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RDC-CAR to address complaints versus anomalous service contracts

BAGUIO CITY – The Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera wants local governments and indigenous peoples (IPs) in the different parts of the region to bring to the attention of the region's policy-making body their complaints against questionable service contracts covering various river systems in their areas of jurisdiction to address issues being raised against the unwarranted exploitation, development and utilization of the region's rich resources to the detriment of the host communities.

RDC-CAR chairman and City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said local officials and IPs who have valid issues to raise against the entry of companies to exploit, utilize and develop the resources within their ancestral domain should bring to the attention of the policy-making body their complaints so that these can be effectively and efficiently addressed in the regional level.

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GIANT VEGETABLE SALAD. A total of 1.3 tons of fresh locally produced vegetables were prepared and served to at least 2,000 people, each receiving a full plate of the sumptuous greens Thursday (July 13, 2017) during the Giant Vegetable Salad event at the La Trinidad Trading Post in Benguet. The event is in commemoration of the establishment of the vegetable trading post on July 13, 1984, and aims to highlight the contribution and importance of the highland vegetable industry of Benguet and the Cordillera region. (PNA photo by Liza T. Agoot)

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RDC calls for continuing partnership towards regional development and autonomy **Survey of Baguio Convention Center property pushed**

BAGUIO CITY - The Cordillera Regional Development Council chairperson and Baguio City Mayor Domogan called for continuing partnership with regional line agencies, local chief executives and other stakeholders in the region in working together towards sustainable economic growth and autonomy.

Domogan made this call during the 2016 State of the Region (SORE) report and 2017 Mayor's Summit at the Mansion House on Friday. He stressed that sustainable economic growth should be guided by the 2017 - 2022 Cordillera Regional Development Plan and the Philippine Development Plan towards the government's long term vision of "Ambisyon Natin 2040" that carries the slogan "Maginghawa, Matatag at Panatag na Buhay".

The 2016 State of the Region report showed that Cordillera's economy has slowly and steadily

grown, employment has increased and poverty has been reduced despite the need to revive the agriculture sector, revitalize industry and sustain growth in the services sector.

Domogan also highlighted the improvement in governance with more local government units awarded with the Seal of Good Local Governance, and improvement in peace and order situation with reduction in index crime volume and average monthly index crime rate.

He also noted positive outlook on the region's infrastructure development, social services, environment and natural resources and on indigenous peoples concerns.

RDC Vice Chair and NEDA Regional Director Milagros Rimando also provided a spatial assessment of regional development and the report of the RDC Economic Development Committee; DILG Regional Director Marlo Iringan reported

on accomplishments of the Development Administration sector; DPWH RD Nerie Bueno for the Infrastructure Development Sector; DSWD Director Janet Armas for the Social Development Sector; Rosella Bahni for Indigenous Peoples' Concerns, and DENR - Environment Management Bureau Regional Director Reynaldo Digamo for Watershed and Environmental Management sector during the summit.

Domogan also called for unity in pushing for continuing quest for regional autonomy with House Bill (5343) already re-filed in Congress last March 20. Let us continue our advocacy for regional autonomy first before federalism, he stressed.

For RDC, the attainment of regional autonomy will enhance the Cordillera identity as a region and will bring in responsive policies and progress for all, Domogan added. /PIA CAR

City to revisit annual investment plan

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered concerned departments of the local government to review the city's annual investment plan (AIP) to ensure the implementation of all projects that were provided funding to improve the city's overall

performance in the implementation of funded projects.

The local chief executive expressed disappointment over the recent report of the Commission on Audit (COA) which stated among others that the local government was only able to implement 27

percent of the projects funded under the 2016 plan, saying that there is a need for the concerned departments to review the plan and work out the implementation of the remaining projects to improve the city's overall performance in project implementation.

He underscored that the funded projects which were not implemented for several years should already be reverted to the general fund and realigned for other

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan underscored the need for the local government and the State-owned Government Service Insurance Corporation (GSIS) to do a joint survey on the metes and bounds of the city-owned Baguio Convention Center property to ascertain the exact area purchased from the insurance corporation.

The local chief executive pointed out what was purchased by the local government from the GSIS was the convention center itself and one hectare outside the building footprint that includes the parking areas on both sides of the facility.

However, it was brought to the attention of the City Mayor that GSIS employees had been interfering in the affairs of the local government over the use of the parking space on the left side of the convention center which supposedly belongs to the city.

Domogan explained the one hectare purchased by the local government is

still included in two of the titles of GSIS in the area that is why the city was not yet able to perfect the transfer of the title to the local government because of the alleged problem on the titles of GSIS over their property in the area.

"We have to conduct a joint survey to identify the areas where the one hectare property of the city will be positioned. We continue to work closely with the GSIS for the settlement of the issue so that the city can also perfect its title over the purchased property," Domogan stressed.

He explained the ultimate solution to the problem after the conduct of the joint survey is to consolidate the two titles of GSIS over their property and then segregate the city's one hectare purchased lot so that it will put an end to the issue on the areas owned by the GSIS and the local government.

According to him, the local government has fully paid the GSIS the purchase price of the Baguio Convention Center and the one

hectare lot outside the building footprint that is why it is incumbent upon the local government to process the transfer of the appropriate titles to the city the soonest but the problem on the location of the purchased area cropped up which should be settled by both parties.

Domogan asserted that he will communicate with GSIS for the immediate conduct of the joint survey to prevent further confusions on which of the areas around the convention facility are owned by the local government and which areas still remain as property of the State insurance corporation.

