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BGH records 112 attempted suicide cases in Baguio



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BAGUIO CITY – Some one hundred twelve attempted suicide cases were recorded by the Psychiatry Department of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) from October last year to August this year showing an alarming increase in the number of reported suicide cases in the city.

Dr. Genna Hipolito, Medical Officer V of the BGHMC Psychiatry Department, said most of those who attempted to commit suicide because of depression were adults as 76 of those who attempted to commit

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Grabe naman pala ang dami ng gustong magpakamatay, 11 persons per month on average! Sa Baguio lang 'yan, ha. Bakit kaya?!



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Rabies cases in Cordillera increasing

BAGUIO CITY – Rabies cases caused by animal bites in the Cordillera increased by over three hundred percent over the past eight years causing alarm among health experts on the need to seek early consultation after being bitten by alleged rabid animals.

Roy Fiatching, Medical Technologist of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), revealed from only 5,000 animal bite cases in 2008, the number of animal bitecases in the region increased to a whopping 16,724 cases last year and 9,561 cases for the first semester of this year.

“Individuals bitten by animals, especially cats and dogs, must immediately seek early medical attention for proper medical care, including getting the appropriate medicines and/or eventually vaccination once it will be discovered that the animals involved are rabid. The increase in the number of animal bite cases regionwide only shows that people are now aware of the importance of being provided medical treatment when bitten by a dog or a cat,” Fiatching

stressed.

However, the BGHMC official revealed there were two cases of reported deaths last year due to bites by rabid animals, while one case of death was reported in Abra last August.

According to him, people must be aware that rabid animals appear to be pale and usually have no appetite and love to roam around, thus when bitten by a rabid animal, individuals must immediately observe the animal's behaviour within the prescribed 14-day observation period.

When the animal that has bitten an individual dies within the 14-day observation period, Fiatching advised family members and relatives of those who were bitten to immediately subject the head of the animal to the appropriate tests in the animal bite centers established regionwide so experts can confirm whether or not the animal is rabid and so they will initiate the next steps to facilitate medication.

Fiatching disclosed some 21 animal bite centers had already been established by different government agencies

regionwide to make it more accessible for patients to seek medical help due to the urgency of the tests on animals that died within the prescribed 14-day observation period.

He added all the provinces have at least one animal bite center aside from centers that were established in different hospitals and veterinary centers in areas that were previously identified with high incidents of rabies cases.

Fiatching noted Baguio City and Kalinga top the areas in the region with high prevalence of animal bite cases primarily because of their huge population but the availability of health facilities to immediately attend to the needs of individuals being bitten by rabid animals also lessens the exposure of the people to untimely deaths due to the accessibility of interventions in these places.

He appealed to people to immediately seek medical attention in the nearest health facility once bitten by an animal and animal lovers should make sure that their pets are immunized from rabies./By Dexter A. See

Mayor slams PCUP for undue interference in demolition

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan criticized the officials of the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) for their failure to consult the local government before coming out with a request to defer the demolition of the over fifty-eight illegal

structures erected within the premises of the Baguio-Ifugao-Benguet-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) property along Harrison Road.

The local chief executive said the latest request of the PCUP to defer the demolition of the illegal BIBAK structures that

was scheduled this week without the benefit of getting the side of the local government is unfair and unjust because the new set of PCUP officials have been misled into believing the plight of the informal settlers.

“The matter has already been passed upon by

former PCUP officials and the new set of PCUP officers should have studied the problem before coming out with the deferment request,” Domogan

Development of John Hay economic zone backed

BAGUIO CITY – The thrust of the new leadership of the State-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) to pursue the development of the 247-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) by renegotiating the mutually resubstituted 50-year development contract will be beneficial to the local government and the people of the city once realized, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said here recently.

The local chief executive welcomed the decision of

the new BCDA leadership to pursue the development of the declared special economic zone as this will translate to the creation of more employment opportunities for the qualified local residents and the expected increase in the income of the city, among other direct and indirect benefits.

“The pendency of the arbitral case deprived the local government of huge potential income from the supposed businesses that could have been established if the development of the economic

zone was pursued. We cannot understand why the previous administration was closed to the idea of the renegotiation of the lease agreement that could have come out with better terms,” Domogan stressed.

He noted Camp John Hay Development Corporation was only able to develop at least 25 percent of the areas identified to be developed over an 18-year period since the agreement was signed between the contracting parties in 1997.

According to him,
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stressed.

While the local government can just ignore the deferment request and pursue the demolition of the illegal structures, he claimed there is still a need for the city to submit its comprehensive answer to the request, arguing that the squatters are not registered as members of the urban poor, and that the structures built are being used for business activities of the individuals involved in the squatting problem.

Domogan claimed the informal settlers are already confused on what to do because they again filed a petition for

temporary restraining order before the local courts when the earlier similar petition was dismissed by the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 5 that stated that the informal settlers have no right to be in the government property without the appropriate titles to the land and the required building permits for their structures.

According to him, some of the informal settlers have approached him and signified their intention to abide by the dismantling of their structures but some of their colleagues disagree with their plan and

instead decided to fight it out with the city through all legal and administrative means. It can be recalled that no less than PCUP Chairman Herminigildo Panganiban and two Commissioners conducted an investigation on the reported squatting within the 5,000-square meter property and found out that the informal settlers were not members of the urban poor and most of them have built structures being used for business activities aside from the area being a health hazard due to its unsanitary condition.

Domogan said the demolition of the illegal structures has been ruled in favour of the local government and is being fully supported by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera that passed a resolution supporting the removal of the illegal structures to be used for its prescribed purpose which is temporary shelter for students coming from the different parts of the region wanting to pursue their studies in the city./By Dexter A. See



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Market porters to be accredited by city

BAGUIO CITY – The City Government will accredit legitimate market porters working in the public market to reduce the proliferation of bystanders to reduce petty crimes in the market.

During a recent inter-agency meeting held at the City Council Session Hall, Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. informed stakeholders that Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan gave the go-signal for the crafting of the appropriate rules and regulations towards issuing identification cards for porters belonging to duly recognized associations of porters for proper identification of those working in the market.

