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## *Pahayagang palabanan!!!*

# DA: Climate Change a threat to food security, livelihood



**PREPARING FOR SUPER TYPHOON "PEPENG"** - As Typhoon "Pepeng" has maintained its strength with maximum sustained winds of 195 kilometers per hour near the center and gustiness of up to 230 kph towards Aurora-Isabela by Saturday noon and might hit Northern Luzon particularly Baguio City, the City Disaster Coordinating Council tracks and monitor "Super Typhoon Pepeng" while CDCC volunteers prepare their medical and emergency equipments to prepare for any eventuality./By Bong Cayabyab

**BAGUIO CITY** - The agricultural sector contributes 18 percent to the country's Gross National Product (GNP), and is essential in assuring food security and sufficiency to the Filipino people, as well as in providing employment and income to farmers and fisherfolks. But the present climate change phenomenon poses a big threat or impact.

and Water Management Agriculturist II, Caren Salandanan reported that from 1991 to 2007, almost 90% of the losses and damage to the country's rice production was due to flashfloods, typhoons and droughts. In corn production, the same reasons resulted to almost 98% in damages and losses in production during the same period. In 1998 alone, the El Niño phenomenon re-



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## 5,780 OSYs in CAR to take the ALS A&E exam on October 18

BAGUIOCITY— 5,780 out of school youths and adult elementary and secondary education undergraduates in Cordillera are set to take the Department of Education – Alternative Learning System’s (ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Examination on October 18.

ALS regional head Gloria Felipe said that of the 5,780 examinees, 455 registered in the Elementary ALS A&E exam, while 5,325 are listed in the secondary ALS A&E exam.

There are 658 registrants in Abra who will take their

examination at the Abra National High School. In Apayao, there will be 457 examinees, 308 of them will take the exam in Sipa National High School, 62 in Conner National Centralo School and 87 in Pedro Bunot Central School.

In Mt Province, 867 will be taking exam at the Mt Province General Comprehensive High School. In Ifugao, 735 will have their test at the Lagawe Central School, while 2,169 will take their exam at Benguet National High School in La Trinidad. 582 examinees in Kalinga will

take exam at the Tabuk National High School.

Testing centers in Baguio City are Quezon Elementary School, and Philippine Military Academy.

In last year’s ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Exam, 314 and 2,094 passed the elementary and secondary exams respectively. The ALS A&E examination is given for free to qualified examinees and those who will pass the exam will be qualified to enter secondary school (for elementary passers) and to enroll into technical/vocational or a college course.

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Undersecretary

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## Lawmaker Reiterates Ombudsman Gutierrez’s Term Ends This Month

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday reiterated that the term of Merceditas Gutierrez as Ombudsman expires this month as she is only serving the unexpired term of her predecessor, Simeon Marcelo.

Escudero, a member of the Judicial Bar Council, issued the statement after the House Committee on Justice dismissed the impeachment complaint against Gutierrez which, although was found sufficient in form, was adjudged insufficient in substance.

The 39-year old

senator said Marcelo was appointed Ombudsman in October 2002 and resigned in November 2005, after which Gutierrez was as his replacement. He explained that because Marcelo served as Ombudsman for over three years, Gutierrez only has four years in office and it ends this month.

Under the Constitution, the Ombudsman and his or her deputies shall only serve for seven years without the benefit of reappointment in the same position.

“Gutierrez is not entitled to a full term of seven years, ac-

ording to a 1955 Supreme Court ruling which has not been overturned. While she may have escaped impeachment, the Ombudsman might not overcome this legal impediment,” Escudero said.

Citing the case of Republic v. Imperial, the Court ruled that: “When the Constitution fixes the duration of a term of office, and at the same time provides for its being filled at a fixed time occurring periodically, it necessarily follows that, a casual vacancy occurring during such term of

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## BIR and CDA chiefs hit for delay in IRR for coops

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yesterday warned the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) it could face sanctions for the delay in the issuance of the regulations on the tax exemption and compromise of cooperatives.

In a letter to BIR chief Sixto Esquivias IV and CDA chair Lecira Juarez, the 39-year old lawmaker said both agencies

have failed to comply with the 90-day deadline for the release of the required regulations of RA No. 9520, otherwise known as the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008.

Under Article 140 of the same law, sanctions may be imposed against any public official or employee of any agency, bureau or office who in any manner hinders or restricts a cooperative’s full en-

joyment of the exemption from payment of taxes, fees and charges enumerated therein.

It imposes a penalty of one to five years in prison or a fine of not less than five thousand pesos or both on those found guilty of violating the law.

“So many of our people depend on the cooperatives movement for their livelihood. This law was passed to help them survive an economic

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## DOH holds climate change forum for health

BAGUIOCITY— To raise awareness on the emerging threat of climate change to health security and to establish linkages and to attract local attention to call for concerted actions to reduce the threat on environment, energy, agricul-

ture and health impacts to the lives of the Filipino people, the Department of Health National Center for Disease Prevention and Control, in coordination with the Center for Health Development (CHD-CAR) held a one day forum last week.

The forum, with the theme: “Protecting Health from Cli-

mate Change”, was attended by representatives from government line agencies, provincial health offices of the six provinces in the region, non-government organizations and the academe.

Dra. Cecil Magturo, Climate Change Focal Person of the DOH–National

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## Ifugao's Muyung Counters Effects Of Global Warming

L A G A W E , Ifugao - The muyung (forest) system of the people here can counter the effects of global warming.

Forester Jerry Camat, of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) here that it is an indigenous practice of every Ifugao to plant more than one tree for every tree cut by them.

It is already inherent in them to plant as many trees whenever they cut a tree that is why they are able to maintain their forest.

Known for its woodcarving industry, the province counts on its muyung system in protecting the environment. Woodcarvers are volunteering to plant trees in barren areas in Lamut and other sites in the province.

We are grateful that our woodcarvers are cooperating with us when it comes to the preservation of the forests here, Camat said. Seedlings were distributed to families for them to plant in their muyungs.

Camat, meanwhile, cautioned the people living in sloppy areas to move in safer grounds as typhoon Pepeng threatens northern Luzon./Vency D. Bulayungan/PIA-Ifugao



**DANCE AGAINST DRUG** -Members of Baguio Central Elementary School Dance Troupe show off their winning number to city hall officials and employees last Sept 28 at the city hall lobby. The dance troupe won the elementary category during the just concluded Dance Against Drug Activity sponsored by the Sangguniang Kabataan and the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council./Photo by Bong Cayabyab

## Loyal And Outstanding City Hall Employees Honored

BAGUIOCITY - The City Government of Baguio conferred honors to at least 159 awardees and 10 retiring civil servants during the observance of the 10th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary celebration held at Prince Plaza Hotel last September 25.

Congressman Mauricio Domogan, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas and Councilor Joel Alang Sab. were present to grace the occasion and presented the awardees plaques and cash (P10,000 which is equivalent to P1,000 per year of service) incentives to 59 Loyalty Awardees who rendered 10 years of service.

