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Pakistan Turns to China for Development

Pakistan's launch of work on its largest nuclear power plant last week is the latest example of big-money Chinese infrastructure projects in the troubled nation.

Cash-strapped Pakistan, plagued by a bloody home-grown Taliban insurgency, is battling to get its shaky economy back on track and solve a chronic energy crisis that cripples industry.

Politicians in Beijing and Islamabad are fond of extolling the profundity of their friendship in flowery rhetoric and on the ground this has translated into around 10,000 Chinese engineers and workers flocking to Pakistan.

Chinese companies are working on more than 100 major projects in energy, roads and technology, according to Pakistani officials, with an estimated \$18 billion expected to be invested in the coming years.

"Some projects are being done by the government, then most of the projects are being done by the Chinese companies, by the provinces and also with the state enterprises and authorities," Ahsan Iqbal, Pakistan's federal minister for planning and development, told AFP.

"In the energy sector, Chinese engineers are building up to 15 power projects that include hydel (hydroelectric), thermal and nuclear plants."

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THRONGS OF MERRYMAKERS - The City Government of Baguio added another attraction featuring the Christmas Village at the Rose Garden, Burnham Park as "come ons" for the tourists and visitors including the residents to enjoy the Yuletide Season in this mountain resort city./ Rj Cayabyab photo

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Sa ayaw at sa gusto natin, ang China ay ang pangalawang pinakamalaking ekonomiya sa buong daigdig kaya wala tayong choice kung hindi makisama sa kanila!!!



One Qualifier in Asin Hydro Bid

BAGUIO CITY – The city government received offers from four private investors for the Asin mini-hydroelectric plants rehabilitation and operation in the fourth bidding of the project but only one qualified.

The offer is now being evaluated by the members of the Asin Hydro Power Plant technical working group (TWG) who will submit their observations to the Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) chaired by city budget officer Leticia Clemente next week.

Engr. Ransam Avance, hydro plant supervisor and member of the TWG said they are scheduled to submit the observations this Wednesday.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week expressed hopes that the latest bidding exercise for the hydro project privatization will succeed so the project can take off and the mini-hydro plants can be harnessed after years of dormancy.

He said the city will consider directly contracting out the project if the bidding fails anew. He said direct or negotiated contract is tenable as long as the city ensures that all the requirements are met by the investor.

The city the fourth time bid out the project last October after the first three exercises conducted in January and June, 2012 and in June 2013 failed due to the disqualification of the companies that tendered offers.

The project entitled "Privatization of the Operation and Management of Asin Mini-Hydro Power Plants" has an approved contract budget of P500,000,000.

Based on the terms of reference, the bid components will be for the rehabilitation and rental under the conditions that the operator shall invest a considerable amount of money for the rehabilitation, upgrading and expansion of the plants to produce 41,406,178 kilowatthours, install independent substation and power line to the national grid.

The terms also provided the schedule of remuneration to the city government and other concerned parties including the provincial government of Benguet, municipality of Tuba and barangays Tadiangan and Nangalisan where the plants are located and including the surface owners whose properties are affected by the pipelines and plant facilities./A Refuerzo

CHR-CAR Holds Human Rights Summit for Law Enforcers, Partners

BAGUIO CITY - Human rights laws are more of an aid rather than a hindrance; it works as a guide rather than a burden and it serves as a rule and not as obstruction, for a more effective peace and order and law enforcement service.

This was the reminder of Commission on Human Rights Cordillera Regional Director Harold Kub-arón to law enforcement officials and personnel during the opening program of the Regional Human Rights Summit at the Baguio-Benguet Credit Cooperative Building here yes-

Mayor Downs Request for Sidewalk Christmas Vending

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser continues to deny requests for vendors wanting to sell during the yuletide season in parks and sidewalks here.

Domogan said, "numerous requests have already been turned-down for the reason that sidewalk vending is no longer tolerated."

"We have to deny their requests if it is outside the allowable relocation site for vending so it would be fair to everyone," he said.

According to Mayor Domogan, vending is only allowed in pinpointed locations such as areas in and around block 3 and 4 of the city market.

Domogan said, "the city government is doing all it could to contain illegal vending around the city and the cooperation of everyone is needed."

"We also have to be vigilant against those who will be taking advantage of the Christmas season in order to sell outside the allowed vending sites, we have not approved any requests," he said.

The mayor said vendors should take advantage of the improvements done in the city's public market and register with the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) so they can work unhindered and legally.

Domogan also ordered the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) to monitor all streets and alleyways especially in the Central Business District (CBD) for anti-vending operations.

Domogan said the city market which underwent rehabilitation is more than "capable of accommodating vendors who seek to legally display their wares."

Meantime, Domogan directed Burnham Park Personnel to ensure that regulations inside the park is implemented.

"I hope that enterprising individuals will not take advantage of the Yuletide Season to sell in our parks, let us follow rules and regulations," he stressed.

Accordingly, the city has accommodated vending along certain streets, particularly throughout the Christmas Season for the past years and is now asking cooperation to not only reduce but stop vending in unauthorized areas./paul rillorta

terday.

The summit, which adopts the theme, "Wakasan ang Kawalang Pananagutan, Tiyaikin ang Tapat na Pamamahala" (Put an end to the lack of accountability and ensure good governance), is in line with the country's observance of National Human Rights Consciousness Week from December 4 to 10.

Kub-arón assured that the CHR Cordillera regional office fully supports all efforts in peace and order and in ending the insurgency in this part of the country, as long as they fol-

City Eyes JICA Help Anew to Upgrade Sewer Treatment Plant

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is seeking the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) anew to upgrade the aging Baguio Sewer Treatment Plant (BSTP) in North Sanitary Camp here.

JICA in 1984 made the design study for the city's existing STP which led to the grant of a monetary assistance from the Japanese government and enabled the city to construct the said facility with the help of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) in 1986.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan in a letter to JICA Philippine Office chief representative Takahiro Sasaki Dec. 9 sought JICA's "technical assistance for the conduct of a feasibility study on the upgrading of the BSTP to accommodate current excess inflow including future inflow projections."

"Results from the (study) shall greatly help us toward attaining a cost-effective and efficient implementation of our proposed BSTP upgrade," Domogan told Sasaki.

"The Government of Japan would be happy to know that the BSTP continues to operate and serve the residents of Baguio 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The BSTP in the course of 27 years thus far still helps immensely in averting pollution of the Balili River from domestic wastewater," the mayor noted.

"(However,) data show the steady increase in raw domestic sewage inflow and inflow Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). In fact, inflow received at the BSTP has been surpassing the planned daily mean flow of 8,600 cubic meter per day since 2004," the mayor informed.

Sasaki, in his reply, advised the mayor to course the request through official diplomatic channels subject to certain requirements and procedures.

He said the request will be subject to the endorsement of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the approval of the Japanese government and advised further the city to consult with the LWUA and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) regarding the procedures.

He said the city may also avail of the concessional loan fund provided by JICA to the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) through the two-step loan called the Environmental Development Project (EDP) but the city has to go through the procedures of the bank based on technical and financial and other project information./A Refuerzo

other legal services to the people of Cordillera.

For the Human Right Summit, officials/representatives from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Jail and Management and Penology, Philippine Military Academy, Department of Education, Center for Human Rights Education, Baguio City Barangay Human Rights Action Center and JPCOM CARES – a non government organization, shared good practices and their respective accomplishments on human rights protection and promotion.

Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan, in his message read by secretary to the mayor Raffy Tallocoy, lauded the CHR r spearheading such activity as he pointed out the importance of everyone or every sector working together in protecting the people including their basic human rights.