Aside from the porters, Yangot added identification cards will also be issued to barangay tanods of various barangays having jurisdiction over the public markets so that vendors and the public will be able to identify those who are legitimate workers in the public market, thus, bystand-

ers may no longer roam around the market.

"Numerous bystanders in the different portions of the public market have been pinpointed as one reason for the proliferation of pickpocketing that often results to disappointments, especially among our visitors. As much as possible, we want to significantly reduce pickpocket incidents because our market is the show window of our city and we could not afford disappointing visitors to the market," Yangot stressed.

Some 159 porters who are members of 10 porter associations are working in the different sections of the public market.

Yangot requested the associations of porters to submit to the local gov-

ernment the final list of their members to facilitate the preparation and subsequent issuance of identification cards while barangay officials will provide the city with the list of their barangay tanods for similar purposes.

According to the chair of the Committee

on Market, Trade and Commerce, the issuing of these identification cards is part of the city's efforts in helping daily reduce petty crimes in the different parts of the public market and guarantee the market-goers a facility that is a safe place to visit.

He called on concerned

market stakeholders to support these efforts of the local government to bring cleanliness and orderliness in the facility to motivate more visitors to use the increasing vendors' sales amidst the presence of other big establishments around the city.

Yangot asserted the need to continue

improving the state of the public market while awaiting the outcome of the questioned development of the facility by a private developer as it is the duty of the local government to sustain the small improvements for the benefit of vendors and market-goers alike. / By Dexter A. See

Increase of minor offenders alarms market stakeholders

BAGUIO CITY – Concerned stakeholders in the city's public market raised concern on the increase in the number of minors roaming around the public market and the night market areas and who had been identified culprits in pickpocket incidents in the said places.

Representatives of several associations of market and night market vendors informed the officials who attended the recent inter-agency meeting held at the City Hall that concerned agencies must do something in order to prevent the proliferation of minor offenders in the market and night market areas to help reduce pickpocket incidents.

The City Council Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce chaired by Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. initiated an inter-agency meeting to gather the inputs from various stakeholders on how to improve the public market, a show window of the city.

Superintendent Lauriano Alexis Mariñas, Deputy City Director for Administration of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), said appropriate coordination is being done by the BCPO with the City Social Welfare and Development Office to craft the necessary strategies to prevent the minor offenders in the market and night market areas.

He admitted numerous minor offenders had already been appre- **Cont. on page 8**

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Reign of error and terror?

Last January 15, I wrote here: "In 1941, we were one huge US military base but America was Pearl Harbored into submission and mighty Uncle Sam could not defend us. Japan is now our ally against China, our World War 2 ally, which saved Col. Doolittle's remnants after that daring raid on Tokyo in April 1942. Alliances shift. No permanent friends, no permanent enemies, only permanent interests—Lord Palmerston. The US brutalized us when first they came. But there was no TV evening news to report nightly, say on the Balangiga or Mount Bud Dajo Massacres."

I have been a student of American military abuse for decades, such as in GIs shooting Pinoys allegedly mistaken for boars in Clark.

I do not forget though the benefits America has given me—certain values, like work ethic and frugality, scholarships, etc.—and the nation, e.g., on human rights and yes, Lebron, whose December visit Nike has canceled. We may despise official Washington, D.C., but not individual Americans (it was in Boston I was to meet my would-be wife, Dulce, who was naturalized as a member of the Red Sox Nation).

On account of arguably ancient US military atrocities, the President now wants US Special Forces out of Mindanao, ostensibly and, from where I sit, disingenuously, to get them out of harm's way kuno. But such Forces are trained, to survive or die. We should be ready to die to the last American.

Seriously, I remain of the view that the EDCA required concurrence by the Senate, the proper democratic constitutional institutional arrangement. Not only President Noyonoy and Defense Secretary Volts Gazmin should be involved, but also the people, thru their elected senators. My eldest apo, soon to be 8, loves to play soldier.

If in a decade or so, he is in the frontlines against China — there's always the risk of winning — it should be by some popular majoritarian process, not only because of the Aquino-Gazmin pact. There should have been public hearings, the procedure we adopted in 1991. Here, EDCA was inflicted allegedly on the morning of President Obama's 2014 arrival. And I did not get a copy until days later, in a TV talk show.

Sadly, the SC shafted our effort to question EDCA's constitutionality. Yellow Me was the lead petitioner against Noyonoy, in the same manner that Yellow Me turned down President Cory's personal appeal to support her in 1991, on the bases.

Of course this is a new Senate, with Money Pacquiao, alleged as Top Tax Evader, reported to be abroad, focused again on datong. Insatiable. The body will probe Sen. Leila for something done before she became senator? That was not our norm when I headed the ethics panel in 1987-1992. (Should Sen. Tito Sotto again have to defend himself for some ancient episode? No fair.)

Anyway, Digs seems to be a loose cannon, bombarding friend and foe.

Digs said in the case of Mary Jane (an unfortunate name, for marijuana) — the law is the law. Fine but he should not have to expedite her departure from the land of the living, contrary to what the Palace had misled us to expect; a mission of compassion and clemency it had been ballyhooed.

Do we see here the Reign of Terror and Error? A Police State after Martial Misrule?

Is public cussing (PI! Ulol! Atbp.) everyone's human and constitutional right that the President cannot be denied?

In *Re Yamashita*, 327 U.S. 1 (1946) reminds us of the atrocities of the last war, particularly in February 1945, or 61 years ago, when 100,000 were killed south of the Pasig. Justice Frank Murphy, the last US Gov-Gen here voted in favor of *Yamashita*, in dissent. The Japanese are with us in our row with China, as is Obama. Both Japan and the US give us military assistance. Should Digong also now curse the Japanese premier or royalty for World War 2 (after thanking them for generous assistance)?

There's a time for forgiveness. I am delighted that Imee Marcos now sort of apologizes for his father, reportedly. It may be a beginning, if true. No insistence on burial now in the Libingan ng Mga Bayani as long as the wounds are raw and deep should help. The Marcoses should make amends by way of financial support for ageing, ailing human rights victims on medical and burial needs, and scholarships for their children and apo. The healing may begin.

