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## P-Noy Urged to Make Moratorium on Tree-Cutting Total



**EDUCATIONAL WALK** - Mr. Ramom Dacawi challenges the Teachers and Students of Rizal and San Vicente Elementary school to find the biggest pine cone like the one he holds during the conduct of eco and urban walk held last July 16, 2012 - Contributed Photo/Yooj Valbuena

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. wants President Benigno Aquino III to expand the tree-cutting moratorium to make it a total prohibition.

Aquino, on Feb. 1, 2011 issued Executive Order No. 23 entitled, “Declaring a Moratorium on the Cutting and Harvesting of Timber in the Natural and Residual Forests and Creating the Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force.”

But Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Analiza Teh clarified that only tree cutting permits covering naturally grown trees within public forest or timberland are being suspended and that the suspension does not cover the following: naturally grown trees within private or titled property; planted trees within public forest or timberland and private lands; and tree cutting activities covered by exemptions provided in an earlier memorandum.

In his proposed resolution, Cosalan said allowing such exemptions would “render as futile the efforts of the national and local governments to re-green and ecologically revitalize the City of Baguio.”

He said the order should in- **Cont. on page 9**

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## Mayor Wants Coordinated Announcement of Class Suspension During Typhoons

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan will take up with barangay officials the new system of announcing class suspensions during typhoons in line with the new directive from the national government for barangay officials to assume the responsibility of making such announcements.

“I will meet with the Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) so that the announcements will be coordinated to prevent confusion from arising during those situations,” the mayor assured.

ABC president Councilor Joel Alangsab said the new directive will have to be studied to ensure that it will achieve its purpose.

He agreed that the announcements must be made in unison to avoid hitches that will affect the welfare of the students and put the b Both Domogan and Alangsab felt the new system was meant to address the situation in Metro Manila and other areas in the country with bigger land areas with many far-flung barangays and where weather conditions may vary.

But for the small places like Baguio where barangays are in close proximity to each other, the old system where the announcement is made by the mayor will do.

“Nonetheless, let us follow the President’s new directive and we will just find a way to coordinate the announcements,” the mayor said.

Alangsab also promised to study the order and take it up with the mayor and the barangay officials during their next meeting next month./A Refuerzo

## Dengue Alarm on; Barangays Urged to Take the Lead in Preventive Measures

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday sounded off the dengue alarm calling on barangays here to take the lead in undertaking preventive measures as dengue cases in the city rose by a hundred percent in the last four weeks.

The mayor said barangays should undertake regular clean-up activities to search and destroy mosquito breeding places and continually educate their constituents on seeking early medical attention in case of affliction.

Barangays have been designated as focal points of the “Search and Destroy Campaign” through the “Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue” (ABKD) anti-dengue drive of the Dept. of Health in cooperation with the Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The said campaign is a part of DOH’s Integrated Vector Management (IVM), an evidence-based campaign to reduce mosquito density through community participation.

Dr. Donnabelle Tuvera, head of the city health office epidemiology surveillance unit, said the number of dengue cases in the city in the last four weeks has alarmingly increased to 136 cases as against the 68 cases recorded during the same period last year, which represents a 100 percent increase.

From January 1 to July 19 this year, they have recorded 217 cases in the city as against last year’s 143 or a 52-percent hike, Tuvera added.

The good news is that there was no

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## Cordi Leaders Cement Support to Autonomy

BAGUIO CITY – Cordillera leaders cemented their support to the creation of the autonomous region via a manifesto of joint support for the passage of House Bill (HB) 5595 and Senate Bill (SB) 3115 that seeks to establish an autonomous region in the Cordillera signed during the 25<sup>th</sup> Cordillera Day celebration last July 15.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said majority of the governors, vice governors, mayors and vice mayors of the 76 towns, six provinces and two cities signed the manifesto which also urges President Benigno S. Aquino III to certify the said bills as urgent measures to speed up their approval.

“We resolutely and steadfastly believe that Autonomy provides for us the opportunity to exercise our fundamental and Constitutional right to self-determination and allow us to defend, protect, conserve and develop our patrimony and cultural heritage, in order to secure for ourselves and our posterity a region of peace and prosperity founded on truth, freedom, justice, love and human solidarity through a Regional Autonomous Government that shall ensure our human rights, our human development, economic growth and our active participation as citizens in the affairs of a united Philippine State,” the manifesto reads.

During the foundation day program held at the Baguio Convention Center last July 15, Cordillera officials led by Domogan, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, Apayao Rep. Eleanor Begtang and Gov. Elias Bulut Jr., Ifugao Gov. Eugene Balitang, Mountain Province Gov. Leonard Mayaen, Kalinga Acting Gov. Allen Jesse Mangaoang and Tabuk City Mayor Ferdinance Tubban echoed the content of the manifesto and exhorted Cordillerans to unite for the realization of the aspiration for self-rule and self-determination.

Domogan said it is high time for the Cordillera region to establish a permanent regional identity where it will have freedom to manage its people and natural resources, enjoy more financial benefits from the national government while retaining the existing benefits and powers presently being enjoyed.

The rest of the speakers conveyed their desire to achieve regional autonomy to preserve Cordillera’s unique culture and enjoy all the socio-economic and political benefits deserved by an autonomous region.

One of the highlights of the CAR anniversary activities which centered on the theme “Looking Back with Pride, Moving Forward with Hope,” was the beating of the “unity gong” to showcase the region’s oneness in said aspiration.

The unity gong was turned over to the city officials by Apayao leaders in ceremonies last July 14. Baguio was the last seat in the Cordillera Unity and Peace Relay ceremonies which fired off in Mt. Province last May 28 to drumbeat the call for support to autonomy in the cities and provinces comprising the CAR. Each of the provinces and cities had their chance to host the gong during the relay with Baguio as the final destination./A Refuerzo

## Fun-Run Set for Ailing Teacher on August 18


Here’s one case about suffering serving as catalyst for community action - through a fun-run.

Running enthusiasts of all ages will cover at least three-kilometers around the Rizal Elementary School on Aug. 18, into the life – and heart – of a teacher battling cancer for months now.

Whether the actual distance will be measured will be known when the organizers meet in the school this Tuesday afternoon to map out the route passing through barangays of kids 42-year old Elenita Soriano had taught over the years.

Soriano, who teaches in grade IV

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## Anti-Red Tape Monitoring Team Created

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week issued Administrative Order 87, s. of 2012 for the creation of a monitoring team to implement the “Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA) of 2007.”

The mayor heads the monitoring team with Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas as Vice-Chairman and Action Officer.

Members of the team include City Engineer Leo Bernardez, Jr., City Human Resource Management Officer Dr. Estrella Bisquera, Ph.D., City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao, General Service Officer Romeo Concio, City building Officer Engr. Oscar Flores, Asst. City Assessor Nilda Navarro, and Asst. Alicia Onoza. Several employees of the Human Resource Office serves as secretariat.

Accordingly, the ARTA monitoring team shall work to determine methods for a hundred percent (100%) implementation of said anti-red tape act in the city government

The team shall conduct on-the spot monitoring of the department/offices of the local government.

The monitoring team shall also compel all offices to comply with all requirements of the ARTA. A citizen’s charter should be posted, “No Noon Break and the presence of a public assistance and complaints desk.

The action officer of the team shall convene as soon as possible to act accordingly in the discharge of its functions.

Republic Act 9485, the “Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007,” was enacted to improve efficiency of government service to the public. The reduction of bureaucratic red tape and prevention of graft and corruption is the main purpose of the RA.

Earlier, the Civil Service commission conducted an ARTA watch in several departments of the local government of Baguio, wherein unfavorable observations were reported. With the notations, the ARTA monitoring team was deemed a need.

The AO is expected to take effect immediately./juliegfianza

## PMA Instructor, One of TOPS

BAGUIOCITY – group at PMA joins the elite roster including; Col Raul Tangco, a professor at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), with nine others was adjudged as Ten Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) for 2012 in a search conducted by the Metrobank Foundation and Rotary Club of Makati Metro. Metrobank Foundation President Aniceto Sobrepena informed Mayor Mauricio Domogan of the conferment through a congratulatory letter.