A plaque of recognition and a silver ring were given to 41 employees for 20 Years Loyalty in service and 25 Years

Loyalty Awardees while a gold ring was given to 24 Loyalty Awardees who rendered 30 years, 35, years and 40 years of public service respectively and P5,000 each, including insurance, fashion twin rings, bangle and umbrellas.

Multi-awarded Sabado Ugalde of the City Human Resource Management Office was awarded again this year (4 consecutive years) as one of the Nine Most Outstanding City City Hall Employees of the Year coming from the 31 Nominees from various offices' "Cream

of the Crop.who were also given a cash incentive of P5,000 each while P2,000 cash incentive was given to the nominees..

The other Most Outstanding Employee of the year are Rosalina Lubna from the City Assessor's Office, Stephen Capuyan, City Buildings and Architecture Office; Maila Maquito, City Mayor's Office; Luz Perez, Civil registry Office, Gerardo Soriano, General services office; Florence Tudlong Health Services Office; James Cosep, City Planning and Development Office and Emilia dela Cruz from the City

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## EO out for ad signs, signboards and billboards

BAGUIOCITY - With the general public's safety in mind, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. last week issued Executive Order 8; "Policies and Guidelines for permanent advertising signs, signboards, and billboards."

All the measures in the said order are anchored on the National Building Code, Memorandum circulars form the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), with additional provisions from the Electrical Code and Civil Code of the Philippines. The EO was

also done in coordination with concerned local offices; DPWH, the City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO), and the council committee on Public Utilities.

The EO also creates a Technical Working Committee (TWG) assigned to determine "conformity to public decency and good taste, aesthetic and size limitation of roof mounted signs," to be composed of: the official from the concerned office or designated representative from: the building official; City Mayor's office; City Planning and Development Office (CPDO); and the District Engineer of the DPWH. The City Parks Management Officer or his representative shall join the TWG, when a proposed sign shall be built within a hundred (100) meters from any park within city jurisdiction.

The EO shall cover application of sign permits when intended for a year of more of viewing. Advertising and business signs include boards and signs that directs attention to a business, profession, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered, to the same place or another, other than where the business is located.

Stringent measures are taken during application; where requirements, among others would be, proof of ownership of building or location; or a duly notarized lease of contract; five sets of plans, specifications and other related contract documents; and certificate of occupancy, if the sign or board structure is roof or wall-mounted.

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**We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals - not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.**

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno

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## Let A Thousand Cellphones Bloom: 2

As Typhoon "Ondoy" hit, the scrawny fund-short disaster management systems of a VAT-rich government crumbled. Laborer Muellmar Magallanes drowned after rescuing his 31st victim: a six month old infant. This is a country where each congressman burns P1-million for travel but can't buy rubber boats. Onli in da Pilipins?

Flood, fire and looters ignore legal city limits. Yet, petty turf-guarding, by local mayors, gut crafting needed metro-wide program. This is true whether in Manila or Cebu. Private citizens, meanwhile, mustered cellphones to patch "Ondoy" rescue and relief projects.

"Let a thousand cell phones bloom" urged an unlikely coalition of trapos and rebels in July 2005. Phones would send People

## EDITORIAL

Power boiling into streets after the President's State of the Nation address.

"They did that to oust Joseph Estrada" in 2001, "Viewpoint" recalled then. "But cellphones didn't ring twice this time."

First generation cellphones appeared six years after People Power One. Underground radio, a samizdat press and tele-phones formed the 1986 Edsa uprising's network. Foreign tv and radio broadcast that peaceful rebellion. Czechoslovakia's "Velvet Revolution" and Ukraine's "Orange Uprising" cloned Edsa.

Today's phones have built-in SMS, Internet, video cameras. Iranians broadcast the Revolutionary Guards' brutal suppression of demonstrators. Japanese use the phones as "electronic wallets", mainly to shop. Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus linked Bangladesh's poorest families to credit by pooled cell phones. Grameenphone now has 10 million subscribers.

Seven million Chinese hefted cellphones in 1996. A 38-fold explosion resulted in 269 million subscribers by 2003, Worldwatch Institute notes. Today, over 600 million Chinese — approximately six Philippines — text or call.

Phones morphed into cultural symbols. Chinese funerals feature paper cellphones, so in the afterlife, the deceased can call. "The phone is a metaphor of cultural practices," notes Anthropologist Genevive Bell.

Mobile cellular subscribers are scattered from Sao Paulo, Manila to Johannesburg. They exceeded four billion this year, International Telecommunications Union records show. "Every second person in the world today, in theory at least, could be using a mobile phone."

Year-on-year growth, in cellphone subscribers, never dipped below double digits, since the century's turn. In 2000, mobile phone penetration reached 12 percent. By early 2008, it breached the 50 per cent mark.

Filipinos became first in the world to wage revolution with cellphones in 2001. They "provided the first real test of text messaging". Howard Rheingold writes in "Smart Mobs: The Next Social Revolution".

Minutes after Juan Ponce Enrile and 10 other senators sealed the second envelop, in the Estrada impeachment trial, text messages exploded. "Black-clad protesters (were) summoned together by a single texted line: "Go 2 Edsa. Wear black." Cellphones ringing twice sent Erap packing.

Lebanese cloned Filipino tactics to whip up rallies that "resembled Edsa's human waves," wrote Christian Science Monitor's Cathy Hong. Beirut's "Cedar Revolution" forced Syria to end its 29-year occupation.

Numbers and technology have boosted the Filipino's communication reach. Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company tallied 35.2 million subscribers last year, disclosure statements to Security and Exchange Commission reveal. Smart accounts for 20.9 million subscribers and PhilTel another 14.3 million.

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### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Comelec seeks amendment of overseas voting law*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**COMELEC SEEKS AMENDMENT OF THE OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING LAW:** The Commission on Elections is seeking an amendment of the overseas absentee voting law in an effort to entice more Filipinos abroad to register and then ultimately exercise their right to vote in any Philippine election.

According to Comelec Commissioner Armando Velasco in an interview Thursday with BATAS RADIO, the poll body wants to effect a system of registration and voting for overseas Filipinos which will no longer require the registrants to personally appear to be registered and to vote.

"We are looking into the possible use of the Internet or other computerized systems where our countrymen no longer have to leave their homes or their work to register and then vote in their places of residence or employment abroad," Velasco said.

Officials of the poll body have been conducting meetings and dialogues with concerned governmental agencies and private entities to attain this objective, Velasco added.

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**560,000 FILIPINOS OVERSEAS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN MAY 2010:** Right now, there are approximately 560,000 Filipinos abroad who have already registered with the Comelec for purposes of participating in the May 2010 elections under the overseas absentee voting law.

This represents an increase of almost 50 percent from the previous total number of overseas Filipino-registrants which, in 2007, stood at 300,000 more or less. Filipinos in Hong Kong account for about 90,000 registrants, while a great number come from the Middle East. Very few come from Europe, although there is a big number of Filipinos in the area.