And now the bright side. We now have our first Woman Grandmaster Janelle

Frayna (and Eugene Torre, first Pinoy GM, had a sterling result in the Baku Olympiad, just concluded). Is Honeylet Avanceña Digong's Grand Mistress? She should be housed somewhere in San Miguel, near the Palace. The two kulasis can stay in Davao. But, note that what a President says and does the young may imitate. **Cont. on page 5**



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

DepEd is creating
criminal-minded youth

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children..." (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, the Holy Bible).

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RP'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM CREATING CRIMINALS OF PINOYS: How many more teachers, or, perhaps, students in our public schools should die before we awaken to the realization that our system of educating Filipino children is not creating good and responsible children or citizens but is actually making criminals out of them?

Of course, Department of Education Secretary Leonor Briones, ruing the killing by a 15-year old female student of her teacher, Vilma Cabactulan of the Pedro "Oloy" N. Roa National High School in Cagayan De Oro City last Tuesday, September 13, 2016, is correct in saying that "it is high time that the mental health needs of both our teachers and students are given attention..."

But, what else can Briones, or even the entire Duterte government, do to address the evidently deteriorated mental condition of both the teachers and students of public schools in the country when, for a long time now, DepEd has officially stopped the teaching of good manners and right conduct and of religion or spirituality to Filipino children?

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DEPED IS TO BLAME FOR CRIMINAL-MINDED YOUTH: Undeniably, since Filipino children are no longer taught good manners and right conduct and the proper fear and love of God in their schools, much less in their homes, they grow up not knowing right from wrong, and not knowing that evil behavior or conduct is punished severely while good and exemplary deeds are amply rewarded by the God that created all of us.

If Filipino school children are now capable of killing their teachers, and physically incapacitating their fellow students or even other people that cross their paths, DepEd has no one else to blame except itself. Through the years, it has espoused the rejection of moral, spiritual and socio-civic values by the kind of curriculum it has been and still is pushing nationwide.

In fact, DepEd has even become the prime enemy of the teaching of Biblical and spiritual principles to many students by its official policy---as shown by one of its circulars known as DECS Order No. 68, Series of 1999---of rejecting the DECS and DepEd-authorized operation of schools owned, managed, and operated, by Christian (Born Again) churches in the whole country.

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WHAT DEPED SHOULD BE TEACHING CHILDREN: With due respect, I must say that public schools---elementary and secondary---no longer train children in the way that they should go. More basically, DepEd schools do not even know the way that school children should be taught, so that even if they grow old they will not depart from it.

If any teacher, principal, superintendent, or any other high **Cont. on page 5**

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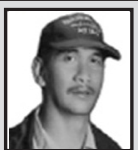
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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

**Sipain na mga Kano
sa Pinas?!**



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

"Yankee go home!" ang dapat na sigaw ng bayan.

Katulad ng aking ipinaliwanag sa nakaraang kong kulom ay hindi na ako mag-iisip basta sinabi ni Pangulong Digong ay yes ng yes na lang ako sapagkat ako ay isang tunay na DuTerTARD. Hindi ko na kukwestionin, kokontrahehin o pag-iisipan man lang ang mga pinagsasabi ng aking mahal na Haring Digong este Pangulong Digong at lahat ng sabihin niya ay basta BOW NA LANG AKO NG BOW at YES NG YES na lang ako, lalo na sa isyu na kanyang pinaalis ang mga Kano sa ating lupain at kanya na ring ininsulto ng ilang beses ang mga Kano ay isang napakagandang adhikain at mungkahi ng kanyang administrasyon. Ito daw ay isang opisyal na polisiya ng Duterte administrasyon.

Better get out of PI you white guys pronto as Secretary Perfect Yasay said na ayaw na natin na maging little brown brother na inyong didiktahan pagdating sa human rights, etc. Very good, very good pronouncements. Ibig sabihin ay kayang-kaya na nating tumayo ng independent sa ating sariling paa. Kaya dapat sana ay huwag na rin tayong humingi ng tulong sa mga ibang bansa katulad ng China at Japan, etc. Dapat ang isang independent foreign policy ay maging isang sistema kung saan wala tayong aasahan kahit sino pa na bansa.

Ayon naman kay dating Senador Enrile, ang pagkakaroon ng isang independent foreign policy ay nangangahulugan na dapat lang ay wala nang EDCA and other agreements and treaties na ating pinasok with the US. Kaya sana mahal na hari este Pangulong Digong ay kanselahin na rin ninyo ang mga treaty na pinasok ng mga nakaraang administrasyon para tuwang-tuwa na ang MILF, MNLF at NDF.

Yehey! Yehey! Tunay na Malaya na ang ating bansa! Katulad ng aking sinabi, base sa aking mga nabasa sa maraming netizens sa FB, ang kanilang pananaw ay mas kailangan tayo ng Kano at hindi natin kailangan ang Kano! Hi! Hi! Hi! Very true indeed, we do not need the Americans but the Americans need us!!! WHA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

Mas kailangan tayo ng mga Kano ha! Kung maari nga sana ay pati na rin ang mga kompanya ng mga Amerikano sa ating bansa ay lumipat na ng ibang bansa at hindi natin kailangan ng mga Kano sa bansa na ito at mismong si hari este Pangulong Digong ang nagsabi na "I am anti-american for personal reasons." At kaya nga niya hindi siniputan ang isang pagtitipon nila ni Obama at nagbigay na lang siya ng palusot na mayroon siyang migraine bagama't inamin niya pagbalik niya ng Pinas na palusot lang daw niya yuon at ayaw lang niya talagang daluhan, sapagkat siya ay anti-American.

Alam niyo naman na isa akong patriot at nationalist at heart kaya nga lahat ng aking gamit sa bahay ay puros lokal, at ni hindi nga ako kumakain sa mga restwaran ng Kano na katulad ng McDo, etc.

I love my country as it is the only country I have and if you destroy my country, I will kill you. Sounds family po ba. Hi! Hi! Hi!

NALPAS!

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

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DepEd official is going to be asked, what is the way that students should be trained on, I am willing to bet that 99% of them would not be able to answer correctly. They could not, because it is obvious that not many of them read the Bible, which describes the way that our children should be taught.

