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> MANILA—GOOD things never last; bad things linger.

So says two economists on the impact of the US economic recession on the cash position of overseas Filipino workers and their families.

Based on their survey of 107 respondents in Metro Manila, Alfie Maria Custodio of Notre Dame of Dadiangas University (General Santos City) and Alvin Ang of the University of Santo Tomas said **Cont. on page 10**

> Ipagdasal natin ang ating mga yumaong mahal sa buhay

"RELIABLE" City employees load the steel boxes used during the 2010 Barangay and SK elections for safekeeping. These yellow boxes will eventually stop servicing the city once full election automation is realized even in Barangay and SK polls./ Paul Rillorta

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More Caught in Intensified Clean Air

Campaign

BAGUIOCITY-Random tests for smoke belchers will continue despite clamors to temporarily suspend its operation.

In previous operations, some apprehended motorist claim passing emission tests done by private smoke emission testing centers but fail during road side tests.

We are implementing the clean air ordinance to benefit everyone, City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana said.

Test results of our machines will still prevail, she added.

Minor gaps can be threshed out be-

tween the public transport and the city by continuous dialogue, Lacsamana stressed.

This was barred after another operation of the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) from October 12 to 14 along Bonifacio Street, Bokawkan Road and Naguilian Road yielded more offenders.

Out of 54 flagged for gas and LPG fed vehicles, 31 failed the tests which included 10 taxis, 20 private vehicles and a single motorcycle.

For diesel fed vehicles, 77 were flagged; 12 Public Utility Jeepneys, 9 taxis, 31 private and a government vehicle. All in all, a total

of 84 MV's failed out of the 131 vehicles flagged during the 3 day operation.

The RITMT also noted an increase in the number of apprehended private vehicles totaling 52 while the number of PUV's apprehended is 31.

The RITMT collected a total of P93,400.00 in fines for 3 days of continuous operation.

Meanwhile, the dialogue sponsored by the Public Transport Affairs Office between the different public transport organizations, operators, drivers, vehicle owners, and other stake holders gave positive feedback from the different sectors./paul rillorta

Baguilat Calls for Extensive info Drive **ON AUTONOMV** ing last week here.

BAGUIOCITY-Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat Jr. expressed his support to the region's

quest for autonomy in pushing for regional development but stressed the need for extensive informative campaign down to the barangay level.

'I am for regional autonomy but I do not think that we have to rush,' Baguilat said during the Regional Development Council's Advisory Committee (RDC-AdCom) meet-

According to Baguilat, though we may have the leverage now as we have the support of President Benigno Aquino III. we do not have to rush as the President himself said that it is still the people of Cordillera who will decide on such issue.

While we are working for another organic act, let us also find out why we have failed in the past. We already failed two times, so another failure can be considered as a strike out,' he added.

stressed the need for an honest to goodness and extensive information drive in every province and down to the barangay level.

'We have to get all the provinces involve. We do not need to rush. We have to study it well and have all sectors involved, not only the politicians,' he advised.

Baguilat shared that all Cordillera congressmen are united in pushing for the region's development and at present they are working hard Cont. on page 10

Baguilat thus **Baguio Polls Generally Good**

BAGUIO CITY -The conduct of Barangay and Sanguniang Kabataan elections in the City was generally good, according to Commission on Election Baguio Supervisor lawyer Modesto Bahul.

Except for some minor problems, election proceeded smoothly and peacefully.

Bahul said there was no reported election related violence in the city. But they

monitored and assisted in an intense situation in a polling precinct of Kabayanihan-Mabini Barangay in Saint Louis University-Gonzaga Building.

This involved a disagreement between the Board of Election Teller – in charge and watchers of candidates. . Bahul said that a group of unruly watchers made threats and harassment to voters and BET during the election inside the polling

center. Bahul went to personally resolve the commotion and ask for police and military personnel to be on top of the situation.

Another incident also was reported in the **Kagitingan Barangay** polling center in Baguio Central University. Some Muslims who are supporters of a candidate went inside the precinct and tried to take control of the election materials. Police and **Cont. on page 8**

City, Asin Landowners End Dispute; Ink Compensation Accord

BAGUIOCITY-The city government and landowners affected by the operation of the cityowned Asin minihydroelectric plants in Tadiangan and Nangalisan, Tuba town Thursday ended a long standing dispute by signing a compromise agreement for the compensation of the residents whose lands are affected by

the pipelines and plant facilities.

The agreement signed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Landowners Association (TNHLA) president Roger Sinot settled the conflict between the two parties over reparation issues that in the past resulted to disruption of the plants' operations and even led to a court case between the parties.

The accord also meant that the city can now pursue its plans to privatize the operation of the plants which has in the past been hindered by the dispute with the landowners.

compromise part of the terms of reference (TOR) now awaiting finalization to jumpstart the bid-

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The mayor said the agreement will form

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Cordillera Solons Push for IPS' Rights , Development cess as contained in the Indigenous

BAGUIOCITY – Two Cordillera congressmen have filed separate bills in Congress pushing for indigenous people's (IPs) rights and development.

Ifugao Congressman Teddy Baguilat Jr.'s bill presses for the payment or share of IPs in Cordillera from the National Wealth Tax for conservation of the watersheds in the region, where the water powering various hydro electric plants or dams are coming from.

On the other hand, Mt. Province C o n g r e s s m a n Maximo Dalog Sr, pushes for an amendment of Section 66 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), for the redefinition of 'host communities,' to include those from the source of water of the hydro power plants.

Dalog, during the Regional Development Council Advisory Committee (AdCom) meeting last week said they are working to marry these two bills together to push for the region's development especially the IP sector.

Baguilat stressed that the region must also work together to maintain its vision to become the country's watersheds cradle. He proposes that in living with CAR's watershed cradle vision, the region must only dwell on the development of renewable energies, particularly, mini-hydro power plants.

'We hope to support the region, with other relevant legislation, such as the forest reservation bill that we have just filed,' Baguilat stressed.

Baguilat also affirmed that he has just filed a resolution for a moratorium on mining while a review of the Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) prothe Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) and harmonization of functions of government agencies such as the National Commission on Indigenous People, Department of Environment and Natu-Resources ra1 (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) with regards to the IP sector, are being pushed.

He proposed to the RDC to make a similar resolution for a moratorium in mining in Cordillera, which they will support through a bill in Congress.

B a g u i l a t though admit that it is hard to put a total ban on mining, but he also stressed the importance of having a moratorium while they work to fine tune all the country's mining laws for a truly sustainable and responsible mining industry./ Lito Dar/PIA

128 Million fund for new Waste Technology tended the session earlier earmarked for various solid waste

BAGUIO CITY – The city council Thursday approved a P128 million appropriation for the propurament of an "an

propriate for the procurement of an "appropriate and most beneficial technology" for the city's solid waste management program and authorized Mayor Mauricio Domogan to pursue a deal for this purpose.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who attended the session pushed for the approval of the outlay to enable the city to explore alternative means of waste management pending the implementation of the engineered sanitary landfill project and finally put a stop to the out-of-town hauling service that is draining the city's finances.

The body a the outset approved the reversion of the amount which was various solid waste management projects that were not pushed through in the past but took time in deciding on appropriating said amount for the requested technology expressing wariness of the procedures involved in the acquisition and the effectiveness of the technology being preferred by the executive department. The mayor how-

ever assured them

BRGY, SK Polls in CAR Successful

BAGUIO CITY -Despite the late delivery of election paraphernalia and there were several areas where voting was postponed, the October 25. 2010 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election in the Cordillera turned out well. This was the as-

sessment of Comelec-CAR Regional Director, Atty. Julius Torres, adding that it was generally a successful and peaceful election for CAR.

The same view was shared by Philippine National Police Cordillera Director CSupt. Villamor Bumanlag who reported just three election-related violent incidents, which is

that the procedures under the procurement law or Republic Act No. 9184 will be strictly followed in all the transactions to avoid any legal problem.