Domogan also outlined the importance of the continuous, unwavering and tenacious works of the human rights advocates especially the CHR. Until the day that we can all together declare in unison that there are no more human rights violators in the country, then good governance truly prevails./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR



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low strictly all the basic human rights norms and standards.

"As public servants it is our mandate to abide by the law", he stressed.

As for human rights protection services, Kub-arón reported that they have already assisted 27 regular human rights cases from January to September this year and also provided 97

Firecrackers out – Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan is bent on having a firecracker ban in the city, despite its being an unpopular decision. This was his pronouncement during the regular media Ugnayan last week.

Earlier, members of the Paputok, Lucis atbp., led by Agnes Montoya lobbied for another chance at disposing their wares; having been told that only the city-sponsored air shows on Dec. 24 and 31 go on, as part of the month-long Golden Christmas in Baguio celebration.

The mayor countered that the vendors could have alternative means of livelihood through selling Christmas toys and the like.

The mayor also cited injuries due to firecrackers, and ambient air condition in the city that could be threatened by toxic fumes of exploding pyrotechnics. The entry of banned products, and also those bought in neighboring towns should be prevented, the mayor emphasized.

In a letter to the members of Paputok, Lucis atbp., the mayor conveyed his understanding for the sources of their livelihood but said that the greater benefit, and health, of the majority of Baguio citizens is at stake, thus the ban.

It was two years ago, 2011; when an ultimatum was given for the firecracker sellers, but they pleaded for an extended last chance in 2012, which was granted.

Last year is the final last chance, the mayor ended./juliegfianza

Mayor Signs Order Regulating Fund Drives

Before you buy that ticket for a “benefit concert”, register for a “fun-run” or volunteer for any similar charitable or civic drive, be sure the fund raiser and its organizers are covered by a permit issued by city hall.

Same advice goes to the sick and needy who should accept to be the beneficiary of any such effort with the assurance that at least 85 percent of the gross proceeds shall go to them in the case of group drives and 90 percent in the case of individual solicitations.

To check the proliferation of profit-motivated solicitation drives dis-

guised as humanitarian efforts that have taken all forms over the years, Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently issued Adm. Order 215-2013 requiring all fund-raisers in the city, be they individuals or groups, to first apply for a permit through the city social welfare and development office.

Application forms are with the city social welfare and development office which drafted the administrative order in the wake of various solicitations through concerts, dinner shows, fun runs, raffle draws and, recently, plain announcements posted on business establishments declaring “Donations for Vic-

tims of Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) Accepted Here”.

The number of individual or organizational fund-raising activities have increased over the years, necessitating regulation “to obviate illegal fund drives and to protect the general public”, the mayor said.

City social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan said the permit guidelines were triggered by reports of fund drives masquerading as for civic or charitable causes but turn out to be scams for profit of the organizers.

“Even our volunteer communications and rescue groups are

Public Hearing on 211 Titles Conducted

BAGUIO CITY- The public hearing on the city’s 211 titles spearheaded by Council committee on Urban Planning, Lands and Housing chaired by Councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr., conducted last Thursday at the city session hall turned out to be a sounding board for constituents’ various land problems.

Yangot, Jr., reminded the attendees of the objectives of the forum: to solicit inputs for the approval of a proposed council resolution, that the solicitor general’s office will conduct “proper judicial proceedings” for Baguio’s 211 titles.

The proposal is for the solgen’s office to either revert the 211 original titles to public land status, thus make them “alienable and disposable,” or to grant said lots to legitimate ancestral land claimants. This would be for validated 211 titles, while unvalidated 211 titles still pose a problem, it was known.

Long-time occupants who had “peaceful, undisturbed possession,” of the lots would benefit from the move, Yangot, Jr. said, as it would legitimize them as land owners, and real property taxpayers. Their application for building permits, light and water connection would also be legitimized, Yangot, Jr. added.

As to titled lots with seemingly no claimants, Yangot reiterated a trace-back or a trace for legitimate claimant-heirs. The councilor thus asked those with queries to present all documents as to

cases or claims within their barangays, either or not they are 211 claims. Position papers would be appropriate, if the lot in question is for barangay use, Yangot, Jr. said.

Queries on long-time occupied titled and untitled lots; or those claims straddling valid and unvalid 211 titles, mineral land claims; forest reservations; occupied lots within a local government property and covered by a Memorandum of Agreement; application procedures; occupied lots under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Commission on Good Government, were among those dealt with during the forum.

A query was then raised as to unvalidated 211 claims which were recently applied for at the local Land Registration Authority office, validated and sold to unsuspecting buyers, Yangot said proper legal moves are being done. The 211 titles’ record should be cleared, as some unscrupulous persons take advantage through false claims and speculation, Yangot said.

In an earlier privilege speech delivered at the city council, Yangot said government offices SolGen and the Department of Justice (DoJ) “settle the issue at their level by issuing an opinion that will clear the cobwebs, and craft the policies to serve as guidelines for the Register of Deeds (RoD), Land Registration Authority (LRA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the city



SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM - Self-employed couple Joel and Marifi Gumihid show off their finished cell phone pouches, key chains and other handicraft products to Social Worker Assistant Emy Dela Cruz. The Self-Employment Assistance program came from the Priority Development Assistance Fund from then Cong. Mauricio Domogan with the support of the City Social Welfare and Development Office headed by Betty Fangasan./Rj Cayabyab photo

City Seeks Geological Test on Land Eyed for Waste Management System

BAGUIO CITY - The city government requested the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (MGB-DENR-CAR) to conduct a geological assessment of the site being eyed for the proposed Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWMS) of the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the 22-hectare lot is located in one of the city’s neighboring towns in Benguet. He did not name the specific location pending results of negotiations.

City general services officer Romeo Concio last Dec. 11 wrote MGB-CAR officer-in-charge regional director Faye Apil requesting MGB for technical personnel to undertake geological study on the lot to ensure its safety.

He said the city needs the assessment before it finally comes up with a “plan to consider the place for the city’s ISWMS.

Domogan said several assessments and studies have to be undertaken to qualify the site for the city’s ISWMS including tests by the DENR and the National Solid Waste Management Council (NSWMC) to determine its suitability for the purpose.

The lot was the latest in a bunch of sites which the city considered over the years in its quest for a suitable location to build its own engineered sanitary landfill (ESL).

The mayor said the city hopes to develop the site as its ISWMS station to house its two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines which process the city’s biodegradable wastes and its ESL to take charge of the nonbiodegradable refuse.

This is while the city is also hatching its plans to set up a waste-to-energy facility under a private-public partnership scheme which is being considered as a long-term solution to the city’s waste problem.

The three projects comprise the city’s ISWMS which it is pursuing to address its waste concerns.

The waste-to-energy technology is still undergoing assessment by the NSWMC prior to the grant of a permit to prosecute the project. The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) has required documents from the proponent of the waste-to-energy technology to process its application.

The final proposal will be forwarded to the DENR for the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and other environmental requirements and to the Dept of Energy for the energy production and sale permits.

The waste-to-energy proposal which was submitted by a private company based in Singapore involves the processing of wastes for conversion into energy through a process called

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Heels and heroes

Reports on officials "sick, sick, sick" from gorging at the pork barrel straddle headlines and newscasts. These smudged the reports on the passing, last week, of a soldier who wrote on how guerrillas seized the "Koga Papers," which radically altered World War II's liberation battle for the Philippines.

Colonel Manuel Segura was 94 when he died last week. He documented how fishermen recovered the Japanese "Z Plan" in a four-engine plane that crashed off San Fernando town in Cebu in April 1944.