The only way that Filipino kids should be taught is

through the training and instruction of the Lord our God. What is this training and instruction of the Lord our God? It is to believe in God, and to love Him with all their might, heart, soul, and mind. If we impart to them this belief in God while they are still young, not only will they grow to be good men and women. They will also be blessed by God beyond expectations!

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Editorial

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Family values matter.

Drugs would not pose our only problem. Values, yes. Even traffic. I should not have to go to City Hall, Manila, from our home, in two hours plus. Palanan is only a few kilometers away. How do we house the poor in our barangay who now sleep on sidewalks and bridges? The War Against Poverty is not a War Against the Poor, who supply the bodies for the administration in their body count. The rich get due process. The poor? Little in life, nothing in law.

In the timorous wealthy barangay, policemen should not just be allowed to enter the villages to knock and say, "Mawalang galang na nga po, mayruon ho bang shabu dito?" Shabu is being studied for legalization in Thailand, I see, affirming that a bloody expensive violent failed policy is not the answer.

No one would be happier than Bottom Line if I am proven wrong by year-end in my continuing differences with a fellow Bedan. I was a decade ahead. Too bad Digong was never under, as far as I know, Justice Eduardo Caguioa, whose lo cortes no quita lo valiente, is never beyond easy recall. Courtesy does not detract from valor.

PI! may or may not be criminal, depending on the facts.

Context, Nizer said, is the most important word in English./Rene Saguisag, Manila Times, Opinion Columnist

No let-up in city's anti-peddling campaign

BAGUIO CITY – The Public Order and Safety Division of the City Mayor's Office continues to intensify its anti-peddling campaign not only in the city public market but also in major streets and parks to significantly reduce the number of ambulant vendors that constrict the smooth flow of pedestrian traffic along sidewalks.

POSD chief Policarpio C. Cambod said their anti-peddling campaign aims to restore the cleanliness and orderliness in the different crowded portions of the market and the sidewalks within the central business district and the barangays and parks.

"We have to be consistent with our anti-peddling campaign to send a clear message to our ambulant vendors that we mean business in our to bring back the streets to the pedestrians and motorists," Cambod stressed.

He added the intensified anti-peddling campaign is an offshoot of the recommendations of the Baguio-Boracay Re-development Task Force that found out in earlier inspections during the previous admin- ➔

12,804 jobs available in September 24 fair

BAGUIO CITY – More than twelve thousand local and overseas jobs will be up for grabs during the conduct of the 107th Baguio Charter Day Jobs Fair at the Baguio Convention Center on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Jose Atanacio, Executive Assistant IV and concurrent Public Employment Services Office (PESO) Manager, said of the available jobs, 9,319 vacancies will be offered by 12 overseas employment agencies that confirmed their participation to the jobs fair while 3,485 jobs will be offered by the 25 local companies that initially confirmed their joining the fair.

Earlier, some 44 companies confirmed their participation to the jobs fair pending the submission of their available job vacancies.

The local companies taking part in the job fair include Ace Hardware, Baguio Country Club, The Manor at Camp John Hay, Camp John Hay Management Corporation, Convergys, FC Laranang Group of Companies, International Hotel Groups (IHG), Isonn Marketing, Noble Trends Unbound, Sitel Philippines Corporation, MOOG Controls Corporation, SM Supermarket (Supervalue), Sunshine Supermarket, Sutherland Global Services, Tionsan Harrison, Toyota, Tree Top Adventure, Texas Instrument, HEDCOR (Aboitiz), On Semiconductor, ABC 360, Metrobank, PDEA-CAR, Jett Water Heater Co., City Light Hotel, Jollibee, Technodream Web Works and Gardenia Bakeries Philippines, Inc..

The participating overseas companies include 1st Northern International Placement, Inc., Amenrie Overseas Employment Agency, Inc., D.A. Rodrigo, E-GMP International Corporation, Magsaysay Maritime Corporation, MSL Stars Agency, September Stars Agency, Starborne International Promotion and Manpower Corp., YHMD Manpower, Keys Placement Agency, IPAMS, God's Will International Placement Agency, Placewell International Services Corporation, FAASI International Placement Agency, Health Carousel Philippines, Inc. and ASC Global Recruitment.

Aside from the possibility of being hired on the spot by prospective employers, job applicants will also be offered free manicure and pedicure, haircut, massage, among other basic services by participating individuals and groups.

Further, PLDT is offering free international calls to the job seekers wanting to contact their family members and relatives abroad.

The Charter Day jobs fair is organized in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), the Department of Public works and Highways – Baguio City District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Philippine Long Distance Company, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), DPWH-CAR, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)./By Dexter A. See

istration that ambulant vendors impeded the smooth flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the city.

According to him, the anti-peddling campaign is also an effort to address the plight of legitimate market stallholders on the need for the **Cont. on page 7**

REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BAGUIO CITY

OFFICE OF THE
EX-OFFICIO CITY
SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (PAG-IBIG)
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. HAROLD &
JANET PEREZ,
Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 16-682-S
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF
AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition
for foreclosure and sale
extra-judicially under Act
3135 as amended filed by
HOME DEVELOPMENT
MUTUAL FUND (PAG-
IBIG), hereinafter referred
to as the MORTGAGEE,
for the satisfaction of the

mortgage indebtedness of
SPS. HAROLD B. PEREZ
& JANET T. PEREZ,
hereinafter referred to
as the MORTGAGORS,
as of August 1, 2016 in
the amount of THREE
MILLION SEVENTEEN
THOUSAND FIVE
HUNDRED SIXTY
EIGHT PESOS and 07/100
(P3,017,568.07), Philip-
pine Currency, inclusive
of interest and penalty
but exclusive of expenses
incidental to the fore-
closure proceedings, the
undersigned or any duly
authorized sheriff will
sell at public auction on
October 6, 2016 at 10:00
o'clock in the morning
or soon thereafter at the
lobby of the main entrance
of the Justice Hall, Baguio
city to the highest bidder
for CASH and in Philip-
pine Currency, the real
property more particu-
larly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFI-
CATE OF TITLE NO. 018-
2011001994 REGISTER
OF DEEDS, BAGUIO
CITY

"A PARCEL OF LAND
(LOT 67-D-3-E-2, PSD-
CAR-0158857) BEING
A PORTION OF LOT
67-D-3-E (LRC) PSD-
124994, SITUATED AT
RURBAN CODE 131102
RES. SEC. "J", CITY OF
BAGUIO, ISLAND OF
LUZON, BOUNDED ON
THE NE., ALONG LINE
1-2 BY LOT 67-D3-D
(LRC) PSD-124994;
ON THE SE., ALONG
LINE 2-3 BY LOT 67-D-
3-E-3 OF THE SUBD.