“TOPS is an annual search which recognizes and pays tribute to the outstanding examples of gallantry, dedication, commitment, professionalism and integrity among members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP),” Sobrepena said in his letter.

Sobrepena also expressed confidence that the award would encourage other soldiers to “join the search and be the next role models of the AFP.”

Col. Tangco, dean of the academic group at PMA joins the elite roster including; Col Milfredo Melegrito, M/Sgt Juana Hernal, T/Sgt R o l a n d o Diomangay, Capt. Erick Kagaoan, Engineman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Arce B a l a s a b a s , Engineman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Ricky Burgos, Lt. Col. Antonio Francisco, Jr., Sr M/ Sgt. Augusto Reyes, M/Sgt. Emerito Angcao, all from the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, Philippine Air Force and Corps of Professors. Tangco has served PMA for 28 years while his co-awardees’ service to their respective institution range from 17 to 30 years.

Each of the Ten (10) awardees shall receive a trophy and cash prize during the awarding ceremonies which coincides with Metrobank’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, September 5, 2012.

A 1984 graduate of the country’s premier military school, Tangco’s achievements in-

clude: Masters degree in Mathematics from the University of the Philippines (UP) in 1994; Master of Development Administration from the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia in 2001; and Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University, Washington, DC, USA in 2010.

A program for pre-cadetship training for PMA cadet candidates which resulted to significant decrease in first year cadet resignation;

A grading system in conformity with local and foreign military schools and cooperative learning among cadets; both currently being used in PMA which addresses cadet attrition;

Implementation of innovative teaching strategies and flexible methodologies, which improved faculty output and student

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**STOP SLAVERY - A human trafficking victim tells her ordeal after she was rescued by the Health Services Office and the Kalinga Ministry as US Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr., City Health Officer Dr. Florence Reyes and Councilor Philian-Weygan listen intently. Ambassador Thomas, an anti-human trafficking advocate, is in town to attend the Philippine-American Friendship Day celebration.— By Bong Cayabyab**

## Dads ask JHMC to restrain Security

BAGUIO CITY – The city council asked the John Hay Management Council (JHMC) to restrain its security personnel from patrolling the 13 barangays located within the Camp John Hay reservation.

The body in Resolution 167 series of 2012 adopted the recommendations made by Councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. in his privilege speech recently on the issue.

Residents and punong barangays of Camp 7, Country Club Village, Greenwater, Happy Hallow, Hillside, Loakan-Apugan, Loakan-Liwanag, Loakan Proper, Lower Dagsian, Lucnab, Military Cut-Off, Sta. Escolastica Village and Upper Dagsian have protested the presence of the security personnel in their barangays which they said has caused undue fear among the residents. A shooting incident even reportedly happened in one barangay involving the security personnel and a private citizen.

Aliping tackled the issue in his speech saying this has to be stopped for the sake of the residents.

He recommended that the body urge the JHMC to do the following: relieve the security personnel involved in the shooting incident involving a resident of one barangay; not to allow and tolerate the abuses of its security personnel; not to allow these guards from patrolling and roaming around the 13 barangays with their high-powered firearms in tow; and to ensure that proper coordination with the barangays shall be done first before any patrolling activities will be conducted in the said barangays.

In a letter to JHMC president and chief executive officer Dr. Jamie Eloise Agbayani dated June 4, the punong barangays of the 13 barangays asked Agbayani to stop their security guards from patrolling their barangays saying this has caused peace and order problems.

“We respectfully ask your good office to stop your security guards from patrolling or including our barangays as areas of jurisdiction. We assure you that as we had been doing, we will do our best to maintain peace and order in our own barangays, report illegal constructions and cutting of trees,” they said./A Refuerzo

## Mayor Orders Census of Barangay-Based Business as Crackdown on Illegal Traders Continues

BAGUIOCITY Friday to submit the said lists.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan ordered punong barangays here to submit a detailed list of business establishments operating in their areas of responsibility with or without business permits.

The barangay heads were given a month or until last city and to provide a

database for our revenue-generating and service-oriented establishment.”

The mayor asked the barangay captains to include in the report “the actions you have undertaken to force all business establishments in your barangays to acquire the appropriate

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## One Leg Short

“The Philippines is one of the world’s major development puzzles”, then UP School of Economics professor Arseni Balisacan wrote in 2003. Today, Balisacan chairs the National Economic Development Authority under the Aquino administration. He has his hands full, as an Asian Development Bank conference at UP Cebu shows.

If Filipinos are to break free of poverty treadmill, the economy “must walk on two legs” namely services and industry says the new ADB report: “Taking the Right Road to Inclusive Growth..:

Here, the economy increasingly relied on the “one leg” of services, ADB’s country director Neerai Jain and economist Norio Usui stressed at the forum. Almost 60% of gross domestic product today comes from this “one leg”.

## EDITORIAL

Industry’s share of GDP slumped from 39% to 32% over a decade..:

Take Business Process Outsourcing’s track record. BPO grew at double digit rates. It scurried up the value chain from traditional call services to software development and medical transcription. “The Philippines is now the third largest BPO destination, after India and Canada.”

BPO “employs only about 1% of a labor force where where 1.2 million are jobless and 1.4 million are underemployed. Those hired are college graduates. “BPO does not help the more impoverished or less educated...In the near future, it is unlikely that development of services, even with the growing BPO sector, would be solely sufficient to bring the economy into inclusive growth”.

The “other leg” of industrial upgrading and product diversification withered, conferences at UP Cebu and business groups heard. For example, “the initial success in electronics did not translate into...more sophisticated segments of electronics...” “The country went through a process of de-industrialization from the early 1980s”, the report notes. A useful footnote would point out these straddled the last years of the Marcos dictatorship.

Other Asian countries altered their development strategy towards promoting exports and attracting foreign direct investment. Output shifted from traditional primary sector to modern industry. Structural recasting sustained growth and created jobs that whittled down penury.

The Philippines took “the road less traveled”. In the 1950s and 1960s, the country was regional economic pace-setter in It had then “a relatively advanced manufacturing sector and the highest school enrolment.

As the 21st century unreeled, Philippine per capita GDP had dropped to the bottom in the ASEAN-4. “Now, even the gap with Vietnam is narrowing.”. Don’t pin the blame on high population growth, Norio Usui counseled. Malaysia had similar population growth over the same period.:

What happened? We went on a joy ride with overseas workers “padala” or remittances which bankrolled private consumption. The booming services sector did not morph into higher employment.

Informal work and emigration remain major escape for underutilized labor. “It is not uncommon to see college-educated maids and college-educated taxi drivers,” the report adds. “Deployment of OFWs and massive underemployment mask the extent of domestic joblessness.

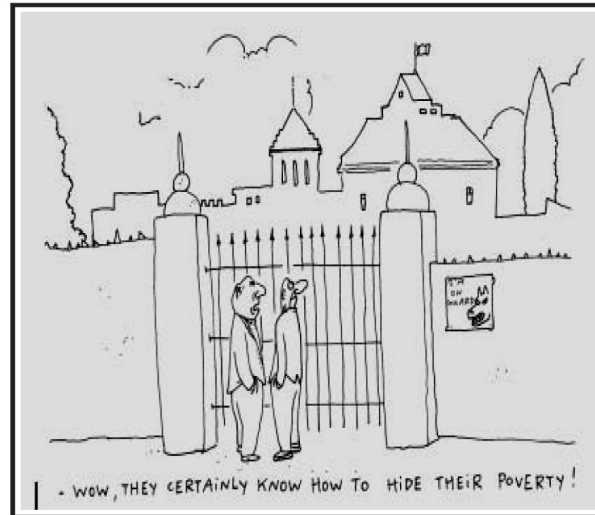
“Productivity isn’t every thing,” we read in “The Age of Diminished Expectations”. “But in the long run, it is almost everything.” Philippine productivity, over 15 years, ran along a flat line. In contrast, productivity in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand almost doubled.