Drafted by Admiral Mineichi Koga, the Z Plan was adopted in March as the "Combined Fleet Secret Operations Order No. 73." It anticipated that Allied forces would leapfrog into Mindanao first. Koga was right on the button.

In July, US President Franklin Roosevelt OK'd General Douglas MacArthur's plan to thrust first into Mindanao, recall military historians James Carroll and Spencer Tucker. The options included a December landing at Sarangani Bay, plus airborne drops in Northern Mindanao.

But an April 1 typhoon altered all that. The storm slammed into two Japanese planes flying from Palau to Davao. Even flotsam from Koga's plane was never found. The second plane, carrying Rear Adm. Shigeru Fukudome, ditched off Barangay Balud Fishermen Ricardo Bolo and Cornelio Manguas pulled out 11 crash survivors, recalled Segura in his book. Guerrillas hustled them to Col. James Cushing's headquarters in an upland forest in Cebu. Two days later, fishermen Pedro Gantuangko and Rufo Wamar recovered "a box blackened by oil" off Barangay Perilos. It contained documents, condoms, plus a handful of gold pieces.

Within 24 hours, soldiers, planes and boats were crisscrossing the area. "Return unconditionally all documents or face severe measures," Cebu commander Takeshi Watanabe threatened. Executions were coupled with incentives like rice and cash. They "left, in their wake, burning houses and executed civilians," Segura wrote.

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To end the massacre, Cushing ordered Lieutenant Pedro Villareal

to yield the prisoners. Thus, "the only Prisoner of War exchange on Cebu took place," Segura wrote. "Through field glasses, we observed the low bowing of Japanese troops as the chair-borne admiral passed a ridge, silhouetted against the skyline."

The Japanese offered P50,000 for the portfolio. Soldiers floated boxes where the plane crashed and tracked them as they drifted southward. Guerrilla radio operator Sgt. Victoriano Maribao said Cushing reported to Allied headquarters in Australia: The briefcase included "two operations maps showing air bases, emergency airstrips in Palau, Philippines, Hainan, Southern China..."

Australia replied: "Documents described in your number six may be of extreme value. Ensure safe arrival at southern Negros for dispatch here." Thus, the documents, "in two tight rolls," were packed into an empty mortar shell for waterproofing.

Lieutenants Irving Joseph and Dominador Canastra, with Sergeant Tudtud, sneaked in to Tolong in Negros Oriental. Midnight of June 5, a submarine surfaced and took the papers. It survived depth charging twice before arriving on May 19 in Australia, where the documents were analyzed. The Koga Papers revealed that the Japanese had only 17,000 troops in Leyte.

Sappers secretly installed navigation buoys in Dinagat and Homonhon islands on the night of Oct. 17. They guided, three days later, the 701 US ships that ferried the 132,000 men of the 6th Army who stormed ashore. Filipino guerrillas coordinated their attacks. Col. Ruperto Kangleon's troops, for example, overran the Japanese redoubt in large caves on Camp Buga-Buga, Southern Leyte.

Despite relentless air interdiction missions by US aircraft, the Japanese managed to ferry more than 34,000 troops from Mindanao to Leyte. They shipped over 10,000 tons of materiel, through Ormoc on the west coast.

The Japanese Navy's high command then committed its entire remaining surface fleet—four light carriers, 35 destroyers and 300 planes under Adm. Takeo Kuroda—to battle. From Oct. 23 to 26, the 3rd Fleet under Adm. William Halsey, composed of 16 carriers, 141 destroyers and 1,500 planes, engaged the Japanese fleet.

The Leyte Gulf Battle erupted from Sibuyan Sea, Surigao Strait and Cape Engano to the waters off Samar. It also unleashed the first desperate kamikaze attacks. A Japanese decoy aircraft carrier succeeded in diverting Task Force 34 away from the vulnerable Leyte beachhead. Two prongs of the Japanese fleet then tried to ram their way through the opening to hit the fragile beachhead.

From Pearl Harbor, Adm. Chester Nimitz sent Task Force 34 a terse message: "Where Is RPT, Where Is Task Force 34 RR. The World Wonders." Military historians today say the last three words, intended as "padding," were mistakenly retained.

By coincidence, Oct. 25 was the anniversary of the Battle of Balaklava, which Tennyson wrote of in "The Charge of the Light Brigade." It was not intended as a commentary on the crisis off Leyte.

Admiral William Halsey "threw his cap to the deck and broke into sobs of rage." Rear Adm. Robert Carney, his chief of staff, confronted him and snapped: "Stop it! What the hell's the matter with you? Pull yourself together!"

In the end, Kuroda's force lost all its carriers, 11 cruisers and 11 destroyers. "The majority of its surviving heavy ships, deprived of fuel, remained in their bases for the rest of the Pacific War."

Today, no marker recalls how ordinary fishermen rewrote history despite risks to their lives. Memory is too frail a thread to peg history on. Can a people blind to their past grope their way to the future—if the present pivots around officials "sick, sick, sick" on the pork barrel?/E-mail: juan_mercado77@yahoo.com/Juan L. Mercado



In this time of great need, let us not forget to help our brothers and sisters in the Visayas!

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

DO YOU KNOW 'MADER' RICKY REYES?

BY: JESUS DUREZA



QUEZON CITY —I was Davao congressman in the late 1980's when I first met Ricky Reyes who was already widely known as a trend setter in beauty and hair fashion in the Big City.

One day, with a group of hairstylists all the way from Manila, he landed in Davao and personally launched his "ISANG GUNTING ISANG SUKLAY" project which was a skills training program for the jobless and unskilled youth and some mothers in our barangays within my first congressional district. They were trained for free and at the end of the course, all the "graduates" also received starter kits consisting of scissors, combs, brushes etc to start a livelihood that could earn them somehow some modest income for the family. That was 25 years or so ago. Fast forward today.

A few days ago, my wife Beth and I were brought by Ricky to a place called 'CHILD HAUS' in Quezon City. It was a big bungalow type 7-bedroom residential house that he converted into a half-way house for young, out-of-town and indigent cancer patients undergoing chemo or treatment in Manila hospitals. There were about 23 children there at the time of our visit, mostly wearing isolation masks. They live there, free board and lodging and medical care including a "bantay" each for as long as their treatment needs them to be in Metro Manila. They have learning and play sessions in between treatments. Ricky is able to generate support from generous benefactors to sustain the expense of a full time staff of six, including doctors and volunteers attending to them. He brought with him 2 sacks of rice when we visited. I was touched when he whispered: "I told them you brought the rice."

Ricky said during the period of 10 years, there were about 11,000 kids who passed those doors. Some of them passed away although quite at a remarkably low percentage. Others returned back to their homes cured. There were also a number who kept returning after their cancer recurred. They all came from outside Manila, kids whose treatments needed them to be in Manila and they had nowhere to go. I met some kids from Bicol, Pangasinan, even from the Visayas. A pretty young face on a wheel chair was a bit bloated partly covered by a hygienic mask — signs of steroid treatment. Another young boy, about 5 years old had a shiny head, ravaged by chemo and all. Ricky told me he could assist just in case I have similarly situated young kids from Mindanao.

One could see the passion of selfless service and the love that Ricky showered on the unfortunate young patients as he talked to them, touched them, hugged them. He was "mader" to all of them.

His face however turned sullen when he recalled how the CHILD HAUS and the children beneficiaries were ejected by the PCSO from a government facility that housed them when the Aquino administration took over from the Arroyo government in 2010. Ricky however declined to give me details. He merely said that the eviction resulted to more blessings from generous donors that made possible their transfer to its present site. He related how, during those trying times, (he shed pails of tears on public television, I was told) the family of tycoon Henry Sy Sr of SM through his son, Businessman Hans Sy, told him that he could use a 7-bedroom bungalow that was available somewhere in the vicinity of Quezon City hall.