PLAN; ON THE SW.,
ALONG LINES 3-4-5
BY ROAD LOT 67-D-
3-E-4 (3.00 M. WIDE)
OF THE SUBD. PLAN;
ON THE NW., ALONG
LINE 5-1 BY LOT 67-D-
3-E-1 OF THE SUBD.
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"1" x x x TO POINT OF
BEGINNING; CONTAIN-
ING AN AREA OF TWO
HUNDRED TEN (210)
SQUARE METERS MORE
OR LESS."

In the event there is
failure of auction sale,
the same is re-scheduled
to October 20, 2016, at
the same time and place
without need of re-pub-
lication.

Prospective buyers/
bidders are hereby
enjoined to investigate for
themselves the property
and the encumbrances
thereon, if there be any.
All sealed bids must be
submitted to the under-
signed on the above-stat-
ed date and time.

Baguio City, Philip-
pines, September 7, 2016.

By:

(SGD) LINDA G.
MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI and
Ex-officio Sheriff

(SGD) EDGARDO R.
ANCHETA
Sheriff IV

Publication dates:
September 10, 17, and
24, 2016

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
2600, Baguio City

SOSIMO CATALINO - Vendor Case No. 2012-CAR-883/
CECILIA C. PENULIAR - Vendee 2016-CAR-444
Petitioners

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 TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on September 27, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time 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) weekly 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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 11th day of August 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
2600, Baguio City

JIMMY K. BAKAKEO - Vendor Case No. 2013-CAR-254/
REMBER C. MONES - Vendee 2016-CAR-428
Petitioners

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 10th day of August 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

According to her, the 112 attempted suicide cases recorded for a 10-month period will now serve as the hospital's baseline data as BGHMC previous records were reportedly scattered and in disarray making it difficult for them to establish earlier baseline figures for attempted suicide cases.

Hipolito explained those who attempted to commit suicide have a high risk of committing the same act in the future, thus, appropriate interventions are being done to guide the said individuals in dealing with their issues in the best possible way to prevent acts that would result in loss of lives.

The medical officer claimed the hospital was not able to record who among the attempted suicide victims eventually died or the number of deaths as a result of suicide although their department will consider maintaining such records to serve as their basis for formulating appropriate policies to prevent people from unnecessarily taking their lives.

She emphasized there are numerous reasons that lead to depression that when aggravated by mental illness, there will be a big possibility that the affected individuals will commit suicide using various forms, thus, the need for those with mental illness to immediately seek early consultations with the nearest hospital for proper diagnosis to prevent their situation from further escalating that may lead to suicide.

Hipolito appealed to the public to consult with psychiatrists to get the appropriate diagnosis for mental health issues to prevent them from being depressed and subsequently committing suicide./By Dexter A. See

No let-up in... ...from page 5

local government to rid the sidewalks of ambulant vendors as they pay taxes to the city while those sidewalk vendors do not.

Cambod appealed to stakeholders in the public market and the ambulant vendors to respect the stringent rules and regulations being currently implemented to maintain the cleanliness and orderliness in the market.

He also called on legitimate stallholders and businessmen to stop using ambulant vendors to sell their goods in the various streets to gain an advantage over their fellow stallholders legally doing their daily trade.

While the existing number of enforcers is not enough to guard the various sections of the market and the sidewalks in the central business district area from ambulant vendors, the POSD chief said that instructions were already given to them to observe maximum tolerance in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities to prevent them from potential complaints of abuse of authority.

He expressed his gratitude to the ambulant vendors for their full cooperation to the city's anti-peddling policy despite the presence of hard-headed individuals who continue to take the risk of vending around the city's streets.

Cambod said enforcers understand the need for ambulant vendors to do their trade but the vendors should also understand that there are existing rules and regulations that are to be followed to sustain the gains from the city government's efforts to bring back order and cleanliness in the city's show window./By Dexter A. See

TESDA embarks on 2-pronged approach for drug surrenderes

BAGUIO CITY – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is embarking on a two-pronged approach to help the hundreds of thousands of drugsurrenderes go back to mainstream society and become responsible and productive citizens of the community where they belong.

TESDA Deputy Director-General Diosdado Padilla said regional and provincial offices of the agency have personnel who can assist the drug surrenderees in career coaching and their subsequent training and assist them put up their own business and live a normal life in the community where they want to settle down.

However, Padilla revealed drug surrenderees must be certified as fit to undergo the appropriate training by the health department before they can avail of the training that will allow them to gain **Cont. on page 8**

BGH records... from page 1

years old, while 9 attempted suicide cases fall within the 45 to 49 age bracket and one suicide case was a 60-year old individual.

"Suicide and depression are public health concerns that is why we must work together to solve an impending social problem in the city. We are doing our best to help address the needs of those depressed individuals to prevent them from taking their lives via different modes," Hipolito stressed.

The BGHMC official revealed ingestion of multiple drugs, pesticides, insecticides, among others, was the most common suicide method with 69 patients, followed by incision with 23 cases, 4 cases of hanging, 2 cases of stabbing and 1 case of jumping.

suicide belonged to the 19 to 44 age bracket.

She added 26 patients in this category were 13 to 18

Republic of the
Philippines
First Judicial Region
RTC 2, Abra

For:

Annulment of
Marriage

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DECISION

-versus-

Dionicio B. Babac,
Respondent.

Civil Case No. 3229

x x x Wherefore,
premises considered, it
is the pronouncement
of this court, and now
so hold, to declare the
marriage between peti-
tioner VERONICA B.
BABAC and DIONICIO

B. BABAC as NULL and
VOID due to the psycho-
logical incapacity of the
respondent.

The petitioner is
ORDERED to publish
the dispositive portion
of this decision once in a
newspaper of general cir-
culation after fifteen days
from receipt hereof.