He also vowed to involve everyone in the selection of the technology to ensure that the only the best and most beneficial will be pursued.

He also acquiesced to the body's condition that no payment will be made until the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the deal has been confirmed by the city council.

Along with the reversion and appropriation, the body also voted to give the mayor authority to open a Letter of Credit with the Land Bank of the Philipmuch lower compared to the previous political exercises.

With the election paraphernalia arriving only in the capital towns on Sunday, Oct. 24, the earliest at 10:00AM and the latest at 11:30PM, the biggest challenge was bringing these to the polling precincts in time for the Monday's election.

It was double even triple time for the provincial and municipal treasurers and the board of election tellers, the police and army and other concerned agencies to deliver the election paraphernalia to the polling centers. They were up and about at dawn on their way to their poll materials delivery mission.

And they suc-

pines, if necessary, as a requirement for the importation of the equipment and dump trucks.

In an earlier session, the body approved the realignment of P29 million for the stabilization of the Irisan dumpsite.

The City Solid Waste Management Board which the mayor heads earlier adopted the Environmental Recycling System (ERS) which employs the mechanical conversion of large amounts of biodegradable wastes into highgrade fertilizer as the best waste management technology among the offers received by the city.

An ERS machine could convert 48 tons of biodegradable wastes into comceeded in most areas so the election proceeded albeit many voting centers started late.

But given the terrain of the Cordillera, the lack of material time coupled by poor road conditions made worse by typhoon Juan, it takes extraordinary power to deliver said materials in remote municipalities and barangays in time or before 12:00nn on election day for voting to proceed that day.

Thus election was postponed in the towns of Natonin and Paracelis in Mountain Province; Tinglayan and Lubuangan municipalities and some barangays of Pasil, **Cont. on page 11**

post per day which the mayor said is ideal for the city which churns out a daily waste output of 160 tons, 66 tons of which are comprised of biodegradable.

Attached in the offer would be the installation and commissioning of the machines by Japanese technicians and training of city personnel who will be in charge of the operation with one-year warranty to be undertaken by the Manila-based Pro Tech Machinery Corporation as the authorized representative of the Japanese company Shimizu and Company Ltd. to the Philippines.

Domogan said a bonus feature will be that the company will also take charge **Cont. on page 11**

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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End Of Finger Wagging?

Somos o no somos? "Are you with us or against us?" Advocates and opponents of the Reproductive Health measure are deadlocked on whether the bill should be enacted or shredded.

"Either option would not be good," says a Loyola School of Theology (LST) paper. The Catholic Church bucks provisions that'd fracture conscience. But scrapping the bill won't dent high rates of infant mortality, maternal deaths, and abortions.

"Such dehumanizing conditions should not continue," write theologian Eric O. Genilo, S.J., sociologist, John J. Carroll, S.J., and constitutionalist Joaquin Bernas, S.J. Needed is a third option, namely: "critical and constructive engagement."

Across the road, businessmen urged the debate on RH step



back from sterile finger-wagging. A cascade of wizened babies, born of are

mothers, trapped into life-long poverty, is a prescription for disaster, agreed Management Association of the Philippines, Makati Business Club and Bishops-Businessmen's Conference for Human Development. A compromise solution is urgent.

Amend HB96's objectionable provisions but retain positive features, LST's "Option Three" suggests: The paper offers "talking points" in eight areas: from protection of life, contraceptives to sex education and services within a multi-religious society. Excerpts:

The Constitution directs the state to protect the life of the unborn upon conception. When? Fertilization? Or implant of an embryo in the womb? The Constitution doesn't say. "The Church insists on protection of human life upon fertilization."

This is not hair-splitting. The definition has "a bearing whether contraceptives that prevent the implantation of embryos would be legally allowed." Medical and legal experts must clarify the definition. "Parameters of what reproductive services can be provided" could then be set.

Is prevention of implantation of an embryo an abortion? If the state takes this position, then contraceptive medicines and devices, determined as abortifacient, must banned, whether the RH bill is passed or not. Other religious traditions allow contraceptives without abortifacient effects. They're a no-no for Catholics.

Catholic social teaching rejects imposition of norms, by a majority, that discriminates against rights of minorities: Various religions form consciences, in family planning, according to what their faith allows and prohibits. Government has the duty to provide information on all non-abortifacient, (as defined by law), family planning methods.

Can government set up parallel information and training programs, one for natural family planning and another for artificial methods? In both, the conscience of health workers and trainers, should be respected.

The RH bill mandates sexuality education curriculum. If parents find the curriculum unacceptable, can they insist their children be exempted? The Constitution allows religious instruction in public schools, only if the parents consent in writing.

HB96 must respect conscientious objection of individual educators. Religious schools should write and implement their own sexuality education curriculum. Public schools and non-religious private schools can appoint panels to write their curriculum. Education Department could monitor both.

Under the RH bill, contraceptives must be stocked as "essential and emergency medicines in government health centers and hospitals" Why? Is pregnancy a disease?

Medical experts can define where a contraceptive is a medically indicated treatment. If some contraceptives are ultimately decided as essential or emergency drugs, no contraceptives with abortifacient effects should be allowed.

The RH bill compels employers to bankroll, in their collective bargaining agreements, reproductive health services of their employees.

General Philhealth medical coverage--mandatory for all employ-Cont. on page 10



DIRETSAHAN

ESKWATING SA RIMANDO



ROAD!!! By Rudy "Bantay Siyasat" Garcia

Marami ang nanyaring KABULUKAN sa ginanap na barangay at sk eleksyon... dito sa Baguio marami ang ipinarating na reklamo hinggil sa hindi pagsunod ng election omnibus code... Maraming botante ang nagulat nang pagdating nila sa presinto ay nakaboto na ang kanilang pangalan,hesusmaryosep!!!.... Me mga nakapasok na boboto na may dalang mga polyetos at nangampanya pa mismo sa loob ng presinto at sa araw pa ng botohan,... at ano naman ang ginagawa ng mga pulis at mga opisyal na dineputa...este dinnepyuta ng local na COMELEC.... Naging palamuti lang ba sila? HANEP!! Mas mabuti pa yata ng si apo at ngayon ay kumisyuner na ng comelec atorni ARMANDO VELASCO ang bosing ng local na comelec ng Baguio at medyo matino tino pa yata ang pagkakaroon dito ng halalan, tama ba ako atorni Elenita Tabangin?

Teka, Totoo kaya ang sumbong na noong nagkaroon ng "liquor ban" para dito sa halalan ay maraming painuman umano ang nagbukas ng kanilang establisimento at nagpainum kahit ito ay bawal? Totoo po ba ito kayo diyan sa "COMELEC" at mga "INUTIL" na opisyal ng gobyerno? Aba, kung ganyan din lamang na pinapayagan ninyo ang mga ito o dili naman kaya ay hindi ninyo napansin o pinapansin, mabuti pang ibasura na lamang ang bats na ito kasama na kayo, mga PWEH!!!

At sa mga nanalo para umupo sa puwesto ng kanilang barangay at sk ,... Congrats,... Pero kung nanalo kayo dahil nandaya kayo o hindi parehas ang inyong laban,.... Ang masasabi ko lang ,congrats sa inyo mga Buwa....Na nyu...!!! PWEEEEHHH!!!

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Totoo kaya na nanalo raw uli para sa punong barangay itong kandidato na dati ring "bocap" sa kanilang barangay na malapit sa center mall ng Baguio? NAPAKABALASUBAS kasi itong si kapitan na pati kami ay gusto niyang makisakay sa mabubulaklak niyang dila? Hay kawawang mga konstituwents at sigurado ko na paiikutin lang sila sa "puyo" nitong BALASUBAS na si kapten JA as in "Just Asking!