He asserted it is best for the local government to perfect its ownership over the property that it purchased to prevent it from being forgotten in the future that could result to complications when other city officials will be leading the city in the future, thus, the need for both parties to cooperate for the immediate resolution of the pressing concern. /By Dexter A. See

priority development projects of the barangays and the local government that must be given utmost attention at this time.

Aside from the problems the identified projects sites for those funded under the AIP, other reasons for the non-implementation include the fact that there are no takers when the projects are bid out, the insufficient funding for the identified priority project and the tedious process once the project is subjected to the administration procedures.

Domogan claimed the failure of the local government to fully implement funded projects under the annual budget deprives the people in the barangays the chance

to have developed communities apart from the improvement of delivery of services for the benefit of the general public.

"We need to review the identified priority projects to ascertain which among these can still be implemented or abandoned for which funds the said projects will be realigned for other projects of the city. We should now be aggressive in the implementation of our projects or else, we will be again be left behind in terms of our competitiveness in the implementation of development projects," Domogan stressed.

He added there are other high impact development projects that are in the pipeline that can use realigned funds from

unimplemented projects as these do not have any serious problems so that there will be consistent implementation of projects so as not to short-change the taxpayers who religiously pay their taxes to the local government.

He also urged the members of the city's Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) to fastrack the bidding of projects submitted to them for public bidding to reduce the piling up of projects in the BAC that are not yet scheduled for bidding for various reasons, saying that there is a need for the projects to be implemented to help improve the overall condition of the different infrastructures in the city. /By Dexter A. See



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Convention center design contest not a waste of public funds

BAGUIO CITY – Members of the City Council belied earlier reports that the P2.3 million to be spent by the local government for the Baguio Convention Center architectural design contest is a waste of public funds, saying that the design contest

is a way by which top calibre architects and design enthusiasts can share their concept of what the city's premier convention facility should be.

Councilor Maria Maylen Victoria G. Yaranon, who is an architect herself,

explained the P2.3 million to be spent by the local government for the one-year duration of the architecture design contest is much cheaper compared to the 8 to 10 percent designer's fee which should be paid by the city if it commissions an architect to design the

multi-million project.

She explained that if the rehabilitation and upgrading of the Baguio Convention Center will cost P500 million, then the local government is obliged to pay the commissioned designer around P40 to P50 million, thus, the P2.35

million planned to be spent by the city for the architecture design contest is cheaper and will result to substantial savings on the part of the local government.

Yaranon said the convention center has deteriorated over the years and it is a low-performing

and low-income generating property of the city, thus, the need to rehabilitate and upgrade the facility and its surrounding grounds.

On his part, Councilor Elmer Datuin, chair of the City Council's Committee on Finance and Appropriations, said the architecture design contest is one of the local govern-

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Amnesty on real property taxes not working

BAGUIO CITY – The City Treasury Office revealed that the 6-month amnesty for delinquent real property owners is not actually working to the advantage of the local government in terms of significantly increasing its collections from real property taxes.

City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias reported for the first three months that the amnesty on delinquent real property taxpayers was enforced, the local government's collection from real property taxes decreased instead of increasing as envisioned by the proponents of the amnesty on delinquent real property taxpayers.

Cabarrubias claimed for April, the local government's collection from real property taxes decreased by some P809,000 compared to the real property taxes collected in April 2016, the real property taxes collected in May this year also dropped by P186,000 compared to the same period last year while its real property tax collections for June declined by as much as P1 million compared to the same month last year.

Earlier, the City Council approved an ordinance granting a 6-month amnesty for delinquent real property taxpayers to help increase the city's collections from real property owners and to allow the delinquent taxpayers to update their payments without penalties and surcharges.

The 6-month amnesty for delinquent real property taxpayers took effect on March 22 and will end on September 21, 2017. Cabarrubias asserted the amnesty for delinquent real property taxpayers should be the least because it is already proven that it does not work in favour of the local government, thus, the need for local officials to rethink their position when a similar proposal will be submitted to them for action in the future.

If the local legislators had the political will to enact the ordinance that granted amnesty for delinquent real property taxpayers, the City Treasurer challenged them to have the same political will in enacting the appropriate ordinance for the revision of the schedule of market values for real properties and the schedule of business taxes to comply with the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code in the passage of revenue measures.

According to him the funds that will **Cont. on page 7**

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West PH Sea worth more than \$24B from China – Carpio

The value of resources in the West Philippine Sea 'is much, much higher' than the Philippines' \$24-billion package from China, SC Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio says



LEGAL LUMINARY. Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio says he is sure the value of the West Philippine Sea's riches 'is much, much higher' than the Philippines' \$24-billion package from China. Photo courtesy of Stratbase-ADRI

The riches of the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) far outweigh the \$24-billion package that the Philippines got from China, Supreme Court (SC) Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio said.

"I think the option is, do you want \$24 billion or do you want the West Philippine Sea?" Carpio said in a forum Wednesday, July 12.

Carpio said that "we have not yet quantified the value of the West Philippine Sea," but cited economists who say that "the value of resources in the sea is 7 times the value of resources on land."

The disputed sea is believed to keep unexploited oil and gas deposits under its seabed. It is also home to some of the world's biggest coral reefs.

Carpio said, "I hope somebody would quantify this, because I'm sure the value of the resources in the West Philippine Sea is much much higher than \$24 billion."

Carpio was referring to around \$24 billion in deals brought home by President Rodrigo Duterte from his state visit to China in October 2016.