SO ORDERED,
Bangued, Abra this 30th
day of August 2016.

(SGD) CORPUS
B. ALZATE
JUDGE



STRESS FREE? - Mayor Mauricio Domogan avails of a free "Ventosa" to de-stress and remove body pains during the City Hall Employees Health Fair in observance of the 116th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary./By Bong Cayabyab

TESDA embarks...

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the knowledge and skills they could use to earn a living or

establish their own desired business.

"The adoption of TESDA's two-pronged approach to help drug surrenderees live a normal life is our commitment to a multi-sectoral approach to help in the anti-drug campaign of the Duterte administration to significantly reduce illegal drugs use and trade that affect the future of the youth in the different parts of the country. We have personnel in our regional and provincial offices with the appropriate knowledge and skills to guide drug surrenderees in the right direction towards changing their ways of living to a better and productive one," Padilla stressed.

The TESDA official revealed drug surrenderees could visit the nearest provincial office in their place and seek for career coaching upon presentation of the certificate of clean bill of health from the health department so that the trained personnel will be able to provide them with the necessary coaching sessions.

According to him, after the drug surrenderees have undergone the appropriate career coaching, TESDA personnel will assess the training needed by each so they can avail of scholarship and eventually get the appropriate training for competency purposes.

For those interested to put up their own respective businesses, Padilla claimed the agency is also willing to extend assistance for the drug surrenderees to put up their desired businesses and change their lifestyle from being involved in drugs to responsible and productive citizens of the community.

Padilla assured drug surrenderees in the different parts of the country that TESDA personnel are on hand to help them reform and be part of the responsible and productive citizenry of the nation who will be able to help bring the country to greater heights through their own individual and collective efforts./By Dexter A. See

Development of... from page 2

the new BCDA administration is on the right track in trying to fix the mess created by the previous leadership to bring back a healthy and harmonious relationship between the government and the developers.

He explained the local government is only a stakeholder in the development of the JHSEZ because the contracting parties include the BCDA and the CJHDevCo, thus, it is best for both parties to go back to the drawing board to iron out things and discuss the possibility of pursuing the stalled development project.

Domogan argued Resolution No. 362, series of 1994 that prescribed the 19 conditions imposed by the local government for the development of the former American rest and recreation area was part and parcel of the contract between the two parties, thus, the city should always be consulted whenever there are planned changes in the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The 247-hectare special economic zone is part of the 686-hectare Camp John Hay forest reservation that encompasses 14 heavily populated barangays that should be already segregated from the reservation, and that the occupied areas be awarded to the qualified homelot applicants pursuant to the conditions of the city for the development of the former air station.

Domogan commended the new BCDA leadership for having thought of renegotiating the lease contract in order to come out with a 'win-win solution' to pave the way for the realization of the full potentials of development inside the reservation and help spur the city's economic growth. /By Dexter A. See

Increase of minor... from page 3

hended by law enforcers and subsequently turned over to

the Social Development Center in Balenben, Irian which is under the jurisdiction of the City Social Welfare and Development Office but the problem is that the minor offenders easily escape from the government facility and then go back to their illegal activities in the market.

Officers of night vendor associations claimed the minor offenders are usually the ones responsible for pickpocket incidents in the market, saying that the presence of minors in the market and the night market areas beyond curfew hours should not be allowed to help reduce the number of robbery incidents committed in the crowded places.

The BCPO official committed police operatives will try to increase their visibility in the market and night market areas and exert efforts to reduce the presence of minor offenders to help minimize robbery incidents.

He encouraged the barangay tanods and marshals of the different associations to be on alert for the presence of minor offenders so that the probability of committing crimes could be prevented right from the start as robbery in the market places can affect the vibrancy of economic activities in the said places.

Yangot encouraged the members and officers of market vendor associations to continue raising their issues and concerns with the proper offices of the city so that appropriate and immediate actions could be taken to foster better relationships among the vendors and city officials and employees./By Dexter A. See

PRO-Cor intensifies police operations

BAGUIO CITY - The Police Regional Office - Cordillera (PRO-Cor) intensified its police operations including police visibility to ensure safety and security of the public following the pronouncement of President Rodrigo Duterte placing the whole country under "State of National Emergency on Account of Lawless Violence."

PRO-Cor Acting Regional Director PCSupt. Elmo Francis Sarona and Baguio City Police Office Director PSSupt. George Daskeo led the inspection of various areas of convergence, public areas as well as the economic key points in the city of Baguio and the placement of checkpoints at various strategic areas last week.

The PNP officials met with officials of the Philippine Air Force - Tactical Operations Group 1 led by its Commander Col. Onorlie Brillantes and inspected a giant mall chain and bus terminals in the central business district.

The PNP and AFP officials also conducted dialogue with the security officers of the various establishments and transport sector and explained the need to conduct such intensified police operations and the placement of additional police officers as partners of the security personnel.

The group also coordinated with the security

officers to ensure that the security measures are in place and that these are coordinated with the BCPO.

The team also inspected baggage at the bus terminals using the K-9 units and then moved on to the walk through of the checkpoints established by the BCPO at various areas in the city particularly the entry and exit points leading to Baguio City.

Sarona said that the operations are in response to state of lawlessness placing the PNP and the AFP in full alert status. "This means that we have more police visibility in the different areas doing intensified police works," he said.

He cleared that there is no threat in Baguio City and in the Cordillera region but the police do not discount possibilities such as what occurred in the Davao City bombing which left 14 dead and dozens injured.

"The authorities are on top of the situation. We do not have threat in the Cordillera but we are not taking chances," Sarona said. "We are just maximizing presence to ensure that everything will go smoothly and peacefully."

Sarona called on the public not to panic and not to be alarmed of the situation and appealed for more security consciousness from the public./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

Benguet RH Prov'l Advocacy Action Team convenes

BAGUIO CITY - The re-organized Provincial Advocacy Action Team on Reproductive Health and Magna Carta for Women convened recently to beef up plans for public awareness and enhance stakeholder participation on RH and related

concerns.