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Lagi raw wala sa kanyang opisina itong si fire chief marshall kernel Richard Villianueva ng" Baguio city fire department" kaya marami na raw umanong mga business permit na dapat niyang mapirmahan ang natatakpan na ng alikabok sa kanyang lamesa.Totoo ba ito apo kernel? Kung totoo ito, aba makonsensya ka naman sa mga taong napeperwisyo dahil sa umano'y pagiging "absentee" mo. Bakit di mo Oct 30 to Nov 5, 2010

COLUMNISTS



X-POSEY NGAYON

TASK FORCE JUPITER – NASAN NA?

BY: "KA PETER" VALENCIA

Pansamantalang tumigil ang mga sugalan sa may Hilltop Kayang at Hanger Market dahil sa barangay at SK eleksyonm.Abala kasi sa pangangampanya ang mga operaytor at mga suking manlalaro, at pagkatapos na siguro ng eleksyon itutuloy ang ligaya dito sa RHENDELS BAKERY ng kayang hilltop, DAY AND NITE sa malapit panulukan ng hanger market at lower Magsaysay road at sa THREE BROTHERS panulukan ng hanger market at Zamora Street.

Teka, kung tumigil ang mga ito pansumandali, ibigsabihin tuloy ang kanilang operasyon sa kabila ng samut, saring pangbabanat naming sa kanila?, Eh nasaan amg "task force-jupiter" na binuo "kuno" ni apo mayor MAURICIO DOMOGAN para daw mawala na ang mga pasugalan dito sa lungsod ng Baguio? Ay apo, pinapaikot ninyo yata ang ulo ng ating madlang pipol "ngasimumu-lagat"PWEH!!

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Pinag-uusapan din lamang ang barangay eleksyon,totoo kaya ang ibinulong nameron daw nakalusot na "more or less" animnapu(60) na "flying voters" sa isang barangay na matatgpuan sa "business district" ng Baguio city? Ayon sa bulong, ang me pakana raw nito ay nag tumatakbo ulit sa pagka"bocap" na kilala bilang bata-bata ng isang mataas na opisyal sa city hall. Ganito rin ang nangyari ayon sa bulong noong nakaraang eleksyon kaya nanalo itong si mister"baboy",! Kaya pag nanalo ulit ito ngayon, siguradong nakalusot ang kanyang mga inimport na mga "musllim".

Atensyon, attorney ELENITA TABANGAN ng COMELEC Baguio.Pakituunan nyu naman ito ng pansin. Siguraduhin na walang makakapasok na MULTO, ASWANG o MANANANGGAL sa mga presinto.BANTAYAN!

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Huli man daw ay naihahabol din kaya gusto kong ihabol itong ibinulong ng aking"butiki" na ito raw isang suspek sa nangyaring "gang rape" noon sa tuba, Benguet ay nahuli sa bias ng warrant of arrest dalawang buwan na ang nakakalipas, sa tulong ng isang"concerned citizen" ayon sa report, nagtago raw ang suspek sa may kayang extension ng medyo matagal din na panahon kung saan ang pagtatago at lugar ng pinagtaguan ay alam umano ni barangay kapitana CORAZONMENDOZA pero mukhang kinunsinti ito ng nasabing opisyal. Kung totoo ito, hindi ba dapat na makasuhan tiong si KAPITANA MENDOZA ng "obstruction of justice"? Alam kaya ito ni JUDGE CABATO" na siyang humahawak sa nasabing kaso na gang rape? Hindi kaya alam ni kupitana, este... kapitan na ang kanyang ginawa ay maikukumpara o maihahatulad sa pagkupkop ng isang criminal? Hay, Apo kupitan, este... kapitana GISIIING!!!

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Hindi kaya alam o masilip man lang ni BCPO "traffic management division" chief Engelbert Soriano na ang isang dahilan kaya masama ang daloy ng trapiko sa may Harrison Road ay dahil ditto sa ibang hinayupak na drayber ng jeep na may rutang Aurora Hill at Trancoville? Aba at ginawang nilang terminal "for loading" ang kanto ng Harrison Road at lower Mabini malapit sa rose bowl restoran, dahilan para nababarahan ang kalsada na dapat ay maluwag na daraanan ng mga sasakyan. Ang nakakapagtaka, marami naman ang mga "nakadeploy na pulis trapiko doon pero mukhang hindi nila ito napapansin,... Talagang ayaw pansinin dahil may dahilan, kung ano yun, itanong nyu sa kanila tama ba ako apo ENGELBERT SORIANO? DILAATNAA!!

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Alam kaya ni Bgauio City mayor MAURICIO DOMOGAN ang ipiapatayong bakod ng isang LAO sa harap ng kanyang gusali sa may kayang hilltop na nassa likuran lamang ng kayang hilltop barangay? Itinayo nya raw ito halos 1 taon na ang nakakaraan, Administrasyon pa umano ni mayor Peter''Rey'' Bautista at ang pinagtayuan ay isang "government lot''! "Temporary Fence" lamang daw ito at aprubado ng barangay at CIBAO, pero ang tanung , Bakit nakatayo pa rin ito hanggang ngayon? Hmmm, mukhang me misteryo yata akong naaamoy dito ah, ikaw apo mayor DOMOGAN, WALAKABANG NAAMOY? Amuyin mo naman apo at baka ang "amoy" eh nasa paligid mo lang, HE!he! he!!!! 1st-APLUMA now serves as bridge to PCSO, other govt agencies

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ONE problem besetting our poor and underprivileged mediamen and fellow Filipinos is the high cost of health care in the country.

This is the main reason why the slogan of a vitamin brand "sa panahon ngayon, bawal magkasakit" has made it through our consciousness. It is really very hard to get sick nowadays, with prices of medicines and health services skyrocketing.

We, at 1st-APLUMA, will try to somehow ease the burden of our countrymen by serving as bridge to the Philippine Charity Sweep-stakes Office (PCSO), which provides medical help to needy Filipinos.

Anyone reading this column can go to our website (<u>http://1st-apluma.yolasite.com</u>) where they can email to us details of their medical problems.

We only require those who will seek our help to have their medical abstract ready because it is one of the requirements to get financial assistance from PCSO.

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They can also send the details of their problems through our website (<u>http://1st-apluma.yolasite.com</u>) and we will attend to it immediately, Public Serbilis ika nga.

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We can also help our countrymen with problems with other government agencies, like the Government Service Insurance System, Land Transportation Office, Metro Manila Development Authority.

This is part and parcel of 1ST-APLUMA's commitment to ease the burden of the public, especially the needy.

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ees ---provides for reproductive health services, upon the employee's request. This process allows employers, with religious objections to contraceptives or sterilizations, elbow room. They can avoid direct formal cooperation in such methods.

The bill's authors stitched in a provision that penalizes "malicious disinformation against the intention and provisions of the bill." Just what constitutes "malicious disinformation"? The authors don't say.

Haunted by the dictatorship's gag on liberty of expression, people insist on a precise definition. "Failing that, the provision should be scrapped."

"A man's creed is as good as his deeds". So, what about the implementation, assuming a compromise measure passes?

Representatives from major religious traditions should be represented in the committee tasked to oversee "implementing norms", the LST paper suggests: This would "ensure that the rights of people of various faiths would be protected."

The "talking points" seek "to generate constructive and respectful dialogue", write the Loyola school professors. Finger-wagging is pointless. Negotiations are "a more positive step" towards working for the good of all, specially "the unborn, the youth, women and families in difficult circumstances.

"We need to come to a consensus for the common good". Some issues can be left to individual decisions. "We need to respect freedom of conscience of every Filipino".

"We are members of the same human family and community." The rule should be: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity."/J.L.Mercado





Domogan Underscores 5 Principles Of Regional Autonomy 5 Of Chairs the drafting committee for the

B A G U I O CITY – "Daga mi, Kataguan mi," (Our land, Our life), the I n d i g e n o u s People's Month theme could be realized among individual members in the Cordillera region in pursuing the dream of achieving the status of becoming autonomous region.