Nevertheless, these figures pale in comparison with the estimated number of 15 million or so Filipinos who are in foreign soils, either as permanent immigrants or as temporary workers.

Velasco told BATAS RADIO Thursday the poll body is making an appeal to those already registered, and to the relatives in the Philippines of Filipinos who are abroad, to encourage others to likewise register and then participate in the country's political exercises.

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**COMELEC NOW FINALIZING LIST OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS WHO CAN VOTE:** Registration for overseas Filipinos who would like to vote in the May 2010 elections was terminated on August 31, 2009, pursuant to law, with the Comelec now finalizing the list of qualified overseas Filipino voters.

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## CORDI NAWI

*The Papal Letter on Sunday*  
(13th of a Series)

BY: EMILIO LIWANEN

**Laodicean Church Period**

The ecclesiastical law mandating Sunday rest was issued by the Laodicean Council. In Revelation 3:14-22, Jesus told John the apostle to write a letter to the church of Laodicea. Most commentators agree that the Laodicean church really existed in Roman times. Sir William M. Ramsay, a noted English archeologist and geographer, surveyed the ruins of Laodicea in the early 1900's and wrote extensively about the historical accuracy of John's letter regarding that church.

Some commentators explain that each of the seven churches cited in Revelation also symbolizes, or serves as an allegory for, one of the seven periods of Christian church history. "The characteristics of these churches serve as a prophetic representation of the seven great periods of Christianity.

The last church period mentioned is Laodicea. As shall be seen, it is allegorically and prophetically significant that the council which mandated Sunday rest met in the ancient city of Laodicea.

Laodicea is today uninhabited. It lies in ruins as a testimony that all who foster the spirit of Laodicea, the tendency to compromise with the world, will also cease to exist after the day of judgment. "Laos" (Strong's no. 2992) in Greek means "people". "Dicea" (Strong's no. 1349) in Greek means "judgment". Thus, Laodicea means "people of judgment". The Laodicean period is the last period on earth of the Christian church. We are now living in the Laodicean period-in the time when God is judging all who claim to be His people. In this period we shall witness worldly governments uniting with nominal churches to mandate Sunday rest.

The letter to Laodicea foreshadows a modern Sunday law and scenes of earthly judgments pronounced on Sunday desecrators. Jesus, who dictated the letter to the Christians of the Laodicean period, identified Himself. "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the [1] Amen, [2] the faithful and true witness, [3] the beginning of the creation of God." Revelation 3:14.

1. "Amen" means "the end". This period covers the last time of grace on earth, the time before the second coming of Jesus.

2. "The faithful and true witness" implies a judgment, as does the word "Laodicea". God's people will be judged in heaven according to His law—but on earth according to the laws and traditions of men. The faithful and true will be called to witness during the coming civil and ecclesiastical Sunday law. Even as the Laodiceans of the first centuries were judged by the tribunals of pagan Rome, in like manner the faithful will soon be called to testify for their observance of God's law, particularly the Sabbath, before courts influenced by papal Rome.

"The church of Laodicea suffered as much as the other churches of Asia Minor from the persecutions of the second century, Sagaris, Bishop of Laodicea, suffered martyrdom and was buried in Laodicea...Artemon the presbyter of Laodicea...refusing to worship idols, was killed for his faith"

Jesus foretold that His followers would be persecuted in the end, for their faith and obedience. "But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles...And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another." Matthew 10:17,18,22,23.

The last persecution led by the dragon (the devil) against the woman (God's church) will be over God's holy law and the fourth commandment. "And the dragon was wroth with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17

3. "The beginning of the creation of God" calls to mind the first week of earth's history and the seventh-day Sabbath as its eternal

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**Cotto Urged To Do A Mayweather: 'Bloat And Outweigh' Pacquiao**

LOS ANGELES, California – Buoyed by the recent lopsided victory of Goliath over David, backers of World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior welterweight champion Miguel Cotto (34-1, 27 KOs) have egged the 28-year-old native of Caguas, Puerto Rico to adopt the strategy employed by Teammayweather Jr. when he squares off against boxing's best pound-for-pound Manny Pacquiao (49-3-2, 37 KOs) on November 14 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cotto will stake his belt when he collides with the 30-year-old Filipino reigning International Boxing Organization (IBO) light welterweight king in a "catch" weight: 144 pounds.

Since he appears to be slightly physically superior being a natural 142-pounder, some of Cotto's backers thought he could overwhelm Pacquiao by using his size to buttress his force and ring prowess.

Analysts believed Floyd Mayweather Jr. was "too heavy" for hitherto lightweight campaigner Juan Manuel Marquez to handle, not to mention Mayweather's natural talent and

skills perfectly tailored for the welterweight class.

Cotto, however, will not be the first fighter to have breached the 140-pound level that Pacquiao will face.

In December last year, the four-time world titlist in four different weight divisions, brought down the biggest Goliath in fight business – Oscar De La Hoya – with a smashing 10<sup>th</sup> round technical knockout (TKO) win in Las Vegas.

And on May 2, this year, Pacquiao silenced the cynics when he tore to shreds in two brutal rounds another Goliath, Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton of Great Britain also in Las Vegas.

The three – De La Hoya, Hatton, and Cotto – sat comfortably for years carrying world boxing jewels in their heads above the 135-pound weight bracket where Pacquiao reigned with unmatched supremacy and ferocity at the same time as World Boxing Council (WBC) franchise holder.

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Mayweather Jr. had reported to the weighing scale "over bloated" but was prepared to pay the \$600,000 penalty imposed by the Nevada State

Athletic Commission (NSAC) in his 12-round September 19 conquest of Juan Manuel Marquez in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mayweather has denied it was his "over" weight that tore to ribbons Marquez face even as he nearly made the gutsy "Mexicutioner" wipe the canvas with his face for good in the second stanza with a searing signature left hook.

Having survived what could have been an embarrassing trip to dreamland and stretched Mayweather to the limit, Marquez offered no excuses except to grumble that he was fighting a Goliath who outweighed him by as much as 20 pounds a day before the fight.

Marquez thought an upset win over Mayweather could bring him closer to a record third showdown against Pacquiao, the man he has been passionately chasing all the way from superfeatherweight to lightweight until his gallant effort was put to a screeching halt by the Mayweather Express.

Mayweather claimed there was no way for any visitor in his division to derail his comeback bid even after a 21-month layoff; he even refused to

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## JOHN HAY, NILALABAG ANG 19-POINT CONDITIONALITIES! TUBIG SA LOOB, BINABALAK IBENTA!!

Makikita ninyo ang intensyon na mangagaling misn estado at hindi n

1. Matagal na bang alam ng mga kinaukulang opisyaes (Congressman, Mayor, City Councilors) ang balak na ito ng John Hay Water Systems Inc., na mag benta ng tubig sa mga kalapit nilang Barangay?