The province is one among the five pilot areas in the country which are recipients of the advocacy project dubbed "Sustained National and Local Advocacy for RH in the Philippines". The project is funded by Melinda and Bill Gates

Foundation through the Forum for Family Planning and Development Foundation in partnership with the Philippine Legislators Committee for Population and Development (PLCPD).

The other pilot areas

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Night market vendors want... from page 10

assistant and that there shall be 20 leaders for the whole night market.

According to them, the responsibilities of the representatives shall be as spokesperson and focal person, represent the whole night market in meetings called by concerned authorities, agencies and offices if the sub-block leaders are not required to attend; conduct, preside and distribute meeting notices among the sub-block leaders and make a weekly

report in case of events beyond the control of vendors.

The vendors also proposed priority shall be given to leaders with no violation or complaints filed against them by their members or the POSD enforcers and the assigned representative and assistant shall also be entitled to the P100 discount on night market fees per week.

The petition added display stands shall in no case be higher than five

feet and that consideration should be given to the size of retractable tents and umbrellas.

Food handlers shall wear proper attire, apron, hairnet, hand protectors or gloves and shall provide proper covers where the food is displayed.

Vendors who paid their slots for the week may opt to be absent any day or for the whole week and whether a vendor fails to sell or become absent any day during the vending week for any reason, they should not be given by enforcers an on hold status due to absence./By Dexter

Vendors back zoning in... from page 10

overdue, thus, the need for concerned stakeholders and the local government to get their acts together to improve the market even without the implementation of the overall development of the city's premier facility.

According to him, the proposal of the associations in the market zoning will be the basis of the local government in their

consultations with stakeholders to gather inputs from the various sectors before the final zoning plan will be implemented.

Earlier, the Supreme Court (SC) upheld the constitutionality of the ordinance prescribing the rules and regulations for the market development and the validity of the contract entered into between the local gov-

ernment and Uniwide Realty Sales and Development Corporation for the development of the city's market facility.

The local government formed a review committee to ascertain the capability of the developer to implement the market development project amidst reports that its assets are already subject to liquidation pursuant to orders from the competent courts./By Dexter A. See

Regional MSME Summit slated

in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY, - About 170 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the Cordillera will come together in Baguio City on September 21 to 22 to discuss issues and concerns affecting MSMEs in the region.

Dubbed as SME Summit, the event is spearheaded by the Regional SMED and the Department of Trade and Industry-CAR.

DTI-CAR Regional Director Myrna P. Pablo said the summit aims to provide a venue of knowledge sharing on opportunities for developing and resilient MSMEs. It is also expected that said summit will generate inputs and recommendations from local entrepreneurs for the crafting of a three-year MSME Development plan for the Cordillera Administrative Region for 2017-2022.

DTI Regional Opera-

tions Group Undersecretary Zenaida C. Maglaya will be the keynote speaker for the said event.

Other resource speakers will discuss the four outcome portfolios of MSME development. Dir. Jerry T. Clavesillas, the officer-in-charge of DTI-BSMED, will discuss "Enabling Business Environment" and "Philippine MSME Development Program for 2017-2022". The topic "Global Value Chain: Philippines' Frontier to Trade and Investments for MSMEs" will be presented by Asst. Secretary Rafaelita Aldaba of the DTI-Industry Development Group as part of the first session on Enabling Business Environment.

On the second session of the first day, speakers will tackle the leveling up of "SME Competitiveness: Technological Innovations". Speakers from the Department of Science and Technology

will discuss "Advancing MSMEs with Science and Technology" and the Gabriela Women's Association of Abra will share a testimonial as a partner for the Shared Service Facility program of DTI.

On September 22, the third session on Facilitating Market Access will have sub topics on "Food Safety Management System (Basic Food Hygiene and GMP)" by the Food and Drug Administration. Selected speakers from Baguio and Benguet will also share their best practices and an interactive question and answer portion will follow.

A session on "Innovative Financing" will have speakers from Landbank and Development Bank of the Philippines discuss their SME financing programs while the Small Business Corporation will likewise present their financial support to CAR's Priority Industry Sectors./Art Tibaldo-DTI CAR

SM contributes P351.2-M to Baguio's economy

BAGUIO CITY - The management of SM City Baguio was able to infuse a total of P351.2 million to the city's economy through the real property and business taxes that it paid to the local government for the past thirteen years of its existence in the city.

SM management paid a total of P258.8 million in real property taxes and P92.4 million in total business taxes to the city during the 13-year period of its operation in the city.

SM City Baguio has been adjudged as one of the top ten business and real property taxpayers in the city over the past several years and was elevated to the hall of Fame in both the business and real property tax categories in 2014.

"The management recognizes the importance of taxes as the lifeblood of the government for the effective and efficient delivery of basic services to the people and the implementation of priority development

projects beneficial to the greater majority of the populace. We continue to be committed in making sure that we pay to the government the right taxes in order for it to be plowed back to the people in the form of development projects and improved delivery of basic services, the SM management stated.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan cited the contributions of SM City Baguio in helping boost the city's economic growth over the time since it started operation in November 2003 up to the present considering that it is one of the most frequented business centers in the city.

He said the continuous increase in the number of business establishments doing business inside SM shows the sustained contribution of the increased business activities to the job generation efforts of the local government.

"We recognize the significant contributions of our business sector in

sustaining the economic activities in the city that contribute in our efforts to make Baguio a premier tourist destination in the global village amidst the current challenges on the absence of commercial flights and the non-commercial operation of our Loakan airport," Domogan stressed.

Domogan claimed the implementation of the down sized expansion project of the existing SM wall will contribute in further increasing the economic activities inside the facility because of the expected increase in the number of tenants who will be hiring qualified local residents for their available jobs contributory in providing employment opportunities for the people of the city.

Because of the expected increase in the number of tenants, the local chief executive believes that there will also be a surge in the amount of business taxes that will be paid by the business operators to the local government./By Dexter A. See

Benguet RH Prov'l Advocacy... from page 8

are Albay, Cebu, Palawan and Ifugao.

