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## CJHDevCo Directors and Officers Charged with Malversation



**NO PROPER PLANNING** - A road digging for the construction of drainage canal along Guisad Road further constricting and congesting the traffic situation while the "LONGEST BRIDGE" construction near Easter School supposed to be finished by July this year is long over-due giving more inconveniences to the motorists and the riding public./By Bong Cayabyab

The state-owned Bases

Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) filed today before the Department of Justice (DOJ) 52 counts of malversation against the Board of Directors and officials of Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) and its subsidiary, Camp John Hay Hotel Corporation (CJH Hotels), for the latter's refusal to return 26 BCDA-owned hotel units located in Camp John Hay Manor and Camp John Hay Suites, Baguio City, as well as to give BCDA an accounting of the revenues earned by CJHDevCo and CJH Hotels from the operations of the 26 rooms.

The 22-page complaint stated that the CJHDevCo directors and officers, even after the lawful demand of the BCDA, refused to return the public properties to the government. These properties are 16 units of the CJH Manor hotel and 10 units of the CJH Suites Hotel which have a total value of P121 Million.

The complaint further stated that CJHDevCo continues to earn from these units but refused to provide the liquidation of public funds—revenues that it earned from the use and **Cont. on page 10**

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*Maniwala kayo, walang mangyayari sa mga kaso-kaso na yan laban sa Camp John Hay Development Corp!!! Abangan at panoorin ang patuloy na magagandang eksena ng Moro-Moro at Sarsuela!!!*

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## No more 'Insertions' in the City Council Agenda

The city council recently restored its standing rule that only items which are submitted on or before the Thursday noon deadline shall be discussed in the Monday regular session.

The return to procedure was triggered by councilor Richard Carino who observed that new matters are orally included and taken up first during the session, "to the prejudice of those previously (listed) items in the agenda".

That prompted councilor Nicasio Palaganas to point out the existence of the old rule that only matters submitted before the Thursday noon deadline should be discussed up during the session the following Monday.

As has been the practice for quite sometime now – several new matters were already included on the floor last Monday before the body could tackle the old items repeatedly listed in the printed agenda but not taken up in previous sessions that gave priority to "insertions".

Notwithstanding the rule cited by Palaganas, Edison Bilog said "we are allowed to insert urgent matters" in the agenda. He, however, noted the need to define what is "urgent", saying "what is urgent to one member may not be such to another".

Impliedly, councilor Philian Weygan-Allan suggested that the practice of presenting new matters on the floor could be due to a common concern that these would stay dormant and never acted on if these are referred to the various committees, which is the normal procedure.

"Direct (it) to committee, it will never find the light of day," Allan rued.

Bilog moved for a deferment of the motion for a return to the old rule but there was no second.

Palaganas restated the motion after councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda sought clarification.

How about the point of councilor Bilog about urgent matters?, councilor Joel Alangsab asked.

"We are directing ourselves to follow our rules?," wondered councilor Fred Bagbagen. "(If that is the case), we are a laughing stock."/RD

## Domogan Calls for Blacklist of Erring Contractors

Citing the case of newly applied road asphalt overlay literally going down the drain these rainy days, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently urged the Department of Public Works and Highways to "blacklist" contractors doing sub-standard projects in the city.

At the same time, the mayor called on the DPWH and the city

engineer's office to take measures to improve the drainage systems of national and city roads which virtually turn into wide floodwater canals like they were beds of swollen rivers.

At the weekly city department heads meeting, Domogan also directed the city engineer's office to compel the Baguio Water District to fully measure up to standards in the res-

toration of roads it dug up in the laying of water pipes.

Domogan said BWD's restoration work has been found "defective", referring to the sub-standard refilling mixture and compaction, resulting in the fraying of the same and sagging of road portions dug up earlier.

"I have written district Engineer Ireneo Gallato for the blacklisting of contractors not meeting

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## Sept. 9 Fun-Run Accents on Baguio Theme

Runners and even those who prefer to jog or walk a shorter course than the five-kilometer route in the "Run For Life 2" fun-run-for-a-cause on Sept. 9 will give substance to Baguio's 103<sup>rd</sup> charter anniversary theme - "Fostering a Sense of History, Community and Continuity".