The residential house was promptly transformed into a dormitory. All vacant spaces were filled with double-deck beds. It has a spacious garage that now is a

common function area, a medical clinic room, kitchen, etc. **Cont. on page 8**

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

The truth re: Aquino-Romualdez word war

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you..." (Deuteronomy 30:2, the Holy Bible).

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE AQUINO-ROMUALDEZ WORD WAR: There is an issue that is being buried deep, away from the consciousness of the Filipino people, in the on-going "word- and blame-war" between Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez and the Aquino government, in a manner that is almost deliberate. This is the issue of preparedness, both by the national government led by President Aquino, and the local government unit headed by Romualdez.

However Romualdez and Aquino may blame each other now, there is one thing they cannot deny: their total unpreparedness. This lack of preparation that led to almost 10,000 deaths and billions of pesos in property damage is undeniably criminal in nature, and the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, or Republic Act 3019, describes this under its Section 3 (e) as "graft", because such lack of preparation caused undue injury to the government and to the public at large.

What am I saying here? Excuse me but, I am beginning to suspect that all these public exchanges between Aquino and his minions, on one hand, and Romualdez, on the other, sensationalized in national TV and newspapers yet, seem to be an orchestrated and coordinated effort, by the Aquino government and Romualdez, to cover up for their liability for graft over their lack of preparation, and thereby avoid prosecution.

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WE MUST DISCIPLINE OUR CHILDREN: I am surprised that a routine disciplinary measure which an official of the high school department of the Divine World College of Laoag City in Ilocos Norte imposed upon seven of its students who skipped classes and were seen stoning someone outside their classroom even merited media attention and criticism.

The question is, do not our teachers have the power to discipline erring students? Is it not a part of the teachers' duties and responsibilities to see to it that when the students do something wrong, they are made to realize their mistake and, to impress upon them that they should not be doing it again, they are subjected to punishment?

Yes, teachers should have this kind of a disciplinary power over students, if we are to make sure that Filipino children will grow up to be morally upright and righteous citizens. All these crap about "children's rights" and "child abuse", enshrined in many of our laws now, are in fact being utilized by many to make our children hard-headed, ill-mannered, and lacking in discipline, capable of even the most grievous mischief. Who was it who said, "spare the rod..."?

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FILIPINOS MUST CHANGE FIRST: In the afternoon of December 10, 2013, at the intersection of C.P. Garcia Street (alongside the UP Diliman campus) and Maginhawa Street in Teachers' Village, Quezon City, I chanced upon several vehicles (including a taxi) which refused to follow the line of vehicles turning right towards Teachers Village. The taxi and the other vehicles instead proceeded in front of the line, and tried to cut their way in, so they could be ahead of all the others who patiently waited in line.

I took pictures of the taxi doing this, and posted it in my timeline in Facebook, to highlight one point: while many of us Filipinos often publicly wonder why many of our government leaders turn out to

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FAIR AND SQUARE

*Norms of Fixing (1)
(A Reprint)*

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



Fixing activities in the LTRFB-CAR to the extent that it is practiced by its personnel basically partake of the following norms:

- 1) Fixing of walk-in CPC applicants by the personnel themselves;
- 2) Fixing by outsiders in cahoots with some personnel; and in some small measure,
- 3) Fixing by lawyers, also in alliance with franchising personnel.

Fixing by personnel in the franchising Board is the most attractive, inviting, hence the best patronized by CPC applicants. For, aside from the fact that it appeals to the psyche and culture of the padrido minded pinoy, **it offers the most effective "sales talk" there is in the game — that the application will be approved without any hitch or snag; that the franchise or CPCs shall be released in record time even in the absence of essential documentary requirements submitted; that the Decision shall be signed by the Regional Director even without the applicant appearing in the scheduled hearing; and, all that the applicant will do is to sit idly by and wait for "just 2 weeks" or the beacon call or text by the fixer for the release of the decision.**

In time, as this sales pitch goes around advertised by word of mouth and spread like wild fire throughout Baguio City and CAR, CPC applicants ultimately learn to avoid the lawyers. They would now march to Pacdal to deal directly with personnel fixing in the franchising office. This, to the damage and detriment of lawyers practicing their profession in the LTRFB.

To these fixers, it probably matters not whether they violate the laws, the rules and the LTRFB Code of Conduct or take unduly the cream of business from the legitimate practitioners. What matter importantly to them, it appears, is that other than what they receive as compensation for fixing enough for the basic sustenance of the family, they also are able to earn extra monies to allot as well for their own luxury and pleasure in life. **As the cliché in the bureaucracy goes: "Ang lagay, sila lang!"**

In the beginning, fixing of this kind was tolerably acceptable since these personnel knew their limits or that they would easily be contented with what the public seem to give as tokens of gratitude for extra good service rendered. But not anymore.

Fixing by personnel has now a price more often costlier than what lawyers charge their clients. This is understandable though since lawyers, no matter how skilled they are in lawyering, cannot compare with fixing personnel when the object of application is beyond what is circumscribed by the rules whereof the skills of the lawyers do not count. In such a situation, they definitely have the edge over the lawyers because they are either situated within the realm and circle of those who have the exclusive power to grant franchises or they themselves are the ones vested by law with that power to exercise that discretion to grant or not to grant authority to operate public transport utilities.

When such power of discretion is abusively exercised, however, such as when the one exercising it goes to the extent of causing the issuance of fraudulent or spurious franchises, fixing by personnel not only becomes an administrative offense but also criminal under the Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices Act and other laws.

Being the more prevalent norm of fixing, the abundance of PUVs in the city may perhaps be attributed therefrom. Not a few observers from the resident public annoyed by the traffic congestion and pollution in the city are therefore baffled why fixing activities remain untouched in the DOTC-CAR despite its manifest

PopCom Official Says Lacson to Prioritize Women and Children in Rehab Efforts in Typhoon-Affected Areas

BAGUIO CITY - Commissioner **Benjamin d. De Leon** of the Commission on Population believes that former Senator Panfilo Lacson will be an effective 'rehabilitation czar' of typhoon-ravaged Visayas region and will give priority to the rehabilitation efforts for the women and children in the affected areas.

De Leon, who was a speaker during the forum on RH and Climate Change at the University of Baguio here last week, said as a reproductive health advocate, Lacson will make sure that the needs of the women particularly the new and breastfeeding mothers and their children and babies will be prioritized with the rehabilitation efforts of the government.

President Benigno S. Aquino III has recently appointed Lacson as Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery with the task to unify the efforts of government and other agencies in the rehabilitation and recovery efforts in super typhoon 'Yolanda' affected areas.

"I am confident that as a manager who is an RH advocate, Lacson will call on all the government and non-government agencies, local government unit and the civil society from the national and international sector to listen to the different ideas and help one another on how they would conduct the rehabilitation of the Visayas provinces," said De Leon.

The health of women and children will be placed into the reconstruction plan, medium term and long term, but the information must come from agencies and local government units, he said.

De Leon added that there is an immediate need for volunteer doctors, nurses and midwives in the different areas in the Visayas since there are patients who are not only physi-

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existence; or why despite the operational and management audits conducted on the agency by its Central Office, the said activities continuously persist. As to why and how fixing mysteriously permeates into the minds of the rank

and file employees in the DOTC-CAR (with some exceptions, of course) notwithstanding the threats of administrative and penal sanctions hanging over their heads like sword of Damocles, is hard to fathom.