In the meeting convened by new Action Team chairperson Governor Crescencio Pacalso, Local Governance and Development Unit (LGDU)-PLCPD Manager Rio Magpayao underscored the tasks of the advocacy team to ensure project implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Mapayao stressed the need for additional funding from the local government which is important especially at the municipal level as they are frontliners in the implementation of the program. He also underscored the need for trainings of health personnel and service providers who do multi-tasks.

Mapayao assured the team that projects or

activities which bridge the gap of RH will be supported.

The Provincial Advocacy Action Team composed of representatives from the provincial government, non government organizations, media, academe, church, youth, and other

significant sectors was created through Provincial Ordinance No. 177 to oversee the implementation of the provisions of responsible parenthood and reproductive health law and Magna Carta for Women.

With the change in administration, Pacalso issued Administrative Order No. 2016-031 re-organizing team./JDP/SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INCLUDING CPC FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late BILLY CABINTO, who died on 01 May 2013 at the SLU Hospital of the Sacred Heart Baguio City, Philippines, consisting of a motor vehicle, of which motor vehicle is more particularly described as a Isuzu Jitney, bearing plate no ACE 780, including its certificate of public convenience (CPC) franchise granted under LTRFB Case No. 2012-CAR-165 has been the subject of an Affidavit of Self Adjudication of Motor Vehicle, including CPC/Franchise dated 13 September 2016, executed by his spouse/wife and compulsory legal heir, ESTRELLITA A. CABINTO, which instrument was duly entered as Doc No. 214; Page No. 43; Book No. XLII; Series of 2016 of the national registry of Atty. Jun Fred V. Parado, a Notary Public for and in Baguio City, Philippines.

Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 2016

Baguio to host 10th Nat'l Food Showdown

BAGUIO CITY – More than six thousand professionals and students in the culinary industry will be competing against each other in the over seventy competitions lined up for them in the prestigious 10th National Food Showdown in the city on October 19-21, 2016.

Anthony de Leon, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) and general manager of the Baguio Country Club (BCC), said 70 percent of the participants in the different competitions are students enrolled in different culinary-related courses while 30 percent of the competitors will be professionals in the culinary industry.

"It is the first time that Baguio City will host the National Food Showdown and this will contribute to the growth of the local tourism industry for the overall benefit of the city. We will have our hands full in attending to the needs of our visitors during the competitions," de Leon stressed.

Malou Galiste, HRAB

Executive Director, and BCC assistant general manager, said the National Food Showdown will feature skilled and talented students and professionals from all over the country who have been adjudged winners in the culinary competitions in Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and the National Capital Region (NCR).

The theme of this year's National Food Showdown is "Bringing the Farm to the Table" which is an effort of members of the hotel and restaurant industry to help in the promotion of organically grown fresh vegetables coming from the different parts of the Cordillera during the scheduled competitions as most of the ingredients for competition dishes will be sourced from the local farmers.

Ann Ramos, HRAB Secretariat head, said competitions lined up range from food and beverage preparations, events planning and organization, floral arrangements, desert-making, among others.

The National Food Showdown is part of the 13th Hotel and Restaurant Tourism (HRT) Weekend being spearheaded by the HRAB from September 5 to October 21, 2016.

De Leon disclosed the members of the board of judges for the various competitions lined up for the Luzon elimination round and the National Food Showdown proper will be well-known national and international chefs from the different parts of the country.

According to him, winners of the different competitions will have the chance to join international culinary arts competitions such as the Singapore Food Expo and other similar activities in the United States and other parts of the global village.

He called on local residents and visitors to support the organizers of the National Food Showdown in the city to guarantee the success of one of the prestigious culinary arts competition in the country./By Dexter A. See

Night market vendors want reconsideration of new rules

BAGUIO CITY - Concerned night market vendors want the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) to reconsider the passage of Resolution No. 12-2016 that prescribes the new rules for the operation of the night market to incorporate their suggestions and recommendations.

In a petition addressed to the BCMA, the various associations proposed a night market and a Public Order and Safety

Division (POSD) representative should be part of the screening process to make sure applicants go through the proper procedure that will avoid biases and favoritism.

The petition added if a night market vendor cannot assign a family member or any relative to be his or her replacement, then the vacant slot shall be given to walk-in vendors. They also asked that the replacement fee for lost vending identifica-

tion card should only be P50 because the P300 replacement fee provided in the new rules is excessive.

Further, the vendors claimed immediate family members within the first degree of affinity or consanguinity, including common-law spouses, for those who are not legally married but certified as living under one roof as husband and wife, may become an alternate on no-expiration status if the registered vendor will still sell at least two to three days per week.

The petition proposed there should be no registration fee for alternate vendors registered for two weeks.

Besides the 18 sub-block leaders, the vendors recommended that there should be one night market representative and one

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A HELPING HAND: Personnel from the Baguio's Finest extend their helping hand to a Baguio centenarian alighting from a taxi cab./By bong Cayabyab

Vendors back zoning in city market

BAGUIO CITY – Representatives of market vendors in the different sections of the city public market expressed their support to the zoning of the stalls inside the facility to improve the state of the city's show window and attract the influx of more residents and visitors to patronize their products.

Angeline Gayados, an official of the stall holders of the rice section, revealed it is high time for the local government to implement the zoning of stalls in order to allow market goers to have easy access to the different sections and avoid confusion due to the scattered types of businesses inside the facility.

"We call on the local government to work out the implementation of the zoning of stalls in the public market so that there will be order. We support the zoning of our stalls because we at the rice section are strictly adhering to the proper zoning of our stalls," Gayados said.

Gayados, together with other officers of various sections of the market, attended the recent inter-agency meeting initiated by the City Council Committee on Market, Trade, and Commerce to gather inputs from them on how to sustain the cleanliness and orderliness in the market to worthy of being a show window of

the city.

Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr., chairman of the Committee on Market, Trade, and Commerce, requested that the officers of the different sections of the market, including their mother organizations, should initiate the effort of zoning the market by writing a letter to the city informing the local government of their desire to help in the zoning of stalls and their proposals for this.

He expressed his gratitude to the concern raised by the market vendors on the need to implement the zoning of stalls and sections in the market as this is long

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