The course, mostly along Baguio's scenic east side, will pass by the historic residences of national government officials built during the American colonial period, partly for the fact that the city's founding fathers needed to have the first rays of the sun strike their homes on those cold, misty mornings of the city's formative years.

Their sense of community drove today's grassroots leaders to rally running, jogging and walking buffs of all ages to answer the starting gun three Sundays from now. Not for cash prizes or medals but for the "feel-good" atmosphere at having contributed to fostering the sense of community that was

## Samaritans Respond to Patients' Plea

Whoever these Samaritans are, kidney patients Sabino Adian and John Mark Tiyad won't forget them for the additional lease on life that these strangers extended to them.

the mark of the old Baguio. That was when this upland resort was one neighborhood, one community, not 128 barangays.

The run – or walk – begins and ends in-front of the Rizal Elementary School, a mass attempt to pool funds to ensure the continuity of healing, for six seriously ill and financially strapped members of the Baguio community.

Even those who won't run or walk that day can be part of the healing, by sponsoring those who will, at P200 per runner or walker. Or they can bring a coffee maker, cups, ground coffee, tea bags or a bag of sugar or pan de sal, or simply help serve these to those who have crossed the finish line.

Those with motorcycles or vehicles can sign up to escort the runners. Others can donate a jug of drinking water or man the watering stations along the way.

As Sept. 9 draws near, medical doctors can open their clinics and check on the physical fitness of would-be runners for free.

So will public school teacher Magdalena Osias of Fort del Pilar Elementary School long remember that establishment along Session Road and the children and

The community effort, initiated by barangay captains who feel the need to be more than village chiefs under the "Samahang B a r a n g a y Pangkalikasan", is simply that – to heighten our sense of community and give meaning to the anniversary of our city's founding.

It's a run for life as proceeds will be for six seriously ill patients, including Rizal Elementary School teacher Elenita Soriano or Teachers Camp-Cabinet Hill who has been sidelined for months now due to cancer.

It's for burn victim Geoffrey Alipio Malag of Upper Dagsian, cancer patient Ma. Elena Rimando of T. Alonzo St., car accident victim Tommy Fabro of Engineer's Hill, cancer patient Jacklyn Onal of Outlook Drive, and tumor victim Rodrigo Santiago of South Sanitary Camp.

If you want to help flesh out Baguio's anniversary theme through this "Run for Life", contact SBP acting chairman and Outlook Drive punong

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teachers of Spring Hills Elementary School at neighboring Loakan Apugan.

That establishment – a restaurant managed by a family of quiet Samaritans – handed Osias

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## Mayor Firm no Ruse on Athletic Bowl Project

BAGUIO CITY – There is no irregularity in the plan to develop Athletic Bowl and other areas in Burnham Park, Mayor Mauricio Domogan reiterated on Wednesday.

In his Ugnayang Panglungsod press briefing the mayor dismissed the claims of anomaly and bribery as a product of “malicious minds trying to twist the situation for their own personal (and political) agenda.”

The mayor said the terms of reference (TORs) for the proposed multi-billion project which are now under scrutiny by the city council were formulated under legally established procedures and that all the required steps including the aspect of establishing social acceptability will be observed by the city in tackling the development plan.

“There is no real controversy on the project,” the mayor stressed.

The TORs provide the parameters for the proposed development project to cost P4.3 billion and these terms were prepared by a technical working committee which the mayor formed to ensure that the proposed project will not contravene the master development plan drawn by the University of the Cordilleras for Burnham Park which the city adopted as blueprint for the development of city’s premiere park. Among the members of the committee is Architect Robert Romero of UC who designed the master plan.

The mayor formed the technical committee after the city council approved a resolution in November last year giving the go signal for the rehabilitation project after the city received a proposal from a foreign company for the Athletic Bowl project.

He said the technical committee members were impressed by the offer and prepared the initial TORs which were submitted to the city council for approval.

If approved by the council, the TOR will return to the committee for the conduct of a feasibility study, the result of which will again be referred to the city council which will subject the matter to a public hearing.

The TOR and feasibility study will also be referred to the City Development Council and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) for approval.

The mayor said only when this whole process has been satisfied can the project be bid out to qualified investors.

The mayor also clarified that the project can not qualify under an “unsolicited mode of development” as provided in the city council resolution and will instead be considered as “solicited mode of development” under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) law.