The justice made these remarks as the Philippines on Wednesday marked the first anniversary of its legal victory against China over the West Philippine Sea.

He was speaking at a forum organized by the Stratbase-Albert del Rosario Institute on Wednesday in Makati City.

This comes as President Rodrigo Duterte chooses not to raise the July 2016 arbitration ruling, for now, to boost economic ties with Beijing and out of fear of China's supposed threat of war.

Non-negotiable'

Former national security adviser Roilo Golez, who also spoke at Wednesday's forum, said resources in the West Philippine Sea would be hard to quantify, "but that is something that should not be quantified."

Golez said the Constitution, in the first place, prohibits trading off any part of Philippine waters "for economic benefits from any country."

"That is non-negotiable. That cannot be allowed," Golez said.

Jay Batongbacal, director of the University of the Philippines Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea, pointed out that different sectors of government now view China "as a market, as a source of funds, as an alternative source of financing" for projects.

"There is that sense of opportunism," he said, adding that there is also a "sense of fear" due to China's growing military power.

Batongbacal said that once the Philippines has actual projects funded and built by China, "it's very hard to imagine" how the Philippine government "could not be influenced by such consideration in making decisions."

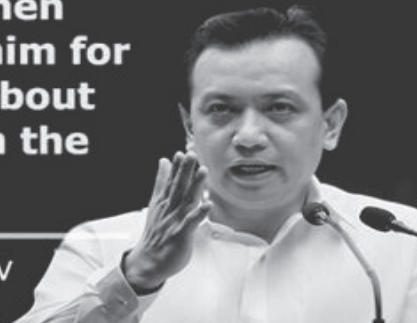
The maritime law expert said: "China does not even need to ask us to waive our rights, waive the tribunal decision. All they need to do is ask us to not complain, not raise it, not talk about it, when they go ahead and take resources or take control of the West Philippine Sea."/with reports from Agence France-Presse/Rappler.com

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Duterte not only set the murderers free, he now gave back their badges and guns so they could murder again with impunity. Why?

Because Duterte fears that these policemen might rat out on him for what they know about his involvement in the Espinosa murder.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Many ways of
understanding Duterte's
words



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Words from the mouth of the wise are gracious, but fools are consumed by their own lips..." (Ecclesiastes 10:12, the Holy Bible).

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MANY WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING DUTERTE'S WORDS: Indeed, there are many ways of killing a cat, in a manner of speaking. This is not to say, of course, that we should find the many ways of killing a cat. It simply means that there are a thousand and one ways of doing one particular act, or of viewing a particular situation, or of voicing out a particular idea, and so forth and so on.

Which is the same thing to do, when we try to discern the meaning of the statements given out by President Duterte regularly. We can view those statements as truly serious and needing important consideration, or we can also treat them simply as a way of expressing things or of pulling the attention of one's hearers, to prevent more harm from happening.

Let me use the example of a Davao City Christian preacher who said that, in Filipino, many parents often tell their juvenile children who are suffering from fever or injuries because of too much exposure in the sun or too much exertion in some physical activity that is seen as useless activity, "go ahead, play under the sun some more", or, "go ahead, stretch your body all the more."

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WHEN ONE'S MEANING IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM HOW HE SAID IT: When a Filipino parent say those things to their children, they do not actually mean that the children should really expose themselves to the heat sun more often, or exert their bodies until they are physically bruised. No, they do not mean that, of course.

What they truly mean is the exact opposite of what their words seem to convey---which is, for the children to be more careful and avoid exposing themselves under the heat of the sun, or avoid physical activities that would hurt their muscles and make their bodies sore.

This, to me, is the way to appropriately discern President Duterte's oft-the-cuff remarks, like his claim that he didn't want any corruption in his presidency because when he was mayor of Davao City he already stole much government money but that he had spent all of them by now. We should be able to see the parental twist in his statements to truly understand what he means.

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CRITICS ARE ALSO SUBJECT OF ACCUSATIONS OF CORRUPTION: Unfortunately, this does not seem to be understood in this manner by the many critics of President Duterte, Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV in particular. The impression these critics give, when they criticize the President with his off-tangent remarks is that, they are not disposed to recognize in any way the possibility that Duterte may actually be talking in jest or in riddles.

It would have been alright if the critics are not themselves **Cont. on page 5**

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BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Nais ko munang i-share sa inyo mga dear readers nang isang balitang nagmula sa Inquirer on-line hinggil kay kagalang-galang na Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales kung saan kanyang binatikos si Pangulong Dugong. Ang tanong ko nga lang ngayon ay paano kaya ang magiging reaksiyon ni PDugong dito? Ang komentong ito ni OMB Morales kaya ay kanyang dedemahin, iinsultuhin, o mumurahin rin niya si OMB Morales na isang kamaganak (auntie) ng asawa ni Mayor Sarah Duterte. **Abangan!**

Ombudsman Morales: Duterte 'goading' people to kill

Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales on Thursday said it was not acceptable that President Rodrigo Duterte is "goading" people to kill drug addicts at the height of his administration's war on drugs.

Morales made this statement in her interview with Japan's NHK World that aired Thursday night in the Philippines.

Morales said she considers it a "problem" that Duterte is egging on people to arm themselves and kill drug suspects.

"He's goading people to kill people. That's a problem. His communications people say 'that's hyperbole,'" Morales said.

Morales' latest statement departs from her opinion last year when she said there is nothing illegal in the President's threats to kill criminals in his public speeches.

