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# Closure of buildings with converted parking spaces ordered

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan Bordered concerned offices of the local government to start processing the closure of buildings that have not reverted their converted parking spaces to their original purpose as the time has lapsed for them to comply with the reversion order.

The local chief executive ordered the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) to withdraw the occupancy permit issued to building owners once their designated parking spaces remain to be operating as commercial stalls while the City Permits and Licensing Division was directed to cancel the business permits issued to business establishments occupying designated parking spaces of buildings in the different parts of the city.

“We already discussed the

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Known as the Carabao Mountain in the olden days, Quirino Hill in Baguio City is set to be transformed into another mural advocating climate change. The DOT-Cordillera proposed the repainting of the Quirino Hill houses with white and splashes of green in an effort to re-bloom and revive the old city colors and in a bid to make the area, which has around 6,000 households, as the template for environment-friendly activities and climate change mitigation advocacy. (RMC- PIA CAR)



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**Rolex pambili ng Bigas? Pwedi!!!**  
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EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn**  
BY: CLYDE B. SACPA





# TESDA offers learning programs Public urged to pay taxes early

**B**AGUIO CITY – Traditional and contemporary programs could be availed of through the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)'s on-going program, Barangay Kasanayan para sa Kabuhayan at Kapayapaan.

This was known from Roger Dancel of the TESDA office during the forum between service providers, government agencies, prospective employers and the City Poverty Reduction Action Team (CPRAT) at the city multi-purpose hall, last Wednesday.

The comprehensive program, Dancel said, includes community profiling for the scholars, including environmental, market, political, community needs and economic opportunities analysis. Training design and delivery, curricula, selection of participants, trainings, skills and entrepreneurial allocation, assessment and certification; and post-training assessment are included in the program.

The participants' choice of being employed or

of self-employment is boosted by distribution of start-up tool kits, and access to credit and cooperative groups through the local government units (LGU), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Cooperatives Development Authority (CDA), it was known.

Target beneficiaries include marginalized groups; persons with disabilities, surrenderors, indigenous persons, out-of-school-youth, senior citizens, rebels, urban poor, the unemployed, farmers and fisherfolk, women, solo parents and those from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP), be they wounded-in-action (WIA).

The trainings target rapid and sustained economic growth in priority industries in agri-fisheries, agri-business, general infrastructure and new and emerging sectors.

Registration could be done in three ways: through the barangay office, online: [www.tesda.gov.ph/barangay](http://www.tesda.gov.ph/barangay), and at the TESDA offices.

Applicants should be at least high school graduates, and 18 years old at the time of completion of training. Availment could be done several times, but no simultaneous.

The program is a "two-pronged strategy in poverty reduction for sustainable inclusive growth" and to ensure a decent employment for participants. The offered courses include, animation, automotive, Barista, bartending, beauty care, book keeping, pastry and baking, caregiving, carpentry, English proficiency, masonry, security, metal arc welding, slaughtering, tailoring, lathe machine, milling, computer, construction painting, customer service, cookery, dressmaking, food and beverage service, electronics, events management, health care, massage, medical transcription, drafting, tile setting, visual graffix and web design and development. *Julie G. Fianza#*

Assessors for resolution or printing. Afterwards, they will proceed at the Business Taxes and Fees Division (BTFD) for payment of taxes and fees then at the Fire teller for payment of Fire Code fees. Clients will claim their business permits and/or business plates upon submission of barangay clearance; contract of lease (if renting); health clearance (if required); fire clearance; market office clearance (if business is in market); and clearance from real property tax (if prompted by system). /The Treasury office expects clients to continue flocking to the city until the deadline for tax

**B**AGUIO CITY - Tax payment processing at Baguio City Hall is now going on.

It is expected that in the first few days of 2017, early taxpayers will be clogging at city hall because clients usually come at the same time in their desire to get the payments done.

Thus, acting city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias advised and urged the public to pay their taxes and to process the renewal of business permits early to avoid the hassle.

In the processing of renewal of business permits, clients are advised to go straight at the one-stop-shop for assessment then proceed at any of the Business Tax

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payment set in March.

A 20% discount will be accorded to real property taxpayers from January 1 to 31, down to 15% discount from February 1 to 28, and further down to 10% discount from March 1 to 31.

To speed up the processing time and to eradicate the problem of fixers in the licensing system, the city government here has already been implementing the electronic Business Process and Licensing System (e-BPLS) in the processing of both new and old business permit applications. *Jho Arranz#*

## Mayor seeks justice for murdered high school student

**B**AGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan ordered the Baguio City Police Office to put all efforts in giving justice to the gruesome murder of a 16 year old high school student in Baguio City last week.

The Mayor in his weekly Ugnayan media forum tasked the BCPO to fast track an extensive investigation and make the case a priority.

"We ask the police to exert and do all its effort to conduct the investigation and identify the perpetrators and give justice to the arms of the law," said Domogan.

The city government placed reward money of P100,000.00 to whoever would help identify the perpetrators of in the killing of Kenneth Velasco, a Grade 10 student of the Pines City National High School was stabbed at least 40 times and robbed in an alley along Labsan Street, Baguio City Tuesday morning (Dec. 13) while on his way to school.

A civic organization, Guardians Reform Advocacy and Cooperation towards Economic Prosperity Inc. or Grace Guardians also pledged P50,000.00 as reward

money.

Meanwhile, BCPO Acting City Director PSSupt. Ramil Saculles said that the case is now handled by the BCPO City Investigation and Management Unit after its turn over from the BCPO Station 1 and 7.

Saculles called on the public to work with the police and provide the needed information in solving the case and bringing justice to the death of Velasco.

Kenneth was laid to rest at the Baguio Public Cemetery on Friday, Dec. 16. *JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#*

## Revenue collection from bldg. permits declined

**B**AGUIO CITY - City Buildings and Architecture Office disclosed that a decrease of revenue collection from January to December 15 compared last year.

"A total of 625 building permits were issued during the current

year corresponding to Php5,600,057.86 revenues as compared to 2015 where 685 building permits were issued corresponding to Php11,137,915.84 in revenues," said engr. Lorenzo Gudaren.

"There is a reduction

of 49.72% in the revenues collected because less applications for commercial building permits were received by their office," he said.

Moreover, a total of 219 occupancy permits were issued this year amounting to Php 2,008,225.82

revenue compared to 241 occupancy permits amounting to Php1,058,273.60 revenue last year. Thus an increase of 89.76% in the revenue collected.

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because of the non-compliance of the provisions of the National Building Code, four building permits were revoked while tree were suspended.

In the enforcement of annual inspection, he reported that a total of 38 commercial and institutional buildings were inspected which corresponds to Php310,732.50.

On the other hand, in the program of giving electrical amnesty to

structures without building permits, CBAO issued 3,824 Certificates of electrical Inspection amounting to Php1,752,400.00 While a revenue of Php194,550.00 was generated in the issuance of 437 Certificates of Electrical Inspection for temporary, reconnection and additional electric meters.

CBAO urged barangay officials in the implementation of the National Building Code

by reporting illegal building constructions to their office to require the owners to apply for building permits.

Gudaren stressed that the city government here through the Management Information System (MIS) of the city budget office is currently developing an on-line electronic system of application of building permits which will be implemented soon. *Jho Arranz#*



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# Barangay dads asked to report constructions without permits

**B**AGUIO CITY- Mayor Mauricio Domogan is urging barangay officials anew to be active in reporting constructions that are not covered by building permits within their areas of jurisdiction.

The mayor's move was in support of the call of the

city building and architecture office (CBAO) last Monday for support in the barangay level to identify structures not covered by building permits to force their owners to comply with the law.