“This is because according to NEDA, only projects that are prioritized by the government and projects that introduce new technology not available in the Philippines can be considered under the unsolicited mode,” the mayor said.

The mayor said the proposed development will cover the upgrading of Athletic Bowl, the tennis court and swimming pool but these will remain as city government properties along with the revenues generated from them.

The developer will also transform the city of the former city auditorium into a commercial complex and this will serve as the bread and butter of the investor. He assured that no trees will be affected in this site.

“The lake, the children’s park, Melvin Jones, orchidarium will not be touched,” the mayor said.

Part of the proposal will be the installation of a monorail along the park as an added tourist attraction./A Refuerzo

## Medical Mission set Sept. 9

The ailing mission, city poorest of the poor – some 2,000 of them – will be the target of a medical-dental mission on September 9 to mark Baguio’s 103<sup>rd</sup> founding anniversary on the theme “Fostering a Sense of History, Community and Continuity”. As chair of the

the Rotary and Lions. Tinoyan and city administrator Carlos Canilao said the initial meeting with leaders of the various sectors of the community drew spontaneous commitments to the mission – in terms of volunteer service and donations of medicine and equipment

## Baguio, Benguet Join National Mourning

“Let’s live out our lives as best as we could – for a purpose-, so that we make a difference (as did) the kind of life that Secretary (Jesse) Robredo lived, as a champion of those who have less in life.”

With that counsel, city mayor Mauricio Domogan, together with provincial Gov. Nestor Fongwan, led Baguio and Benguet residents in paying tribute to Interior and Local Government Secretary Robredo, who died in a plane crash last Aug. 18.

“Grief in our hearts, our spirit shattered, our hearts broken,” the mayor said, referring to the shock and sense of loss that swept the country over the news of the death of the secretary who gained international stature for his numerous local governance programs when he was mayor of Naga City in the Bicol Region.

“This is a special moment to celebrate his life, and to thank him for his footprints of love (as city mayor) and his contributions through the reforms he initiated in the DILG,” the mayor said.

Domogan was referring to the “Good Housekeeping” awards program Robredo initiated to recognize the effective programs of towns, cities and provinces in the country.

“This is the first time that the efforts of the local government units are being recognized (through the Good Housekeeping award),” noted Gov. Fongwan at the end of a requiem mass for Robredo last Thursday afternoon at the Baguio Cathedral.

“It is impossible that we will have (another) Robredo,” Fongwan added, referring to the secretary’s track record in steering Naga to become one of the most progressive and peaceful local government units in the country and in providing incentives to good local governance.

“The secretary called me up asking how Benguet was just when a recent typhoon was about to struck,” Fongwan recalled. “He is the only secretary who calls or sends text messages to you and answers your message.”

“It is difficult to pay tribute to a mujliti-awarded leader and friend of civil society,” added non-government organization leader Marieta Paragas.

“We will not back down, we will continue your crusade for good governance,” she vowed.

Assistant regional director Jonathan Paul Leusen of the DILG described Robredo “taong walang kapaguran” (tireless), a “pathfinder who focused on performance and public accountability”, yet was an example of humility.

The city formally expressed its sense of loss through a resolution of condolence read by city councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, and another read by city councilor Joel Alangsab on behalf of the Association of Barangay Councils.

Tabanda, as president of the local chapter of the Philippine Councilors League, also spearheaded a memorial mass last Friday morning at the city hall lobby./Ramon Dacawi

## City Marks Civil Service Anniversary

BAGUIO CITY - The city government will mark the 112<sup>th</sup> Philippine Civil Service Anniversary with various activities to be launched tomorrow (Sept. 3), 8 a.m. at the City Hall grounds.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan enjoined government employees to continue striving for better service in keeping with this year’s celebration theme, “Kawani, Ikaw ay Isang Lingkod Bayani.” The launching program will be followed by an Ugnayan at Balitana

press briefing at the Multi-purpose Hall. A Government Festival featuring fun activities will be conducted on Sept. 7 at the Teachers’ Camp by the Civil Service Commission regional office. The annual awards and tribute to outstanding and loyal employees of the city government is set for Sept. 28, 9 a.m. at the Hotel Supreme with retired Commission on Audit Assistant Commissioner Rogelio Urbano as guest of honor and speaker. Other activities for the month-long celebration include special treats for city employees they will be treated to free services like hair cut, manicure/pedicure, massage at the Baguio Convention Center on Sept. 10-12, free bone scanning, Sept. 18-19 at

needed to run the day-long program. “It’s an all-for-one, one-for-all effort,” Tinoyan said. The target patients shall be identified with the assistance of the city’s punong barangays and the city social welfare development of

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## Blurred Consensus

"If everyone helps to holds up the sky, then a person does not tire". This Ghanaian proverb describes a paradox that undergirds today's fractious debate over the Reproductive Health Bill. Seemingly intractable differences blur deep rooted agreements.