2. Ang proyektong ito ay lantarang paglabag sa John Hay Point 19-point conditionalities, kung saan ang John Hay ay hindi dapat galawin ang tubig sa loob ng John Hay, at inuutusan pa nga sila na kumuha ng tubig sa labas ng Baguio para sa kanilang pangangailangan sa loob ng John Hay, tulad halimbawa ng pandilig sa golf course nila.

3. Ano ang stand o posisyon ng ating mga kinaukulang

opisyaes hinggil sa issue na ito, sila ba ay pabor o tutol dito, at ano ang kanilang mga kadahilanan?

4. Sa aming panananaw ay iligal ang pagbibigay ng NWRB ng pribilehiyo o karapatan sa isang pribadong grupo pagdating sa water distribution kung saan mayroon water district na sa nasabing lugar, at lalong-lalo na mayroong kakayahan ang Baguio Water District (na siyang may karapatan sa water rights and distribution sa siyudad ng Baguio) na magsagawa ng water distribution!

5. Talagang kahanga-hanga itong Camp John Hay Development na ito sapagkat malaki pa hanggang sa kasalukuyan ang kanilang utang na back rentals sa national government ngunit

Republic of the Philippines  
**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

JOHN HAY WATER SYSTEM, INC.,  
Applicant Case No. 09-1349

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Applicant requests for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Barangays Camp John Hay, Hillside, Scout Barrio, Baguio City Country Club, Happy Hallow and Kadaklan, Baguio City with authority to charge the following rates:

Residential / Institutional / Public Taps		Commercial / Industrial	
Consumption, cu. m.	Peso / cu. m.	Consumption, cu. m.	Peso / cu. m.
0-10 (min)	P318.00	0-25 (min.)	P1,590.00
11-20	37.00		
21-30	42.90		
31-40	50.90		
41-50	58.90	26-1000	85.80
Over 50	73.40		
		Over 1000	117.80

Notice is hereby given that this applicant will be heard by the Board on October 5, 2009, hearing will start at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the NWRB Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, NIA Bldg., EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City at which time Applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing. Applicant shall publish this notice once in a (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of: (i) the application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Failure on the part of any affected party to file its Opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard and the Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure on the part of the Applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2009.

By Authority of the Board:  
(Sgd.) **RAMON B. ALIKPALA**  
Executive Director

Affected Parties:  
The Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Baguio City

The Barangay Chairman  
Within the affected Barangays of  
John Hay Water System, Inc.  
Baguio City

The General Manager  
Baguio City Water District  
Baguio City

*Notice of Hearing ng John Hay Water Systems, Inc. na na-ipublish sa Baguio Midland Courier nitong September 20, 2009.*

**Linis Gobyerno, Inc.**  
(Clean Government/Governance)

September 28, 2009

HON. REINALDO BAUTISTA JR.  
City Mayor  
Baguio City

Vice Mayor and Members of the Baguio City Council

Subject: John Hay Water Systems Inc. water distribution

Dear Official/Address:

With all due respect, the undersigned would like to be clarified on the hereto attached notice of hearing at the NWRB regarding the application of the John Hay Water Systems Inc. water distribution at certain areas within Baguio City.

1. What is your official position on this application?
2. If your office filed an opposition at the NWRB on this application can we get a copy of your opposition?
3. Is this application not in violation of the nineteen (19) point conditionalities entered into by the City of Baguio and Cam John Hay Dev Co?

Should your reply to this letter be ready kindly text/call 0917-5069123 so that we can send over our representative to pick up your reply.

Sincerely,  
  
Odell P. Aquino  
Director For Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices

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-Mahatma Gandhi

*Liham ng Linis Gobyerno kay Mayor Bautista at mga City Councilors*

ninyo ang isang notice ng Camp John Hay Water Systems Inc. ang kanilang ipon na magbenta ng tubig sa mga kalapit na Barangay. Ang tubig na ito ay nagiging mismo sa loob ng Camp John Hay. Ang tubig na ito pagmamay-ari ng Camp John Hay. Sa puntong ito ay mayroon tayong mga ilang katanungan at komento hingil sa issue na ito.

mayroon silang kakayahan na mag-invest at magsagawa ng isang malaki at malawakang water distribution?! Hindi kaya mas mabuti na ayusin at bayaran muna ng Camp John Hay ang kanilang atraso sa National Government bago magsagawa ng kung ano-anong mga bagong proyekto!?


6. Nararapat siguro na ang NWRB, bilang isang ahensiya ng gobyerno ay protektahan muna ang interes ng gobyerno, at bago bigyan ng permiso o karapatan ang Camp John Hay na magbenta ng tubig ay bayaran muna ng Camp John Hay ang kanilang atraso sa back rentals.

7. Marami sa Baguio ang walang tubig at tayo ay nagtititiis

mag-apon ng tubig ulan. Sa kagustuhan man ng BWD na bigyan tayo lahat ng tubig ay di nila magawa dahil wala silang SOURCE! Tapos papayagan ang John Hay authorities na gamiting pandilig sa mga damo at ibenta ang tubig sa loob ng Camp John Hay?!

Gising mga kababayan! Hindi ito dapat payagan, hindi dahil sa ayaw nating magkatubig ang Kadaklan, Happy Hollow, etc. ngunit dahil ang tubig sa Camp John Hay ay para inumin ng lahat ng residente ng Baguio at hindi dapat pakinabangan ng Camp John Hay authorities?!





**Linis Gobyerno, Inc.**  
(Clean Government/Governance)

September 28, 2009

**MS. TERESITA DE GUZMAN**  
General Manager  
Baguio Water District (BWD)  
DPS Compound, Baguio City

**Subject: John Hay Water Systems Inc. water distribution**


Dear GM De Guzman:

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**BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT**  
"ON FIRM GROUNDS, MOVING FORWARD"

October 1, 2009

**Mr. ODELL P. AQUINO**  
Director for Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices  
LINIS GOBYERNO, INC.  
G/F PCEC Bldg., Happy Homes,  
Campo Sioco, Baguio City 2600

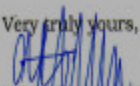
Dear Director Aquino,

This is in response to your letter dated September 28, 2009 regarding the application of John Hay Water System, Inc. for the issuance in its favor of a Certificate of Public Convenience purposely to operate and maintain a waterworks system within some of its neighboring barangays.