M a y o r M a u r i c i o Domogan, an advocate of regional autonomy, underscored this during the culminating program for the IP Month held Friday at the Saint Louis University open court.

Domogan said as it is, the Cordillera Region is still in its interim status. He said regional autonomy has its constitutional provision under Sections 15-20 Article 10 of the 1987 Constitution. Executive Order 220, on the other hand, created the Cordillera Administrative Region(CAR) for the purpose of preparing the region for autonomy.

He urged the Cordillerans to unite in becoming an autonomous region. Twenty three years have passed and despite the opportunity we failed to achieve that dream, he further said.

Muslim Mindanao and the Cordillera regions were neglected and one of the reasons in granting autonomy is to speed up socio-economic and infrastructure development. "In such manner would help in improving the situation of our land, our life," Domogan stressed. He said the

granting of autonomy gives us more power and independence to manage ourselves, he said. Domogan, who

chairs the drafting committee for the Cordillera autonomy, underscored the five core principles of regional autonomy as follows: 1)to have permanent regional identity which applies to all Filipinos domiciled in the Cordillera; 2) exercise of powers and benefits to continue and not be diminished; 3) regional line agencies remain to be paid nationally; 4) mandate government to give subsidy for 10 years over and above the Internal Revenue Allotment being received; 5) even after the subsidy, the government will continue

tion. "This is a challenge to ourselves individually and collectively to contribute in our own way which is the key to regional and national development as well," Domogan stressed./S.C. Aro/ PIA

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Dapat kastiguhin ng LTO at BCPO-TMG ang mga drayber ng PACDAL at NAVY BASE jeepneys biruin nyu na sinasakop nila ang buong kalsada magmula sa kalsadang papasok sa likod ng dating plaza theater hanggang sa bukana interseksyon ng lower Magsaysay at jacinto st, na dapat ay paradahan din ng mga modern site aurora jeep? Ang nangyayari tuloy/ malaking perwisyo para sa mga naghihintay na pasahero ng aurora hill modern site lalo na sa mga matatanda na sobra ang pagkangawit sa kahihintay ng kanilang masasakyan. Wala kasing disiplina itong mga ibang drayber ng PACDAL at NAVY base, MGA PWEHH!!!

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Hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa rin naaaksyunan ang inilabas naming na umano'y iskwating sa may rimando road, na katabi mismo ng barangay office sa ABCR. O baka naman totoo na may mga nagproprotekta sa mga ito? Ano sey nyu judge ewan at onorabelDawit sa isang sugal? Totoo ba na kayo ang pumipigil para mademolis ang mga ito? Bakit ha? Magkano? ... Ay min magkano ba ang "injunction Fee? BUWISHEEEET!!!

DPWH Takes Preventive Measure On Vulnerable Landslide Areas

B A G U I O CITY - With typhoon Juan leaving heavy damages to the road networks in the Cordillera, the Department of Public Works and Highways in the region wants to make pre emptive measures to abate more disasters.

D P W H CAR Regional Director Edilberto Carabaccan, who assumed his post last month, said that they will be taking preventive measures on landslide prone areas to prevent more damages during typhoon season.

Although the DPWH performed well during the onslaught of typhoon Juan clearing roads of slides as fast as possible just to make roads passable, Carabacan said that this is not enough.

Carabaccan said he is proposing that DPWH will be take down landslide prone areas or vulnerable areas which they have identified in the different highways and road sections in the regions.

S o m e indentified landslide vulnerable areas are in Gonogon in Bontoc, Mountain P r o v i n c e ; Sumigar in Banaue, Ifugao; Ambassador in Tublay and Guesset and Oncalew in Itogon in Benguet province.

These identified landslide vulnerable areas on mountainous slopes are soft recurring and landslides even with light rains will not stop unless it reaches the angle of repose or the mountains point of stability, Carabaccan explained.

Carabaccan said that during the summer time while the weather is good, they would bar down those impending landslides starting from the top of the mountains. They would take down soft lands which fall continuously and even boulders with the use of their heavy equipments.

The usual practice is when there is a landslide vulnerable area. the DPWH waits for the rainy season and typhoons to wash down the slides but now clearing during summer would be done to avert large landslides during the rainy and typhoon season, he added.

Carabaccan pointed out that when clearing of landslide in roads are done, at least it will be manageable with less volume of soil and boulders. The clearing of vulnerable landslide areas will also lessen the damage on roads and the maintenance it needs when being rehabilitated, he added.

The Cordillera road network is one of the highly maintained roads with its terrain and the region's climate.

During Typhoon Juan, DPWH Secretary Rogelio Singson ordered DPWH-CAR to make sure that the Cordillera roads will be accessible because these roads are the arteries of mobility and development.

DPWH personnel and some private contractors bravely cleared roads of landslides and road slips in major road networks of the region even at the height of typhoon Juan. In some areas, they made roads passable by punch thru then continued clearing operations. To date, some roads are still closed to traffic.

Typhoon Juan left an estimated damage of 330 million pesos in infrastructures and roads in the region./ Redjie Cawis/ PIA

Gov't Agencies Powerless Over Consultants for Canada Entry

MAKATI CITY— CITING lack of jurisdiction, government agencies responsible for deployment of Filipinos remain powerless over recruiters claiming easy entry to Canada.

"They are registered with the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) and got business permits from local government units, so they will regulate the work of these consultants," Philippine Secretary of Labor Rosalinda Baldoz told the *OFW Journalism Consortium*.

Baldoz was referring to foreign and local "immigration consultants" who sprung in business as Filipinos continue to pack their bags for the North American market.

This phenomenon has alarmed the Canadian government it sent Minister of Immigration and Citizenship Jason Kenney to the Philippines last month to assess the situation.

In a press conference, Kenney said he is aware that people representing themselves as immigration consultants had been advertising and claiming they can help Filipinos enter Canada.

"But I want Filipinos and Filipinas... to know that they do not need to use the services of an immigration representative consultant, or lawyer," Kenney said in a statement read in the September 18 press briefing.

The Canadian government, Kenney adds, "gives equal consideration to all immigration applications, regardless of whether they use the services of consultants, agents, recruiting agencies, or representatives."

But nobody has any inside track on immigration to Canada, he emphasized.

There are an estimated 450,000 Filipinos in Canada according to Statistics Canada. The US\$1.9 billion they sent last year made up for the visibly lower remittances from Filipinos in the United States given the global economic crisis.

Canada's temporary foreign worker program, with its new regulations taking in effect since last April, now requires employers to provide contracts that specify wages, benefits, accommodation, duties, hours of work, and holiday and sick leave entitlements.

By April next year, the Canadian government said it will "rigorously assess" job openings for temporary foreign workers and livein caregivers before it gives employers an authorization to hire them. If employers disregard the regulations governing temporary foreign workers, they will be prohibited by two years to hire workers.

Live-in caregivers, under a new set of rules, become eligible for permanent residency after working for 3,900 hours over a minimum of 22 months (with a maximum of 390 overtime hours), or working for two years at regular full-time rates.

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DAYS after Kenney left Manila, Baldoz and Premier Greg Selinger of the Province of Manitoba signed an updated memorandum of understanding on sending Filipino workers to that Canadian province.

The MOU, initially signed in 2008, adheres to Manitoba's immigration regulations. It is also covered by Canada's new rules for temporary foreign workers and for live-in caregivers, Baldoz told reporters in a press conference.

And immigration consultants are out of this recruitment set up, Baldoz said.

For Manitoba province, labor and immigration assistant deputy minister Ben Rempel said that every recruiter wishing to hire Filipino workers for Manitoban employers must register with his office, Manitoba Labor and Immigration.

At the same, workers will not pay any placement fees, which the Manitoban employer must shoulder.

Charging prospective Filipino workers with fees or payment "contravenes [Manitoba's] Employment Standards Code and/or the Worker Recruitment Protection Act," the MOU wrote.

If a worker was found to be charged to pay fees "illegally," the Manitoban employer and the recruiter must compensate the worker, Rempel told the *OFW Journalism Consortium*.