In the public "quarrel" over the RH bill, Archbishop Socrates Villegas fretted that youth "might be left on the fringes, as usual, to be voiceless spectators...(They may) grow cynical because we adults cannot agree."

Yet, supporters and critics do agree on major issues. Both spurn abortion, for example. Section 3 (j) of RH 4244 declares: "Abortion is illegal and punishable by law." All welcome this provision: "All women needing care for post-abortion complications shall be treated and counseled in a humane, non-judgmental and compassionate manner."

We're not a monochromatic nation, like North Korea. Filipinos freely hold diverse creeds. Surf religious affiliation data. Catholic make up 80.9% of the population, Muslim 5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Iglesia ni Kristo 2.3%, Aglipayan 2%, other Christians 4.5%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.6%, none 0.1%.

To maintain unity amid diversity, the Constitution mandates respect for religious liberty — within a structure that divides church and state, Joaquin Bernas of Ateneo Law School notes. "(All seek) a government free from religious dictation but not hostile to religion...Legislating values that come from religion, but are not commonly held, will divide the nation.

Catholics may, therefore, heed "Humanae Vitae". But they can not impose that encyclical on, say Aglipayans. Muslims can hew to the Koran and Hadith. They've no right to clamp that on a Buddhist or an Iglesia ni Kristo follower.

"Those responsible for government are required to interpret the common good of their country," states Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church Compendium. Not merely for the majority though. It must seek "the effective good of all the members of the community, including the minority".

Both advocates and critics of the RH bill concur on curbing soonest the scandal of rising but preventable maternal deaths. Indeed, "the issue on maternal deaths is a serious concern," Catholic Bishop's Conference Jose Palma stressed. But "the solution does not lie in suppressing births as provided in the RH Bill.

"Quod gratis asseritur, gratis negatur, responded 30 UP economists in their paper: "Population, Poverty, Politics and RH Bill". "What is freely asserted may be freely denied." Look instead at the hard data documenting a tragic U-turn in death rates for mothers.

Flabby responsible parenthood programs whittled down maternal deaths too slowly here. In 1990, deaths of mothers stood at 209 for ever 100,000 live births. That dwindled to 162 deaths in 2006 — more than quadruple that of Thailand or Malaysia.

In Scandinavian countries, the risk of a woman dying during or following pregnancy is 1 in 4300. Our Swedish daughter-in-law's eyes widened when we told her: "It is 1 in 31 here." Yet, responding to unmet need for family planning could slash maternal deaths by almost a third".

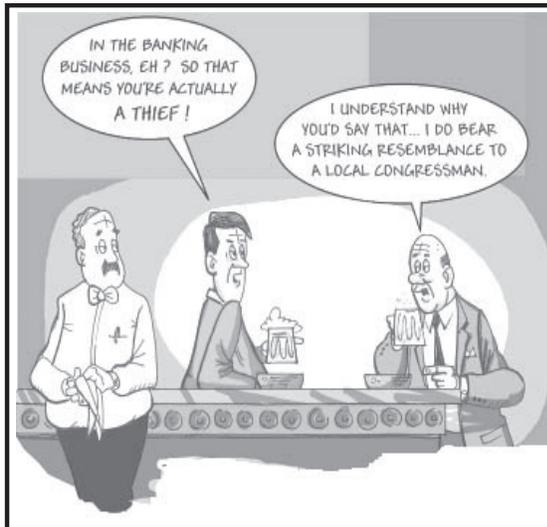
More can be done to save mothers from premature graves or kids being orphaned. "We are each other's harvest ....each other's magnitude and bond." Ironically, more mothers die today.

Maternal mortality ratio surged to 221 per 100,000 live births, Sociologist Mary Racelis noted. Since 2011, the National Statistics Office found 15 mothers die everyday due complications in pregnancy and childbirth — up from 11 three years back.