In the turbulent decade ahead, as in the past, three challenges dog the Philippines: massive unemployment, turtle-paced poverty reduction and stagnant investment. “A first step towards long set-aside industrial development is to undertake broad based — and the key word is “structural” — reforms.

These must address long-standing challenges, such as under-provision of basic infrastructure, weak governance, and an unfavorable perception of the country’s business environment. “”Foster structural transformation to generate the jobs need for the ballooning numbers of working age Filipinos.

Learn from history too. “The growth miracle of East Asian economies started in the 1970s. These countries shifted their development strategy towards promoting exports and attracted direct foreign investments. These led to out-

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A Toss Between Ace & Ted

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR

So who could it be for the fourth and last allotted slot for Nationalista Party in the three-cornered unholy alliance between the ruling Liberal Party, NP and Danding Cojuangco’s Nationalist People’s Coalition?

According to the grapevine, it’s between former Surigao Governor Ace Barbers and Bayan Muna Party-list lawmaker Teddy Casino.

The question remains: Who could it be between them?

If and when party seniority and loyalty will be followed, it simply is no other than Ace Barbers being the party spokesman.

But if “palakasan” system will prevail it might be Ted Casino, who is avowedly close to Sen. Manny Villar and better half former Las Pinas Rep. Cynthia Villar.

It might and yet again, it may not be for any of them.

Senator Bongbong Marcos, who’s ostensibly eyeing the presidency in the 2016 national elections, actually sees many, many problems the alliance would encounter ahead through the run up the 2013 midterm elections.

For one, Marcos, an NP stalwart, suddenly found himself in alliance with President Noy’s administration party, LP, which for some, immediately rings a bell or have eyebrows raised.

Indeed, how could political archrivals be found in one political mix that will slug it out in the senatorial race in ’13.

Another is, how could Villar make an alliance with a political party that is perceived to have ruined his presidential ambition back in 2010 through those infamous “C5 insertions”?

And worse, how could President Noy accommodate Villar when the latter is perceived to have plotted the fake psychiatric tests demolition job against the former in the same national elections?

And there is this biggest question: How could said tri-alliance function fully well given all of the above?

But lest we forget in politics, there are no permanent friends nor enemies but interests.

Going back to Ace and Ted, the latter, regardless of his closeness to the Villars, he too have something to explain to the ruling party before he could be accepted.

Foremost, it was Ted who accused the Aquinos of “dynasty building” in the national media following the announcement of President Noy’s cousin in Bam Aquino to run for senator under LP.

He is highly-qualified for a senate seat said Bam owing to his broad public service credentials.

So given, that this will all be forgiven, will Ted or Bam be comfortable with each other’s company in the campaign sorties?

Your guess is as good as mine.

So Ace Barbers could be it.

Go Ace let’s ace that!

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Shooting War Between China & Russia Erupts

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS:** “... I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws...” (Psalm 119:7, the Holy Bible).

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**SHOOTING WAR BETWEEN CHINA & RUSSIA ERUPTS:** News flash!!! Media reports at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012, were saying a shooting battle has erupted between China and Russia after the Russian Navy arrested Chinese vessels in a disputed fishing ground near the border of the two countries. More likely, more violence is going to erupt in that part of the world. Will this shooting war extend to the China-Philippines dispute at the Scarborough Shoal?

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**EFFECT OF SC’S JBC DECISION ON JUDICIARY APPOINTMENTS:** What is the effect of the Supreme Court decision—yet to be released but already publicized in the media—which says that the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) must only have one representative from Congress, not two, just like what is happening now, on all appointments to the judiciary since 2001?

Certainly, the tribunal’s decision was arrived at after the justices concluded that having two representatives from Congress—one from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate—at the JBC violated the 1987 Constitution, which provides that only one representative from Congress must sit at the JBC.

And since a JBC which had two representatives from Congress violated the Constitution, certainly, the acts of that JBC were likewise unconstitutional and, therefore, null and void. Following this logic, all the appointments of justices and judges decisions under that unconstitutional JBC, as well as their decisions and official acts, should therefore be considered null and void likewise, right? Let’s wait and see!

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**OVER-ACTING VS. QC COP:** Over-acting! This is how I perceive the disarming, putting on “floating” status, and institution of summary dismissal proceedings by the Philippine National Police (PNP) against SPO2 Ricardo Pascua of the Quezon City Police, just because he wasn’t able to give way to a convoy carrying President Aquino.

First, all these administrative sanctions were imposed on him without Constitutional due process—meaning, he was not even given an opportunity to defend himself and yet he was already being presumed guilty. Then, the act for which he is being punished—alleged blocking of the convoy—is not even an administrative or a criminal offense. If at all, it was an offense against the ego of the powers-that-be.

Second, and this is more important, is the mockery of the very policy of President Aquino against “wang-wang” on the road. I mean, this “wang-wang” policy was understood to mean no one should be king on the road, whether the high or the mighty, right? Now, why is the PNP punishing Pascua when, clearly, the poor policeman who had served PNP well for the last 20 years merely followed that “wang-wang” policy?

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**PCSO MUST ITEMIZE INTEL FUND EXPENSES:** Margie Juico, the chairman of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), should present a detailed statement on how much the agency is allotting as its intelligence fund under her term, and how it is being spent, centavo-for-centavo, instead of just generally explaining that the intelligence fund is being used wisely now. Otherwise, she would be no different from the PCSO’s previous officials who were sued for plunder, together with President Arroyo.

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Where are our Allies?  
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BY: JESUS DUREZA



The ASEAN meeting a few days ago in Cambodia showed that China --and no other-- is the superpower around this corner of the globe. For the first time in history, it adjourned without the traditional closing joint communiqué because host Cambodia blocked any mention of the Scarborough issue and supported China's stand that it should be tackled bilaterally (one-on-one), not through collective action by group of states like the ASEAN. The ministers all went home without it. Our Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario did not only come home empty handed. He came home dejected. But I'm not surprised. China, a non-ASEAN member, went to the rescue of Cambodia during the latter's attack by Vietnam, remember?

Our country again roundly lost in the diplomatic arena. We are also badly beaten in the naval brinkmanship game. But we are winning in the war of rhetorics!

So, where are our so-called friends and allies?( Huhuhu..). This again proves that countries, like persons, have no permanent friends. Only permanent self interests!

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**WAR WITH CHINA?** Former Secretary Raffy Alunan wrote an article " China War Drums" showing how some Chinese analysts and think tank groups are warmongering and saying that China will go to war with the Philippines and Vietnam to insist on its sovereignty claims on some disputed islands.

I do not buy this but we should be prepared for any contingency. I have a few bancas and pump boats ready for commissioning for battle, just in case.

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**SONA & MILF** --Today Monday is the start of latest round of peace negotiations in Malaysia with the MILF. We anxiously await its outcome. Of course, it's a race to get some good news for the President's SONA this coming Monday, July 23. Don't kid me. The SONA was always a milestone in the past to rush up things! President Aquino is no exception.

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**BANGSAMORO** ---The gathering of thousands of bangsamoro at the MILF enclave in Camp Darapanan in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao over the past few days showed the massive support the MILF has in various levels of our Muslim populace. I was told the rains came pouring during the nights but they all kept coming in droves. They encamped in open fields.

At the closing day, a statement was issued by MILF chairman, Kagi Murad, clearly saying that the bangsamoro will not take anything less than a "substate" setup for the bangsamoro. Nor will they accept the ARMM setup.

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**SORELY MISSED** --- Nur Misuari's MNLF and the elected governors of the ARMM were conspicuously absent during the Camp Darapanan assembly, although they were invited and anxiously expected. Mind you, not including them in any arrangement within the bangsamoro will not ensure comprehensive peace. We should avoid "peace-by-piece"!