We wish to inform you that we have filed a consolidated Motion for Postponement of the hearing before the NWRB which is set on October 5, 2009, and a Motion for Extension for the filing of our comment to JHWSI's application since BWD has not been formally notified of the same and is yet to receive a Notice or Order from the NWRB regarding the matter.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

  
**TERESITA P. DE GUZMAN**  
General Manager

No. 63 Purok BWD, Barangay Marcellville, 2601 Baguio City, Philippines

*Liham ng Linis Gobyerno kay Teresita De Guzman, General Manager ng Baguio Water District*

*Letter-reply ng Baguio Water District*

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

CHINA BANKING  
CORPORATION  
*Mortgagee,*

-----versus-----

JUANITO A.  
GIRON;  
*Mortgagor*

x-----x

FORECLOSURE  
CASE 09-147-S

REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE  
CONTRACT Under  
Act 3135 as  
Amended

SHERIFF'S  
NOTICE OF SALE

Upon extra-Judicial petition for the sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by CHINA BANKING CORPORATION, hereinafter, referred to as the MORTGAGEE, as against JUANITO A GIRON, hereinafter referred to as MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 26, 2009 amounts to SEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN and 48 / 100 (Php7,498,277.48) Philippine Currency plus stipulated interest, penalties, attorney's fees but to exclude other charges incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the

Clerk of Court/Ex-Officio Sheriff thru the Sheriff-In-Charge announces that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippines Currency at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Justice Hall Lobby Baguio City, over the two (2) parcels of land together with all its improvements existing thereon, particularly described as follows, to wit:

**T R A N S F E R  
C E R T I F I C A T E** of  
TITLE NO. T-90680  
A parcel of  
Land (Lot A-4-C-5-  
G-2-B, Psd -CAR-01  
4233) being a  
portion of Lot A-4-C-  
5-C-2,  
Psd- CAR-  
011286, situated at  
rurban code

131102, Res.  
Sec. "J" City of  
Baguio, Island of  
L u z o n .  
Bounded on the N,  
along line 1-2 by  
Iota-4  
-C-5-G-1; on  
the NE., along line  
2-3 by Lot A-4-  
C-8, Psd-CAR-  
010921 (Road Right  
of way) on the  
S, along line 3-  
4 by Lot A-4-C-:7,  
Psd - CAR  
010921; on the  
SW., along line 4-1  
by Lot A-4-C-  
5-G-2-A of the  
subd. plan. Begin-  
ning x x x  
containing an  
area of FIFTY NINE  
(59) sq. meters  
more or less  
registered in accor-  
dance with the  
provisions of  
section 103 of the  
property Registra-  
tion Decree in the  
name of JUANITO A.  
GIRON, of legal  
age, single, Filip-  
ino citizen and a

resident of 178  
Woodgate Road,  
Camp 7, Baguio  
City.

**T R A N S F E R  
C E R T I F I C A T E** of  
TITLE NO. T-87691  
A parcel of  
land Lot 4, Pcs —  
C4R-000941, being  
a portion of  
consolidation Lot A-4-  
C-70C, Psd-CAR  
011846, and Lot A-  
4-D-3, Psd-C4R  
010384 situated at  
rurban code 131102,  
Brgy. Res. Sec. "J",  
City of Baguio, Is-  
land of Luzon.  
Bounded on the N.,  
NE., along line 1-2-  
3 by existing Road  
Lot A-4-C 7-B,  
Psd=CAR-011846;  
on the NE., along  
line 3-4 by Lot  
5 (Road Lot) of  
the consolidation  
subd. plan; on the  
SE., along line 4-5 by  
Lot 2 of the consoli-  
dation subd. plan.  
Beginning x x x x  
containing an area

of ONE HUNDRED  
(100) SQUARE  
METERS more or less  
including present  
and future improve-  
ments thereon.

Prospective  
buyers/bidders are  
hereby enjoined to  
investigate for  
themselves the real  
properties men-  
tioned above and its  
encumbrances  
thereon, if any  
there be.

Baguio City, Philip-  
pines, September 16,  
2009.

By:  
(SGD)REMEDIOS B.  
REYES  
Clerk Of Court VI /  
Ex-Officio Sheriff  
BY: (SGD) MARANI  
S. BACOLOD

Copy furnished:  
To all parties  
concerned  
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19, 26 and October 3,  
2009

## Demand for skilled OFWs increases

TABUK, Kalinga—Skilled workers from the province are getting better job opportunities abroad as gleaned from recent job fairs sponsored by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), here.

Recruitment agencies frequent the province seeking for skilled overseas workers who are in-demand in various countries. They seek for trained workers for hotels, groceries, offices, schools and hospitals, other than the usual offer for domestic helpers and care givers.

Although the hiring for domestic helpers and care givers are still on top, deployment of skilled workers from the province is remarkably going-up. To date, there are more than 100 skilled OFWs from the province now deployed in various countries.

In the province, deployment of skilled OFWs start to rise be-

cause of programs and trainings provided by government agencies, in coordination with local government units (LGUs).

During trainings, trainers are being provided by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and Department of Science and Technology, while materials and facilities and other incidental expense are shouldered by the LGUs.

Meanwhile, the Department of Labor and Employment recently launched (DOLE) "Project Job Fit that will put together a robustly flexible road map that would guide students and new entrants to the labor force in identifying college and technical-vocational courses that they may pursue to land in available industry jobs or to engage in self-employment undertakings required by the economy after graduation./L.Lopez/ PIA-Kalinga

## Sec. Teodoro presides over joint RDCC CAR-Region 1 meeting

La Union—With the impending onslaught of typhoon "Pepeng", Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro called on the various local government unit heads in Region 1 and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to not be restricted by regional boundaries when it comes to disaster management.

Presiding over the joint CAR and Region 1 Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC) meeting on Thursday, he instructed the various LGUs and government line agencies to set aside, political and geographical considerations in these times of emergency.

"If it would be quicker and far more practical for Region II to respond to the needs of Kalinga and Apayao, or perhaps Region I for Abra, than

entities from the Cordillera Region, then by all means, do so," he said.

He called on the various front line agencies to take preventive measures in order to achieve "zero-casualty" in the regions in Northern Luzon that will be affected by Pepeng.

"Considering the difficulty of NCR to extend assistance to areas that might be hit by Pepeng, the capabilities of front line agencies here is all the more expected," Teodoro said, referring to the LGUs and government line agencies in Regions 1 and CAR.

"As Pepeng is expected to hit land by Saturday, by Friday, you should have made a sound judgment or assessment if there is a need for pre-emptive evacuation. This is better than to be rescuing later on," Teodoro, who is also

the chairman of the National Disaster Coordinating Council added.

During the meeting held at the waiting area of the San Fernando Airport here, Teodoro said he was authorizing the heads of the regional Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) to draw rice assistance.

"You know the procedure, you do not need to call me. As in the rice assistance, we can account for these and other forms of assistance that we will be extending to the needy properly after. The important thing is, we deliver the needed assistance and help the best way we can first," he added.

He also called on the local chief executives and line agency heads to "ensure that all necessary equipment and resources are pre-positioned."

"Look into the communication issue because things will be way easier if we have proper communication lines on hand. Next is the power issue, because once power is cut, communication will be affected. And if both are down, another important issue is mobility, and lastly, the delivery of service. Make sure the four basic essentials are ready, namely water, food, clothing and medicines," he said.

The meeting was attended by San Fernando Mayor Pablo Ortega, La Union Governor Manuel Ortega, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, regional directors from the, Departments of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Health (DOH), Agriculture (DA), Public Works and Highways (DPWH), OCD and the Philippine Information Agency/PIA



**DA: Climate**

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sulted in a negative 6.6 growth in the agricultural sector.