Underground abortionists account for 12 percent of maternal deaths. UP Population Institute estimates. Roughly, 560,000 abortions are induced yearly. Only 90,000 mothers get post abortion care. In 2008, about half of 3.4 million pregnancies were unintended. One in four of uneducated teenagers begin childbearing compared with only 3 percent of those who have attended college or higher. "Pregnancy rate among teen-aged girls rose from 39 per 1,000 women in 2006 to 54 more recently."

Finger-pointing of the past is futile, both pro and anti RH bill advocates agree. No one need be cast into the exterior darkness. There is good will on all sides.

"When deeds speak, words are nothing," the African proverb says, "Look at Misamis Oriental and Camiguin. There, government agencies and church cooperate in popu- **Cont. on page 10**



## ADVOCACY MINDANAW

### *The Legacy of SM's Henry Sy, Sr.*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I was on a private plane from **Manila** to **General Santos City** with **Hans Sy**, one of the sons of tycoon **Henry Sy, Sr.** last week. We flew to attend the opening of the new **SM Mall**, a mammoth virtual mini city in the heart of Gensan City. And for about two and a half hours of flying, I got a rare glimpse of the old-fashioned values and the pioneering efforts of the **Sy** patriarch from his son Hans who oversees for the family the 45 big SM malls in the country (soon to be 46 with the **SM Lanang Premier Davao** within the next month or so) and the 4 big grand malls in **China** with one additional soon to open. Hans takes care of **SM Prime Holdings** including **China Bank Corporation** and a long list of other big ticket investments.

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Patriarch **Henry, Sr** who today is on wheelchair still insists to this day that he is informed of major business developments of the family. All six children, including Hans take charge of the varied business ventures. **Teresita Sy Cason** is assigned to handle **Banco de Oro** and the department stores; **Elizabeth Sy**, the **SM Hotels**; **Henry Sy, Jr.**, the **SM Development Corp**, **Herbert Sy**, the **SM Retail Food Group** (supermarkets, hypermarkets and savemore) and **Harley Sy, SM Investments**.

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I found fascinating the family-centered values that somehow welded the **Sy** family of 6 children together up to the present day. By the way, I have not gotten Hans' permission to make some of our conversations public as some were personal matters and given in intimate, unguarded and informal chat, but I'll take the chance nevertheless knowing that they resonate with my own experience, although at an entirely different level and situation. And there are lessons there to share.

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For example, Hans recalled that not one of his siblings during college went to school abroad although the family could very well afford to send them anywhere in the world to study. Their father, **Henry Sr.** wanted to keep the family bond closely knit and did not allow anyone to leave the family during their formative years. They all stayed under one roof. At times in one room. At age 14 they were already trained to work in the family business. To keep invasive values from affecting the young minds, there were no TV sets in the children's rooms. To watch, they had to join others in the living room.

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I recall my own childhood. All eight of us brothers and sisters stayed in one room, simply because we had no other choice as we had only one bedroom for all of us and we slept under one big mosquito net in the 2nd floor of the house in the barrio in the south. There was no 1st floor by the way so it was not a matter of choice.

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When later I got married and my own 4 kids were of school aged, my wife **Beth** and I insisted that they all **Cont. on page 9**

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Scandal In State Colleges  
and Universities*By: **BATAS MAURICIO**

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more..." (Hebrews 8:12, the Holy Bible).

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**WE ARE ALL PLAGIARISTS:** The charges of plagiarism being aired against Senators Tito Sotto and Pia Cayetano, from Filipino and foreign critics, are all unfair. In this age where there is nothing new under the sun, where almost all areas of life have already been talked about, it is not plagiarism to be talking about ideas and thoughts and perceptions even if in doing so, we use the language, the sentence construction, the syntax, and even the very words of another person.

Using the language, the sentence construction, the syntax and even the words of another writer or a speaker when we make our own presentations or write our own papers or talk about our own ideas is simply a form of verbalizing our own thoughts and mental concepts. The key here is in understanding that anyone trying to put across his ideas will necessarily touch on ideas already expounded upon by others. In this sense, we are all plagiarists.

The Bible, in its Ecclesiastes 1:9-10, makes this very clear for all of us: "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, 'Look! This is something new'? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time."