As for so-called "immigration consultants," whether based in the Philippines or in Manitoba, Rempel said they must also register with his office.

However, Rempel said most of the foreigners going to his province "did not pass through immigration consultants."

The CIC website link (<u>www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/rep-resentative/rep-who.asp</u>) wrote that immigration representatives are people who offer immigration advice to visa applicants. These representatives may either be lawyers in good standing of a Canadian provincial or territorial law society or immigration consultants who are good-standing members in the nonprofit Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants. They could also be notaries public who are good-standing members in the Chambre des notaries du Quebec.

Relatives, friends or non-governmental or religious organizations can also represent the foreign worker in her/his application.

But the website writes also that "The Government of Canada will not deal with non-authorized representatives who charge a fee for their service".

At the same time, a media notice by CIC (<u>www.cic.gc.ca/english/</u><u>epartment/media/notices/notice-fraud.asp</u>) warns applicants of immigration scams, as well as informs that application forms and guides are free.

CIC also tells applicants immigration representatives, they add, "do not have special connections with Canadian government officials and cannot guarantee (the applicant) a visa" since only Canadian embassies and consulates can decide on this matter. [379]

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SELINGER said there are an estimated 60,000 Filipinos in Manitoba.

In 2008, when the Philippines and Manitoba signed an initial MOU, 91 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) were deployed to Manitoba followed by 162 more in 2009. These Filipinos were mostly nurses, production workers, and service workers.

Manitoba is targeting some 14,000 foreign workers annually until 2016 — and hopes the Philippines will provide 30 to 40 percent of this annual inflow of workers to Manitoba, Selinger said during the MOU signing.

These future workers will now be governed by the province's old laws such as the Employment Standards Code and the Workplace Safety and Health Act, and the new Worker Recruitment and Protection Act, passed last year.

As usual, Filipino workers deployed overseas and recruitment agencies abide by the 2002 Rules and Regulations on Deploying Land-based Workers by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

In the updated MOU, DOLE (through POEA) will register and accredit Manitoban employers that will hire Filipino workers, while Philippine-based recruitment agencies will provide the Manitoban employers with lists of pre-qualified Filipino workers. These prequalified workers will then apply for Canadian work permits and/or nomination for Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program (PNP).

The MOU signed by Baldoz and Rempel recognizes that the Canadian national government will "retain final authority to determine applications for permanent residency and... for temporary work permits".

The phrase "immigration consultants" is nowhere to be found in the MOU.

The CIC website, and so did Kenney, did not say, however, that immigration consultants are disallowed from conducting business.

Nevertheless, Minda Valencia, deputy executive director of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), urged Filipinos to "file their applications on their own."

Like the Labor Department, the CFO doesn't regulate immigration consultants either, according to Valencia.

The CSIC website, <u>www.csic-scci.ca</u>, carries a list of accredited immigration consultants

While most of members of their society are based in Canada, there are five CSIC-accredited consultants based in the Philippine cities of Makati, Taguig, and Paranaque, and in the province of Bulacan. / JEREMAIAH M. OPINIANO/ OFW Journalism Consortium

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 4 BAGUIO CITY

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of an Alias Writ of Execution issued by the Hon. Mia joy Oallares-Cawed, Judge of the Regional Trial Court Branch 4, Family Court of Baguio City, on March 25, 2010, in Civil Case No. 162-FC wherein REIMON LLORICK R. GUTIERREZ, **REGINA G. LABO,** CHELSEA JOY R. **GUTIERREZ**, represented herein by their mother Regina R. Gutierrez and REGINA R. **GUTIERREZ** are the plaintiffs and RAMON R. LABO JR. is the defendant in SUPPORT WITH **APPLICATION FOR** SUPPORT PEN-**DENTE LITE for the** recovery of the sum of THREE HUN-DRED THIRTY SIX **THOUSAND PESOS** (P336,000.00), as of October 12, 2010, with interest, and costs, etc, levy was made by Sheriff Ronaldo B. Pangan on September 17, 2010, thru the Register of Deeds of Baguio City, on the rights, interests, an participation of said defendant RAMON L. LABO JR. in the real property more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title no. T-46137 Plan Tsi-V-1435

Beginning at a point marked "I" on plan Tsi-V-1435, being S. 34-34 W. 1348.23m from Station "Limestone", Baguio Townsite;

> Hence S. 68-48 W., 34.38m. to point 2; N. 28-29 W., 33.88m. to point 3; N. 43-20 E., 38.92m. to point 4; S. 25-20 E., 50.44m. to point 1, point of

> > beginning.

Containing an area of ONE THOU-SAND FOUR HUN-**DRED AND NINETY** TWO (1, 492)SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by B. L. conc. Mons. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Naguilian Road (15.00 meters wide); on the SW. along line 2-3 by Soliman Haddad; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Benjamin San Pedro and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Foster Gabol (Lot No. Psu-177900). Bearings true. This survey was executed in accordance with law and existing regulations promulgated thereunder, by Feliciano C. Liggayu, Public Land Surveyor, on March 24, 1966 and approved on April 1966.—

NOW THERE-FORE, by virtue of said Order of Alias Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Section 19 of the Rules of Court, Sheriff Ronaldo B. Pangan will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, on November 10, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. At the Lobby of Justice Hall Building City of Baguio, the rights, interests and participation of defendant RAMON L. LABO., in the above-described real property in order to satisfy said order of Alias Writ of execution, together with interests, costs, sheriff's gees and the expenses of sale.

Baguio City, Philippines, October 12, 2010.

BY:(SDG) RONALDO B. PANGAN Sheriff IV

Publication awarded to The Junction Newspaper Publication Dates: October 23 and 30, 2010 Coy furnished: All parties

Warning: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law. Rule 39, Sec. 15

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF La Trinidad. Benguet

H O M E DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF), *Mortgagee*,

-versus-

RAMON	Ε.
BELTRAN,	
Mortgagor,	

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 10-ExF-1448 FOR

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale Under Act 3135, as amended filed by Home Development Mutual Fund, represented by its Department Manager III, Jerome P. Avila, hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of Mortgagor Ramon E. Beltran of legal age, married, Filipino, with residence and postal address at Blk. 13 Lot 18 Marville Homes Subd. Tadiangan, Tuba Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagor, in order to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness to the mortgagee which as of September 21, 2010 amounts to ONE MIL-LION THREE HUN-**DRED FIFTY FOUR** THOUSAND SIXTY THREE PESOS AND 01/100(Php. 1,354,063.01) Philippine Currency including interest and penalty charges and attorney's fees equivalent to TEN (10%) percent of the total indebtedness plus expenses of foreclosure.

That the undersigned sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUC-**TION on November** 24, 2010 at 10:00 o' clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the hereunder described real property, together with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67043

(Register of Deeds-Province of Benguet) A parcel of land

A parcel of fand (lot 18, blk. 13, Psd-131113-006700) being a portion of Lot 1-A, Psu-1-001213), situated at Barangay Irisan, Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon, Bounded on

the NE, along line 1-2 by lot 20, Block 13 of the subd., plan on the SE., along line 2-3 by Road 13 (4.50 m. wide); on the SW along line 3-4 by Lot 16; on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 17, both block 13 of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point mark "1" on plan being S. 86 deg. 24' W., 2402.47 m. from Triangulation Sta. LIMESTONE, **Baguio** Townsite to corner 1, thence; s. 43 deg., 16'E., 11.50 m. to point 2;

S. 46 deg., 44'W., 3.48 m. to point 3;

N. 43 deg., 16'W., 11.50 m., to point 4; N. 46 deg., 44'E.,

3.48 m. to point of beginning;

Containing an area of FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows; all points by PS cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40 cms., Bearing true; Date of original survey on May 15-16, 1922. Date of subdivision survey on May 18-24, 1998, executed by Engr. Ferdinand D. Mateo

Baguio polls Generally

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army personnel were immediately called to secure the area and not let any other individuals go in the polling precinct.