The mayor said the cooperation of the

barangays is crucial as it will not only help the city keep track of on-going constructions that are legitimate but whose owners ignore the permit requirements but more importantly it will help identify illegal structures and thereby deter

squatting.

The CBAO headed by Engr. Nazita Banez last Monday reported processing a total of 623 building permits from January to Dec. 12 this year resulting to a revenue of over P5 million.

Last year, the office

processed a total of 685 permits with a collection of P11 million.

They attributed the 49.72 percent reduction in revenues to the fact that there were less commercial buildings this year.

The CBAO also reported processing 219

occupancy permits with a collection of P2 million as against last year's 241 permits with a collection of P1 million. The increase is due to the imposition of the administrative fine to those that incur violations./Aileen P. Refuerzo#

## Master plan for Sto. Tomas property finalized

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Government is now finalizing the master plan for the 139-hectare city-owned property in Sto. Tomas Apugan to help in operationalizing the city's various programs and projects to address problems caused by rapid urbanization.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said based on the draft master plan that was presented to him, some 30 hectares will be segregated and used for the city's integrated solid waste disposal facility once the planned put up of the Antamok engineered sanitary landfill will not succeed while some 7 hectares will be devoted for the city's socialized housing program.

Further, included in the proposed master plan will be the proposed expansion of the city's public cemetery, the extension of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the internal road network, the inhabitants of some portions of the property among other purposes to accommodate more development projects of the local government.

Earlier, the city planned to segregate 50 hectares of the said property for the city's integrated solid waste disposal facility that will include a centralized materials recovery facility, engineered sanitary landfill, anaerobic digester, waste-to-energy plant, the two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines, health care and hazardous waste treatment plant and a special waste plant but the mountainous terrain in the area compelled city planners to reduce the area to only 30 hectares.

"WE are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to put up our own integrated solid waste disposal facility either in Antamok or in Sto. Tomas in the next two years so that we will be saving around 70 million pesos for the hauling of waste outside the city which we could use to bankroll the funding of more development projects for the city in the future," Domogan stressed.

The local chief executive also directed the concerned offices of the city to implement the initial P70 million programmed this year for the construction of the interior road network within the area in reparation for the realization of the property's comprehensive master development plan.

Part of the city-owned property is the 95 hectares donated by the de Guia family which was bought from the heirs of Cariño that covers portions of the nearby Tuba municipality.

Domogan is still awaiting the proposals from the occupants of **Cont. on page 6**

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# Duterte kills 3 – so what?

Whether he has killed 3 or 3 million or 4, it doesn't matter for now, his lawyers say: he is beyond the reach of the law while he's president.

President Duterte's all-too-casual public admission that he himself, by his own hand, has killed three people takes impunity to an entirely new height. Killing is his regime's first order of business, after all.

Indeed, nearly nothing is heard from him, say, about poverty or jobs or education or social welfare, only about crime and what to him is its primary root cause – drugs. His war on drugs has left more than 6,000 dead, with days left yet before he completes the first six months of his six-year term; and he has promised that his war would not slacken for Christmas.

"Our children must be protected from drugs," he says, again and again, sometimes brandishing a directory of drug dealers supposedly that rivals the phonebook in heft. Then, he gets back at his critics who warn him about going around the law with summary executions. "They just don't get it," he says, cursing their "whore-mothers" under his breath.

Among his most consistent and pressing critics are the American government and the United Nations. In its latest reprisal, the US withheld US\$400 million in aid. And recently the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNCHR), Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, has joined in, reacting to Duterte's own kills, all three notched up early in his more than two decades as mayor of his native Davao City, before he became president.

Duterte said he wanted "to show the guys," meaning his henchmen, that he was up to the task himself. Declaring that the killings "constitute murder," Zeid has called on the Philippine judiciary to probe and prosecute.

**EDITORIAL** But Duterte's admission may be too general to be in itself actionable, and his belated addition of one piece of detail should prove only convenient for him: his targets chose to shoot it out – the local term, a standard citation in policemen's accounts of their own kills, is *nanlaban*. Still, his admission lends credibility to a testimony given at a senate inquiry implicating him as the gunman himself in one case – not necessarily one of the three he admitted to.

And coming as it does from a confessed former hit man for him, the testimony should acquire added weight. (Edgar Matobato, the whistleblower, is a marked man in hiding, but he's not going away.)



## Hyperbole?

At any rate, Duterte's public-relations men are quick to rally around him with reflex rationalizations whenever he comes under siege: he has been "misunderstood," "taken out of context," "merely speaking in hyperbole."

I thought I understood Duterte well enough myself and that, if anyone did not understand him, it was he himself. Or else he did not need to be explained by his own men, who in fact tried to straighten me out at a television forum, where I found myself being lectured on hyperbole, a point lost on me, I did confess, as it applied to Duterte.

"Hyperbole," begins Pompee La Viña, commander of the cyberspace force for Duterte, as I understand his special role, "is a figure of speech... Example: a mother tells her son, 'I will kill you,' and the boy lives -- that's hyperbole."

"But then," I reply, following his hyperbolic logic, "Duterte says, 'I will kill you,' and two thousand die."

I still don't know where hyperbole begins and ends with Duterte, who, comparing himself with Hitler, the great Jew slaughterer himself, once declared he "will be happy to slaughter" all three million of the nation's drug dealers and addicts (he has since updated his count, which looks arbitrary in the absence of any independent bases, to four million – if he's chasing Hitler's record he has to find a couple of thousands more).

Anyway, whether he has killed three or three million or four, it doesn't matter for now, his lawyers say: he is beyond the reach of the law while he's president. If their word indeed ends all arguments, Duterte will continue to enjoy five and a half years more of immunity.

In the meantime, his example lives, and people continue dying around him. – Vergel Santos/Rappler.com

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**Has Duterte acted on P50 M bribery in BI?**



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... And I will put hostility between you and the woman and between your offspiring and her offspring; her offspring will attack your head and you will attack her offspring's heels..." (Genesis 3:15, the Holy Bible).

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**GOD CAME TO EARTH AS A BABY, AS A SON:** Isaiah 9:6 is a verse in the Bible that tells us that the son who will be conceived and given birth to by a virgin was not a simple human being, though the woman who gave birth to him was human, and although the boy was to be born in the way like any other human being had been born before him. Isaiah 9:6 is clear: the boy is the "Almighty God, Everlasting Father".

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**HAS DUTERTE ACTED ON P50 M BRIBERY IN BI?** Can someone please tell me if I missed what President Duterte did to Deputy Immigration Commissioners Mike Robles and Al Argosino? I mean, I have not heard of any news that the President acted, one way or the other, for or against Robles and Argosino.

Robles and Argosino caught national attention when CCTV cameras caught them receiving some P50 million as a bribe for some 1,300 Chinese nationals working illegally at the casino of online gambling operator Jack Lam at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga.

At the time this matter was disclosed through national TV, Duterte was telling Filipinos in Cambodia that our citizens should be encouraged to report to him any corruption among his officers, because he will kill the corrupt immediately. Has the President complied with this promise in the case of Robles and Argosino?

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**DUTERTE DOES NOT WANT DOUBLE STANDARDS:** Yes, I have been told that some kind of an internal---whatever that means, of course---investigation is ongoing against the two, that the results of that inquiry and the action of the President would be announced right away.

But, isn't this "internal inquiry" before any punishment is meted out against Robles and Argosino at odds with what is happening to other Filipinos who are merely suspected of being involved in illegal drugs?

The problem here is that, people will begin to feel and think, rightly or wrongly, that there are two prevailing standards of justice in going after criminals and other offenders under the Duterte government, similar to the double standard of the Aquino government---one for friends and allies, and another for the enemies or those who do not have any connections at all. President Duterte does not like this, I am sure!