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**EDUCATIONSCANDAL: WHY SO MANY FOREIGN STUDENTS?** Perhaps, someone should investigate why many of our state colleges and universities today seem to have set aside their mandate of educating poor Filipino youngsters and have instead chosen to coddle in their campuses thousands and thousands of foreign students who really have no business being enrolled in government-run educational institutions.

I mean, government schools are subsidized by public funds, and are intended to provide tertiary education to young Filipino men and women who cannot afford to go to private colleges and universities because they are so poor they have no money to pay the usually excessive tuition fees of these private educational institutions.

And yet, foreign students appear to have dislodged their Filipino counterparts in most of our state colleges and universities as of now. Just a brief walk through these government schools will show what we mean—Koreans, Indonesians, Indians, and a host of other foreigners are swarming all over their campuses, edging out Filipino students. What is happening here, Chairman Patricia Licuanan of the Commission on Higher Education?

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**FEEDING PROGRAM AT CAGAYAN DE ORO:** Here's a Facebook letter from Mindanao: "Peace! Please allow this letter to introduce you to the Youth Growth Mindanao Organization, a volunteer group of young minds from various sectors—students, out-of-school youth, and working individuals who voluntarily work and actively participate in activities like tree planting, feeding programs, clean up drive, information drive, medical mission of government agencies, NGOs, media, and other groups as well.

"We will be having a feeding program and clean up drive program at Lapasan, Cagayan De Oro City this coming September 09, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. as part of our 2nd Year Anniversary celebration this Sept. 15, for which we ask you for our financial assistance to make this event and celebration a success.

"Thank you in advance and we would sincerely appreciate your generous help towards this noble cause. Please see and search us: ygmorganization@yahoo.com or like us at facebook: youth growth mindanao organization. Re-

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## DILG Recognizes Top Performing LGUs for 2011

**BONTOC, Mt. Province** — This province was recognized by the Department of Interior and Local Government as among the top performing local government units or 2011 based on the result of the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMs) administered annually by the department.

Mountain Province earned an average rating of 4.855 ranking sixth among ten identified provinces. The other provinces are: Bohol (4.91); La Union (4.89); Cavite (4.88); Pangasinan (4.87); South Cotabato (4.864); Albay (4.839); Bulacan (4.836); Rizal (4.832); and Ilocos Norte (4.828).

Top performing highly urbanized cities are San Juan City (4.9); Puerto Princesa City (4.88); Iloilo City (4.87); Valenzuela City (4.85); Makati City (4.819); Angeles City (4.816); Tacloban City (4.77); Quezon City (4.75); Taguig City (4.71); and Davao City (4.7).

For component Cities, the following led the awardees: Laoag City (4.99); Naga City (4.93); Vigan City (4.921); Ligao City (4.917); Tagaytay City (4.87); Cabanatuan City (4.86); Dipolog City (4.83); Calamba City (4.82); San Fernando City, La Union (4.81); and La Carlota City (4.79).

Meanwhile, the municipalities of Ilagan, Isabela (4.92); Carmona, Cavite (4.9); Santol, La Union (4.89); Alimodian, Iloilo (4.883); San Mateo, Isabela (4.879); San Luis, Aurora (4.86); Surallah, South Cotabato (4.843); Maslog, Eastern Samar and New Lucena, Iloilo (4.839); Bacoor, Cavite (4.822); and San Gabriel, La Union (4.820) topped the municipal level.

Considered as an instrument to institutionalize the value of accountability, transparency and involvement to local administration and development, LGPMs would also enable local government units to examine its capabilities and limitations in pursuance to their mission of delivering public services.

Local government units are assessed and ranked based on administrative governance, social governance, economic governance, environmental governance and fundamentals of good governance, which include transparency, participation, and financial accountability. They will be given a grade ranging from one to five, with one as the lowest and five as the highest.

A team composed of representatives from the national and local governments conducts the evaluation and after which it will be validated by civil society organizations to maintain impartiality.

A DILG press release last August 13 quoted the late DILG Secretary Jess Robredo as saying that LGPMs topnotchers do not only earn the distinction of being among the best performing LGUs but they will also have a greater chance to be nominated to the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, which is being conferred to LGUs that advance the tenets of good governance based on certain criteria, including the LGPMs.