Alleged flying voters were also reported in several polling precinct here in the city but there were no arrests made by police or complaints made by candidates.

Most polling precincts ended the casting of votes at 3:00PM, after which the manual counting started.

By 6:30PM, the BETs started trooping to the Baguio Convention Center to submit election returns and certificates of canvass of votes to the Board of Canvassers.

All election returns and Certificates of Canvass of votes for the city's 128 barangays were submitted before 5:00 AM of October 26.

Bahul commended the resiliency of teachers and for doing their jobs well. Even with the delay of election materials and under tense situation, they managed to proceed with the election and submitted results to the COMELEC at the fastest time.

Meanwhile, COMELEC Benguet Provincial Election Supervisor lawyer Elenita Tabangin-Capuyan described the voter turn out to be low compared to the May 2010 National and Local elections when computerized election system was introduced and people were excited to vote electronically./Redjie Cawis/PIA

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL** COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION **BRANCH 4** BAGUIO CITY FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION R F 0 LEGITIMATION AND CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE RECORD OF BIRTH OF MINOR CHILD VINCENT REUBEN STA. ANA **GUERRERO**

VINCENT REUBEN STA. ANA **GUERRERO** HEREIN ASSISTED BY HIS PARENTS SPS. ROBERT LEON G. GUERRERO AND MORENA STA. ANA GUERRERO.

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY THE AND ΝΑΤΙΟΝΑΙ STATISTICS OFFICE Respondents.

SP. PROC. CASE NO 2061-R

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ORDER

The above-entitled verified **Amended Petition was** filed by the Petitioner, through counsel and unto this Honorable Court, which states that:

Petitioner 1. VINCENT REUBEN **STA.ANAGUERRERO IS A MINOR BEING** SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE UPON THE FIL-**ING OF THIS PETI-**TION, Filipino citizen, while co-petitioner parents the SPS. **ROBERT LEON G.** GUERRERO AND MORENA STA, ANA **GUERRERO** are of legal age, Filipino citizen and all of them residents of #A-97 LTHCI Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines where they may be served with summons, notices and other processes of the Honorable Court;

2. Respondent Civil Registry of Baguio City is a government agency in charge with the registration of births, etc., and can be served with summons at the **Baguio Health Center,** Baguio City while respondent National Staitistics Office is also a government agency and it is being impleaded a a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and it can be served with summons at its office address in Baguio City.

3. Co-petitioner spouses are the biological parents of VINCENT REUBEN **STA.ANAGUERRERO** wherein the latter was born on April 29, 1994 at the Baguio Medical Center, Inc., Baguio Cty;

4. That the facts of birth of said minor chil was duly registered in the office of the Civil Registry of Baguio City as evidenced by hereto attached CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH marked as ANNEX "A" and made part hereof;

At the time 5. of the birth of minor child, herein petitioner, MORENA C. STA.ANAGUERRERO and her child's father, **ROBERT LEON G. GUERRERO** were not married but an information was given by the former that they were married on July 31, 1991, in Makati, Metro Manila but in truth and in fact, no such marriage took place;

Petitioner 6. MORENA STA. ANA **GUERRERO** was the informant during the preparation of the birth certificate of VINCENT REUBEN immediately after she gave birth for which reason which she might misunderstood some of the questions being asked of her particularly the date of marriage given by the effect of drugs administered to her during her chilbirth:

7. The honest mistake done by the petitioner when he supplied the date of marriage tends to show that VINCENT **REUBEN was LEGITI-**MATE child when in truth and in fact he was born outside wedlock hence, supposed to be illegitimate but none-ROBERT theless LEON and MORENA subsequently got married on January 28, 1997 at Our Lady Of Church Lourdes Baguio City as evidenced by their CERIFICATE OF MARRIAGE hereto attached as ANNEX "B" and made part hereof:

8. Hence, the petitioners desire that the affected entry in the Certificate of Live birh of Vincent Reuben be changed to reflect his true and correct status from legitimate to legitimated, to reflect the true and correct date and place of marriage of petitioner spouses which is January 28, 1997 in Baguio City and not July 31,1991 in Makati, Metro Manila;

9. This petition is not sought to conceal, mislead and misrepresent the petitioner's nor escape any obligation of whatever nature and kind. On the contrary, this petition is sought to reflect the true and correct status of the minor child and to apprise the public of the true, correct and lawful date and place of marriage of petitioner spouses.

WHEREFORE. premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, the Honorable Court grants the petition by issuing an **ORDER** as follows:

1. Declaring the minor child. VINCENT REUBEN STA.ANAGUERRERO as LEGITIMATED.

2. To expunge from his record of birth the date and place of the marriage of his parents which is July 31, 1991 in Makati, Metro Manila and instead the Date and Place of marriage of his parents which was solemnized on January 28, 1997 in Baguio City be indicated. the Finding

Amended Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City, on December 15, 2010, at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place date and time, the Petitioners shall prove her case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why said Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner in The Junction newspaper, a local newspaper of general circulation in **Baguio** City and Northern Luzon, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before a foresaid hearing.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the solicitor General, Makati city, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio, and the Petitioner and Counsel.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN this 8th day of October, 2010, at Baguio City, Philippines.

By:(SDG) MIA JOY C.OALLARES-CAWED **Presiding Judge**

October 30, 2010 and November 6, 13, 2010

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

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DAISY P. BANAWAG Applicant

Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-1356 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on November 22, 2010 at 10:00A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City

in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - OFFICER-IN-CHARGE this 29th day of October 2010.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City GOMEZ BALASIN Applicant Case No: 2001-BC-500

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - OFFICER-IN-CHARGE this 28th day of October 2010.

> (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

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

ROSELDA TAGIBOS - Vendor SPS. JOSEPH & LENE MALECDAN - Vendee Case No: 99-01-2442/2010-CAR-440

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for SALE & TRANSFER of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - IRISAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on November 22, 2010 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences

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D) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Crisis continues to haunt OFW families...From page 1

OFWs and their families are still reeling from the impact of the crisis.

Nearly three-fourths of respondents cut their spending on food (22.2 percent said so) and recreation (24.4 percent).

Ang and Custodio said these cut-back on spending accrue to the respondents' view that their savings decreased (60.6 percent said so) as remittances also dropped (45.2 percent said so).

The crisis, which "is still moving across the world…has negatively affected OFW families left-behind through decreases in income, remittances and savings… [thus reducing] consumption and (increasing) debts," the economists said in a recent forum by the Philippine Statistical Association.

Custodio's and Ang's paper also found that the crisis' impacts on the Philippines include rising prices of commodities (81.9 percent), decreasing family income (45.7), and worsened unemployment (39.0).

Host countries where the OFWs work, for their part, experienced increasing risks for job displacement (64.5 percent), rising prices of commodities (40.2), worsened unemployment (31.8), and decreased savings (29.9), the paper also found.

Custodio and Ang also found that the overseas-based dependents of surveyed OFW families also did not return to the country (67.3 percent); out of this specific group of crisis-hit OFWs, nearly half looked for other jobs.

Custodio and Ang's survey came at a time when neither are there reports of OFWs displaced by the global economic crisis nor definite figures of how many were affected by the crisis.

The economists' survey and report are the current empirical data on the crisis and OFWs' resiliency.

Other data available from the Philippine government comes from the National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). Consolidated data from both agencies revealed some 12,117 OFWs reported they were displaced in 2009. Most of them said their employers in Taiwan and the United Arab Emirates cited the crisis as reason for shuttering businesses or cutting labor costs.

Limits

CUSTODIO and Ang said that because of the crisis' impact on OFWs, their families in the Philippines had to come up with ways to cope.

Respondent OFW families cited seeking extra jobs by household heads (16 percent), stopping allocation for savings (13), seeking help from other relatives (8.5) or incurring more debts (6.6) as coping strategies.