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**GOD THE FATHER IN THE FORM OF A MAN:** Let me repeat what Isaiah 9:6 states: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called... Mighty God, Everlasting Father..." This verse speaks in past tense, which means to say, the birth of the child, or the son, has already happened. This means to say further that the One who was born is not just a child, or just

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## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

*Sometimes you win,  
sometimes you learn*



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

These days, most of us view mistakes as something that is bad and many of us see losing as a very big mistake. Because of this, we often give advices to children of what must have been done to prevent this thing from happening. Every time we do this we are robbing the child of the opportunity to have a meaningful learning.

What most adults tend to forget is that making a mistake is an avenue of learning new things and through this mistakes people grow. A Chinese proverb say "Fall seven times, get up eight times." It is okay to make a mistake as long as we learn from it.

Another thing most of us view as something horrible is losing in a competition. It is quite true that winning makes us feel good and proud but losing should not make you feel the opposite. Competition is a test. A test to see if the plans, learning and strategies we have is effective or working. If it is effective and working we can win and if that happens it means we can now push through to a higher level of planning, knowledge, and strategies. If we lose that would mean we need to make corrections to the planning, and strategies that we have and to see if we have enough knowledge to complete the job. let us put in mind that life is not a "sometime you win, sometimes you lose" thing rather it is "sometimes you win Sometime you learn thing. If we learn to view the world this way, then we attract positive things towards us."

## PALSIIIT

*Ingras: Ti Ili  
a Nakaipasngayak*



BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY

WEN, ditoy Dingras ti nakaikalian ti kadmakadual (ambilical cord) idi 20 de Enero 1975, damo a pannakakitak ti lawag. Baresbes, ti nagan ti agdama a pagnaedak. Idi ubingak, ti lugar a Baresbes, maysa kadagiti mangbukbukel iti Bo. Padong, ti akindaya amin a paset ti Dingras. Sakbay a matapogan ti decada '80, ti sigud a Bo. Padong, nagbalin a tallo a barrio - Francisco (naadaw iti nagan daydi Commodore nga i-Dingras: Jame V. Francisco), San Marcelino (ayuyang daydi Col. Marcelino Barba, (kayong daydi Apo Ferdinand Edralin Marcos, nagpaay a Presidente ti Republika ti Filipinas) ken ti Baresbes, a segun kadagiti nataengan, naadaw ti naganna gapu iti kasasaad ti daga - agar-arimasa (moist) uray panawen ti kalgaw (summer). Bumaresbes a kunada!

Naggapuan ti nagan a DINGRAS? Awan ti makaibaga iti apagisu. Ngem, sungbatan ti sariugma (sarita idi ugma), a nagtalinaed a naggaallatiw nga umuna iti dila ti estoria, adda sangkabassit a legend a maipataldiap: Adda kan' dua a barangay nga aggingginnubat. Karayan ti nagbaetan dagitoy dua a barangay. Ni Naslag ti kapitan ti akin-amanan. Allawigan met ti pangulo ti akin-abagatan.

Iti maysa nga aldaw, napan naganup da Allawigan ken dagiti pasurotna agraman ti anakna a ni Ras. Nakasirpat ni Ras iti ugsa; sinurotna daytoy. Iti panangkamatna ti ugsa, nataldiapanna ti maysa a balasitang iti igid ti karayan. Iti dayta a pannakasirpatna iti anak ni Naslag, nakarikna ni Ras ti nagpaiduma nga ayat iti balasitang. Nangala ti baro ti sabong. Insab-itna dagitoy iti ulo ti sikkubeng, sana impatayab babaen iti pana. Nagdisso dagiti sabong iti sakaan ni Ding.

## Demolition of BIBAK, Dairy Farm structures slated

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan disclosed the local government is inclined to pursue the demolition of the fifty-eight illegal structures within the Bontoc-Ifugao-Benguet-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) PROPERTY ALONG Harrison Road and the three hundred forty four illegal structures within the nine two hectares Baguio Dairy Farm property in Dontogan by January next year to put an end to the long overdue removal of the said illegal structures and to send a clear message to the squatters that the city means business in their eviction from properties that they do not actually own.

The local chief executive claimed there is no more legal impediment in the enforcement of the demolition order against the squatters within the BIBAK property while the decision of the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) regarding the demolition of the illegal squatters within the premises of the Baguio Dairy Farm was not appealed, thus, it had become final and executory/

"We have to pursue the demolition of the illegal settlers that built their structures on government property illegally. We will not tolerate such act by enterprising individuals because we want to protect our reservations from the evils of man," Domogan stressed.

He said concerned government agencies like the environment department and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Regional Development Council in the Cordillera have pooled their available resources and manpower for the realization of the illegal structures in both government properties.

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Naragsakan ti balasitang. Nagpayapay ken ni Ras kas pagyamanna.

Kiniddaw ni Ras ken ni tatangna a danonenda ni Ding tapno kiddawenna ti panagkallaysada ngem, gapu iti guranggura ti dua a tribu, bintak manen ti gubat! Nangabak ni Allawigan iti dayta a dangadang. Kiniddaw ni Ras ti ima ni Ding a kas gunggon. Nagkedked ni Naslag; kinaritna ketdi ni Ras a makidangadang iti kalaingan a pasurotna. Nagballigi ni Ras a nangpamek iti kinadangadangna. Awan nabalanan ni Naslag no di ti pannangipalubosna iti panagkallaysa dagiti dua nga agayan-ayat.

Iti panaglantip ti puso ni Ding ken Ras, napagkaykaysa met dagiti barangay. Nagbalinda a maymaysa a tribu.

Agricultural community ti Dingras nga am-ammon idi pay panawen dagiti Augustinian missions idi 1833 a daytoy nga ili ti maaw-awagan a SARUSAR TI ILOCOS NORTE. Addaan ngamin ti superior quality ti bagas nga agtataud iti Dingras a mailaklako pay idia China ken Europe.

Iti Dingras, daytoy ti pakasarakan ti old ruin church a naipasdek idi 1776 a nagbalin a setting dagiti dekalidad a pelikula. Ditoy a nag-shooting idi da Actor Lito Lapid, Fernando Poe, Jr., Monsor del Rosario kdp. Iti agdama, napasayaatan ti sigud a rurog a simbaan. Isu ita manen ti cathedral a masarakan iti puseg ti ili a Dingras.

Adu a bannuar ti pagilian ti timmanor iti daytoy nga ili, pakairamanan ditoy daydi Apo Josefa Llanes Escoda a founder ti Girl Scout of the Philippines, Enriqueta de Peralta, community leader, poetess kdp. Idi Marso 6, 2010, simmurotak iti bunggoy ni Apo Juan S. P. Hidalgo, Jr., sigud nga Associate Editor ti Bannawag (taga-Dingras ti dakkeln a lalaki - Juan Peralta II) a simmarungkar iti pagtaengan daydi Apo de Peralta (ikit ni Apo Juan S. P. Hidalgo, Jr.) a kaduami ni Film Director Ron Bryant. Immayda simmarungkar ken ag-shooting nga agpaay iti documentary film, a maysa daytan iti gagem a pannakapelikula ti

## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Rolex pambili ng Bigas?  
Pwedi!!!*



BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Itong si Secretary Pinol ng DAR ay nagkuwento na ipinasaoli daw niya ang isang regalo na binigay sa kanya. Siya daw ay nagulat na isa daw itong Rolex (Oyster Series). Alam naman natin na kapag ganito katitindi ang halaga ng regalo nito na nasa halos kalahating milyong piso, at mayroon isang matinding kapalit ito para sa nagbigay at lalung-lao ng ma-oobliga na mag-bigay ng kapalit o pabor ang nakatanggap para sa nagbigay. Ayon sa Republic Act (RA) 6713 o kinkilala rin na Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees ay:

**"Section 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the term:**

(c) "Gift" refers to a thing or a right to dispose of gratuitously, or any act or liberality, in favor of another who accepts it, and shall include a simulated sale or an ostensibly onerous disposition thereof. It shall not include an unsolicited gift of nominal or insignificant value not given in anticipation of, or in exchange for, a favor from a public official or employee.