Salandanan explained that some human activities increased Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the atmosphere that contribute to global warming, and eventually resulted into the rise in sea level, extreme climate aberration, temperature rise and rainfall variability. These are contributing factors to flashfloods, stronger typhoons and droughts which decreases agricultural outputs and eventually will affect national food security/sufficiency program and farmers/fisherfolks main source of income.

As government's response to mitigate the effect of climate change in the agri-sector and to attain the goal of national food security and sufficiency, the Department of Agriculture is currently implementing the FIELDS program or Fertilizer, Irrigation and Infrastructure, Extension and Education, Loans, Dryers and other postharvest facilities and Seeds and other genetic materials., Salandanan said.

Salandanan stressed that for fertilizer and soil management, DA is working on organic-based agricultural fertilization program. For irrigation and drainage program, they are involved on irrigation system expansion/restoration/rehabilitation, watershed management and re-use of wastewater for irrigation and other agricultural purposes. For education, DA is facilitating trainings on water management and water saving technologies, organic fertilizer production, farmer Water School (FWS), Farmer Field School (FFS) and livelihood trainings.

Aside from their regular loans, dryers and other post harvest facilities program, the DA is also working on developing seeds that are drought and flood tolerant, specially on rice varieties, for distribution and buffer stocking.

Other mitigation that the agricultural sector could do, according to Salandanan, include a study on the interaction between the use of bio-energy with food security, develop and promote efficient and cost-effective technologies on-farm use of agricultural residues, promote livelihood improvement to strengthen farmer/fisherfolk economic resiliency, encourage fisherfolk to shift from fish hunting to fish farming, and to implement coastal resource management.

Salandanan was one of the resource speakers in the Climate Change forum for Health hosted by the Department of Health National Center for Disease Prevention Salandanan and Control, in coordination with the Center for Health Development-Cordillera/Lito Dar/PIA

**Batas**

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But for those who would like to vote in subsequent elections, Velasco said registration is usually carried out at the Philippine consular and embassy offices abroad.

Those who can register are Filipinos who are 18 years old and above and who are Filipino citizens, and who are not suffering from any disqualification as determined by Philippine laws.

The catch however is that, the intended registrants must personally appear in the consular and embassy offices and submit proof of their age and Filipino citizenship, and this is where the problem lies because not many overseas Filipinos would want to leave their work and their homes just to register.

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**LOW VOTER TURNOUT AMONG OVERSEAS FILIPINOS FEARED:** One big problem the Comelec faces here is seeing to it that, of the 560,000 or so who have already registered for overseas absentee voting as of August 31, 2009, many, if not all, of them will actually vote.

The record, Velasco also told BATAS RADIO Thursday, shows that in 2007, only 16.21 percent of the 300,000 or so that registered for that year. In 2004, the percentage of those who voted was higher—64 percent approximately—presumably because it was a presidential elections, just like May 2010.

This is the reason why the Comelec intends to go on a massive information dissemination campaign, Velasco explained. He said the poll body is also intending to put up voting centers near the homes and places of work of overseas Filipinos.

Velasco said further that the Comelec is also trying its best to utilize the automated system of elections for overseas Filipinos, although the most practical system now is the old system of overseas voting—by registered mail, or by personally casting their votes at the consular and embassy offices of the Philippines.

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**BATASNGDIYOS:** "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them..." (2 Timothy 1-5).

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**Cerdi Nawi**

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memorial. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day from all His work which He had made." Genesis 2:1,2. Therefore, even as the observance of the first seventh-day Sabbath signaled the end of creation, so will Roman ordinances mandating Sunday rest—contrary to biblical Sabbath observance—signal the approaching end of time.

*To be continued...***Editorial**

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What do those numbers mean? Can media, this time around, "stop another martial law" debacle?" asked Cebu Press Freedom Week panels. Marcos padlocked centralized facilities like Manila Times and jailed journalists. And Malacanang' shifting of PMA Class '78 favorites into command positions is causing jitters.

The 1987 Constitution has features designed to block a President from cloning Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship. The President, for example, must immediately convene Congress to review martial law imposition.

Unlike 1972, there'd be "instant public resistance to any attempt to impose martial law," UP professor Randy David replied. For an answer, look beyond Internet and the cellphone, he said. Track instead the phenomenal rise of new media, Inquirer's Manolo Quezon suggested.

Worldwide, eight out of every 10 persons on social networks like YouTube or Multiply are Filipinos, Jane Paredes of Smart Communications said. And 2.47 million Filipinos use Facebook, Pinoys account for half the two million photos uploaded daily. One out of five Friendster users is Filipino. On average, Filipinos spend 19 minutes daily. in the "networked surreally flattened world of social media."

The new media is dispersed. How do you seize 70.4 million cellphones? Not even President Arroyo's former presidential security chief can firewall Internet, let alone Twitter which emerged this year.

Dictatorships straitjacket the consensus worldview of those they rule, Time magazine notes. "Tyranny, is a monologue." And Twitter's 140-character bursts shoved Iran's President Ahmadinejad into "a court of world opinion where even Khrushchev never had to stand trial."

Arroyo doesn't want to become an Asian President Ahmadinejad. She should welcome Filipinos who opt to "tweet" Malacanang: "Let a thousand cellphones bloom."/JL Mercado

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Ramon Bacani assured that the Department of Education, through its Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS), is already prepared to implement the A&E Test, in terms of test materials and the personnel that will administer the exam.

"If ever there were initially set testing centers that was affected by Tropical Storm Ondoy, then we have to do is to transfer the venue to the other public schools that we have," Bacani added.

The A&E examination for high school level is the same test that Filipino Boxing icon Manny Pacquiao took in 2006 to earn his high school diploma that makes him eligible to pursue college education.

Meanwhile, in relation to the government's intensified Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaign on Climate Change, Bacani stressed that it is already included in

**Lawmaker Reiterates****..... from page 2**

office, necessity must arise for filling it for the unexpired term; and although the mode of filling such vacancy is prescribed by the Constitution, yet the incumbent only holds until the time arrives for filling the office in the regular mode and at the regular time prescribed by the Constitution."

He explained that Section 9 of Article XI of the Constitution provides for the appointment of the Ombudsman and his or her deputies, which includes the President choosing from a list of at least six nominees prepared by the Judicial and Bar Council, and from a list of three nominees for every vacancy thereafter.

Section 11 of the same article provides for their terms of office, which is seven years, Escudero said. It is the Office of the Ombudsman that has a fixed term of seven years and not the person occupying it, he pointed out

"The Office of the Ombudsman fits the rule enunciated by the Supreme Court in its 1955 decision," the senator said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

**NOTICE OF  
EXTRAJUDICIAL  
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late PEDRO REVIVIS VILLAR who died intestate on December 18, 2002 at San Antonio, Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan, consisting of realty and shares of stock, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by his surviving heirs on September 11, 2009, recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 089 on Page No. 018, Book IV, Series of 2009.

*Sept 19, 26 & Oct 3, 2009*

**BIR and CDA****..... from page 2**

crisis not of their making," Escudero said in a statement.

