social welfare, economic and investment promotions, governance and response, public works and infrastructure, and environmental management.

The LRIs shall train interviewers for the survey using the tool developed for the purpose.

Tublay and San Juan were primarily selected for the pilot testing as awardees of the prestigious Seal of Good Local Governance of the DILG in 2015. Feedback on the result of the survey shall

be provided to the respective municipalities through a utilization conference last quarter of this year.

CSIS was first used to measure citizen's satisfaction on the performance of highly urbanized cities and component cities nationwide in 2013 - 2015. Baguio City and Tabuk City, Kalinga were part of the program then.

For this first round of citizen's satisfaction survey, DILG Regional Focal Person Florinda Garcia said the mayors embraced the results of the CSIS and recognized the feedback coming from their respective constituents. Results were used as benchmark for planning purposes as the LGUs formulated their respective Citizen's Priority Action Plan in response to the gaps identified through the program. (Carol Guidangan Gano

## DPWH, lagoon project contractor to face Baguio City Council

**B**AGUIO CITY – Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) president and Baguio City Councilor Michael Lawana has raised an oral motion to summon the contractor of the City Camp Lagoon dredging project and officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) regional and district offices to appear before the council

on Monday, May 30.

The move was aimed at allowing the contractor and DPWH officials to give an update on the project and respond to the complaints of affected residents on the reported relentless blasting activities in portions of the tunnel – canal.

Lawana, on Friday, said the council wants to be informed about the com-

4-kilometer tunnel and the concreting of the tunnel walls to prevent landslides.

Lawana added that the council also wants to know what the would-be effects of the blasting undertaken in various portions of the tunnel.

Lawana explained that some councilors received complaints from residents who felt the blasts underneath their residences.

The huge volume of water coming from the tributaries of the City Camp Lagoon flows down to the tunnel through Barangay Crystal Cave and out to the Asin river in Tuba, Benguet.

The council needs to know if the flooding in Barangay City Camp Lagoon will finally be addressed in order to preserve the proposed multi-million sewerage treatment plant that will be constructed within the barangay.

Lawana said the questions to be raised regarding the existing projects in the City Camp Lagoon will take a lot of time, the reason the matter should be discussed independently in a regular session of the council to satisfy "public interest". (PNA) LAP/JOJO LAMARIA

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pletion date of the project or if it will be useful as intended – to stop the flooding within the barangay at the height of the rainy season.

Funding for the rehabilitation of the City Camp Lagoon was sourced from the annual budget of the DPWH since 2010 which included the clearing of the waterways, the widening of the



# Duterte vows economic growth outside of 'dead' Philippine capital



**GO ON THE GO - Congressman-elect Marques "Mark" Ocampo Go meets with the city's 128 punong barangays headed by ABC president and City Councilor Michael Lawana and urges them to submit all their priority projects during their first meeting held at City Hall Multi Purpose Center last May 20./By Bong Cayabyab**

## Mayor says no to "shame walk"

**BAGUIO CITY** – "There is no need to parade wrong-doers, or let them do a shame walk," Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified during the media Ugnayan last Wednesday at city hall.

The mayor was reacting to inquiries, which referred to Tanauan, Batangas Antonio Halili parading "Santacruzian style," some suspected drug pushers, allegedly with two minors around

the town market. They were also made to wear signs reading: "Akoy drug pusher, 'wag tularan," ("I'm a drug pusher, don't imitate") allegedly even before formal complaints were filed.

The suspects' relatives begged innocence and poverty as an excuse for some illegal doings.

In 2012, Mayor Halili imposed the "walk of shame" on a suspected fish thief. He claimed later that

fear of same fate deterred the commission of crime in the market area. The suspected fish thief later apologized allegedly.

Human right advocates however protested, claiming the incident with the suspected drug dealers need a thorough investigation.

Mayor Domogan however said there is no accomplishment whatsoever in doing such (walk of shame). //Julie G. Fianza

## More community involvement, regular drills urged to step up earthquake preparations

**BAGUIO CITY** – More community involvement, enhanced public awareness and regular drills are needed to enhance the city populace's preparedness for the eventuality of a major earthquake.

These were among the recommendations made by the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRMC) in its post-activity report after the "Baguio Shake Drill" citywide earthquake preparedness exercise conducted last March 31.