Why, really? (July 15 - 21, 2006)

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

FERNANDO MARCOS
Applicants
Case No:2008-CAR-033

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is a Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXP Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line:BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 15, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, 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 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 6th day of Dec. 2013.

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

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

IN THE MATTER FOR
THE PETITION
FOR THE CORREC-
TION OF ENTRIES
IN THE RECORD OF
BIRTH OF FLOYD
NATIVIDAD
FAMULARCANO TO
REFLECT
HIS TRUE AND COR-
RECT STATUS FROM
LEGITIMATE TO IL-
LEGITIMATE,

FLOYD NATIVIDAD
FAMURLACANO,
Petitioner,

SPECIAL PROCEED-
INGS
CASE 13-C-1779

-Versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
LA TRINIDAD,
BENGUET AND THE
NATIONAL STATIS-
TICS OFFICE,

Respondents.

ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this veri-
fied petition praying
that after due notice,
publication and hear-
ing the court orders the
Local Civil Registrar of
La Trinidad, Benguet to
correct his Certificate
of Live Birth the follow-
ing:

Date and Place of
Marriage of Parents:
CANCEL February 28,
1982 and leave it blank
And to declare him
as ILLEGITIMATE.

WHEREFORE,
Finding the petition to
be sufficient in form
and substance, the
court sets it for initial
hearing on March 13,
2013 at 9:00 o'clock in
the morning before the
Session Hall of this
court, Benguet Provin-
cial Capitol, La
Trinidad, Benguet and
all persons interested
may appear and show
cause, if any, why this
petition should not be

granted.

Let this Order be
published at the ex-
pense of the petitioner
in The Junction News-
paper, a newspaper of
general circulation in
Baguio City and
Benguet Province, once
a week, for three (3)
consecutive weeks, the
first publication to be
made not later than
December 15, 2013.

Furnish copies
hereof together with a
copy of the petition and
its annexes to the Of-
fice of the Solicitor
General, Makati City;
Provincial Prosecutor
of Benguet; the Local
Civil Registrar of La
Trinidad, Benguet; The
Junction Newspaper;
the Petitioner and
counsel.

SO ORDERED

This 9th day of
December 2013 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A.
BULIYAT Sr.
Presiding Judge
Publication Dates :
December 15, 21 and
28, 2013

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

OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF

PHILIPPINES SAV-
INGS BANK

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES LORENZO
NABUS
and CAROLINE T.
AGUINSOD

Mortgagor,

x—————x

Foreclosure Case No.
13-465-S

EXTRAJUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
As amended.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified peti-
tion for foreclosure and
extra-judicially under
Act 3135, as amended
filed

By Philippines Sav-
ings Bank, herein re-
ferred as the
MORTGAGTEE, for the
satisfaction of mort-
gage indebtedness of
SPOUSES LORENZO
NABUS and
CAROLINE
AGUINSOD, herein
referred as the MORT-
GAGORS, the princi-
pal obligation in the
amount of TWO MIL-
LION NINE HUNDRED
FIFTY THOUSAND PE-
SOS (P 2,950,000.00),
Philippine Currency,
exclusive of interest,
attorney's fees and
other charges as of
March 5, 2009 and ex-
penses incidental to the
foreclosure proceed-
ings, the undersigned
or duly authorized
sheriff will sell on pub-
lic auction on January
14, 2014 at 10:00
o'clock in the morning
or soon thereafter at
the lobby of Justice
Hall Building, Baguio
City to the highest bid-
der for CASH and in
the Philippine Cur-
rency, the real prop-
erty/properties to-
gether with all the im-
provements thereon,
more particularly de-
scribed as follows:

TRANSFER CER-
TIFICATE OF TITLE
No. T-98297

A parcel of land
(Lot 79-B of the subdi-
vision plan (LRC) Psd-
89001, being a portion
of Lot 79, P Burgos
Subd., (TSI-V-900),
LRC Rec. No. Sales
Patent No. 554), situ-
ated in the Res. Sec.
"B", City of Baguio, Is-
land of Luzon. x x x
containing an area of
THREE HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY EIGHT (378)
SQUARE METERS,
more or less.

Prospective buyers/
bidders are hereby
enjoined to investi-
gate for them-
selves the property and
encumbrances
thereon, if there be any.

Baguio City, Phil-
ippines, December 6,
2013.

By: (SGD) LINDA

MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI

By: (SGD) ROLANDO
B. PANGAN
Sheriff IV

Publication awarded
by raffle to The
Junction Newspaper;
Copy furnish all
parties;

Publication Dates:
December 4, 21 and
28, 2013

(POSD) to monitor and conduct random inspection. Willful vendors will be apprehended accordingly.

"The Department of Tourism has commended the city for clearing Mines View Park, thus, it is a challenge for the city to sustain it," said mayor Domogan.

Based on records, there are still 41 stalls/spaces open for application to interested individuals.

The BCMA disclosed that the committee is reviewing and evaluating on the proposed section/area for food court at the fourth floor of the multi purpose building. Jho Arranz

City Character Program Year-End General Assembly of Baguio Character Council

BAGUIO CITY- The coming year; 2014; may prove to be a breakthrough in the city's character program, as every sector present vowed support in the endeavor, during the year-end assembly at Fortune restaurant last week.

With Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, bus company operators and managers were given copies of promotional compact disks (CDs) which they agreed to play in their bus trips to and from the city. Said wares were prepared by coordinating groups including the interfaith Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values (CRFV).

The playing of CDs for a year is covered in an agreement signed by the bus owners and the character council. A separated set of CDs is being envisioned for schools, hotels and restaurants, and other entities; which contains basic dos and don'ts, tourist spots in the city,

Each of the sectors presented their vision work program for 2014; the Muslim community in the city was assured of livelihood trainings while the Philippine National Police-Moral and Spiritual Transformation (PNP-MOST) group vowed more trainings in personnel development, focused on "pakikitungo," or "pakikipag-kapwatao." The imposition of discipline and legislation, specially in traffic and city ordinances.

The Department of Education (Dep-Ed), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) representatives also plan to include character education in the different academic and technical curricula. The Outstanding Students in the Cordillera Administrative Region

Mayor -Let us Sustain The Clearing of Mines View Park

BAGUIO CITY - It was last November 19 when the city has implemented the massive clearing of stalls erected within the vicinity of Mines View Park including the sidewalk vending.

However, during the Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) meeting with the mayor last December 9, there were reports that willful vendors went back to the said area especially during week ends.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed his dismay and said "how can mines view park multi purpose building be appreciated and prosper if again willful vendors went back to the said park."

The mayor directed the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) to monitor and conduct random inspection. Willful vendors will be apprehended accordingly.

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(OSCAR) alumni shall be tapped to share their experiences and insights to the younger generation, it was known.

Guidance counselors shall also be tapped while a pool of speakers will be organized for an all-out character city moral recovery and renewal program.

The transport, hotel and restaurant management groups committed courteous and disciplined service to visitors. Safety and a clean environment, should also be considered in the moral recovery program; it was agreed. The payment of taxes for businessmen was also emphasized.

A challenge was presented to each of the representatives, to bring change from within so as to teach others too. Mayor Mauricio Domogan who gave the inspirational message focused on change from the bad, and a backtrack from vices, which often times brings destruction to a person. Improve from what you have, do not destroy yourselves with vices, be a better person and bring the change around you, he said.

Several women groups present were promised training on parenting, while representatives from the academe were vowed productivity seminars and leadership trainings; to hone their strengths.

The council for the protection of children also vowed delivery of service through talent development trainings, while the media vowed positive press releases.