"It's not illegal to say I will kill you," Morales said during the Meet the Inquirer forum December last year.

Not acceptable

On Thursday, however, Morales said Duterte's order for police and even the public to kill drug pushers and users is unacceptable.

"You know, they try to rationalize whatever he says so whether or not the police or whoever he addresses these words believe him. That's a different story. The directive to kill people under any situation irrespective of the context to me, that's not acceptable," she said.

Morales said her office would consolidate all the complaints involving the spate of extrajudicial killings in the administration's war on drugs, and would conduct a fact-finding investigation.

Morales said the probe would even have a bearing on the drug sale and trade charges filed against Senator Leila De Lima, who is detained at the Philippine National Police Custodial Center.

"In our case, there had been some complaints which have a bearing on the extra judicial killings. Which have a bearing on drugs especially the complaints against the detained senator. So we try to consolidate all these complaints and conduct a fact finding investigation," Morales said.

Morales earlier said she would inhibit from the complaints involving Duterte, to whom she is related by marriage.

Morales is the sister of Lucas Carpio Jr., the husband of Court of Appeals (CA) Justice Agnes Reyes Carpio.

CA justice Carpio is the mother of Mans Carpio, the husband of Duterte's daughter, Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte. This makes Morales the aunt of Mans Carpio.

Complaints were filed against Duterte before the Ombudsman for plunder over his alleged hidden wealth and the ghost employees of Davao city when he was mayor, and for murder over his links to the vigilante group Davao Death Squad (DDS). →

RDC-CAR to address...

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Earlier, the RDC-CAR reported that there were 67 service contracts issued by the energy department covering various river systems around the region for the production of more than 4,200 kilowatts of renewable energy and that the said service contracts are located within various ancestral domains.

Under Republic Act (RA) 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA), companies intending to exploit, develop and utilize the natural resources of the region must first secure the free and prior informed consent of the IPs who own the domain of the projected areas of operation.

Concerned IP leaders in the region called the attention of the RDC-CAR to intervene in the alleged questionable issuance of the service contracts covering the river systems in their ancestral domains without their expressed consent in violation of existing laws, rules and regulations.

Domogan pointed out in case the Cordillera will achieve its autonomous status in the future, the issuance of permits for renewable energy plants will be lodged with the autonomous regional government instead of the central office of the energy department and because they know better their backyard compared to those who are in Metro Manila, the perennial issue on these grants of service contract even without the consent of the affected ancestral domain owners can be addressed more responsively.

On her part, Milagros Rimando, RDC-CAR vice chairperson and regional director of the Cordillera office of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA-CAR), said the RDC-CAR passed a resolution requesting the energy department to put a regional office in the Cordillera so that similar issues and concerns will be addressed at the regional level as it is the appropriate agency to respond to concerns relative to energy especially that the region has been and is being eyed as one of the potential sources of renewable energy that could be infused to the grid. / By Dexter A. See

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the subject of accusations of corruption and wrongdoing. The problem is that, even a mere haphazard search through Google will already yield juicy bits of voluminous information about what a particular critic received as bribe or as grease money, at one time or another.

For example, in a Facebook post of Agriculture Secretary Manny Pinol, it was alleged that Trillanes received money from Ilocos Norte Governor Imee Marcos and from Sen. Jinggy Estrada, and was involved in other "transactions" with other big-time politicians. Truly, this can only make me puke!

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The murder, kidnapping and torture complaint was filed by self-confessed DDS member Edgar Matobato, who said Duterte ordered them to kill criminals and his rivals in Davao city.

In 2014, the Ombudsman terminated its probe on the DDS due to lack of evidence, quoting a report from the Commission on Human Rights Davao Regional office that dismissed the allegation as "chismis" or gossip. The Ombudsman recently said it may reopen it if there is new evidence./With a report from Celine Amilhamja, INQUIRER.net trainee/IDL

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**Pacquiao's Greatest Legacy,
a Life Lesson for All**



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

It was in 2003 when a relatively unknown boxer from the Philippines who can't even speak in English shocked the world by totally dominating a very fierce fighter in the person of Marco Antonio Barrera. That was the beginning of the illustrious career of the Filipino Boxing icon Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao. For more than 10 years his name had echoed total domination in the world of boxing. For the lack of a better word, he is the king of the ring.

Despite of everything, everybody knows that nothing last forever. There is time for everything and in his latest fight against Jeremy Horn it looks like the Era which we call Manny Pacquiao in boxing is coming to an end. Whether this is true or this is just one of the learning opportunity for our champion, his life has been an epitome of success and a continuous learning. A great and vivid example we can use to inspire ourselves and other people.

Everybody knows Manny's story of rags to riches. Well, we can learn a lot from that too, but what I want to focus on is his journey while savoring his success in the boxing world. Many Knows that the money his success brought won't last forever so he intelligently made his money work for him. Whether he has advisers to tell him to do so or he did this on his own, it is still a brilliant move on his side. There are a lot of Filipino fighters who are successful but after their career ended their financial status were also in shambles. If he stops boxing now he would still do fine he would still be a billionaire. The thing this shows to us is preparedness. It's an everyday thing no matter what is your status in life. Preparedness will always put you in the safe place as what the life of Manny Pacquiao shows us.