(d) "Receiving any gift" includes the act of accepting directly or indirectly, a gift from a person other than a member of his family or relative as defined in this Act, even on the occasion of a family celebration or national festivity like Christmas, if the value of the gift is neither nominal nor insignificant, or the gift is given in anticipation of, or in exchange for, a favor.

**Section 7. Prohibited Acts and Transactions.:**

(d) Solicitation or acceptance of gifts. - Public officials and employees shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan or anything of monetary value from any person in the course of their official duties or in connection with any operation being regulated by, or any transaction which may be affected by the functions of their office."

Hingil sa probisyon na ito ay malinaw naman na pu-pwedeng tumanggap ng regalo ang isang opisyal kung balewala ang halaga ng binigay katulad halimbawa ng isang cake, pie, o simpleng bote ng alak (huwag mamahalin na Johnny Blue, Swing etc...) at kung wala naman siyang inaasahang pabor o transakyon sa nasabing opisina, ika nga ay token of appreciation lamang. Kaya tama lamang na isinaoli ni Secretary Pinol ang ubod ang mahal na legalo. Ang tanong ngayon ay hindi ba alam ng ating mahal na Pangulo ang probisyon na ito? Sigurado ko na alam naman niya ito, kung bakit nag komento pa siya na dapat sana daw ay tinanggap ni Sec Pinol ang legalo at ipinangbili niya ito ng bigas para sa mahihirap?! Ano ba naman klaseng komento ito? Bakit mahal na Pangulo, sa dinami-dami ba ng tinanggap ninyo na mga legalo ibinibili ba ninyo ang kabuuang halaga ng bigas, at anong porsyento o halaga ang ibinubulsa ninyo, at ano naman ang kapalit na natatanggap ng nagbigay??? Ito ay isang malinaw na bayolasyon sa anti graft and corrupt practices act o RA 3019.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS SA AKING MGA DEAR READERS AT SA READERS NG PAHAYAGANG ITO!!!**

TI DAGA, TI TUDO KEN TI INIT, sarita manipud iti nasariwawek a panagpampanunot ni Apo JSP Jr.

Utang a naimbag a nakem (debt of gratitude), rumbeng a dayawen ken bigbigen ti di magatgatanan a panagbibinnulig dagiti agtuturay iti sibubukel nga ili.#



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THE PHILIPPINES  
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REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
BAGUIO CITY

BAGUIO MARKET  
V E N D O R S  
MULTI-PURPOSE  
COOPERATIVE  
(BAMARVEMPCO)

Mortgagee,

-versus-

LUIS V. OLAIS  
Mortgagor.

FORE. CASE NO.  
16-688-S  
FOR: EXTRA-JU-  
DICIAL FORE-  
CLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF  
AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. 4146 filed by BAGUIO MARKET VENDORS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (BAMARVEMPCO), hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, executed on October 2, 2012 by LUIS V. OLAIS of No. 40 New Lucban, Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, to secure his mortgage obligation which as of September 24, 2016, amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY TWO AND 84/100 (1,133,732.84) PESOS, excluding expenses of foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned Sheriff, will well at public auction on January 26, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Hall of Justice Lobby, Baguio City, and all the improvements existing thereon and more particularly described as follows:

HOWEVER, if any reason/s the auction sale on January 26, 2017 will not push through, then notice is hereby given that the auction sale will proceed on February 9,

2017, also at 10:00 in the morning at the same place as indicated above without need of a separate notice.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-78705

"A parcel of land (Lot 2-D-2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-327335, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 2-D, (LRC) Psd-23192; L.R.C. Record No. F. Pat. No. 236), situated in the Barrio of Res. Sec. "J" (now), Baguio City, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 2-3, by Boyok River; on the SE., points 3 to 4, by Lot 2-D-3, on the SW., points 4 to 1, by Lot 2-D-9 (Road); and on the NW., points 1 to 2, by Lot 2-D-1, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of THREE HUNDRED

Republic of the  
Philippines  
Regional Trial Court  
First Judicial Region  
Branch 60  
Baguio City

RE PETITION FOR  
THE CHANCE OF  
NAME OF THE  
MINOR MATHIAS  
WILLIAM DEVEZA  
KIER V TO  
WILLIAM DEVEZA

MA. CLARIBELLE  
D I M A Y U G A  
DEVEZA

Petitioners,

-versus-

ALBERT ZACHARY  
CABJUAN KIER  
III, THE PHIL-  
IPPINE STATIS-  
TICS OFFICE,  
Herein represented  
by LISA GRACE  
S. BERSALES,  
and the LOCAL  
CIVIL REGISTRY,  
Herein represented  
by SYLVIA R.  
LAUDENCA

Respondents,

SPL. PROC Case  
No. 2586-R

FOR: CHANGE OF  
NAME

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(300) SQUARE METERS. More of less (complete technical description found in the title)

Prospective bidders may investigate the Title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 12th day of December, 2016.

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

(SGD) BOBBY D. GALANO  
Sheriff IV

WARNING: it is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale under the penalty of law.

Publication Dates: Dec. 17, 24 and 31, 2016

#### ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified Petition for change of name in the Certificate of Live Birth of minor MATHIAS WILLIAM DE VEZA KIER V, is filed before this court praying that after notice and hearing, the foregoing Petition be granted and that subject child's name be changed from MATHIAS WILLIAM DE VEZA KIER V to WILLIAM DEVEZA.

In support of her petition, Petitioner states:

1. Petitioner is single, of legal age, a Filipino, with address at 051A Purok 8, Irisan, Baguio City. She is the mother of subject minor, Mathias William Deveza Kier V, whose Certificate of Live Birth is hereto attached as Annex "A" and made part hereof;

2. Petitioner and child have been residing in Baguio City for more than three (3) years now;

3. Respondent Albert Zachary Cabjuan Kier III, herein after referred to as Albert for brevity, is of legal age, single, a Filipino, with address at 61 Amistad Road, Camp 7, Baguio City where he may be served summons and other court processes;

4. Respondent Philippine Statistics Office, a nominal party herein represented by Lisa Grace S. Bersales, may be served notices at the 17th Flr. Cyber Pod Centris Eton

Three EDSA, Quezon City;

5. Respondent Local Civil Registry of the City of Baguio, too a nominal party, herein represented by Sylvia R. Laudencia, may be served notices at T. Alonzo St., Baguio City;

6. Petitioner and Albert were intimate sweethearts in 2010. Thus, the birth of subject child on 19 February 2011;

7. Prior to giving birth, Petitioner decided to name her child WILLIAM DEVEZA, William being the English version of Guillermo, the name of Petitioner's father;

8. At the time she gave birth at the SLU Hospital, Petitioner was surrounded by Albert's Family who decided that MATHIAS be added to the baby's given name, Mathias being the Given name of Albert's great grandfather. Additionally, Albert's family decided that the baby's surname be Kier V. They decided so because the baby is the first grandson of the grandparents on the paternal side;

9. Much as Petitioner disliked the addition of Mathias for her son's given name and the use of Kier for the son's surname, she was unable to prevail upon Albert's family;

10. Hence, subject child's being named Mathias William Deveza Kier. This does not only contradict Petitioner's decision as to her son's name. It is wrong. It appears that subject child is legitimate when he is not;

11. For some months, Petitioner and Albert lived together after the birth of subject child. Petitioner couldn't stay much longer with Albert. Albert could not be a father at all. He lied about having jobs. He never gave support to his son. He even stole petitioner's belongings;

12. There's just no point for an illegitimate son to use the surname of an irresponsible father who gives no support at all and whom the son does not relate with;

13. Soon, Petitioner and son will be traveling to the United States of America where Petitioner's parents reside. To prevent complications in the travel documents of subject child, the Certificate of Live Birth must be rectified; and

14. Petitioner believes it would best serve the interest of her child if his given name in his Certif-

icate of Live Birth be changed to WILLIAM and his surname be changed to DEVEZA.