"It is my fervent hope that the regulations be issued with dispatch to realize this goal," he added.

The amended cooperative law prohibits a newly-organized cooperative from being registered and operated as a multi-purpose cooperative except after two years of operation.

It also increases the required minimum paid-up share capital from P2,000 to P15,000 to be registered as a cooperative and increases the number of members' votes from two-thirds to three-fourths all members with voting rights on certain matters.

The law also prohibits members of the board of directors of co-ops to hold any other position directly involved in the day-to-day operations and management of the cooperative, and bars any person engaged in a business similar to that of the cooperative or who in any other manner has interests in conflict with the cooperative to serve as elective or appointive officer in the cooperative.

Annual reports are to be provided by the co-op members and the Cooperative Development Authority within 120 days from the end of the calendar year and failure to file shall subject accountable co-op officers to fines and sanctions, and may cause the revocation of the authority of the cooperative to operate, the law mandated./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

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Center for Disease Prevention and Control, affirmed that health risks due to climate change are real and inevitable. She stressed that it could overwhelm the health sector's capacity as society is slow to understand the serious and fundamental threat it could bring to people's health, especially to the more vulnerable sectors of the society like the elderly, the young and the poor.

Among the climate related health risks that Magturo cited were temperature related illness and health, extreme weather related effects, air pollution related diseases, water and food borne diseases, vector-borne and rodent related illnesses (such as dengue and leptospirosis), food and water shortages and population displacements.

In his keynote speech, Baguio city Mayor Reinaldo Bautista stressed that health will definitely suffer in the climate change that we are encountering. The people's own contribution in air pollution and greenhouse effect will definitely comeback and haunt us, Bautista said as he challenged the participants to take the issue seriously, and take responsibility to help address the problem.

CHD-CAR Asst Regional Director Edna Juanillo also called on the participants to participate more actively on national and sub-nationals activities on climate change, as the worsening situation is adversely affecting developing countries like the Philippines and

increasing risk on the environment and the people's health.

In the said forum, PAGASA-DOST Assistant Weather Services chief Ms Edna Juanillo gave an overview of climate change and Ms Ruby Abastillas, also of PAGASA, gave an overview of the basic climatology in the country.

The Philippines faces an average of 22 typhoons a year, but over the years the increasing intensity of devastations have been almost unimaginable in loss of fortune and lives.

Department of Agriculture- Bureau of Soils and Water Management Agriculturist II Ms Caren Salandanay also gave a presentation on the Effects of Climate Change in Agriculture. Office of Civil Defense and Regional Disaster Coordinating Council Reg'l head Olivia Luces made a presentation on "Risk Reduction: A solution to Climate Change."

Taking the issue of climate change seriously, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo created a Presidential Task Force on Climate Change, which she herself chairs, and with Secretary Heherson Alvarez as the presidential adviser on the issue. Every Friday of the week was also declared, as Climate Change Day for the Office of the President./Lito Dar/PIA

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is proposed to be installed along national roads, a clearance must be obtained from the DPWH, Baguio City District Engineering Office. If the board shall be on a place other than a national road, a zoning clearance should be acquired from the CPDO, with the signs being allowed only in commercial zones.

The TWG shall pre-screen applications for roof-mounted signs to determine aesthetics, structural compliance, height limitations and setback requirements.

As to the guidelines, signboards erected to confuse or obstruct the view of any traffic device, or those that obstruct doorways, windows, fire escapes, standpipes, required means of exit, or those that would offend the "aesthetic and cultural values and traditions of the Filipino people," are prohibited.

Those allowed are signboards made in the interest of public safety, convenience of good viewing, "and to promote proper urban design or community architecture."

Design plans should be signed and sealed by a duly registered architect or civil engineer, the EO states.

Other specific requirements are stated in the EO, including the support and stability of the structure, materials to be used, lowering of such structure upon receipt of typhoon signal number 2 advisory, and demolition by the building official.

An annual third-party liability insurance shall also be paid to cover destruction to property or physical injury in case of collapse of the sign or sign structure. - juliegianza

## Loyal and Outstanding

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Social Welfare and Development Office.

The city government also presented four city hall employees who respectively finished Bachelor of Laws and Letters Masteral Degree and Doctoral Degrees during the occasion.

Guest of Honor and Speaker Atty. Alberto D. Buyawe, former Deputy Treasurer of the Philippines and Federation ng Lupon Tagapamayapa of Baguio president, challenge the civil servants to work with utmost integrity and professionalism focusing on the CSC's Anniversary themed: HONORING OUR HEROES IN REPUBLIC SERVICE, Responsive, Ethical Public Servants With Vision, Impact, Commitment and Excellence during the Awards Program and Luncheon./By Bong Cayabyab

## Philippine opponents

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pledges to vote no to the introduction of greyhound racing in the Philippines, "e-mailed Anna Nieves Cabrera of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society. Cabrera added special thanks to Senator Jamby Madrigal and Cardinal Ricardo J. Vidal of Cebu for helping to lead the campaign, and to the Massachusetts-based anti-greyhound racing organization Grey 2K, for rallying support beyond the Philippines.

Other groups backing the campaign included the Animal Kingdom Foundation, Feathered Friends, Compassion And Responsibility for Animals, and PETA/Asia.

"I am not only against animal cruelty but against gambling as well," said Madrigal, who took her greyhound Prasad with her to speaking appearances and press conferences.

Grey 2K on September 18, 2009 celebrated the suspension of live racing at the Valley Greyhound Park in Texas and the last day of racing at the Wonderland Greyhound Park in Revere, Massachusetts.

Opened in 1935, Wonderland was both the oldest and last greyhound track in the state, where voters in November 2008 banned greyhound racing, effective at the end of 2009.

The Belmont, Rockingham, and Seabrook greyhound tracks in New Hampshire were authorized by the June 2009 state budget bill to drop all live racing and operate exclusively as simulcast betting parlors.

The Twin River track in Rhode Island closed on August 8, 2009. The owners filed for bankruptcy in July 2009, after they were not allowed to offer gambling without live racing. "We will now introduce legislation to end dog racing as a matter of law," said Grey 2K cofounder Christine Dorchak.

Greyhound racing continues in the U.S. only in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Greyhound racing remains legal in Kansas, with three licensed tracks, but the Camptown Greyhound Park has not run a race since 2000, the Wichita Greyhound Park quit live racing in 2007, and The Woodlands quit in 2008. "The state racing commission on September

11, 2009 decided to give the owners of the three tracks another 10 months to take steps to reopen their businesses before they face losing their licenses," said Associated Press writer John Hanna. The track owners want the state to let them keep more of the take from slot machines operated on the premises. Financially struggling greyhound tracks in Pensacola, Florida and Mobile, Alabama were in August 2009 purchased by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, subject to approval of the National Indian Gaming Commission. The Poarch Band already operates three electronic bingo halls. "The tribe in 2006 asked the U.S. Department of Interior for permission to offer poker games at its facilities in Alabama, but was denied," recalled Associated Press writer Bob Johnson. Buying the tracks may offer the Poarch Band another way to enter the poker business, but in Alabama they will be opposed by anti-gambling Governor Bob Riley, noted Mobile Press Register staff reporter Ben Raines./Merritt Clifton, Editor, ANIMAL PEOPLE P.O. Box 960, Clinton, WA 98236

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son, and Chief of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) Engr. Gregorio Deligero is action officer. Councilors Perlita Chan Rondez, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) President Gloria Ysabel de Vera, and Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) and Punong Barangay of City Camp Central Joel Alangsab are members of the committee.