The next lesson we can learn from him is, using his newfound success to go to another venture. People are maybe laughing at him for trying his hands at basketball, movies, and politics but he sure is not stopping as he knows his experiences on this field would bring more wisdom to him. The money, that's just another bonus. Even if he has different reason for trying these different fields, everybody will agree that doing other things aside from boxing made him better and a more intelligent person. We should not be known for only one thing. After reaching the summit of the mountain were climbing, we must try to climb a new one. We must not be destructed with the criticisms along the way. Just remember this, If Manny can, We can too.

The most important lesson we can learn from Manny is his willingness to learn. When he was just starting up as a boxer he can't speak in English but as time goes by he is already starting to use broken English in his interviews. A feat every Filipinos are making fun of, but they haven't realized that the man they're making fun of is a man who exemplifies the real essence of a man. This man doesn't want to stop growing and he doesn't care what others might think about him. What is important to him is to learn and to use his what he learned in real life. This willingness to learn attitude is one of the biggest factor why he is so successful in his boxing career and in his other ventures. A characteristic that we can adapt to improve ourselves.

This recent loss that he had in his boxing career may not good to him. Perhaps age is already catching up with him or perhaps there is a new thing that opportunity wants to teach to our Champion. No matter what, times like these remind us to be thankful for his contributions in making the Filipino race great and we must be thankful for the lessons we are learning as we look into his life.

Republic of the
Philippines
Regional Trial Court
First Judicial Region
Branch 7
Baguio City

IN THE MATTER OF
THE SETTLEMENT
OF THE ESTATE
OF SOLEDAD E.
REYES,

TERESA R.
IGNACIO, represent-
ed by her Attorney-
in-fact, ROBERTO R.
IGNACIO

-and-

CLARA REYES
PASTOR, represent-
ed by her Attorney-
in-fact, RAMON R.
PASTOR

Petitioners.

Special Proceeding
Case No. 432-R
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administra-
tion having been issued in
the above-entitled case
in favor of AUGUSTO
REYES AVECILLA of
0312 San Francisco St.
Brookside Hills Subd. San
Isidro Cainta, Rizal.

IT IS HEREBY
ORDERED that notice
be, and the same is
hereby, given to all
persons having claims
for money against the
decendent SOLEDAD
ELCHICO REYES who
died on April 26, 1989,
arising from contract,
express or implied,
whether the same be
due, not due, or contin-
gent, for funeral expenses
and expenses of the last
sickness of the decendent,
and judgment for money
against her requiring
them to file their claims
with the REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT OFFICE
OF THE CLERK OF
COURT, JUSTICE HALL,
BAGUIO CITY, within a
period of not later than
June 29, 2018 after the
first publication on June
29, 2017 in a newspaper
of General Circulation.
Pursuant to Section 3
Rule 86, of the Rules of
Court, let this NOTICE
TO CREDITORS be
posted for three (3) con-
secutive weeks in the
bulletin boards of this
Court, the Justice Hall,
the City Hall, the City

Market and the Post
Office, all of Baguio City.
SO ORDERED.

Baguio City Philip-
pines, this 15th day of
May, 2017.

(SGD) Karldon M.
Eustaquio
Branch Clerk of Court

*Publication Dates: July
1, 8 and 15, 2017*

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial Region
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

In Re: Petition for
the Cancellation of
A nnotation on the
Birth Certificate of
Minor Nathan Simon
Tagata Bacolod

YVONNE MARIE T.
JANAIRI,
Petitioner,

-versus-

CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF BAGUIO CITY,
JAN MARANZ
BACOLOD,
Respondents.

Spl. Proc. Case No.
2635-R

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NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING

Petitioner, Yvonne
Marie T. Janairo, through
counsel, f iled a verified
petition praying that
after due notice, pub-
lication and hearing,
judgement be rendered
ordering the Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio City
to cancel the annotation
on the birth certificate of
her minor son Nathan
Simon Tagata Bacolod
which reads:

“ACKNOWLEDGED
BY JAN MARANZ P.
BACOLOD ON JUNE 29,
2012. THE SURNAME
OF THE CHILD IS
HEREBY CHANGED
FROM TAGATA TO
BACOLOD ON JUNE
29, 2012. THE CHILD
SHALL BE KNOWN
AS: NATHAN SIMON
TAGATA BACOLOD,
PURSUANT TO R.A.
9255”

Let the petition be set
for hearing on September
8, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock
in the morning at the
Regional Trial Court,
Branch 6, “Bulwagan Ng

Katarungan” (Justice
Hall), Baguio City at
which date, time and
place, all persons inter-
ested may show cause
why the petition should
not be granted.

Let a copy of this
Notice of Initial Hearing
be published in a
newspaper of general cir-
culation in Baguio City
once a week for three (3)
consecutive weeks at the
expense of the petitioner.

Let a copy of this
Notice of Initial Hearing
be posted in four (4)
public places at the
Bulletin Boards of the
City Market, the Post
Office, the City Hall, and
the Regional Trial Court,
all in Baguio City at the
expense of the petitioner.

Let also a copy of
the Petition and Notice
of Initial Hearing be
furnished to the Local
Civil Registrar of Baguio
City, the Philippine Sta-
tistics Authority in
Quezon City, the Office
of the Solicitor General
in Makati City and the
Office of the City Pros-
ecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this
Notice of Initial Hearing
upon the petitioner,
her counsel and private
respondent Jan Maranz
Bacolod.

The Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio
City is also directed to
comment on the petition
within ten (10) days from
receipt of this Notice.

SO ORDERED.

June 21, 2017. Baguio
City, Philippines.