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**AMEND CHARTER?** --- Let me say it again: there's no other way to address the bangsamoro aspiration for right to self determination or something close to it unless we amend the charter. Unless of course up to now, the GPH panel is still experimenting with some theories or some new formula for peace. With the many years of negotiations, I thought the time for experimenting is over. Of course, there's no need to amend if Kagi Murad and his panel have already quietly agreed to a "lesser than sub-state" formula, which only requires amendments to RA 9054. But again, why did not Kagi Murad lower the bar when he spoke and rejected again the ARMM? Interesting! Whatever it is, let's all hope for the best.

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**MINING POLICY** -- The executive order on mining has been issued. From where I sit, it's a workable approach that will rationalize the mining industry. We should congratulate President Aquino for tackling this controversial matter with firmness and holding his ground despite opposition. As in any hot issue, expect a flurry of negative reactions from all sides.

What we should watch for now is how the national government will go about the business of seeing this through on the ground.

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## More Public Awareness and LGUs’ Roles Crucial in Forest Participation on Disaster Risk Reduction Urged

BAGUIO CITY - ‘Be aware, be-prepared and take actions, disaster risk reduction is our collective responsibility’, thus is the the call of Senator Aquilino ‘Koko’ Pimentel, during the Cordillera Summit on Disaster Risk Reduction and Multi-hazard Awareness at the Baguio Convention Center, here over the weekend.

The summit aims to spur wider public awareness and consciousness on disaster preparedness with the ultimate goal of moving people to action minimizing the loss of life and damage to property when a disaster strikes. This is also in support to the national government’s disaster risk reduction management (DRMM) effort.

Through the summit conducted in partnership with the City Government of Baguio and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) through the Office of Civil Defense-Cordillera (OCD-CAR), DRRM, issues/concerns of various local communities can also be heard and coursed through the proper venues or agencies concerned.

Pimentel stressed that we must accept that disaster is deemed to happen, may it be natural hazard or man-made. The Philippines lies on a typhoon alley and is visited by around 20 typhoons a year, as well as on tectonic plates or earthquake fault lines the reason the country is prone to earthquakes.

In 2011, Philippines is world’s most disaster-hit country. Out of the 302 natural disasters that happened worldwide, 33 occurred in the Philippines, according to the report of the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters.

Meanwhile, OCD Regional Director Olivia Luces made a presentation on the Cordillera DRRM Council and briefing on the Philippine DRRM Action Plan.

On the other hand, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) Asset Reform Group Director Mylene Rivera made a presentation on Post Disaster Rebuilding and Housing Concerns.

Ruel Cabile of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Net Philippines also made a presentation on the Non-government Organization (NGO) Participation in the Formation of LGU DRR Initiatives.

Participants from the various sectors raised their concerns during the open forum. /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Bangued Police Plant 1,100 Rubber Tree Seedlings

BANGUED, Abra - The officers and men of the Bangued Bangued Municipal Police Station (MPS) planted last week 1,100 rubber tree seedlings in one of the tree planting efforts and initiatives of the Collago, Lagayan, Abra Police Provincial Police Office in support of the PNP contribution to the National Greening Program, with the theme: “Pulis Makalikasan: 10 Milyong Puno Pamana sa Kinabukasan Program.”

Allatog said the activity was made possible

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## Tabuk City Opens Livelihood Training to Address Unemployment

TABUK CITY, Kalinga -The city government announces the opening of application of 25 training slots in welding and another 25 slots in bamboo craft, on a first-come first-serve basis.

The local government unit (PESO)—Designate Loyda Saboy said target beneficiaries will immediately start with the five-day free training as soon as the slots are filled considering the tight schedule of TESDA trainors.

According to Saboy, the city government is up with its livelihood program targeting youth and unemployed sectors through capability enhancements to qualify them to job

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LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The role and responsibilities of the local government units to protect, preserve and rehabilitate forestlands from further destruction or degradation could not be downplayed.

This was emphasized during the orientation workshop for members of the newly organized Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Council including concerned municipal representatives sponsored by the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. in partnership with the provincial government. The activity aims to put in place institutional mechanisms for proper management of forestlands.

Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the local government units(LGUs) shall share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdictions. Section 17 particularly covers the devolved forest management functions such as enforcement of forestry laws in community based forestry project, integrated social forestry programs and communal forests. But these are still subject to supervision, control and review of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources(DENR).

Environment and Natural Resources Office-Benguet representative Severino Balangcod briefed participants on Department Administrative Order Number 30 series 1992 prescribing the guidelines for the transfer and implementation of DENR functions devolved to the LGUs and DENR— Department of Interior and Local Government joint Circular 1998-01 that spells the policies that shall govern the implementation of DENR-DILG-LGU partnership on devolved and other forest management functions.

Partnership and cooperation of the LGUs and other concerned sectors is very important in seeking and strengthening the participation of local communities for forest management including enforcement of forestry laws, rules and regulations.

Balangcod explained that for the province, they will be involved in the enforcement of forestry laws limited to community-based projects.

On the other hand, subject to the control, supervision and review of DENR, community-based project which include Integrated Social Forestry and similar project, the municipality will be involved in the management and control of community projects communal forest with an area not exceeding five hectares, establishment of tree parks, greenbelts, and similar forest development projects.

Accordingly, there are only a few cases of partnership in forest management.

Towards placing institutional mechanisms for proper management of forestlands, Balangcod stressed the need for the creation of working groups among core government agencies in institutionalizing mechanisms to supervise implementation of forest management programs.

Such is the case of the creation of regional steering committee as they play an important role in the devolution of functions of DENR. There is also a need to organize multi-sectoral forest protection committees at the LGU level, he further said.

According to Balangcod, it is also assumed that proper systems and duties on the devolved functions are in place such as policies, planning, implementation, financial management, and monitoring and evaluation.

Balangcod stressed the need for a Memorandum of Agreement in further strengthening the implementation of devolved functions such as the management of communal forests.

Initial steps undertaken by some LGUs in line with the devolution of such functions is the crafting of management plans particularly on communal forests.

Communal forest management plan of Topdac in Atok and Pappa in Sablan are currently being worked out for possible turnover to the respective LGUs, Balangcod informed./SCA PIA-CAR/Benguet

## DOH, POPCOM Push for More Utilization of Family Planning and RH Services

BAGUIO CITY - As the world population continuous to increase, Reproductive Health (RH) problems also remain as the leading

cause of ill health and death for women of childbearing age locally and globally. Here in the Cordillera, based on 2009 data, 79 women per 100,000 live births die as a result of preg-

nancy and childbirth(maternal mortality rate). These are just among the facts that the Commission on Population (PopCom) and De-

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## Ifugao Town Prepares for Adventure for Peace Festival

MAYOYAO, Ifugao - This municipality is busy preparing for its annual Adventure for Peace Festival called “Lenong Ad Majawjaw” set on August 8 and 9.

The celebration is in commemoration of the “fiercest battle fought in the Eastern Ifugao Campaign” during World War II called Battle for Mt. Nagchajan, which according to war historian, commenced on July 25 until August 9, 1945 against 1,000 Japanese soldiers commanded by General Togozuma who occupied Mayoyao.

Reports have it that 500 of these Japanese soldiers were well-entrenched at the apex of Mt. Nagchajan that the liberation forces composed of the 11th Infantry with elements of the 14th Infantry of the United States Forces in the Philippines (USAFIP) commanded by Lt. Colonel Donald Blackburn were to dislodge.

After weeks of continuous fighting, massive aerial bombing with incendiary fire bombs and intense land battles, Mt. Nagchajan was captured on August 8, 1945 and Mayoyao was liberated on August 9 leading Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita to surrender on September 2, 1945 in Kiangnan, Ifugao.

This achievement was recognized by the world and in 1995, the UNESCO declared this place as a world heritage site and with the help of the National Historical Institute, a memorial marker for the hundreds of brave men who dedicated their lives so that freedom is achieved and a reminder to the present and future generations to come that eternal vigilance and the sacrifice of life is the price of freedom, was put up.

In the book authored by Celedonio Ancheta entitled the “Liberation of Northern Luzon”, he quoted that it was in this Mayoyao Ridge that was one of the scene of the fiercest battle between the Japanese Imperial Forces and the combined Filipino-American soldiers.