The recommendations prepared by local disaster risk reduction assistant Stephanie Trinidad and approved by action officer city administrator Carlos Canilao and CDRRMC officer Yolanda Munar were based on

the inputs submitted by the drill "umpires" composed of civic organizations appointed by the CDRRMC to observe and critique the exercise in various areas of the city.

They said the city should put "emphasis on public awareness directed on the importance of community involvement to increase a multi-sectoral command, cooperation and coordination."

Also proposed was the regular conduct of citywide earthquake drills to inculcate preparedness on the consciousness of the residents including the duck-cover-hold technique where the main point is "not to try to move but to immediately protect one's self the best possible way wherever he is."

Government agencies, non-government organizations, private organizations, civil society organizations, academe and other sectors were asked to fortify their emergency response actions during the drill and assess the impact of the activity while barangays were also encouraged to review their own formulated disaster preparedness and response plan to assess how the drill went based on their needs and to conduct similar drills in their levels

During the drill, it was noted that most barangays need more training on the proper execution of the duck-cover-hold technique and evacuation procedures but the opposite was observed among schools,

Incoming Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte pledged Thursday to spread economic activity beyond the overpopulated capital of Manila, calling it a "dead" city overrun by shantytowns.

Duterte said he would create new jobs by setting up economic zones outside of Manila to spread the wealth beyond the sprawling metropolis of about 15 million people, and that he would not allow any more factories to be built in the capital.

"I have to create more jobs but Manila is already saturated," Duterte told reporters in the southern city of Davao, which he has ruled as mayor for most of the past two decades.

"If there are any investors coming in, I will tell them I will not allow factories anymore in Manila, not only because it is a dead city but because I have to build a new environment for the people."

Duterte, who won a landslide election victory just over two weeks ago, said repeatedly while campaigning one of his top priorities would be improving the lives of about 26 million Filipinos, more than a fourth of the population, who live on \$1.30 a day or less.

Popular frustrations over the sharp rich-poor divide that largely remain despite years of continuous strong economic growth under incumbent leader Benigno Aquino helped to bring Duterte to

power, analysts have said.

Lack of opportunities around the rest of the Philippines have for decades made Manila a magnet for people seeking a better life, but millions have instead been forced to live miserable existences in mega-slums.

The nation's rich-poor divide is on vivid display in Manila, where the slums are just a few kilometres (miles) from gated villages with luxury homes for the rich, as well as glittering skyscrapers and billion-dollar casino complexes.

Duterte expressed dismay at the sight of Manila's polluted canals, which are surrounded by shantytowns.

Duterte, who will begin a six-year term on June 30,

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## OWWA invites OFWs and their families to join talent competition

**BAGUIO CITY** - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration-Cordillera Regional office is looking for Overseas Filipino Workers or OFW family members that have talents to come to their office and audition for the OFW got Talent competition, which will be the highlight activity for the Migrant Workers Day celebration on June 11.

The OFW Got Talent Search is open for OFWs either active or returnee and also to OFW family members. Competitors can be an individual or a group (all male, all female or mix).

Registration and submission is now open. Pre-selection and screening

business establishments, hospitals and other institutions where participants showed proper execution of the preparedness practice.

Also recommended were the improvement of the Early Warning System (EWS) to reach far-flung areas and the enhancement of the information, education campaign through the distribution

is set on May 30 and 31, wherein five finalists will be chosen to compete in the OFW Got Talent search for the Migrant Workers' Day celebration at the Benguet State University Gymnasium on June 11.

For the talents search, participating individual or group must bring their own accompaniment (CD, DVD or USB), will be given 3 minutes to perform and will be judged based on choreography (50%), execution (25%), execution (15%) and audience impact (10%).

Interested individuals or groups may look for Myrna Garcia or Liezl Felix at the OWWA – CAR Office at Private

of information materials. It was also suggested that in the succeeding conduct of similar drills,

residents should be encouraged to become active participants

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Road, Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City or contact them at cellular phone numbers 0999 – 994 – 9296 (Smart) and 0917 – 594 – 1294 (Globe).

Aside from the OFW Got Talent, other activities for the June 11 event include a mass, physical fitness (Zumba), free medical and dental services, OFW product display and selling, free calls and fun games and raffles.

By virtue of Republic Act 9042 or the Migrant Workers Act of 1995, June 7 of every year is observed as Migrant workers Day or "Araw ng Pasasalamat" in the country in honor of the country's modern day heroes, who despite the social cost of migration, continue to work hard overseas for their families while contributing to nation building.//JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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