But while OFWs' continued resiliency "has somehow cushioned the impact" of the crisis on OFWs, Custodio and Ang caution that "resiliency has its limits."

However, economist Renato Reside of the University of the Philippines is not worried.

In the same PSA forum, Reside pooh-

poohed the strength of the crisis.

Likewise, he allayed fears that the Philippines will still be hit hard by the global economic crisis.

Reside's own paper on how remittances are affected in times of crisis mentions that an economic crisis' real impact happens two years after, or what he calls as the "lagged effect".

Reside's own econometric computations saw this lag effect of a crisis on remittances during the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis, thus in 1999.

The Philippines "has averted" this lag effect, he said.

"We have gone past it already, and things are going to recover. Don't worry too much anymore," he added.

Reside said the marketing efforts for overseas jobs in 2009 by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration's (POEA) as well as the fiscal stimulus of migrant workers' host countries "saved the day".

Custodio and Ang recommend that government should "continue assessing the impacts (of the crisis) at the level of individuals, households, and communities" to improve social protection endeavors to vulnerable workers./ by JEREMAIAH M. OPINIANO/ OFW Journalism Consortium

Baguilat Calls for Extensive

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to push for the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) to work for the Cordillera region – which is composed of more than 90 percent IPs.

He also called on all sectors to help them in such endeavor. 'If we cannot make IPRA work for Cordillera, how much for autonomy,' Baguilat said.

Mountain Province Congressman Maximo Dalog Sr., who presided the RDC-AdCom meeting, shared the same view in pushing for regional autonomy. In the final analysis it is still the people who will decide, he said./Lito Dar/PIA

City, Asin Landownera end

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ding process for the plants' privatization.

As per the agreement, the city will compensate the landowners by way of rentals amounting to three percent of the net surplus from the operation of the mini-hydro plants subject to conditions that the rentals will be retroactive to year 2007 when the city assumed management of the plant; that the rentals will be subject to increase after three years; and that the rentals shall be payable to TNHLA which will assume the task of distributing the amount to the affected landowners.

The mayor reiterated his elation for achieving a "win-win solution" for both the city and the landowners.

He said the percentage-based compensation rate was the city's final offer presented to the landowners after the city rejected the previous proposals for fixed rates or P10-P20 per square mater of the lot traversed by the plants' flume lines.

Domogan said the percentage-based

computation is more beneficial to both parties as the compensation under this scheme will be directly proportional to the output of the plants.

He said the fixed rate scheme is disadvantageous as landowners stand to receive a fixed amount regardless of whether the plants are earning or losing to the detriment of the operator and the city government.

Domogan said the city and the landowners will conduct a validation survey to identify the legitimate landowners whose properties are traversed by the plants' operations.

The other terms under the agreement are that the landowners will have representation in the Bids and Awards Committee to witness the bidding process; and be entitled to privileges and other priority projects; priority in employment to the plant; scholarship programs for the heirs and subsidy in electric bills.

The mayor said the agreement has been submitted to the court and endorsed to the city council which will have a hand in the negotiations with the landowners relative to the city's claims for damages in Civil Case No. 6911-R it filed against the residents for disrupting the operations of the plants./A Refuerzo

City to Revitalize Sister

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Vallejo in California, Hangzhou in China, Taebaek in Korea, Hanyu in Japan and Guam.

The city embarks on sisterhood relationships to open the bridge for a free exchange of tourism, social, cultural, economic, scientific, legislative, administrative and advance communication technologies for the benefit of both governments and residents between the subject cities apart from promoting and enhancing tourism industry, goodwill and foster lasting relationship between the people of both cities./A Refuerzo

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teenagers have tried sipping and 91 percent also think that drinking is dangerous to health. Those who are working and 'idle' are more prone to drinking than in school youth. 79 percent in CAR ever tried drinking compared to NCR 's 82 percent.

13 percent of the youth populations have thought of committing suicide and girls are more prone than boys. CAR is the highest in the regional variation in ever thought of suicide.

The survey said that the reasons why adolescents engage in the risk behaviors are that teenagers are becoming less and less connected with their families and religion. Families are showing signs of being less helpful to their adolescents.

Schools and homes provide venues for sex encounters and pornographic media is taking a larger space in their time and attention.

The study suggests some potential preventive factors like giving good regard and high spirituality to the youth population.

It suggests that when programs are conceptualized to help our youth avoid risks behaviors, it should enhance protective factors and turn risky factors into more positive one./ joseph b zambrano/pia

BRGY, SK Polls

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Tanudan, Pinukpuk and Balbalan in Kalinga. Election was also moved to the next day

in barangay Nattum in the town of Mayoyao in Ifugao and some barangays in Conner and Kabugao in Apayao.

In the province of Abra, election was postponed in five upper barangays of the remote town of Tineg which are accessible by 2-3 days travel by foot, and four barangays of Lacub whose roads were badly damaged by typhoon Juan.

As explained by Torres, Comelec Resolution 9087 states that in case ballots and other forms do not arrive on time for opening of polls which is 7 AM except in some typhoonravaged areas which was set earlier at 6:00AM, but arrived at the precincts before 12 noon of election day, the election officer, municipal treasured and Board of Election Tellers(BETs) will assess and can extend voting hours until 5pm.

If ballots and other materials, however, arrive at the precincts after 12 noon, postpone election the next day, Oct. 26 0r if still not feasible, on 27th.

Except for three barangays in Tineg whose poll materials were yet to reach the polling centers, all the areas that did not vote on Monday conducted their election on Tuesday. The three Tineg barangays were set to elect on October 27.

From Sunday evening to the two days that election was held in the region, the Joint Security Control Center/Regional Election Monitoring Action Center recorded three election-related violent incidents – a ballot snatching and burning incident in Kalinga and two shooting incidents in Apayao and Abra resulting to the killing of one and wounding of another in Boliney, Abra.

In barangay Baay, Pinukpuk, Kalinga, Comelec declared a failure of election after unidentified armed men snatched and burned election materials for four precincts there. Reports said that at about 1:30 PM on Oct. 25, unidentified heavily armed men snatched the materials from the board of election tellers who were on their way by foot to deliver and conduct election at the said place. The passers by reported seeing burned ballots along the trail.

The BETs identified as Gener Lingayo, Marcela Angalao, and Marilou Banawa for Precincts 30A and 30 B and Benita Madigas, Maridel Balas and Maricel Garcia for Precints 31A and 32A were released unharmed.

Torres said it would take at least two to three months to set the election date for Baay depending on the Comelec en banc decision.

It was the first time for most of the areas to postpone election due to delayed delivery of poll paraphernalia but it is also noteworthy to note that Tineg started voting on election day itself. Because of its remoteness, Tineg normally conducts election at a latter date.

Also for Abra which is in the election watch list because of its history of political violences, it recorded zero casualty on the three days that election were conducted in the province. This is described by some as "abnormally peaceful" condition on election time.

Compared to the synchronized national and local elections last May 2010, voters turn out now is lower but Comelec officials are quick to point out that people then were excited to try the first ever automated election thus they came up in droves./PIA

128 Million fund

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of disposing the city's residual and other wastes at no cost to the city.

The mayor however assured that the city will continue to commission the barangays to handle the recyclable wastes for their incomegenerating ventures.

If the city can purchase two ERS machines costing P64 million each to be set up at the Irisan dumpsite, they can tackle 48 tons of biodegradable wastes daily out of the 66 tons./ A Refuerzo

Economists says Crisis

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Santo Tomas referred to the results of the 2009 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) by the National Statistics Office (NSO), which annually surveys the number of OFWs and their remittances from April to September.

The NSO said in statement last June that total remittances last year from Filipinos overseas declined by P3.423 billion to P138.481 billion, compared to the P141.904 received in 2008 [see related story "*RP's top remitters sent less* money in crisis-hit 2009"].

The global crisis definitely saw the flow of remittances in 2009 decline, Ang told the *OFW Journalism Consortium*.