The festival aims not only to commemorate the end of the battle but also to instill in the minds and hearts of the young generations the evils of war and the lessons of history.

The “Lenong Ad Majawjaw” committee composed of the municipal mayor, municipal officials, department heads, Department of Education, Philippine National Police, Chairman of the Veterans Federation, senior citizens, non-government organizations and the women organizations are preparing various significant activities for the occasion.

On August 8 will be the Ball at the municipal gymnasium honoring the war heroes and featuring dances such as waltz, swing,cha-cha, tango, samba, rumba, modern dances and barn dance, a fashion show and the Ifugal Ethnic Designers Competition.

On August 9 at Mt. Nagchajan will be the playing of taps for the war heroes, wreath laying at the Mayoyoyao Ridge Marker, 11 gun salute in honor of the WWII heroes and then proceed to the town center for the Tribal Music and Dance Festival and community dances./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR,Ifugao

## Ifugao Health Office Records 287 Dengue Cases

L A G A W E , Ifugao - The Provincial Health Office here recorded a total of 287 cases of dengue suspects from January 1-June 30, 2012 compared to 149 for the same period last year.

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Mary Jo Dulawan, said in a radio interview in the ‘Humangan with PIA’ program that these are still considered suspected cases since they just showed signs/symptoms of the said disease such as fever and rashes.

She also disclosed that there was

no mortality during the said period. The recent victim, a 22 year old policeman assigned at the Lagawe Police Station, who died of the same symptoms of dengue falls in the month of July.

Of the reported cases, Lagawe registered the highest number of cases which at 98, followed by Lamut-51, and Alfonso Lista-42. The other municipalities have the following number of cases: Kiangnan-22; Aguineldo-21; Asipulo and Hingyon have 12 each; Hungduan-10; Banaue-5 and Mayoyao-4.

She attributed

## 30 Abrenian Women Train on Food Processing

TAYUM, Abra - The town mayor here urged 30 Abrenian women who underwent training on food processing here to make use of the skills they have acquired for the good of their families.

“All I ask of you is treasure this opportunity that is given to you by our Governor and make use of the skills you learned for the total development of your families,” Mayor Placido Glenn Eduarte, Jr. of Tayum stressed to the women-members of the Kalipunan ng Liping Pilipina (KALIPI) who trained from July 4 – 6 at Sitio Pagpagatpat, Brgy. Bumagcat, Tayum.

The skills development training on food processing was funded by Governor Eustaquio P. Bersamin through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

In her reflections, Agnes Dumlao, a trainee, thanked Noemi B. Bachiller, the provincial focal person on women concerns and programs of the PSWDO, who served as trainer during the said training, for her patience in imparting the skills these women need to prepare themselves to engage in their own livelihood activities in the future.

Pledges of support came in for these women. Provincial Social Welfare Officer Decimia D. Cabang, committed to give them loan for their capitalization early next year provided they are able to prove that they succeed in implementing what they have learned from this training.

Vice-Mayor Reynaldo Alagao likewise encouraged the graduates to apply for a financial assistance out of the Gender and Development (GAD) Funds of the Tayum LGU since a considerable amount is allotted in the LGU annual budget intended for the women in particular.

The KALIPI-Provincial Federation through its president committed to provide free training on Business Management and Entrepreneurship to sustain whatever livelihood they decide to venture into, and to provide additional loans for capitalization. However, they should maintain their active membership to the KALIPI and they are able to show that they are doing well in their livelihood activities./JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR,Abra

## DENR- CAR Urges Planting of More Trees

BAGUIOCITY - Younger trees absorb more carbon than trees that are over 50 years years old, official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Cordillera said as he encouraged the planting of more trees.

According to DENR regional executive director Clarence Baguilat, to reduce contamination in the environment, younger trees should be planted to replace the old ones especially in areas that have poor air quality.

Newly planted trees in one hectare can sequester an average of 14 kilos of carbon while trees that are more than 50 years do not absorb any carbon content in the surroundings, he said.

“We must continuously replace the trees that are cut in our forests with young ones so that they will be able to increase carbon se-

questration and improve our quality of air in our respective communities,” he explained.

According to Baguilat, the National Greening Program (NGP) of the government where we plant young trees will significantly lessen the existence of carbon in the atmosphere. He asked the public to actively participate in tree planting activities

regionwide

especially this rainy season in order to preserve and protect the remaining watersheds and forests.

Baguilat also encouraged the region’s private sector to be involved in the propagation of tree seedlings that will be planted and help realize the fruits of reforestation in the coming years./JDP/IBZ-PIA CAR

### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

That an Extra Judicial Settlement Of Estate was entered into on July 18, 2012 by the heirs of ALFONSO S. FLORES who died on April 29, 2011 in Baguio City without any will. At the time of his death the deceased left his Conjugal Property in the parcel of land situated at Sanitary Camp, Baguio City covered by TCT No. T-64532. This settlement was entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. Esteban A. Somngi , under Doc No. 130 ; Page No. 26 ; Book no. XXI ; Series of 2002 .

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THE WEEKEND J A C T I O N

JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICE

July 21 - 27, 2012

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
La Trinidad, Benguet

TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC. (TCCI),  
*Mortgagee,*  
  
-versus-  
  
SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL  
*Mortgagor.*  
  
FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 12-ExF-1579  
  
FOR:  
EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended  
  
SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE  
  
Upon extra-judicial application for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by TUBAO CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC. (TCCI), represented

by ROMULUS F. LAYUG-Manager, herein referred as the Mortgagee against SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL, both of legal age, Filipino, and with residence and postal address at 171 Lourdes, Naguilan Road, Baguio City, herein referred to as the mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 7, 2006 amounts to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 150,000.00), as of June 7, 2012 amounts FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT 41/100 (Php 403,628.41), PESOS, Philippine Currency, including, interests and fines but excluding foreclosure expenses, Attorney's fees and daily interests thereafter;  
That the undersigned or any duly authorized Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on AUGUST 1, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the hereunder described real property with all the

improvements thereon, to wit: ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NO. 99-001-04240 (Provincial Assessor's Office- Benguet)  
"A parcel of camotal land situated in Pula, Sto. Tomas, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet; bounded on the North by Trinidad Fuentes; on the East by Celso Ventura, Basanio Lay-at; on the South W; by Proposed Road; and on the N West by Neneng Matias; containing an area of 2778 Hectares, more or less; in the same SPS. FELINA B. MAMAWAL and ALEXANDER T. MAMAWAL."  
Note: That the above-described parcel of land is in the present possession of the mortgagors.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.  
Interested bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said property and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.  
  
La Trinidad, Benguet, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.  
  
FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET  
By: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV  
  
Dates of Publication- July 7, 14 and 21, 2012

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City  
  
GL/LIZARDO TRANSPORTATION CORP  
Applicants  
Case:2007-CAR-0303  
  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - SUYO (MT PROVINCE) via SAGADA and Voe Versa with the use of two (2) Units.  
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on August 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paodel, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.  
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.  
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.  
This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.  
WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 18th day of July 2012.  
  
(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
Attorney IV

**Walter William's Journalist's Creed**  
  
This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.  
  
I believe in the profession of Journalism.  
  
I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.  
  
I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.  
  
I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.  
  
I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.  
  
I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.  
  
I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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

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**P-Noy Urged to Make Moratorium on Tree-Cutting Total.....from page 1**

stead be expanded into a “total moratorium on tree cutting, harvesting or earthballing, particularly and specifically, in the City of Baguio, except for those trees that directly pose immediate and imminent danger to life and property.”

Cosalan noted that in support to the National Greening Program as enunciated by Executive Order No. 26, series of 2011, the city council approved Resolution No. 243, series of 2011 noting among others that “the City of Baguio popular for its pine trees and lush vegetations needs to address its dwindling green patches, which continue to give way to concrete structures and other related forms of development to sustain its vision on ‘a breathtaking City of Pines, a living stage of culture and arts in harmony with nature....’”