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Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Baguio City on March 9, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the Petitioner shall prove her case. Any person may appear and show cause, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes be served upon the respondent, ALBERT ZACHARY CABJUAN KIER III, Local Civil Registrar of the City of Baguio, who is hereby enjoined to file its comments and/or opposition, should there be any. Furnish a copy of the Order and Notice of Hearing together with a copy of the petition to the Office of the Solicitor General, Office of the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority and the Office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio City.

At the expense of the Petitioner, the Branch Sheriff is hereby directed to post copies of this Order and Notice of hearing on the bulletin board of the Court, the City Hall, and the Post Office, all of Baguio City. Let this Order and Notice of hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio city and suburbs for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the Petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAMBERS,  
this 12th day of December 2016, at Baguio City, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIA LIGAYA  
V. ITLIONG-RIVERA  
Acting Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2016 and Jan. 7, 2017

for parking of clients of business in establishments within buildings to avoid contributing to traffic especially in the central business district area.

He said there is a need for building owners to comply with the agreement that was reached with them previously because these parking spaces within their structures will definitely help lessen the number of illegally parked vehicles on roads and other public places in the city.

Earlier, the CBAO identified the building owners that illegally converted their parking allocations to commercial spaces and issued them the appropriate notices of violation and reversion of the spaces to their original use per prescribed rules and regulations mandating them to maintain parking spaces for their tenants.

He expressed confidence that the building owners will comply with the agreements the soonest to prevent the eventual closure of their operations./By Dexter A. See#

## Kakampi mo...

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a son, but God the Father Himself.

The Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (AND KNK, or the Children of God Blood Kin of the Christ) Church believes that this particular verse (Isaiah 9:6) is a proof from God the Father that He Himself came down in human form, in flesh and blood, on account of His great love for humanity. When correlated with Matthew 1:18-25 of the Bible, it is not difficult to see that God the Father is Jesus Himself.

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## Master plan for Sto....

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the property on how will the city treat their tax declarations and alleged claims over portions of the property.

He emphasized the local government will not cheat the residents to be affected by the various projects to be implemented within the different portions of the property, provided that, the residents must possess legitimate documents to support their claims over the portions of the property.

The affected residents assured the local chief executive that they will submit their detailed proposals for the assessment and evaluation of the city whether their proposals will be feasible to be given due course./By Dexter A. See#

## Closure of buildings...

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matter with the owners of the buildings at least three times and we gave them sufficient time to bring back their parking allocations until such time that their lease agreements with their tenants shall have expired. We believe that now that it is nearing the end of the year, the building owners shall have complied with the agreement to bring back their parking spaces," Domogan stressed.

He pointed the inadequate parking spaces in the city is one of the major problems of the local government that is why building owners should use their parking allocations for their prescribed purpose instead of leasing these out as commercial space in gross violation of the conditions of the building and occupancy permits issued to them.

According to him, designated parking allocations in city structures should remain as such



## Demolition of BIBAK... from page 5

The Baguio Dairy Farm is currently under the jurisdiction of the agriculture department which is now also doing its best to work out the removal of all the illegal structures that were erected on the said properties depriving government optimum utilization of the said properties.

Domogan claimed the local government is ready to spearhead the demolition of the illegal structures illegally built in the two major government properties in the city, saying that January will be busy month for the city in terms of evicting informal settlers from the areas that they illegally occupy.

Earlier, the 5,000-square meter that formed part of Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. 1 under the Republic of the Philippines to the BIBAK to be used as an area where student dormitories of students coming from the different parts of the Cordillera will reside while studying in the city.

He underscored the fact that shoe claiming to be members of the urban poor and living in the place where the BIBAK property is situated are not actually members of the urban poor but they are moneyed individuals wanting to own properties around the city for their own personal aggrandizement, thus, the need to teach them a lesson not to squat on areas that are either government or private properties.

He pointed out that the absence of any lawful order from the court or any other governing agency stopping the local government from the implementation of the demolition order will confirm the original schedule of the demolition activities that will transpire in the said areas within the next several weeks. */By Dexter See#*

## Replacement of BCPO officers scored

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan criticized the leadership of the Police Regional Office (PRO) in the Cordillera and the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) for replacing ranking officials of the local police force without undergoing the proper consultations with city officials as a matter of respect to the authority of local chief executives to have direct supervision over the police in their areas of jurisdiction.

Domogan claimed the replacement of Superintendent Freddie Lasona, chief of the BCPO traffic management branch and another police official was simply brought to his attention through text messages which seems to be not the proper procedure in the relief of police officers assigned in a certain locality.

While it is true that it will be a promotion for Superintendent Lasona, he pointed out there should have been consultations that should have been conducted by the concerned police officials on the matter of their replacement so that local officials will not be caught by surprise with the sudden relief of their officers assigned in the various police stations in their areas of jurisdiction.

“It is unfortunate that we were informed of the replacement of some BCPO officials through a text message and we were not even properly briefed on the matter before the replacement of the assigned police officers were implemented,” Domogan stressed.

He explained it is also unfortunate that the replacement of ranking BCPO officers has been done when the city needs their services because of the expected influx of visitors wanting to spend their vacation in the city during the Yuletide season.

According to him, he cannot understand why PRO-COR and BCPO officers refuse to consult with local officials on the matter of the timing in effecting the replacement of ranking police officers so that on-going

## BFP recognizes bravery and gallantry of Cordilleran fire fighters

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) celebrated the 43rd Fire Service Recognition Day honouring fire fighters who risked their lives to save others in the Cordillera region.

BFP Deputy Chief for Operations Fire Chief Superintendent Leonides Perez assisted by BFP-Cordillera Regional Director, Fire Senior Supt. Maria Sofia Mendoza awarded Medalya ng Papuri to real life heroes who have selflessly rendered various services to the public.

The fire fighters were recognized for their heroism and dedication to duty, to save lives and properties not only during fire but also in other incidents.

Among the incidents the fire fighters did include response to shooting incidents in Baguio City, rescuing of trapped persons from confined space in Baguio City, and responding to vehicular traffic accidents in Atok Benguet, Lamut, Ifugao and Tabuk City Kalinga.

Fire fighters in Apayao were recognized for their immediate actions like evacuating of families during the recent flash flood incident particularly in Santa Marcela and Luna.

In Bontoc, Mountain Province, a baby was delivered by fire fighters inside a dormitory.

Fire personnel also responded to a drowning incident in Pidigan, Abra and conducted search, rescue and retrieval operations in Pinukpuk, Kalinga and Bontoc, Mountain Province.

Perez gave a snappy salute and congratulated the fire fighters for their bravery and gallantry in performing extra ordinary tasks needed from them.

The awardees he said who have shown heroism amidst danger should be emulated and must serve as an inspiration to all civil servants. He called on the men and women of the BFP to continue to provide selfless dedication and commitment to save lives and properties.

Perez stressed that the celebration also aims to recognize the sacrifices of their fellow fire fighters who died while performing their duties on field.

“As we celebrate the recognition day, we post to look back at 43 years of hard work, sacrifices, accomplishments, triumphs, heroism done by our fellow fire fighters wherein they died **Cont. on page 8**

peace and order and anti-criminality programs will not be compromised.