The character city council is a program for the city's moral recovery; and was headed by former Councilor Phillian Weygan-Allan. It was turned-over to Councilor Tabanda as council committee chair of the Social Services, Women and Urban Poor last July./juliegfianza

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF SANDRA MENDOZA BY SPOUSES GIBSON JAMES AND JULIA PINAS WITH CHANGE OF NAME FROM SANDRA MENDOZA TO CHEYENNEJEAN BAGYAN PINAS, SPS GIBSON JAMES AND JULIA PINAS,

Petitioners,

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 13-A-1014

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIOCITY,

Respondent.

x————x

ORDER

Petitioners husband and wife, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption, SANDRA MENDOZA be declared to be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her biological mother and that she be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the adopted child of Spouses Gibson James and Julia Pinas and will be known as CHEYENNEJEAN BAGYAN PINAS. She will acquire the reciprocal rights and obligations arising from parent-child relationship and direct the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to effect said adoption in her

Certificate of Live Birth.

As requested, the Social Worker of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of La Trinidad, Benguet is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study Report and said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing of the petition set on March 5, 2014 at (:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, petitioners are directed to meet with the Social Worker of the MSWDO, La Trinidad, Benguet for the conduct of the Child and Home Study who is likewise directed to submit her/his report, incorporating therein her/his recommendation and submit the same to the court, furnishing a copy thereof to the trial prosecutor deputized to represent the State.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than December 8, 2013. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Social Worker of the MSWDO, La Trinidad, Benguet; the Junction; the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 3rd day of December 2013 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

By: (SGD) FRANCIS A. BULIYAT Sr.
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates:
December 7, 14 and 21, 2013

REPUBLIC OF THE
OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad Benguet

RURAL BANK OF ITOGON
(BENGUET), INC.,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. ELIZABETH PALANGDAN and M A R I O N PALANGDAN,
Respondent-Mortgagors.

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CASE NO. 13-EXF-1747

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 as AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No.

3135, as amended, filed by the RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC., herein represented by its Branch Manager, IMELDA E. INSO, of legal age, Filipino citizen, and with principal office and place of business at UB Square, General Luna Rd.,

Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPOUSES ELIZABETH PALANGDAN and M A R I O N PALANGDAN, both of legal ages, Filipino citizens, and with residence at No. 67 Naiba, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, herein referred to as respondent-mortgagors, to

satisfy their obligation which as of December 3, 2013 amounted to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR & 90/100 (PhP 1,578,284.90) PESOS, Philippine currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and attorney's fees exclusive of previous intercession balances and other charges.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on January 8, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Benguet Provincial Capitol Building, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest Bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

TAX DECLARATION NO. 99-007-03066

"A parcel of land located along Binagna, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet Province. Bounded on the North by Baguio-Itogon Road; on the East by a Pathway; on the South by Sedric Cruz and on the West by

Florencio Langay. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR (254) SQUARE METERS.

Assessed at PhP 9,500.00, 2011 Realty Tax paid under O.R. No. 0347817 dated June 24, 2011 at Itogon,

Benguet. Not yet registered under Act No. 496 nor Spanish Mortgage Law but registrable under Act No.

3344 as amended. A residential house erected on it under Tax Declaration No. 99-007-03062; assessed Value PhP 78,470.00. House made out of strong excellent materials: flooring: tiled, Structure: concrete,

Roofing: G.I. Sheets, Frame Foundation: Concrete.

Bounded by visible monuments and the present possessor is Marion Palangdan, married to Elizabeth Palangdan.

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property herein above described and the encumbrances thereon if there be any. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 8, 2014 at the same time and place without further notice. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, December 12, 2013.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By: (SGD) CRISTOPHER C. ORALLO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished: RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC.

UB Square, Gen. Luna Rd., Baguio City
Thru: Branch Manager, IMELDA E. INSO

Petitioner- Mortgagee SPOUSES ELIZABETH PALANGDAN and MARION PALANGDAN
No. 67 Naiba, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet
Respondent-Mortgagors

The Junction Newspaper
Newspaper for Baguio and Benguet

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Top Performing...
from page 10

Mabutas and Michelle Agbuya, with Regional Director Franco Bawang, Jr. and other judges present, shall honor the outstanding personalities for 2012 as Agricultural Officer Alberto Tomas acknowledges the best performing barangay peace and order council for 2013.

Volunteers and partner agencies for the Pasadang Pambarangay for 2013 will be acknowledged by Mabutas.

Pasadang Pambarangay is a regular activity of the Special Services Division, City Mayor's Office, where basic medical services in coordination with the Health Services Office and private volunteer-practitioners reach the grassroots. Other activities include dental and optical services, seed distribution, anti-rabies vaccination by the City Veterinary Office, and Red Cross services. juliegfianza

Mayor urges...
from page 10

barangay is also the concern of the city," said mayor.

Thus, he stressed the big role of the barangay officials and the importance of teamwork.

To sustain the "green governance", he encouraged the barangay officials to plant trees and to continue practice proper wastes disposition.

Mayor Domogan reminded the officials to encourage their constituents to practice segregation and to follow garbage collection schedule.

He disclosed that the city government has proposed 1.4 billion budget for infra structure projects. Thus, he requested for a thorough monitoring of the implementation of their projects.

Mayor Domogan is optimistic that with the participation and proper coordination of barangay officials to the police, the number of crime rates will lower.

"Being elected by the people, we have a big responsibility to the city and we have to accept the challenge. We should help each other because we have a lot of homework and partnerships to do," said the mayor. Jho Arranz

Transcription Mentor

Must have at least 6 months of transcription experience, preferably with formal transcription training. Willing to start immediately.

Office Clerk

Must be computer savvy, adept on Adobe Photoshop, MS Office, and Internet research



E-mail resume to
info@itdynamicsphil.com
www.itdynamicsphil.com

Pakistan Turns... from page 1

Pakistan faces an electricity shortfall of around 4,000 megawatts in the sweltering summer, leading to lengthy blackouts that make ordinary people's lives a misery and have strangled economic growth.

To combat the crisis, Pakistan has sought Chinese help in building power generation projects across the country, including nuclear.

Aside from the 2,200 MW project near Karachi launched by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif last week, Chinese companies built two of Pakistan's three operational reactors.

Chinese engineers are also busy in the construction of a 969 MW hydropower project in Kashmir. They have also committed to generate 6,000 MW of electricity from coal and wind in southern Sindh province.

Economic corridor

But cooperation goes beyond energy.

Visiting in May during his first overseas trip after taking office, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang linked growth in his country's restive west with that in Pakistan, saying the two sides wanted to create an "economic corridor" to boost development.

The concept involves improving road and rail networks to link China through Pakistan to the Arabian Sea and planning minister Iqbal said its benefits would extend to other neighbouring countries.

"The biggest flagship project is going to be the economic corridor. I hope with its completion, we will be able to create opportunities not just for China and Pakistan but for the entire region," he said.

"If the economic corridor is constructed, trade between China and India can also take place from this corridor. Similarly, trade between China and Central Asia and also between India and Central Asia can take place," Iqbal said.

In January the Pakistani cabinet approved the transfer of Gwadar port, strategically located in the country's far southwest, to a Chinese state-owned company.

Once the road network is improved, Gwadar will slash thousands of kilometres off the distance oil and gas imports from Africa and the Middle East have to be transported to reach China.

'Special feelings'

The bloody six-year Taliban insurgency and threat of expat workers being kidnapped and beheaded by militants has made many foreign firms wary of investing in Pakistan.

Chinese engineers on construction sites are guarded at all times by armed policemen, and some AFP spoke to seemed happy with their time in Pakistan.

"Pakistani people are very friendly with Chinese. That is why I am here since last three years and I will spend some more years over here," said Wang Yanjun, supervising a road-building project in Muzaffarabad, the main town in Pakistani Kashmir.