The national government for its par recognized the effect of over development to the ecological character of the City of Baguio and thus issued an Urgent Memorandum from the President dated 26 March 2012 to the Secretaries of the DENR, DILG, DOT and DOJ for the purpose of developing a Comprehensive Plan to preserve Baguio and Boracay as vital national assets.

He said the objectives of these issuances can only be achieved if the total moratorium on tree cutting is implemented.

Cosalan’s proposal will be discussed by the city council soon./A Refuerzo

**Editorial**

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put to high-productivity goods of increasing sophistication. The firms absorbed rural labor pools and reduced poverty. “A growth miracle sustained for decades involves the continual production of new goods, not merely continued learning on a fixed set of goods”.

Policymakers need to move beyond shotgun-incentive approaches. Think of more-focused ways to target interventions that would help new products. It is vital that an “institutional mechanism be created to identify specific product where interventions are crucial.

“The Philippines has enormous potential to become a key production base within the region,” Jain and Usui said. “With tightening labor markets in some countries, recovery from natural disasters in others, and the appreciation of the Japanese yen, there are growing opportunities for the Philippines to attract foreign investors.

“Public sector support is not easy,” the study cautions. “It requires competent bureaucrats under a strong ;political leadership that places high priority on economic development”. The reform-minded Aquino administration can count on a private sector that responds to vision.

Structural transformation, by it’s nature,is a long process. It can not happen tomorrow “Success is not always as distant as it seems...A future is within our reach.”/Juan L. Mercado

**Kakampi mo ang Batas**

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“PUNLA” TO “PLANU”, OR THE COALITION THAT NEVER WAS: So, there is no really no attempt at a “super coalition” between the Liberal Party (LP) and the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA), as shown by the wrangling between half-brothers Sen. Jinggoy Estrada and San Juan Rep. J.V. Ejercito? If so, then I suggest that instead of “PUNLA” (or “Partido ng United Nationalist, Liberal at mga Alyado”), the aborted coalition be now named “PLANU” (Partidong Laglag At Nagkawatak-watak Una pa lang”).

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**REACTIONS?** Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, or 0922 833 43 96. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

**Dengue Alarm.....**

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death which meant that the information campaign has been working but this needs to be sustained, Tuvera said.

She said that as in the previous years, more males are infected than females supporting observations that dengue-carrying mosquitoes are more drawn to people who are more physically active. The median age of patients is 20 years old as against last year’s 19.

At present 27 barangays have been put under the dengue hotspot list for chalking up more than two cases in the last four weeks or from June 10 to July 7. These are: Hillside, nine cases; City Camp Proper, seven cases; Irisan and San Luis Village, five cases each; Outlook Drive, four cases; Bakakeng Central, Camp 7, Campo Filipino, Engineer’s Hill, Happy Homes, Loakan Proper, Pinget, Pinsao Pilot Project, Pinsao Proper, Quezon Hill Proper and Sto. Rosario, three cases each; ABCR, Asin Road, Cabinet Hill-Teacher’s Camp, Dizon Subd. Dominican Hill, Ferdinand Marcos-Campo Sioco, Gibraltar, Lopez Jaena, Military Cut-off, Padre Burgos and Rock Quarry, two cases each.

The city health office is continually advocating the “4S Strategy” in its anti-dengue campaign in the barangays.

The 4S stands for Search and Destroy which involves the clean-up of surroundings and removal of stagnant water that serves as breeding ground for the deadly mosquitoes; Seek Protective Garment which prescribes the use of long garments, mosquito nets along with the use of insect repellants to protect the body from mosquito bites; Secure Immediate Medical Consultation where persons with dengue fever symptoms are advised to seek medical attention; and the Say No to Indiscriminate Fumigation and Say Yes to Fumigation only in times of Outbreak.

Dengue fever is an infection caused by dengue virus which is transmitted by the bite of an infective female Aedes mosquito.

The signs and symptoms of dengue fever are: on-and-off fever lasting for two to seven days; loss of appetite; nausea/ vomiting; abdominal pain; body weakness; small reddish spots on chest area, arms and legs; bleeding signs (nose and gum bleeding, vomiting blood, bloody stools and abdominal pain); restlessness; weak, rapid pulse; cold, clammy skin; and difficulty in breathing.

Persons that manifest these symptoms must remember the following: High fever should be treated by sponging and giving

paracetamol and not aspirin as it may cause bleeding and/or gastric irritation and must increase fluid intake or use oral rehydration solution.

Persons with second stage symptoms like flu-like symptoms, bleeding, abdominal pain must be brought to immediately to the nearest health center or hospital for treatment./A Refuerzo

**Fun-Run Set**

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at Rizal, arrived home Wednesday afternoon, aboard an ambulance dispatched by mayor Mauricio Domogan to Dagupan city where she finished her month-long radiation therapy for throat cancer that has affected her pelvic bones.

Upon arrival, the ambulance crew from the city disaster risk reduction and management council (CDRRMC) transferred her into a wheelchair donated years back by SM Foundation, through executive director Connie Angeles.

The wheelchair’s original beneficiary, a brother of an employee of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, had long recovered and turned over the same for use by others needing it.

As her illness left her family financially drained, Soriano got emergency support of P10,000 for her medicine maintenance and basic daily needs. The amount was sent by Shoshin Kinderhilfe, a small foundation in Germany led by former world traditional karate champion Julian Chees.

“We look forward to having the CDRRMC, BENECO, Shoshin and the communities around Rizal help us man the fun-run route and watering stations on August 18,” said punong barangay Mike Arnaiz of Outlook Drive

Arnaiz and fellow village chiefs the likes of Mike Lawana of Lower Dagsian and Jerry Sales of Engineers Hill under the newly formed Samahang Barangay Pangkalikasan (SBP) earlier spearheaded a fun run that raised funds for three cancer patients of Outlook.

Inspired by that outlook outside the box, they decided to take on teacher Soriano’s cause, in coordination with the Rizal Elementary School family headed by principal Brendalee Celino.

This early, the organizing committee got the support of Azalea Residences, Mines View Hotel and Chef’s Home Restaurant International of Alvin and Gina Emuang who committed to bring in brewed coffee and pandesal after the runners have completed the course that begins and ends at the school.

Others in and outside the Baguio community can help by registering for the run or sponsoring runners at P200 per participant, volunteering to man traffic along the route or to dispense cups along the watering stations,providing support vehicles, water, juice, coffee or pandesal.

Volunteer medics are also needed, to check the fitness of would-be runners and monitor their progress along the route.

Readers who would like to be involved in any capacity may contact Arnaiz through landline number 424-1293 and cellphone 09297699644, Rizal Elementary School principal Celino (09084615663), and the information division of the mayor’s office (landline 442-2502, cellphone 09167778103).

Sponsorship tickets and registration forms for the runners will be available at Rizal and the barangay offices surrounding the school by this coming Friday./ Ramon Dacawi.

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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Let's not forget: the devil is in the detail. How this is implemented is what matters most.

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**DIRTY TRICKS** -- Too early in the game but the political dirty tricks department of some quarters are now at it. I read VP Jojo Binay already calling everyone's attention about a planned black propaganda campaign to discredit him publicly. Don't worry VP Jojo. Those tricks can trouble you for a while but they don't last long. And yes, consider it part of the game --unfortunately.

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**DOLPHY** -- His passing is mourned by all. Especially by his 18 children (still counting) from 5 or so different mothers. We loved him for his contributions to tinsel town and to entertainment. But definitely we should not emulate his promiscuous ways! His rumored capacity (or attributes) to attract women is already a tall tale, if not legendary. But that's not for me to say in detail. How to equitably cut the cake now that Dolphy is no longer around is still something to watch. I'd like to see how live-in partner Zsa Zsa Padilla with whom he has 2 children, navigates these perilous waters called 'succession' by the so many heirs

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**IN THE SKY** -- On a personal note, my wife Beth and I marked our 38th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows last Tuesday at the mountain resort 4,000 feet in the sky. Beth insisted not to wait for the 50th wedding anniversary because by then we may have difficulty walking up and down the steep mountain stairs to the big crucifix by the hillside.