Domogan questioned the PRO-COR and the BCPO why there is a speedy turnover of police officers at the BCPO which is not actually happening in other cities and provinces in the country, thus, the need for them to assess their treatment of police officers being assigned in the city.

He added the PNP leadership should not wait for the time that city officials will be fed up with what is happening to the BCPO officers being assigned in the city because the local government might eventually decide to scrap the annual funding assistance that it is providing the local police force and it will be up to the PNP to source out the funds that it needs for its operations in the city.

Domogan asserted the city does not oppose the replacement of ranking BCPO officers if it will be for their promotion because they do not want to hinder their success but their relief should be done with utmost respect and consideration to the local officials who also supervise them for them to be guided on who will be assigned as their replacement because they deserve to be appraised on the matter as a routine procedure. */ By Dexter A. See#*

## Christmas in Baguio activities, winds down

BAGUIO CITY – As the entire Christendom celebrates the birth of its Savior Jesus Christ, the Silahis ng Pasko's Quest for the Baguio Lucky Christmas Baby is slated today, December 25, as this year's Christmas in Baguio activities winds down.

The search is spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) headed by Betty Fangasan, the National Correspondents Club of Baguio (NCCB) led by former councilor Nars Padilla, the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and Baguio balikbayans.

Padilla, in a Santa Claus costume, will also walk the city's roads on this day spreading cheer and goodwill to the public.

The Baguio Lucky Balikbayan and CAR Sportsmen Day is on December 30 starting 9 am with a welcome reception, presentation of tokens and conduct of a “Pinikpikan” food festival at Sunshine Park.

A fireworks display at Melvin Jones, Burnham Park on December 31, starting midnight, will usher in the Countdown to New Year On January 1, 2017 is the Quest for the Lucky New Year Baby hosted by the CSWDO, OSCA, NCCB and Baguio Elderly Assembly.

The Silahis ng Pasko festivities ends with the 29th Annual Kafagway Sports Award Program on January 20, 2017 starting 9 am at Malcolm Square with the presentation of Achievement and Proficiency Awards to the year's outstanding athletes sportsmen and supporters of sports development in Baguio and Cordillera. */Gaby Keith#*

## Pag-IBIG Fund assures quality services to members

BAGUIO CITY - The Home Development Mutual Fund or commonly known as Pag-IBIG Fund, assured its government and private partners of continuing good governance and positive reforms to ensure the best and quality service to all its members.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ofelia Dela Serna made this assurance during the inauguration of the new Baguio Member Service Branch (MSB) at the 3rd and 4th floors of S Building at Upper Session Road, here.

Dela Serna, in a statement, assured their government and private partners of continuing good governance and positive reforms that will ensure the best and quality service to all of its members.

“We will continue to work for better and faster service by bringing in new developments and stronger collaboration with partners from the industries, government offices and banks towards customer satisfaction,” Dela Serna said.

She also announced that the Pag-IBIG Fund, in its 36 years of existence, is going bigger and strong with P420 billion in assets and with the provision of 4.8 percent dividend rate to its 17 million members nationwide for fiscal year 2015.

Dela Serna also announced that Pag-IBIG is set to deploy new system next year, wherein with its partner banks they will be outsourcing billing and collection of contributions and loan payments.

The Baguio MSB is one of the 119 branches of Pag-IBIG all over the country serving around 100,000 members from Baguio City, Benguet and Mountain Province with around P207 million in contributions and P243 million worth of approved and released loans.

For Pag-IBIG's goal to further expand its membership, the Baguio MSB, in partnership with the different industries is targeting to reach 150,000 members. */JDP/ CCD – PIA CAR#*



## BFP recognizes bravery and gallantry of... from page 7

during actual fire operations," Perez said.

"This will serve as an inspiration to work hard, and do heroism to save lives and properties. This past 43 years, the agency has lost precious lives in the ranks of the fire fighters in the field but our men and women have saved many more

lives through the years," he added.

The annual recognition event started as homage to the firefighters who lost their lives in Rockwell Power Plant fire incident in Bel-Air, Makati City on December 14, 1973 led by then Lt. Jose Fabicon, Fireman Domingo Viray and Fireman Fructoso

Planas.

Since then, every December the BFP commemorates the heroism of the three fallen firefighters and gives recognition to its personnel who in one way or the other have given more than what they have for the service of the public./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#

## EMB calls on public to avoid use of firecrackers to ensure cleaner air

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in the Cordillera region is encouraging the public to use other means of merry making and avoid fireworks, fire crackers and other pyrotechnic materials during the Yuletide celebration to ensure cleaner air.

EMB Regional Director Reynaldo Digamo said that they are calling on the public to use other means of merry making and enjoyment during the during Christmas and New Year celebration not only to avoid accidents due to fire crackers but also for the air to be cleaner.

Digamo said that the

use of fireworks and fire crackers and other materials would contribute to the pollutants in the air especially in urban areas such as in Baguio City and La Trinidad which are already high in air pollutants.

He explained that the city and other nearby areas are already experiencing additional pollution in the air due to volume of cars emitting carbon dioxides.

The traffic congestion in Baguio City's central business district is seen as one of the major sources of pollutants, particularly during weekends when the traffic number coding is lifted so all sorts of vehicles pass through the city's main thoroughfares.

Studies by the EMB show that the cold weather also could cause pollutants as vehicle emissions stay in the air longer than during normal or warmer weather. The colder weather will make the particulate matter dissipate in the air slower than usual, and these particulates may be inhaled by people.

Digamo said they are supporting the move of the city government of Baguio and other local government units to regulate or even totally ban the use of fireworks, fire crackers and other pyrotechnic materials during the Yuletide revelries to ensure a safe celebration and clean air./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#

## PRA to attract more foreign retirees in the Philippines

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Philippine Retirement Authority is working to attract more foreigners to retire in the country.

PRA General Manager Atty. Bienvenido Chy said that they are mandated promote the country as a retirement haven and retirement paradise and become the top destination for foreign retirees. It shall attract foreign nationals and former Filipino citizens to invest, reside and retire in the Philippines with the end-view of accelerating the socio-economic development of the country, contributing to the foreign currency reserve

of the economy and by providing them the best quality of life in the most attractive package.

"We will make the Philippines a leading and significant destination for the world's retirees, seniors and elderly," he said.

Chy in an interview during his recent visit in Baguio City said more than 47,000 retirees have availed of the program of the PRA to date. Most of the foreign retirees and members of the PRA are Chinese, Koreans, Japanese, Americans and Europeans.

Under the Duterte Administration, the PRC

and other government agencies are collaborating to double the number of foreign retirees who would avail of the governments' program.

Chy said that they are conducting site visits on their different satellite offices to look into how they could help address the concerns needs. One problem they encountered is on the process in giving a Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV) to their clients.

SRRV is a special non-immigrant visa that entitles foreign nationals to reside in the Philippines indefinitely with multiple entry privileges.



**TORCH BEARERS FOR THE COMING GENERATION** - Mayor Mauricio Domogan thanks the members of the Philippine Government Retirees Association (PGRA-CAR-Baguio) headed by president Isaias Barongan as an active partner of the city government in various projects and as good model for the youth to inculcate good moral values./By Bong Cayabyab

## Cordillera peace pacts highlighted in 7th Tam-awan International festival

**B**AGUIO CITY - This year's Tam - Awan International Arts Festival featured the various traditional practices of the Cordillera region and the country in attaining peace.

Home grown artists from the Chanum Foundation and the Tam-awan Village, in partnership with the National Commission on Culture and the Arts and other various art organizations filled the scenic Tam-awan Village for the seventh edition of the annual Tam - Awan International Arts Festival dubbed as "Peace pacts" last week.