(SGD) CECILIA
CORAZON S.
DULAY-ARCHOG
Acting Presiding Judge

*Publication Dates: July
8, 15 and 22, 2017*

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT,
BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT
FOR BENGUET
PROVINCE)
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
La Trinidad,
Benguet

IN RE: PETITION
FOR DECLARA-
TION OF PRE-
S U M P T I O N
OF DEATH OF
A B S E N T E E
JULIAN DULALAS
JR. y SUMALPONG
UNDER ARTICLE



BAGUIO WATER DISTRICT

Serving Mankind is Serving God

The Baguio Water District is inviting all prospective bidders to bid for the following unservice-
able items which shall be sold through **PUBLIC AUCTION** on July 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm at BWD
Property Office, BWD Compound, Marcoville Barangay, Baguio City:

ITEM 1/GROUP A – VEHICLES/MOTORCYCLES/AIR COMPRESSORS:

QUANTITY/unit	PARTICULARS	Minimum Bid Price
One lot	Various vehicles: Mitsubishi L300 - SEF 170, SEF 138, SEF 193, Anfra SEF 166, Motorcycles: Motorstar SL 5166, Honda SD 8085, SD 8071, SD 8084	Php 64,038.09
1 unit	Air compressor, Airman, Isuzu C240 engine AC 377-001-01 (1993)	Php 257,621.73
1 unit	Air compressor, Airman, Isuzu C240 engine AC 377-001-02 (1996)	Php 342,831.74
1 unit	Air compressor, Airman, Isuzu C240 engine AC 377-001-03 (1996)	Php 180,048.48

ITEM 2/GROUP B – EQUIPMENT / BATTERIES:

Item No.	PARTICULARS	QTY	Minimum Bid Price
Lot 1	Various equipment: Mobile Gen set, Bucyrus drilling rig, dispensing pump with above ground tank and power chain saw	one lot	Php 31,801.03
Lot 2	Junk vehicle / motorcycle batteries	one lot	Php 20,510.00

ITEM 3/GROUP C – FITTINGS, TOOLS, VEHICLE PARTS, OFFICE SUPPLIES, ETC.:

Quantity	Item	Minimum Bid Price
Per kilo – one lot	Various junk vehicle parts, computer parts, office supplies/equipment, fire hydrants, fittings, tools, pumps, motors and electrical parts, communication and chlorination appurtenances	>Iron - P 7.00/kilo; >Brass - P 100.00/kilo; >Aluminum - P 50.00/kilo; >Hard plastic - P 1.50/kilo

CONDITIONS:

1.Interested bidders may secure the prescribed bid form from Mr. Marcos Lamangan of the Property Section, BWD office, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00 (Five Hundred Pesos).

2.Schedule of bidding:

Issuance of Bid Documents/Inspection of items: **July 24 to 26, 2017, 8 AM to 3 PM**

Deadline of submission and opening of bids: **July 28, 2017, 2:00 PM**

3.The aforementioned properties are available for inspection at anytime during office hours from July 24, 2017 to July 26, 2017 at the BWD Property Office, BWD Compound, Marcoville Barangay, Baguio City.

4.Submit two (2) sealed envelopes. **ENVELOPE A** shall contain a **BIDDER'S bond in CASH, CASHIER'S OR MANAGER'S CHECK** in the amount equivalent to at least 10% of the total bid price payable to BWD. **ENVELOPE B** shall contain the bid price using the standard bid form.

5.Sale of Item 1/Group A shall be on an AS-IS-WHERE-IS Basis; Item 2/Group B on a **PER LOT BASIS** and Item 3/Group C on a **PER KILO BASIS AS ONE LOT**.

6.Award shall be given to the highest and responsive complying bid.

7.The bidder's bond shall be forfeited in favor of BWD on the following grounds:

a)In case of unjustifiable refusal of the winning bidder to accept the award within five (5) days from the issuance of the Notice of Award,

b)The winning bidder refuses to withdraw the items within thirty (30) days after payment.

8.The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the District. The District assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

BWD Disposal Committee

41 OF THE FAMILY
CODE,

LALING DULALAS
y BANG-ITO,
Petitioner.

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS CASE
NO. 16-E-0142

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ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this verified
Amended Petition praying
that after due notice,

publication and hearing,
an Order will be issued
by the Court declaring
absentee Julian Dulalas Jr.
y Sumalpong Presump-
tively Dead, pursuant to
law under Article 41 of
the Family Code.

W H E R E F O R E ,
finding the Petition to
be sufficient in form and
substance, this court sets
it for initial hearing on
October 26, 2017 at 9:00
o'clock in the morning
before the session hall
of this court, Justice Hall,
Justice Hill, La Trinidad,
Benguet. All interested
persons may appear and

show cause, if any, why
this petition should not
be granted.

Let this ORDER be
published at the expense
of the petitioner in the
Junction, a newspaper
of general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet
Province and the Cor-
dillera Administrative
Region, once a week,
for three (3) consecutive
weeks, the first publica-
tion to be made not later
than July 23, 2017.

Furnish copies of this
ORDER, together with
copies of the Petition
and its annexes, to the

Office of the Solicitor
General; the Office of the
Provincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; and, the Philip-
pine Statistics Authority.
Furnish also copies of this
ORDER to the Junction
and petitioner and
counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 7th day of July
2017 at La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.
BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

*Publication Dates: July
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FAKE NEWS!