By the way, I saw the Saturday issue of the TIMES upon my arrival from Manila. I almost fell from my chair when I saw the front-page banner head and pictures and the inside spread on the "renewal". And I could not find extra copies from the newsstands. That's how many relatives and friends I have who made "pakyaw" all copies available. I suspect Times Editor Amy Bandiola must be trying to figure out how to increase its circulation. This is it! Precious thanks!

**HEAVEN?** -- I received congratulatory wedding anniversary text messages during the week and one of them was:

WIFE (worried): "Dad, is it really true that if we die and get to heaven, we will no longer be together, we will never see each other again and we will no longer be husband and wife anymore?"

HUSBAND (happy): "That's why it's called HEAVEN, my dear!"

WIFE (silently to herself): "Please Lord, I wanna go to heaven!"

Oooooops, I just renewed my vows. Hahaha!

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TIDBITS

**JUST HUNGRY** --- What's this big deal about investigating the case of a con man being made to eat fake documents by VM Rody Duterte? Didn't we all know the man was hungry and starving at the time and voluntarily swallowed anything at hand? Hehe..

**WORST?** -- I read in the national Tribune the other day that President Aquino was declared WORLD's WORST LEADER by a polling group. Really? The taxi driver who brought me to the airport said he

agreed.

**PASSING** -- Our businessman friend, Jun Limpin passed away so suddenly. He was a pioneer in rural banking during our early years. Our condolences to the family.

**MISSING ?** -- Gov. Sakur Tan of Sulu told me if he had his way, he'll arrest that Jordanian TV journalist who went deep into the ASG lair and now considered missing. Whether he was abducted for ransom is not clear because he was last reported as moving freely deep into the Sulu jungles seemingly interviewing people. "We've been doing our best to make Sulu a better place to be and here comes this guy who's spoiling it overnight," Sakur complained.

PMA

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academic performance

· An academic paper which examined the human dimensions, recruitment, accession, career development, retention and attrition and retirement of officer corps;

· An analysis of the challenges faced by the media in covering the secession and terrorism conflicts in Mindanao and objectivity in reporting.

Col. Tangco has authored the publication of the Cadet handbook, faculty handbook and the academic group publication; and activated an academy research group for PMA faculty members;

Aside from administrative duties and as dean of academics, he has also gone to the countryside for civic service in Quezon City, and with the Benguet State University extension services, facilitated programs on disaster risk reduction, preparedness, team building at the Alejo Pacalso Memorial National High School, Itogon, Benguet, Irisan elementary and high school.

During and after the July 16, 1990 earthquake, he assisted in the recovery, relief and rehabilitation operations here in the city.

Tangco resides in Baguio with his family.

With TOPS is Search for the Country's Outstanding Policemen in Service (COPS), and Outstanding Teachers, part of Metrobank's program, dubbed as Outstanding Filipinos.

Last year, Teacher Vilma Ambat of Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) is one of Metrobank's awardees; the 8<sup>th</sup> awardee from Baguio and 4<sup>th</sup> in her school, in the secondary level./juliiegfianza

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NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AGUID via SAGADA and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on August 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 18th day of July 2012.

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

Mayor Orders

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business permits from the city government prior to their operations.”

Since he reassumed office in 2012, the mayor has ordered a crackdown on illegal business establishments operating in the city without the required business permits.

This year, the mayor has issued a total of 489 closure orders even as inspections of various establishments continue by the city monitoring team from the city licensing office under Cristio Lagyop, the public order and safety division under Fernando Moyaen and the city police under acting chief Sr. Supt. Roberto Soriano.

The mayor said the drive will continue through the city monitoring team conducting year-round inspections of business establishments.

The city's procedures on the closure of illegal business operations as set by the city treasurer's office under city treasurer Thelma Manaois are as follows:

· Non-complying business firms will be issued a notice to stop business operation and will be given five working days to comply with the permit requirements;

· After the deadline, a second and final inspection will be conducted by the permits and licensing division (PLD) to check if the establishment has complied;

· If the business establishment still fails to comply, an administrative order for the closure will be prepared and signed by the city mayor for closure and will be implemented immediately;

· The establishment will be allowed only to open if he secured the required permit and an administrative order lifting the closure order has been issued also by the city mayor./A Refuerzo

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is given to the public that the Estate of Sps. Lupos Mendoza and Betty Mendoza who died on November 4, 1991 and February 23 1997 respectively, both in Docot, Ucab, Itogon Benguet and without leaving a will, was settled by their compulsory heirs on July 8, 2012 through a Deed Of Extrajudicial Settlement docketed as Doc. No. 361 on Page 73, Book V Series of 2012 of the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg.

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City Observes Disaster

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their preparedness during disaster and calamities and to highlight their strength and capabilities.

Domogan said, ‘raising people’s awareness will lessen the risks during natural occurring calamities and emergencies’.

Parts of the city is highly vulnerable to landslides and other calamities reason why the CDRPMC continuously conducts series of lectures and seminars to the 128 barangays in the city with regards to disaster preparedness and mitigation.

Calamity-prone-barangays are also being closely monitored.

The program ended with a Bloodletting activity of the Philippine National Red Cross-Baguio Chapter where volunteers donated blood for others who need it.

The activity is also in line with the celebration of the Blood Donors Month celebration.

Executive Order 137 of 1999 declares the Month of July as National Disaster Consciousness Month.

Meantime, the Department of Science and Technology and PAGASA recently launched the Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards “Project NOAH” to help local government Units to view weather situations anywhere in the country.

Project NOAH (noah.dost.gov.org) allows viewers access to live satellite images of the country’s weather situation through the different Doppler stations./paul rillorta

US Ambassador

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to change their lives thru basic education and livelihood.

The ministry spearheaded by its Executive Director Marita De Guzman Vilorio has been working closely with the health services office here as they have access to night workers who come-in weekly for free health check-ups.

The city has been successful in regulating night entertainers by giving free services, counseling and registration and keeping close watch for ‘Sexually Transmitted Disease(STD) and AIDS.

Ambassador Thomas, also an advocate against human trafficking and prostitution was overwhelmed with the real life stories of women and kids affected by prostitution.

He said, ‘prostitution is rampant in most parts of the country due to poverty and lack of education and even dubbed prostitution as ‘modern day slavery’.

At least 30 students of ALS composed of night entertainers and out-of-school-youth (OSY) has successfully graduated this year and a new set has started.

City Health Services Officer Dr. Florence Reyes said, ‘the city will continue to partner with stakeholders in monitoring, counseling and helping women caught in prostitution in order to give them better chances in life’.

It can be recalled that City Mayor Mauricio Domogan has ordered immediate closure of some night establishments in the city which were reported to be involved in human trafficking and prostitution.

The city’s Social Welfare Office has also strengthened monitoring activities in various night clubs and massage parlors to curb the incidence of the trade./paul rillorta

PRO-COR

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0.13 percent in the list of top 20 but has increased to 13 percent just recently, he further said.

Magalong informed that of the 87 positions available for the Cordillera under the attrition quota, there were 585 applicants but only 75 passed. He assured that the remaining 13 slots available which include one position backed out by a qualified applicant will be filled up in the succeeding screening schedule.

Of the 140,000 policemen nationwide, to date the region has a strength of 3,890 policemen according to Magalong./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR, Benguet

DOH

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partment of Health (DOH) laid out on why there is a need for universal access to Reproductive Health (RH) Services, in a kapihan media forum here today, in observance of World Population Day.

According to Commission on Population (PopCom) Technical Division officer May Cerezo, there are 41,187 sexually active women of reproductive age in Cordillera who want to avoid or delay their pregnancy but are not using effective means of managing their fertility and planning their families.

DOH-CAR Family Planning Coordinator Dr. Mary Jane Muñoz also disclosed that Cordillera posts a 33 percent Contraceptive Prevalent Rate – for women 15 to 49 years old who are using modern contraceptive method, which is way below the 38 percent target for this year and the 60 percent over-all target by 2015 under the Millennium Development Goal(MDG).