The Gawad Pamana ng Lahi aims to accord government recognition to provinces, cities and municipalities that have distinguished themselves in the performance of their roles and responsibilities not only on the basis of a single program performance but also on their significant and quantifiable achievements along major development initiatives in local governance.

When informed of the commendable feat, governor Leonard Mayaen said that it was a result of the continued cooperation of the employees and the civil society groups in their common desire to build a better and peaceful community for the coming generations. "It flatters me as head of the province to be accorded the award. As it recognizes the cooperation of our people to the present administration, it also poses more responsibilities since we have to sustain what we have achieved," Mayaen said.

Civil society groups say the award reflects the voluntary collaboration of sectors in helping the incumbent administration. "The special programs initiated by the governor are showing good results. Those who previously feel being snubbed by the government are now the ones taking the lead. Without these programs which catered to their needs, they could have remained part of the problem," they said.

Among the special programs of the present administration are the rebel returnee program which continues to provide financial assistance to former communist rebels; the livelihood program which enabled less fortunate individuals to start small businesses; the OFW program that enabled local residents to avail of interest-free loans to pay placement and other incidental expenses in processing their papers to work abroad; and, the student assistance program that gives out financial support to poor but deserving college students. / angel baybay

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## NSO to Conduct Consultative Forum for Census on Agriculture and Fisheries

BAGUIO CITY — The National Statistics Office- Cordillera Regional Office (NSO-CAR) will conduct a consultative forum with officials and members of local farmer and fisherfolk organizations in the region next month in line with the 2012 Census on Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF).

NSO Regional Director Olivia Gulla said beginning February 2013, the enumeration for the 2012 CAF will be conducted in all regions and provinces in the Philippines. Through the conduct of a consultative forum, farmers and fishermen will be informed about the census and the usefulness of the data they will provide, and the participants' cooperation/commitment will be also solicited for the success of the said census.

"The activity will help in the publicity and information campaign efforts for the said census and at the same time, it would help us solicit the ideas and views of farmers and fishermen regarding their usual activities, which will guide us in determining the best time for interview," Gulla added.

The effectiveness and success of the 2012 CAF lies on the accuracy and truthfulness of the information that will be provided by the respondents, who are the operators or those who grow crops, raise livestock and/or poultry, fishing operators and operators of fishponds, fish cages, fish pens, and other aquafarms", Gulla said.

Meantime, Gulla disclosed that NSO is also set to conduct the second batch of the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), an electronic compilation of basic information on farmers, farm laborers and fishermen. The establishment of the said database envisions manageable access to baseline agricultural information by government stakeholders.

"The RSBSA aims to create a master list of farmers, farm laborers and fishermen, as well as to provide basic data for national and/or sub-national development planning on agriculture and fisheries", Gulla said.

The first batch of RSBSA covering 20 pilot provinces in the country was finished last January. For this second batch, it will be undertaken from October to November 2012, covering the rest of the provinces and city/municipalities in the country, excluding the National Capital Region and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

For Cordillera, the RSBSA second batch will be conducted in the province of Benguet./ JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## OWWA-CAR Provides Livelihood Starter Kits to 17 OFW Returnees

BAGUIO CITY - Seventeen female Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) returnees and expatriates from Abra and Benguet can now start bread and pastry production business along with their families in the comfort of their own homes and communities.

Last August 16, these women were provided livelihood starter kits that include electric oven, portable mixer, blender, dough cutter, weighing scale, measuring cups and spoons and other baking utensils, under the government's 'Balik-Pinay, Balik Hanapbuhay' program, the Overseas Workers Welfare

Administration (OWWA-CAR), in coordination with the National Reintegration Center for OFWs. The starter kits which cost around P5,000 each. These beneficiaries had completed a free Basic Bread and Pastry Production skills training that OWWA, in partnership with the Baguio City Schools of Arts and Trade (BCSAT) - a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) institution conducted last June.

The awarding, which was held at the OWWA-CAR Regional Office along Magsaysay Avenue, was spearheaded by OWWA Regional Director Manuela Peña and

was assisted by Samuel Lasdacan of the DOLE Benguet Provincial Office and BCSAT Administrator Engr. David Bungallon.

According to Peña, it is a fact that female OFWs, especially mothers working away from their love ones, are the most affected by the social cost of migration. This is aside from the high risk of being exploited, both from labor-related or physical/sexual abuse, especially among those who work as domestic helpers.