Also members are; PSSupt. Agripino Javier, City Director of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), PCISnp Elmer Cereno, Chief Traffic Management Bureau of the BCPO, City Treasurer Thelma Manaois, City Engineer Leo Bernardez, City Buildings and Architecture Officer (CBAO) Oscar Flores, Health Services Officer (HSO) Dr. Florence Reyes, Officer-in-Charge City Parks Management Officer (CPMO) Cordelia Lacsamana, Secretary to the Mayor and concurrent head of the Special Services Division (SSD), City Mayor's Office Atty. Ronald Perez, Permits and Licensing Division Chief Cristio Lagyop, and Public Information Officer Ramon Dacawi.

Punong Barangays of affected areas, or on the cemetery route are also members, for Irisan, Thomas Dumalti; for San Roque Village, Gerry Uy; for Lower Lourdes Subdivision, Leonida Bernal; Lourdes Proper Subdivision, Bonifacio Quichio III; Lourdes Subdivision Ext., Benjamin Macadangdang; Lower Rock Quarry, Carlos Ananayo; City Camp Proper, Aurora Abellera; San Luis Village, Benedicto Casilen; and Quezon Hill Proper, Gloria Corazon Dalisay.

As stated in the AO which was issued last week, all ways and means should be sought by the committee to ensure that all activities for Oplan Kaluluwa are properly supported.

And as in the past year, directives and guidelines for traffic routes, candle and flower selling shall emanate from the executive committee.

The action officer is expected to call for an early meeting with all concerned, with staff of the city administrator's office as secretariat. -juliefianza

## Family Forum

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while Youth leader Jason Balag-ey gave an insight on a son's perspective.

In sharing their family experiences, the speakers stressed the importance of a God-centered and loving family relationship; a good parental guidance, support and inspirations; effective communication between members of the family – for children to grow up properly in a society.

The forum also included a workshop, with a theme "Strengthening Family Ties to Address the Issues of the Youth," wherein participants discuss problems, specifically related to the youth and then aims to come out with strategies and recommendations.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda stressed the importance of family forums like this for the education of both parents and children, so as for them to come out with a better and strengthen family, especially with the present youth related problems that the city is encountering.

"I encourage more forums like this, hoping that the family sharing in this forum would serve as an inspiration to the participants, as these are all personal experiences of family members," Tabanda said.

The event was attended by representatives from different barangays, religious groups, government offices, the academe, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) groups, students, and Out of School Youths (OSYs).

Balikatan sa Kaunlaran is composed of the different women associations in the city. Aside from family forums like this, the group is also involved in other civic projects, like the yearly Search for the city's Most Outstanding Barangay Women's Group. The group is also supporting 10 Day Care Centers from indigent barangays in the city./Lito Dar/PIA

## Cotto Urged

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speculate on his next fight saying he is the one who is undefeated and, therefore, shouldn't be the one to chase any marquee name.

Mayweather was referring to endorsements from matchmakers for him to next face Pacquiao, the successor of his "best boxer in the world pound-for-pound" honor.

If Pacquiao will successfully dismantle Cotto on Nov. 14, Mayweather cannot anymore avoid mentioning the Filipino's name as his possible next opponent. After all, the Pacquiao-Cotto tussle had to be reset as originally scheduled after Mayweather's camp sought for postponement of his fight against Marquez from July 17 to September 19.

The grapevine said both Mayweather and Pacquiao need tune-up fights against dangerous foes before the rich deal will be officially packaged in a multimillion dollar deal in 2010./ By Alex P. Vidal/ PNS

## Philippine opponents win a “hold” on greyhound racing with help of Massachusetts allies

MANILA—The Philippine House of Representatives on September 7, 2009 “agreed to hold in abeyance its approval of a second franchise for greyhound dog racing after animal protection groups prevailed upon the Senate to defer action on the

first franchise,” reported Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Romblon representative Eleandro Jesus Madrona “said the House was forced to make the move after seven senators vowed to block the introduction of greyhound

racing in the country because it is ‘immoral’ and ‘cruel to animals,’” Cabacungan wrote. The Philippine House approved the nation’s first greyhound racing franchise in December 2008.

Actually, “Thirteen Senators sent  
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## Oplan kaluluwa 2009 on

BAGUIO CITY—A month before the activity, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. issued Administrative Order 144, series of 2009 creating the executive committee for Oplan Kaluluwa 2009.

The annual activity is actively participated in by the city government, Baguio City Police Office, People’s Or-

ganizations and Non-government Organizations “to put order and regulate the activities” during All Souls’ and All Saints’ days.

Activities would include that of human and vehicular traffic in the streets going to and from the city’s major cemeteries, alternative traffic routes, peace and order within the cem-

eteries, and selling of candles and flowers for the occasion.

The executive committee is thus, mandated to formulate the necessary policies, guidelines and measures for orderliness during the said days; Nov. 1 and 2. The mayor sits as chairperson, while City Administrator Atty. Peter Fianza shall be co-chairper-

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## Family Forum culminates city’s celebration of Family Month

BAGUIO CITY—In celebration of Family Month, the Balikatan sa Kaunlaran, in coordination with the City Government, through the office of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, held a family forum at the City Hall’s Multi Purpose Hall, Wednesday.

The forum is highlighted by sharing of family insights and experiences from a father, mother,

daughter and a son’s perspective or point of view. Atty Moises Cating, a father of five, who has been married for 49 years now, gave the father’s perspective. Mrs Becky Domogan, a mother of two and wife of Baguio City Congressman Mauricio Domogan, shared her experiences as a mother, Tam Jewel Tibaldo, a Nursing Student at the University of Cordilleras shared her

experiences and insights as a daughter,  
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**BEST CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR—** Rep. Mauricio Domogan, Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr., Vice Mayor Daniel farinas and Guest of Honor and Speaker, former Deputy Treasurer of the Philippines and incumbent Federation of Lupon Tagapamaya of Baguio president Atty. Alberto Buyawe pose for posterity with the Nine Most Outstanding City Government Employees during the 109th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary held at Prince Plaza hotel. The awardees are Rosalina Lubna (city treasurer’s Office), Stephen Capuyan (city building and architecture office), Maila Maquito (Mayor’s Office) Luz Perez (civil registry office), Gerardo Soriano (general services office), Florence Tudlong (health services office), Sabado Ugalde (human resource and management office) and Emilia dela Cruz (city social welfare and development office)./Photo By Bong Cayabyab

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