The festival formally on December 9, with traditional rituals and butchering of pigs. This was followed by performance and tree planting activity of local artist Art

Lozano together with the other pillars of art and culture and the guest of the festival.

Chanum Foundation President Jordan Mang-osan said that they decided to conduct a "peace festival" this year wherein elders from the various provinces in the Cordillera region took part in sharing the traditional practices of peace pacts in their communities.

He said the festival aimed to empower artists as well as communities highlighting the arts, culture and heritage as well as the capacity of artists to contribute to society and reach people with their art.

Cordilleran elders and educators lectured on their peace pact traditions and even presented

traditional rituals.

Among the province featured were Mountain Province, Kalinga and Ifugao. Aside from the Cordilleran peace pact, they also featured the Philippine Art Educators Association that spearhead the "Daloy ng Kapayapaan sa Diwang Buhay, Edukasyon at Sining" talk and workshop and the Talk on Universal Peace Sign Symbols by Roland Cruz of the Ayala Museum.

Prior to the festival proper, the Tam-awan artists opened their art exhibits featuring artists Gretta Apolinar, Joanne Bray Siadto, Art Lozano and Alfred Dato, Lily Villanueva and Jen Lorenzo, Lester Rodriguez and Herwin Buccat, Edwin Macadaeg and Alfonso

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Being an SRRV holder grants the foreign national benefits like exemption from paying travel tax, if his or her stay in the Philippines will not be longer than one year from the last entry date. SRRV holders are also exempted from securing the Bureau of Immigration exit clearances, reentry permits and annual registration requirement.

With the vision of President Duterte to work

for change in the government, the PRA is working to cut down red tape and the process in having a SRRV by their clients but not sacrificing the requirements. By doing so, more foreign retirees would be encouraged to settle and retire in the country.

At the moment, the SRRV takes more than three weeks to process with the personal appearance of the clients who are

mostly from abroad.

Meanwhile, Eric Pati, PRC OIC of Regions 1, 2 and the Cordillera Region, said that Baguio City and the rest of the Cordillera region are among the top choices where foreign retirees would stay and settle. He said that the PRA has recorded more than 4,000 foreign retirees in the Cordillera region who are all PRA members and clients./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#



## Cordillera peace pacts highlighted in... from page 8

Dato, Tara Lalaine Natividad and Luisa Galang.

The artists also shared their talents to students from various schools in Baguio City and Benguet with the conduct of a two-day workshop on the different medium of art such as water color tech-

niques, monoprint, face painting, acrylic techniques, dream catcher making, sand art, and solar drawing.

Mang-osan and Frenchman Damien Noll also demonstrated solar drawings. Both artists use the power of the sun to create their chosen mas-

terpieces with Mang-osan known to be the lone professional Solar artist in the country, using the sunrays to burn and etch images on wood while Noll, practices his solar art on animal bones, touring the globe with his work. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#*

## PNP remains in high morale – Magalong

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - The morale of the police and the PNP organization remains "very high" despite the issues hounding the PNP today.

Police Director Benjamin Magalong, Philippine National Police Deputy Chief for Operations, who retired on December 14 after 38 years in service, said that despite the challenges faced by the PNP from the national level down to the regional, provincial and its police stations, the police force is maintaining high morale among its personnel.

"Mataas ang public appreciation at public approval ng ating kapulisan," said Magalong during his last official visit in the province.

Magalong said that one of the challenges the police force is facing is the alleged involvement of several high ranking cops in the death of Albura Mayor Rolando Espinosa Sr. and the problem on the

illegal drug trade.

"Nabahiran ang kapulisan sa mga pang-yayari but the police are very resilient at kayang kaya nilang bumangon," he said.

During the testimonial honors given to Magalong who was a former PRO-Cor Regional Director, he called on the Cordillera police to continue to serve the public with honor and dignity.

He also reminded the Cordillera police not to engage in any activity that would taint the credibility and integrity of the police force. Instead, they must serve the people and the nation in accordance with the Transformation Program of the PNP.

"Police should always have a clean heart, clean intention and a very noble objective," he said.

Magalong joined the defunct Philippine Constabulary right after graduating magna cum laude from the Philippine Military Academy's

"Sandigan" Class of 1982. He was assigned to Abra as part of a combat post against insurgents and other areas in the country including Mindanao.

He would later climb the ranks as regional director of the Cordillera police and chief directorial staff of the PNP's Special Action Force (SAF), and to high-profile post as chief of the PNP's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

The most notable was his investigation into the death of 44 elite police troopers in a SAF operation against terrorists Zulkifli Bin Hir and Abdul Basit Usman in Mamasapano, Maguindanao in 2015.

Magalong led the PNP Board of Inquiry that held former President Benigno Aquino III, former National Police Chief Alan Purisima and other police officials liable for the operation that led to the death of the SAF 44 that included 14 Cordillera. */RMC-PIA CAR#*

## PILCD distributes IEC materials on disaster preparedness to LGUs, agencies

**L**A TRINIDAD, Benguet - A non-government organization in partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme Philippines recently turned over more than 14,000 poster-brochures on disaster preparedness and response to local government units in the province of Benguet, Baguio City and other partners in continuing efforts to create disaster resilient com-

munities.

People's Initiative for Learning and Community Development (PILCD) Coordinator Marivic Patawaran led the distribution of poster-brochures during the Building Resilience Against Disasters and Climate Change Program at the Provincial Capitol last week.

On hand to receive the materials for Benguet were Governor Crescencio

Pacalso, DILG Provincial Director Rufina Fegcan and the other officials from the 13 municipalities of the province Benguet.

The city government of Baguio, the Baguio City Emergency Medical Service, the Department of Education – Cordillera and the Department of Social Welfare and Development – CAR also received IEC materials.

Patawaran explained that the IEC materials

## PSWDO, PIA conduct lecture on protection of women and children

**B**ANGUED, Abra - The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency - Abra Infocen (PIA-Abra) conducted a provincial forum on the protection of women and children from all forms of violence and discrimination in observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children.

This year's program on the 18-Day Campaign that ran from November 25 to December 12, 2016 was sponsored by Governor Ma. Jocelyn V. Bernos.

Topics discussed during the forum are the salient features of the laws and issuances as well as the programs of the government that address

the issues and concerns in the implementation of the campaign to end violence against women and children or the more popularly known VAWC. This topic was handled by Provincial Welfare Officer Decimia D. Cabang, head of the PSWDO.

The provisions of Republic Act No. 10364, otherwise known as the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012" that amended the RA No. 9208 was discussed by Dr. Maria Teresa B. Beñas, Manager of PIA-Abra and Provincial Federation President of the Kalipunan ng Liping Pilipina (KALIPI) - Abra Chapter.

Abra in the past years had some recorded cases of victims smuggled out to Malaysia but were suc-

cessfully repatriated by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration with the help of the provincial government of Abra and the municipal government of Bangued under the previous administrations.

While we focus our attention on the protection of women, we likewise take into special consideration our children as their welfare is dependent on their parents. We give special care to our children as they are most vulnerable to sexual exploitation and child labor. In like manner, we also attend to the men who, sometimes if not most of the time are dragged into forced labor in their effort to earn more for their family, the lecturers said. *(JDP/MTBB - PIA CAR, Abra)#*

## Tabuk City eyes to operate its sanitary landfill next year

**C**ITY OF TABUK, Kalinga - The city government expects to operate its own sanitary landfill next year to address the pressing need for proper waste disposal facility.

City Environment and Natural Resources Officer Salud Lammawin informed processing of requirements is underway for the final issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificate by the Department of Environment and Natural

Resources (DENR) to operate the facility.

Lammawin disclosed that while the environmental certificate requirements are being processed, the city government is up with improvements on the 6.4 hectare waste facility situated in Barangay Dilag, some 10 kilometers from the city proper.