"Despite data capture improvements, and increases in remittance amounts in absolute numbers, there is a slowdown of remittance" growth given the single-digit growth levels year-on-year of remittances, he added.

Ducanes noted that data from both BSP and NSO's SOF showed that the crisis "not exactly (reduced) remittances but rather (reduced their) growth."

Ang explained that the BSP data records all types of remittance transactions (including those from immigrants and permanent residents), and the level of flows "has been increasing steadily" since BSP data also includes large one-time transfers of OFWs returning to the Philippines.

NSO's SOF simply reported how much was sent by those who are still employed abroad, Ang added.

He also disagrees with BSP that it is skilled workers who are driving remittance growth levels.

"It is still domestic workers in a large part." Ang projects a 4-to-6 percent annual growth in remittances by year's end. **Crisis**

DUCANES said that the impact of the crisis on migration and remittances "was not severe enough to actually reduce deployment and remittances, but rather its impact was to slow down remittances and deployment growth". A check with data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) confirmed Ducanes's observation.

The 2007 growth levels of total deployment of land- and sea-based OFWs reached 1.42 percent, skyrocketing to 12.7 percent in 2008. In 2009, given the expected surge of seeking more jobs abroad in a crisis situation, deployment was still up and the growth rate was at 15.1 percent (though the growth rate is just 0.4 percent higher than 2008 growth levels.

The World Bank, in its own forecasts of labor migration outflows, noticed that labor deployment "actually accelerated during the crisis... (reflecting) that the top OFW destinations were not as affected as the rest of the world".

But the acceleration of deployment to major destination countries actually slowed down as well. For example, the number of OFWs to the Kingdom Saudi Arabia grew by 5.6 percent in 2009 (lower than the 15.7 percent growth rate in 2008.

Another major destination country, the United Arab Emirates (the country where Dubai was feared to have a debt crisis, until neighboring emirate Abu Dhabi bailed Dubai out), saw the 2009 growth rate of deployment reach 1.6 percent which is lower than the 2008 growth rate of 60.6 percent.

Hong Kong's OFW deployment growth rates also declined to 27.8 percent in 2009 from 32.4 percent in 2008 as Ducanes noticed that the share of Filipino domestic workers in Hong Kong "has been shrinking" in recent years.

A slowdown of OFW deployment also happened with Qatar: 5.9 percent in 2009 versus 49.9 percent in 2008.

Surprisingly, Singapore's OFW deployment grew by 30.6 percent in 2009 which saw the destination country recover from a minus-15.9 percent deployment growth rate in 2008.

Ang said that the impact of the crisis "is not balanced" throughout the different employment sectors, even if the government recorded some 12,117 OFWs were displaced and sent home due to job cuts in host countries (notably Taiwan and the UAE).

Citing government data, the World Bank said that male production and construction workers and new hires were the most affected by the crisis; in contrast, female service workers, seafarers and re-hired OFWs (both male and female) either proved they were resilient during the crisis, or they even benefitted from the crisis.

For example, the exponential rise in the deployment of seafarers in 2009 (to 330,424, for a growth rate of 26.3 percent [*see Table 1*] revealed that demand for these OFWs "expanded sharply despite a sharp contraction in the (global) shipping industry," the World Bank said.

As for OFWs who remained abroad whether with or without a job in crisis-hit 2009, Ang thinks that "it is natural that the remittance sent is somehow softened".

True enough, the 2009 SOF results showed total and average remittances of the three big remittance-sending occupational groups, including laborers and unskilled workers, declined in 2009. /**JEREMAIAH M. OPINIANO**/OFW Journalism Consortium

City To Revitalize Sister City Programs

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will beef up sisterhood programs to realize more exchange opportunities for Baguio and its sister cities both here and abroad.

This was firmed up during the organizational meeting of the Philippine International Sisterhood and Twinning Association (PHISTA) local chapter last Tuesday.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who chairs the newly reconstituted PHISTA Baguio City Chapter urged members who represent the various sectors to come up with an action plan geared at revitalizing and enhancing sisterhood programs beneficial to both Baguio and the kin cities.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, PHISTA-BCC cochair said the body agreed to review the list and conduct an inventory of Baguio's sister cities for the purpose of determining the status of the sisterhood relationships.

Active sister cities will be sustained and infused with fresh programs while the dormant ones will be resuscitated, according to Tabanda.

She said they also plan to identify specific projects and programs for each sister city depending on the available resources and requirements that the cities can offer to ensure continued exchanges and involvement.

The mayor recently reconstituted the PHISTA-BCC to continue taking charge of concerns on the city's sisterhood relationships.

In Administrative Order No. 137 series of 2010, the mayor named himself as chairman of the body with Councilor Tabanda as co-chair and city council representative.

Named members were Councilor Elmer Datuin as tourism representative; city administrator Carlos Canilao; Nicolas Tabora representing the professional sector; Priscilla Macansantos, educational sector; Helen Tibaldo, media sector; Dept. of Interior and Local Government city director Evelyn Trinidad; Marciano Garcia, business sector; Leonarda Capuyan, culture and the arts sector; Sonia Dao-as, civic sector.

City tourism officer Benedicto Alhambra will head the secretariat.

The city has numerous sisterhood ties not only with local cities and municipalities but also with various foreign cities, the most active of which are the cities of

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Economists say Crisis slows Remittance

growth MANILA-A SLOW growth in remittance flows and ex-

mittance flows and export of Filipino workers overseas are expected to occur as the United States economy remains wanting in signs of a recovery on lackluster jobs data.

Economists and data from government agencies reveal that the global economic crisis continues to slow down the growth levels of the deployment of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their billion-dollar remittances —both being the country's major trump cards of economic resiliency.

While money sent by overseas Filipinos last year was higher year-on-year by 5.6 percent to US\$17.348 billion than 2008 levels, economists told the *OFW Journalism Consortium* there was a decline in growth. <u>E c o n o m i s t</u> **Remittance** Geoffrey Ducanes of the University of the Philippines cited data from the Bangko

Sentral ng Pilipinas. "The [BSP's] figures showed a substantial decline in remittances' growth in 2008 versus 2009, compared to the previous years when remittances were growing by double digits," Ducanes told the *OFW Journalism Consortium.*

He used the 2003 to 2008 data from the BSP that showed average annual growth of remittances at 16.7 percent.

Year-on-year cu-

Survey Shows CAR Young Adults Top in

Smoking

BAGUIO CITY -Males have higher appetite to smoking than females but younger women are picking up the smoking practice faster than men and out-of-school youth (OSY) smoke more than those who are still in school.

In the regional variation in smoking, more than half ever tried smoking in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) with

mulative monthly fig-

ures on remittances

since January 2009 saw

growth rates in less

than nine percent-the

lowest being 0.1 per-

cent in January 2009

and the highest being

8.5 percent last Janu-

economist Alvin Ang

of the University of

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For his part,

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58% which is the highest among the areas, National Capital Region (NCR) with 56% is second and Bicol Region with 54% is third.

These are some of the highlights of a national survey on the Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality (YAFS).

The survey also showed that 47percent of the adolescent population have actually tried smoking and 97 %

he know that smoking is he dangerous to their pi- health. R) On the sexual risk

On the sexual risk behaviors, 23 % of the youth have engaged in Pre-Marital Sex (PMS). 20% said that they experienced PMS while in high school, 13% while in college, 13 percent after high school graduation and 3.5 % while in the elementary school.

In drinking alcohol, 69 percent of the **Cont. on page 10**



"WIN-WIN DEAL" - Mayor Mauricio Domogan signs the "Compromise Agreement" entered between the City Government of Baguio and land owners and claimants affected by the Asin Hydropower Plants last October 27. Looking on are City Legal Officers Melchor Rabanes, Atty. Valdoboyd Nipol and Tadiangan-Nangalisan Hydro Ancestral Landowners Association headed by Roger Sinot. By Bong Cayabyab

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