OF THE WEEK

FAKE NEWS - BE FORWARDED

'WAG KANG TANGA! GAMITIN ANG COMMON SENSE!' YOUTH RALLIES: FUTURE DRUG PUSHERS TO STAGE ANTI-DUTERTE PROTESTS

MANILA, Philippines (The Adobo Chronicles, Manila Bureau) – Youth groups are not happy that Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is getting in their way of being the country's future drug pushers.

At a recent press conference, the #YouthResist, a movement formed by youth groups Millennials Against Dictators [MAD], Student Council Alliance of the Philippines (SCAP), Akbayan Youth and some campus- and community-based

youth groups, said they are planning to hold anti-Duterte rallies on July 18, just days before the president's July 24 State of the Nation Address (SONA).

The youth sentiment was quite obvious in the message they wrote on their protest placards. "We all are possible drug pushers," their signs proclaimed.

"The president must respect the fact that we, the youth, are the



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country's future. We are tomorrow's senators and congressmen, mayors and governors, bank presidents and multinational CEOs. But we are also the future drug pushers, so we must resist everything that Duterte is doing to fight illegal drugs," the youth

Possible breakup of...

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establishment of autonomous regions in the Cordillera and Muslim Mindanao to suit the administration's proposal to shift from the present presidential form to federal form of government.

The local chief executive reminded the potential breakup of the Cordillera is not a threat to those who are against the renewed quest for regional autonomy but it is a reality that can happen once a number of provinces will ratify the autonomy law once enacted by Congress and signed into law by the President and once the constitutional provisions mandating the establishment of autonomous regions will be deleted during the charter change.

"We do not intend to threaten anyone regarding the possible disintegration of our region in the future once

the situation warrants it that is why it is high time for us to unite to achieve autonomy as this might be our last chance to do so amidst the administration's planned shift to federal form of government within the term of President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

He added that Cordillerans are lucky because President Duterte, through Presidential Peace Adviser Jesus Dureza, is supportive of the region's renewed quest for regional autonomy unlike during the previous administration and Cordillerans must reciprocate the support by showing their interest in establishing the autonomous region in the Cordillera.

Domogan pointed out Cordillerans were actually treated as second-class citizens when some parts of the CAR were parts of Region I and II during the

martial law regime and people do not want the problem to be repeated once the region will disintegrate if the autonomy law is rejected or once the renewed quest for regional autonomy will be overtaken by the planned shift to federal form in the future.

Republic Act 4695 or the Division Law divided the previous Mountain Province into four independent provinces namely, Bontoc that retained the old name of Mountain province, Ifugao, Kalinga-Apayao and Benguet. However, when former President Ferdinand Marcos issued Batas Pambansa No. 1 or the decree that divided the country into regions, the Cordillera was again disintegrated wherein Benguet, Baguio city and Mountain Province went to Region I while Ifugao and Kalinga-Apayao joined Region II.

After the signing of the September 13, 1986 historic Mount Data peace agreement, former



MOSQUITOES' FAVORITE BREEDING GROUND - Residents were informed of the city government's Anti-Dengue Ordinance which mandates the disposal of used tires being the common breeding areas of dengue-carrying mosquitoes. /By Bong Cayabyab

Convention center design...

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ment's way of enticing the private sector in sharing their vision of what should the convention center look like once the city has money to upgrade the facility.

Datuin pointed out while the local government is sourcing out the funds to fully rehabilitate the convention center instead of simply renovating it from time to time, the design contest should already be done so that local officials will be aware of the magnitude of the project once implemented when funds will be available.

Among the objectives

of the design contest which has a prize of P1 million for the winning design include designing a modern convention center that conveys the historical and architectural significance of the site and former structure; proposing the maximum use of renewable energies in the building and site design; providing design best practices for ecologically feasible and resilient building and site development; integrating value engineering in the design and proposed construction method and promoting public involvement in the

selection process.

Pending before the local legislative body is an ordinance appropriating the amount of P2.3 million from the city's non-office allocations for the prizes and other administrative costs related to the conduct of the architecture design contest.

City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) officials admitted that its pool of experts could not handle the said magnitude of designing a structure because they are involved in the preparation of designs for numerous projects in the city funded under its annual budget. /By Dexter A. See

Amnesty on real property...

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be generated from the increased tax collections of the local government will be plowed back to the people through the implementation of priority development projects in the city's barangays and the enhancement of the delivery of basic services to the people.

He remained optimistic that the tax collection on real property will improve in the second semester of the year so that it will be able to fund the implementation of the projects that were included for implementation this year and the improved delivery of services to the residents

considering that taxes are the lifeblood of the government.

Cabarrubias called on taxpayers to religiously pay their taxes and not to wait for the grant of amnesty before settling their obligation because he will not favour any tax amnesty in the future while he is the city treasurer. /By Dexter A. See

President Corazon C. Aquino issued Executive Order No. 220 that reconfigured the Cordillera Administrative Region which brought back Abra, Benguet, Baguio city and Mountain Province from Region I and Ifugao and Kalinga-Apayao from Region II to comprise the CAR.

Later, the former Kalinga-Apayao area was divided into two independent provinces by virtue of Republic Act 7878. Under the provisions of House Bill 5343 or the bill that seeks to establish the autonomous region in the Cordillera, cities and provinces that will not vote in

favour of the establishment of an autonomous region in the Cordillera will revert back to their original regions allowing the cities and provinces that voted in favour of the autonomy law to compose the autonomous region in the Cordillera. / By Dexter A. See

Veggie stakeholders showcases giant vegetable salad

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Vegetable producers of the province took the lead in promoting their lot thru a more than a ton "Giant Vegetable Salad" for the public to feast on for free as a way of celebrating the La Trinidad Vegetable Trading Post's (LTVTP) 33rd founding anniversary on Thursday, July 13.