"They provide respect and support to Chinese, so cooperation between China and Pakistan is increasing. I think we will

do much more development projects in future than now."

Wang Yanjun's company China Xinjiang Beixin, has already worked on projects in Pakistan ranging from roads to airports.

Another engineer, Wang Songqiang of China International Water and Electric Corporation, is looking after the construction of a shopping centre in Muzaffarabad.

"Our company is working in 38 countries, but we have special feelings while working here in Pakistan," he told AFP.

Pakistan and China presently have annual bilateral trade of around \$12 billion and are trying to take it to \$15 billion in the next three years, though Iqbal said Sharif is dreaming of doubling even this volume.

For China, investing in Pakistan's crumbling infrastructure is a chance to boost trade but also about using its southwestern neighbour's workforce as it seeks to keep prices down while satisfying growing domestic demand.

"Some industries are becoming very costly in China and their government feels they can get cheaper labour in Pakistan for those factories, which includes electronics and autos," Ahmed Rashid Malik, senior research fellow at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad, told AFP.

"For that they need energy in Pakistan and investing in Pakistan's energy sector can prove beneficial for China in future."

But there are dissenting voices, raising worries about possible corruption in the somewhat opaque deals struck between Pakistani government departments and provincial administrations and Chinese firms.

"The capacity of Pakistani bureaucracy and the issue of transparency in this whole development plan is a source of concern for me," Senator Mushahid Hussain, chairman of Pakistan China Institute and a strong advocate of Pakistan-China friendship, told AFP.

"There have been allegations of corruption against them in the past, so it's a challenge for us to utilise this opportunity which came to us through Chinese cooperation," he said. / By Khurram Shahzad / AFP News

Kakampi mo ang Batas... from page 5

be corrupt and plunderous once they are elected or appointed, we often forget that in our own daily lives, we are ourselves corrupt and self-centered, unmindful of the rights of others, as the example of the taxi glaringly showed.

If we, as a people, only think of our own interests, then our leaders will naturally do the same thing, because that is what these leaders see in all of us. If we want our leaders, therefore, to stop being self-centered, to stop thinking only of their own welfare and well-being, we as a people should start the change towards being more caring for others, in our own small ways. Our leaders will surely follow suit afterwards. / REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: melanielazomauriciojr@outlook.com, mmauriciojr111@gmail.com, and batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

Advocacy Mindanow... from page 4

Now, kind souls come to the facility bringing sunshine and joy to the otherwise unfortunate victims of cancer. Beth counted about 9 or so of them sick with leukemia — and so young in age. While we were leaving, we met at the sidewalk a young couple bringing down from their van food and items into the house. Someone was celebrating a birthday in the couple's family and what better celebration they could have than by bringing their "handa" and goodies and bringing cheers instead to the sick children.

I looked at the children's eyes as they sang christmas songs to us. I knew some of them would die soon. Others would have to go through painful treatment and healing procedures. Some were so young they could not even comprehend what was happening to them. Some mothers left their families in the provinces just to be with them — for sure agonizing with them.

But then my thoughts consoled me thinking and believing that they are God's chosen few who suffer so that others like us may be given the opportunity to share and be blessed.

"Mader Ricky Reyes" runs a regular TV program at 9 a.m. every Saturday at GMA TV NEWS CHANNEL where he tirelessly calls for those blessed to share their blessings.

No wonder he is also so blessed. / **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** / Follow us at Twitter: [AMFI_Mindanow](#) / Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org / Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

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government to observe in dealing with unvalidated 211 titles..."

Yangot anchored his view on the presence of the native Ibaloi titles, where they were subjected to "historical injustice," being forced out of their rightful claims through American "colonial government."

After his speech, however, Councilors Faustino Olowan, Peter Fianza, Richard Carino and Betty Lourdes Tabanda asked for a more thorough study of the proposal. Queries have also been raised as to the authority to revert the 211 titles to public land status, or to affirm the veracity of ancestral land claimants.

The next public hearing is scheduled on January 16, 2014 at the multi-purpose hall./juliegfianza

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pyrolysis and will not involve incineration.

As proposed, the project will be at no cost to the city. The investor will take charge of locating its own lot, constructing its building and other infrastructure and machineries. It will oversee the entire operations and will also take over the collection of the wastes from the barangays.

The investor will recoup the investment cost through the sale of electricity it will generate which is pegged at 10-12 megawatts of power daily. After ten years, the city stands to receive a share from the earnings. The deal will be for 25 years./A Refuerzo

Mayor... from page 3

being duped into assisting in traffic and safety control for foot races advertised as 'for-a-cause' that turn out to be profiteering events at the expense of our community," Fangasan said.

She also appealed to media not to announce or advertise fund drives unless these are covered by a mayor's permit and for them to help her office follow up and monitor the distribution of the proceeds to the beneficiaries.

"For the sake of transparency and in recognition of the contributions of donor," the administrative order stressed that developments in the drive should be submitted to the media for airing and publication, to eventually include the names of the donors and the names and personal circumstances of beneficiaries.

The mayor's crackdown on sham fund-raisers was well-received by pioneer folksingers here who began sharing their talents for free in concerts-for-a-cause they launched as early as the '70s, at the height of student activism.

"We stopped mounting concerts-for-a-cause when we realized that there were copycats who held their own events that were not transparent, with no disclosure of how much was raised and to whom it went to," noted Conrad Marzan, former lead singer of the Foggy Mountain Band.

Now based in Northern California, Marzan came home last summer for "Baguio Reunion", a concert-for-a-cause he performed in with teammates Mhia, BubutOlarde, March Fianza, Alfred Dizon, Alma Angiwan, Liza Noble and the police regional combo.

That May 20 concert was sponsored by the Association of Government Information Officers-Cordillera and supported by the Philippine Information Agency., the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives, the Regional Police Command, and the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

That concert raised P111,600, divided into P27,200 each for 10-year old kidney patient Chelsea Benito; kidney patient June Willy of PTV4 and cancer patient Linda Fines of the Department of Tourism; P5,000 each for jail officer Jonathan Bulwayan who was suffering from kidney failure, jeepney dispatcher and cancer patient Randy Almoite of Crystal Cave and cancer patient Eufemia Santos of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board.; P6,000 for police officer and kidney patient Rolando Dulay; P6,000 for the hospital bills of senior citizen Alfredo Quidilig; and P3,000 for folksinger DolpoPedronio./Ramon Dacawi.

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
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FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
Abatan, Buguias,
Benguet

IN THE MATTER
FOR THE CORREC-
TION

OF THE ENTRIES
IN THE CERTIFI-
CATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF
PURITA QUIRINO
PALASI

(formerly PURITA
TUDLONG
QUIRINO)
AS TO HER YEAR
OF BIRTH FROM
"1964" to "1966",

PURIOTA QUIRINO-
PALASI,

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS
CASE NO. 13-C-227

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
MANKAYAN,
BENGUET, AND
THE NATIONAL
STATISTICS
OFFICE (NSO),

Respondents.

x————x

ORDER

Petitioner Purita Quirino- Palasi, through counsel filed the instant verified Petition, praying that after due notice and hearing, her date of birth, indicated in her Certificate of Live Birth as "June 7, 1964", be corrected to "June 7, 1966", her true and correct date of birth. Copies of her Certificates of Live

Birth, issued by the respondent Offices, are attached to the Petition as Annexes "B" and "c".

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, initial hearing is hereby set on January 28, 2014 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. All persons interested 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 THE JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not later than December 8, 2013

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias,
Benguet,
Philippines, this 4th
day of December

2013.