In line with MDG goals on health, Muñoz also stressed that we are slowly moving in the reducing child/neonatal and maternal mortality, though such remains to be a problem as in Cordillera alone there are 46 neonatal death and 16 maternal deaths recorded in 2011.

On population growth, National Statistics Office (NSO) Regional Director Olivia Gulla in the same media forum disclosed that based on the 2010 Census on Population and Housing (CPH), the Philippine population stands at over 92.3 million and is growing at a rate of 1.9 percent or around two people per 100 population. Locally, the population in Cordillera stands at around 1.6 million and with almost the same growth rate of 1.92 percent, she added.

Cerezo also disclosed that the DOH and PopCom, in convergence with other government line agencies, are now concentrating on the person’s or every family’s needs in terms of family planning and reproductive health services, primarily focusing on the poor household beneficiaries of the government’s Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program.

She explained that the current family planning policy of the country is defined by the principles of informed choice, respect of life, proper birth spacing and responsible parenthood. This they always bring in the conduct of family development sessions in the different local communities in pushing for more awareness and utilization of FP and RH services that the government is bringing in or making available down to the grassroots level.

PopCom, in partnership with DOH,

spearheaded today’s kapihan forum in line with the observance World Population Day 2012, which adopts the theme ‘Universal Access to Reproductive Health’. Other panelists in the forum were DOH-CAR Regional Director Valeriano Lopez and Popcom Planning Officer Edith Mesina./CCD/PIA CAR

Ifugao

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especially this rainy season.

Dengue is a viral disease which is common during rainy season and transmitted by a mosquito called Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus.

Dulawan further averred that the PHO conducted the following activities in connection to the eradication of the said disease: advocacy on the simultaneous search and destroy activities of barangays and launching of the Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue in June 15, 2012 which advocates search and destroy activities and early referral to health centers of fever cases for evaluation, treatment and/or management and continuous monitoring of health situation by barangay officials as well as personnel from the local health offices./ JDP/VDB-PIA CAR,Ifugao

Bangued

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with the support of the JDM88 Agro Ventures Company that provided the materials needed in the tree planting particularly the 1,100 rubber tree seedlings, and the coordination efforts of OIC Brgy. Capt. Christopher Batallones of Collago and Jendricks S. Luna, the municipal federation president of the Association of Barangay Captains of Lagayan.

Nelson S. Galay of the JDM88 Agro Ventures Co. demonstrated how to plant properly the rubber tree seedlings particularly the proper sowing and positioning of the seedling in order to attain good production. The holes were dug following the appropriate measurement which is 40x40x40 centimeter. The holes were filled with a mix of soil and complete fertilizer to enhance the growth and development of the rubber trees.

The activity was also intended to contribute to the efforts of the local government units in the Abra to preempt future calamities brought about by heavy rainfall during the wet seasons and droughts during the long dry seasons./JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR,Abra

Tabuk City

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opportunities.

There is a booming shipping industry here in the country that has provided employment to many skilled welders from Tabuk and this has given encouragement to unemployed youth to take the same training.

On bamboo craft, Saboy said special skills offered from the training would lead participants to produce bamboo kiosk, which is now gaining high demand in the market.

There is high opportunity to develop a bamboo industry, here since bamboo is a resource-base material in Tabuk.

Last April, the PESO sponsored the first livelihood training this year for security servicemen, watchmen and barangay task force teams under the city’s livelihood program./JDP/LL- PIA CAR,Kalinga

### Filing of SALN Reiterated

BAGUIO CITY – The filing of Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) for public officials and government employees has been reiterated through a letter from Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) City Director Evelyn Trinidad to Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

The letter included DILG Memorandum Circular 2012-116 for the information of all concerned.

The DILG MC contains the provision that Local chief executives of provinces, cities and municipalities and barangays, concerned LGU officials, regional directors, employees and other concerned are enjoined to cause the filing of their SALN.

Said concerned officials shall “cause the filing of their SALN religiously within the time and under the conditions set by law for the purpose of honest and accurate disclosure of their assets and liabilities.”

Same should “recognize and observe the public’s right of access to the SALN,” by “making these documents available, upon proper request subject to reasonable rules and regulations on the time, purpose, manner and frequency of the endeavor.”

Faithful compliance with the requirements should be adhered to, the DILG MC stated.

The reiteration was an offshoot of the recently observed impeachment process, and premised on promoting transparency for those in the government service as stated in the constitution./juliegfianza

### City Observes Disaster Consciousness Month

BAGUIO CITY – The celebration of the National Disaster Consciousness Month takes full swing in this mountain resort July 22 as volunteers and stakeholders gather in the heart of the city.

As part of the countrywide celebration, the city also tied the program to the commemoration of the July 16, 1990 Killer Earthquake 22 years ago.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan, who also sits as chair of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) said, ‘preparation is a major factor during calamities which could save hundreds of lives’.

The program is spiced with the ‘Tales of Heroism’ from different people who helped during the city’s dark days, the likes of Elpidio Celzo of Benguet Corporation, Engr. Alfredo Reynosa of Philex Mining Corporation and Lt. Col. Jose Demar Pauly of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA).

The Philippine Air Force and other rescue groups demonstrated their skills on ‘ground search and rescue’ and emergency drills to show

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### US Ambassador Takes Time-Out for Victims of Prostitution

Baguio City – United States Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Harry Thomas, Jr. sparked hope to night spot and bar entertainers July 19 after his visit to the City Health Services Office here.


The ambassador came to show support to the women who are victims of human trafficking and prostitution in the city.

The program gives ‘night entertainers’ access to basic education through the Alternative Learning System (ALS), a pet project of the Department of Education (DepEd) in close coordination with the City Health Services Office and

Kalinga-Crossover Ministries, a non-government organization working to get women out of the night entertainment industry.

ALS is a free education program instituted by DepEd for the benefit of those who cannot afford formal schooling.

Kalinga Crossover Ministries and the health services office extended the ALS program to night entertainers and bar workers to give them a chance



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**ANOTHER AKYAT BAHAY VICTIM - Forensic experts from the Baguio’s Finest at Sub - Station 2 gather evidence from an “akyat bahay” case at Pinsao Pilot Project where an apartment rented by a student was ransacked. The suspects took away a computer and a camera. The case is still under investigation for proper disposition.— By Bong Cayabyab**

### PRO-COR says no Political Patronage in Recruiting New Policemen

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PRO-COR) will screen and recruit men and women in the service without any political patronage assuring that due process in the selection of qualified applicants is being followed.

PRO-COR Regional Director P/Chief Supt. Benjamin Magalong, who appeared before members of the provincial board stood firm in saying that they do not accede to pressure due to political influence in the selection of police officers in the region.

Magalong assured they follow an already institutionalized process in the screening and recruitment system and stressed that he leaves the selection to the screening and recruitment committee in getting the best and the brightest. He said they also go around schools in recruiting as much ap-

licants to choose from.

P/Sr. Supt. Joseph Adnol, Chief of the Regional Personnel and Human Resource Development Division, presented to members of the board the process applicants undergo based on qualifications, requirements and necessary documents as well as physical, medical and dental examinations, neuro-psychological tests, physical agility tests including final interview.

This is true for regular recruits or attrition quota to fill up existing positions which are vacated due to retirement, death, resignation and dismissal from service of several personnel.

In the screening of applicants for attrition quota, Adnol said an Ad Hoc Screening Committee shall be established.

Aside from the Philippine National

tional Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), peace and order council, and women sector as members of the Ad Hoc Screening Committee, Magalong stressed the need to include a representation from the provincial board.


Complete background investigation is also a must in selecting qualified applicants including drug test, according to Adnol.

Women who represent 15 percent of the quota also undergo pregnancy test after final interview as they will be subjected to rigid trainings, he said.

Magalong said qualified applicants are ranked regardless of eligibility and school where they come from. Results are posted for transparency purposes, he added.

In the past, the region gets about

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