Augusta 'Agot' Balanoy, Benguet Farmers Cooperative Marketing Manager, said this was one way of showcasing the vegetable industry of the province to its end market especially among consumers in the lowland areas who may not be aware of the difference between locally-grown and imported highland

vegetable varieties.

The group tapped a local culinary arts school, the SKD Academy La Trinidad Campus located at Kilometer 4 to prepare the giant vegetable salad.

SKD Academy Manager Jonathan Micua said the salad contained a mixture of Romaine lettuce, carrots, cucumber, sugar beets, tomatoes, marble potatoes, alfalfa and some boiled broccoli and cauliflower. three types of vinaigrette sauce- mango, strawberry and honey balsamic were prepared for the salad

The local government helped in the construction of the salad containment, the Philippine and National Police for the flushing of the area to

ensure cleanliness of the venue and surroundings, Balanoy said.

Other activities in the anniversary celebration include vegetable carving and vegetable landscaping.

The festive celebration was made possible in partnership with 14 vegetable organizations including truckers, porters, packers, the municipal government, the PNP and commercial banks in the valley.

Like the giant strawberry shortcake of the La Trinidad municipal government that landed in Guinness Book of Record, Balanoy said they hope to achieve the same feat in the future with their giant vegetable salad. (PIA Benguet)

2 high-impact projects for implementation in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - Two high impact projects for the Cordillera under the national government's "Build, Build, Build" program are up for implementation to help boost development and economic activities in the region.

Department of Public Works and Highways - Cordillera officials headed by Regional Director Nerie Bueno bared this in a Kapihan media forum here last July 6.

First on the list is the BLISTT (Baguio City and Benguet municipalities - La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay) Outer Ring Circumferen-

tial Road to boost road access between Baguio and the nearby Benguet towns where the Cordillera Regional Development Council hopes to expand economic development opportunities for regional development.

The project shall have seven sections and a total length of 81.827 kilometers of combined national and local roads. The almost P4.8 billion worth project will interconnect BLISTT to all national roads leading to Baguio City and other Cordillera provinces.

DPWH - CAR Planning and Design Division head Angelita Mabitazaan said the

this will serve as alternate route for motorists going to nearby Benguet municipalities.

At the same time, the new road network will boost tourism and invigorate trade within Cordillera and its neighboring provinces.

Part of the project is covered by the DOT - DPWH tourism infrastructure development convergence program.

Another high impact project is the Apayao - Ilocos Norte Road that will serve as a gateway to the Cordillera from Region 1 via Laoag. It also aims to boost tourism and strengthen economic activities.

Bueno stressed that the "Build, Build, Build" program that provides higher expending in high impact infrastructure projects aims to strengthen the country's economy and alleviate poverty. //JDP/CCD & J. Caringal - PIA CAR/UP Intern



THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE CITY'S CLEANEST AND DIRTIEST BARANGAYS - Alay Sa Kalinisan board of Judges chaired by Dr. Julie Cabato for The Search for the 10 Cleanest and the 10 Dirtiest barangays in the city conduct on the spot inspection and interviews in the barangays. The contest winners will be announced during the celebration of Baguio Charter Day on September 1./ By Bong Cayabyab

TESDA grants P8.6 M-worth of tech-voc scholarship for Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - Here's a good news for the youth and other interested individuals.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is providing P8.6 million worth of technical - vocational scholarship for Cordillera region in line with the government's thrust to reduce poverty and bring more employment opportunities to the Filipino people.

TESDA Deputy Director General for Technical Education and Skills Development Operation Alvin Feliciano assisted by Cordillera Regional Director Rafael Abrogar III led the ceremonial awarding of around P8.6 million worth of Training for Work Scholarship (TWSP) grants during the graduation at the Baguio City School of Arts and Trades (BCSAT), Wednesday.

The TWSP grant is

expected to benefit 1,219 scholars from different parts of the region. Abra is allotted with 150 slots with P1.075M educational assistance; Ifugao- 285 slots with P1.092M; Kalinga- 150 slots with P1.310 M, and Mountain Province -175 slots with P1.66M grant.

For the TESDA Baguio - Benguet provincial office, the Regional Training Center received around P1.85M of grants for 195 scholarship slots while BCSAT was awarded with around P1.64M worth of grants involving 264 scholarship slots.

During the event, Abrogar also confirmed as graduates 120 Tech - Voc students of BCSAT. Baguio - Benguet Provincial Director Angela Gabriel assisted TESDA DDG Feliciano in awarding the certificate of completion of the tech -voc students that

took Barista, Bartending, Cookery and Food and Beverages Services.

Feliciano, in his congratulatory message, affirmed TESDA's commitment in bringing their programs and services down to the grassroots level. They already engaged over 42,000 barangays in their goal of strengthening technical - vocational education and skills development, as a career option and a prime mover of community development in line with the government's thrust to reduce poverty and address the concern on unemployment.

Feliciano challenged the graduates to look into opening business ventures as it will not only a way to earn income but can also help the government and their community to provide employment to others. //JDP/CCD/A. Depalogo & C. Valencia-PIA CAR/UC Interns

Possible breakup of Cordillera in federalism looms

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan warned of a possible breakup of the

Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) once Congress, as a constituent assembly to amend

the Constitution, will decide to delete the provisions that mandate the

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