By: (SGD) AGAPITO
K. LAOANGAN, JR.
Presiding Judge

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Bulwagan ng
Katarungan, Justice
Hill, La Trinidad

RURAL BANK OF
I T O G O N
(BENGUET), INC.,

*Petitioner-Mort-
gagee,*

versus-

EFREN BALASEN,
*Respondent-
Mortgagor.*

x————x

CASE NO. 13-Exf-
1746

FOR: EXTRA-
JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL
ESTATE MORT-
GAGE
UNDER ACT NO.
3135,
AS AMENDED

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, RURAL BANK OF ITOGON (BENGUET), INC., duly organized and existing under by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at UB Square, General Luna Rd., Baguio City, represented herein by its Manager, IMELDA E. INSO, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of respondent-mortgagor, EFREN E. BALASIN, single, of legal age and a resident of Bua, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagor, in order to satisfy his obligation to the mortgagee which as of 3 December 2013, amounts to TWO HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE & 33/100 (P276,345.33), Philippine Currency, consist of Eighteen

(18%) percent interest per annum, Ten (10%) percent per annum of the principal amount as penalty, Twenty (20%) percent on whatever amount is due to the mortgagee from the mortgagor as attorney's fee as agreed and contained in the pertinent promissory note but exclusive of previous interest balances and other charges. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on 7 January 2014 at 10: 30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, one (1) property covered by and highest embraced in Tax Declaration No. 99-007-03949, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TAX DECLARATION NO. 99-007-03949

"A parcel of land located at Bua, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, Bounded on the North by Alejo Pacalso School and Cemetery; on the East by Public

Land; on the South by Public Land and Precipice. Containing and area of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN (17,615) SQUARE METERS. Assessed at P33,330.33. 2007 Realty Tax paid under OR No. 0185196 dated January 26, 2007 at Itogon, Benguet. Not yet registered under Act No. 496 nor under Spanish Mortgage Law but registrable under Act No. 3344 as amended. This includes all improvements thereon.

Bounded by visible monuments and the present possessor is EFREN BALASIN."

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby re-scheduled on 29 January 2014 at the same time and place without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at the "THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER," a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks.

La Trinidad,

Mhiato Lead...

neered or remain active in honest-to-goodness concerts-for-a-cause here over the years.

The Christmas treat is sponsored by the Association of Government Information Officers-Cordillera (ASGIOCO), the same group that mounted "Baguio Reunion", Mhia's coming home concert with fellow expatriate Conrad Marzan last May 20 that raised P111,600 for six other patients.

"Baguio Reunion II", as the upcoming concert is dubbed, will be for former newscaster and country music spinner Cesar Marzan of DZWT-DZWR who is suffering from protesta and colon cancer, Baguio folk and country musician Art Mina who has been sidelined for heart ailment, and Graciela Solano, a 23-year old single parent of two kids from Loakan Proper, Baguio, who needs surgery for tuberculosis arthritis.

It is dedicated to four kidney patients who are undergoing thrice- or twice-a-week hemodialysis treatment at the BGHMC: Quakely Lisayen, a 23-year old former volunteer of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council who was diagnosed for end-stage kidney failure last September;

Agustin Gayao, a 54-year old unemployed father of two from Apugan, Irisan, Baguio; Lennon Cambod, 46-year old father of four from Pinget, Baguio; and 23-year old Mary Grace Binay-an, former Sangguniang Kabataan chair of Irisan barangay who is into three times a week hemodialysis.

It is also in memory of kidney patient James Belinan, a 57-year old father of six from Kapangan, Benguet, who passed on as the concert preparations were being finalized.

In keeping with tradition established by pioneer folk and country musicians here, bulk of the ticket sales and proceeds will go to the identified beneficiaries and will be subject of full disclosure through the media after the concert.

With this guidepost, the ASGIOCO has been issued a permit to hold the concert, Permit No. 001-12-13. It was the first permit signed by mayor Mauricio Domogan after he issued last Dec. 6 Admin. Order 215 that spelled out rules and regulations in the conduct of fund drives in Baguio, primarily to protect legitimate charity and civic drives from profit-oriented events that are disguised as fun-runs, concerts, dinner shows "for-a-cause".

As was done in the concert last May 20, the ASGIOCO headed by Dr. Manny Quirino of the BGHMC will publicize the amount raised in this Dec. 23 performance and its distribution to the beneficiaries.

"Baguio Reunion II" is co-sponsored by the Philippine Information Agency headed by regional director Helen Tibaldo, with support from the Cordillera Association of Regional Executives (CARE), the Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC), BGHMC, the Police Regional Office-Cordillera (PRO-COR) and the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO).

As in the previous concert, the PRO-COR band led by Sr. Insp. Henry Domogan will be among the artists to be featured, so with the newly established country music band of the BCPO./Ramon Dacawi.

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cally affected by the typhoon but also those pregnant women mothers who would give birth.

Among the long term solution he said will be for the rehabilitation of health facilities, rural health centers in the barangays and municipalities.

Benguet, Philippines,
this 9th day of Decem-
ber, 2013.

FOR THE PROVIN-
CIAL EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF OF
BENGUET

BY: (SGD) HENRY B.
LONGAY, JR.
Sheriff IV

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The forum organized by the Forum for Family Planning and Development Inc. (Forum4FP) dealt on the issues and concerns affecting the recent calamities that struck Visayas recently.

Meanwhile, Presidential Communications Operations Office Herminio Coloma, Jr. said that President Aquino thanked the erstwhile legislator for accepting his invitation for him to assume a lead role in overseeing the rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the deadly storm./JDP/ RMC/ Jemimah Villanueva/ UB-PIA Intern



“COOPERATE” – Mayor Mauricio Domogan appeals to drivers and operators of Public Utility Vehicles to cooperate with the city government in ensuring clean air by maintaining their vehicles and strictly abiding with the Clean Air Ordinance during the Seminar for Drivers and Operators on preventive Maintenance, Traffic Laws and Values conducted by the City Environment and Parks management Office (CEPMO) at the Baguio Sewage Treatment Plant last December 12./Photo by paul rillorta

Top Performing Barangays to be Honored

BAGUIO CITY - Outstanding cooperatives, Barangay Lupon ng Tagapamayapa, best performing barangay, top peace and order council, and partner agencies and volunteers of pasadang pambarangay shall be feted this Tuesday morning, Dec. 17, at the Abada hall, Teachers Camp.

Said barangay-based groups have been evaluated by personnel from the Cooperatives Development Authority (CDA), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Environment and

Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the barangays and other concerned offices.

Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr., Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice-mayor Daniel

Farinas shall deliver their respective inspirational messages with the city hall choir and dance troupe providing the anthem and intermission numbers.

The city's top officials together with community affairs officers Noel

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Mayor urges barangay kagawads for a collective effort

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan in his inspirational message during the general

assembly of the Association of Barangay Kagawads last December 9 was hopeful for a unified

partnership and teamwork from the new set of barangay officials.

“The success of the city depends on the success of

the different barangays. And, the concern of every

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Mhiato Lead Christmas

Concert for Eight Patients

MhiaTibunsay, the former lead singer of The Foggy Mountain Band, will be belting out folk, pop, country and the carols of the season in a homecoming and reunion concert here on

Dec. 23 to fulfill anew her wish to reach out to the needy, this time for eight seriously ill patients.

Mhia will be teaming up with the likes of lawyer-musician Jose “Bubut” Olarte,

Bryan Aliping, Kenneth, Redneck Band, March Fianza, Liza Noble, Alma Angiwan, Alfred Dizon, Diane, Dick Oakes and other home-bred artists who pio-

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