The facility is equipped with a centralized material recovery area for recyclable wastes, composting facility for biodegrad-

able materials and markle machine as digester and granulator of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste products. The granulator machine costing P6.5 million was acquired by the city early this year, Lammawin said.

For its other site improvements, the area has been fenced while paving of its access road and installation of the retaining wall are on-going. *(JDP/LL-PIA CAR, Kalinga)#*

were created from the various workshops and consultations conducted by the PILCD with its partners from the grassroots including the municipalities in Benguet, the city of Baguio and other partners from regional line agencies.

The IEC materials should be posted in the various public areas in the community and in households to at least educate people on what to do before and during disasters such as typhoons, earthquake and flooding, she said.

PILCD is a non-profit organization committed to the development of

marginalized communities and vulnerable sectors through community education and social action. It envisions a society where the right of all people to learn and to have equitable access to relevant and quality learning opportunities is realized; where people are enabled to understand and cope with the reality of their environment, and are empowered to define and transform their own destiny.

PILCD started working in the province after the typhoon Pepeng in 2009. It has partnered with the province of Benguet and some municipalities and

barangays in creating their disaster contingency planning and early warning systems, as well as in the construction of typhoon affected or damaged infrastructures in some Benguet towns.

Pacalso thanked the PILCD for their efforts in helping the people in Benguet become more prepared and be safer during times of disasters and calamities. Thru the posters, people even in the far flung areas will be informed on how they should prepare during disasters especially disaster-prone areas, he said. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#*



# Baguio athletes win Batang Pinoy 2016 crown

**B**AGUIO CITY – It's official.

The city's delegation has won the over-all championship of the Batang Pinoy 2016 National Competitions held in Tagum City, Davao Del Norte last November 27 to December 2 capturing a grand total of 137 medals (55 gold, 41 silver and 41 bronze).

Placing second and third place were the delegations from Cebu and Davao cities, respectively. Baguio came in second to Quezon city last year with Cebu city placing third.

City sports office head Gaudencio Gonzales said the Summer Capital fielded 375 delegates composed of 325 athletes, 40 coaches and 10 heads of delegation in this year's event.

More than 12,000 delegates from around 200 local government units participated in the latest Batang Pinoy edition, he added.

The young athletes competed in 26 sporting disciplines including archery, arnis, athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball 3 on 3, boxing, chess, cycling, danc-

esport, gymnastics, judo, karatedo, lawn tennis, pencak silat, rugby football, sepaktakraw, softball, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, triathlon/duathlon, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling and wushu.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan praised the athletes and their coaches for bringing honor not only to themselves and their families but to the city as well.-gaby keith

Re: Christmas in Baguio activities, winds down

**BAGUIO CITY** – As the entire Christendom celebrates the birth of its Savior Jesus Christ, the Silahis ng Pasko's Quest for the Baguio Lucky Christmas Baby is slated today, December 25, as this year's Christmas in Baguio activities winds down.

The search is spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) headed by Betty Fangasan, the National Correspondents Club of Baguio (NCCB) led by former councilor Nars Padilla, the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and Baguio balikbayans.

Padilla, in a Santa Claus costume, will also walk the city's roads on this day spreading cheer and goodwill to the public.

The Baguio Lucky Balikbayan and CAR Sportsmen Day is on December 30 starting 9 am with a welcome reception, presentation of tokens and conduct of a "Pinikpikan" food festival at Sunshine Park.

A fireworks display at Melvin Jones, Burnham Park on December 31, starting midnight, will usher in the Countdown to New Year 2017.

On January 1, 2017 is the Quest for the Lucky New Year Baby hosted by the CSWDO, OSCA, NCCB and Baguio Elderly Assembly.

The Silahis ng Pasko festivities ends with the 29th Annual Kafagway Sports Award Program on January 20, 2017 starting 9 am at Malcolm Square with the presentation of Achievement and Proficiency Awards to the year's outstanding athletes, sportsmen and supporters of sports development in Baguio and Cordillera./Gaby Keith#

## DOH reiterates call for "Iwas Paputok"

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Department of Health (DOH) Cordillera reiterates its call for a safe celebration of the Yuletide season and the New Year revelry avoiding firecrackers.

This year's anti-firecracker campaign carries the theme, "Iwas Paputok, Fireworks

Display ang Patok! Makiisa Fireworks Display sa inyong Lugar".

Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, DOH CAR assistant regional director, said they are continuously reminding the public especially the children and parents not to use any kind of firecracker to avoid injuries.

ry-making instruments and alternative noise-makers such as 'torotot', car horns, or by playing loud music. Local government units are also urged to foster community firework display.

Records from DOH Cordillera show that there were 63 firecracker and fireworks related injuries in 2015 all over the region. Abra had the highest with 25, Apayao with 14, Baguio City with 11, Benguet with 9, Kalinga with 2, and Mountain Province and Abra with 1 each.

The youngest patient was 3 years old and the oldest was 59 →



Baguio City and Benguet Province receive their respective Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN) award. The CROWN award is presented to a municipality, city or province that has been adjudged by the inter-agency regional nutrition evaluation team as outstanding in the region in the implementation of its nutrition action plan for three consecutive years. The award was received by Governor Cresencio Pacalso for the Province of Benguet and Ryan Mangusan representing Mayor Mauricio Domogan for the City of Baguio on December 13, 2016 at the Philippine International Convention Center. \r\n contributed photo.\r\n

## 120th Rizal day commemoration

**B**AGUIO CITY - National hero Jose Rizal is honored on the 120th anniversary of his death, 8AM, Friday, Dec. 30, at his monument, in Burnham park.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan serves as guest of honor and speaker for the occasion, with the opening message from Congressman Marquez Go.

Various groups; Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, Kababaihang Rizalista, Knights of Rizal, Veterans, Free and Accept masons of the Philippines, veterans, officials from the Rizal barangay led by Punong Barangay Agustin Sister, Sr. and other city officials offer flowers at the Rizal monument as the Philippine Military Academy leads the twenty-one gun salute and lowering

of flag to half-mast.

Talented, well-travelled, an expert in 22 languages, and said to be a genius, Rizal, led the Philippine revolution through his writings mainly the Noli Me Tangere, published in Berlin; and El Filibusterismo, novel satires exposing and criticizing Spanish clergy and electoral. Together with other Filipino revolutionists, Rizal were accused of rebellion and sedition.

He was briefly incarcerated in 1892, and exiled to Dapitan in 1893 where his works as physician, teacher, artist, farmer, poet, and linguist were polished and applied to the community. He was imprisoned during the early part of 1896 and executed through firing squad on Dec. 30, 1896. His remains

were interred in an unmarked grave at the old Paco cemetery, later exhumed, brought to the Rizal house in Binondo, and buried properly at Luneta Park where his monument stands.

In a commemorative ceremony during the earlier years, Mayor Domogan quoted one of Rizal's writings: "It is a useless life that is not consecrated to a great ideal. It is like a stone wasted on a field without becoming a part of any edifice." The mayor thus exhorted every citizen to be a part of endeavors meant to uplift and bring goodwill to each member of the society, and the community as a whole.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Rizal: Bayaning Global, Aydol in Juan."/Julie G. Fianza

years old. Most of the victims were males. Most injuries were caused by piccolo.

In case of an injury due to firecrackers, Pangilinan reminded that the wounds must be immediately washed

with clean running water until all visible dirt and gunpowder residue is removed. The patient must immediately be rushed to the nearest health facility for proper medical attention to prevent permanent

injuries and disability and deaths due to Tetanus.

Pangilinan assured that all DOH hospitals are prepared to attend to injuries related to fireworks./JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR#

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