Through the Balik Pinay, Balik Hanapbuhay program, it is the government's goal to provide female

## Women Smokers more Susceptible to Lung Cancer than Men, Expert says

BAGUIO CITY - Lung cancer remains to be the top mortality-related or the most common cause of cancer-related death nationwide and worldwide, and women smokers are more susceptible than men.

Dr. Israel Yasay of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), bared this in a recent Department of Health (DOH-CAR)- led kapihan forum in line

with advocacy for the health events for this month of August, which includes Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

According to Yasay, smoking per se will not cause lung cancer as the disease is multi-factorial, but exposure to smoking as well as on hazardous chemicals, are among the top risk factors of acquiring such disease and other fatal respiratory-related diseases.

A person who has a family member who died of lung cancer also has higher risk of acquiring or developing such kind of cancer, Yasay explained.

For the treatment and medication of lung cancer, Yasay stressed that early detection is still the most important factor emphasizing that chronic cough, cough with blood, chest pain and weight loss, are

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## BJMP Cordillera Celebrates 21st Anniversary

BAGUIO CITY- The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)-Cordillera is celebrating its 21st anniversary on August 31 with the theme, "Nangangalaga at Gumagabay tungo sa Matuwid na Buhay".

Invited guest of honor and speaker is Jail Chief Superintendent Diony D. Mamaril, the BJMP officer in-charge.

The anniversary program will be highlighted with presentation of awards and tokens to those who have served and help the agency attain its mission and goal.

Individual awards will go to J/Chief Inspector Julio Joaquin, chief operations and intelligence as senior officer of the year; J/Senior Inspector April Rose Ayangwa, chief-human resource division as staff officer

of the year; J/Insp Ray Cabradilla, chief-investigation and prosecution as junior officer of the year; J/Insp Wilson Banasen, BJMP-Benguet as provincial administrator of the year; J/SInsp Elvis Danglose of BJMP Tabuk District Jail as district jail warden of the year; J/SInsp Constancio Tanan of La Trinidad Municipal Jail as municipal jail warden of the year; Jail Officer 1 Marcelo Kitong as male jail non-commission officer of the year and Senior jail Officer 2 Lillian Banda as female jail non-commission officer of the year.

Recipients of special awards for individual category are: J/CInsp Severino Khita, warden, Baguio City Jail; J/CInsp Mary Ann Tresmanio, wardress, Baguio City Jail-Female Dorm; Senior Jail Officer 2 Donald Duldulao of Luna District Jail; JO1 Bonbon Pangcog of

Baguio City Jail; JO1 James Gabil of Baguio City Jail and regional book keeper Rhodavita Achapero.

Special awards for service providers are the City Government of Baguio, Local Government of La Trinidad, Benguet, Local Government of Tuba, Benguet, Rural Health Unit of Bucay, Abra, Agape International Ministries, Catholic Women's League-Kalinga Chapter, Life's Great Possibilities, Inc., Police Officer 1 Joyce Carias, Ramon Dacawi from the media and Fedencio Vallejo from the private sector.

With Corrections as one of the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System, the BJMP was created to address growing concerns of jail management and penology problem. Primarily, its clients are detain-

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## P6.6B DPWH-CAR 2013 Proposed Budget to Physically Connect Cordillera Provinces

BAGUIO CITY - In line with the government's effort to bring in the needed development for Cordillera by physically integrating or connecting all the

provinces in the region, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR), with the support of all the Cordillera congressmen and the

Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) submitted a P6.6 Billion 2013 budget proposal to Congress.

According to DPWH-CAR Regional Director

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

FAMILY COURT  
OF BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN AND FOR SAID CHILD TO BE NAMED URIEL NATHANIEL RICAFORT CAIDO

EMMANUEL DUMPIT CAIDO,  
*PETITIONER,*

-VERSUS-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAGUIO CITY,  
*RESPONDENT.*

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SPEC. PROC. CASE NO. 39-A FOR ADOPTION

ORDER

The above-entitled verified Petition was filed by the Petitioners, through counsel, and unto this Honorable Court, stating that:

1. That Petitioner is of legal age, widower, Filipino and residing at No. 141 Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City; the respondent is the present Local Civil Registry of Baguio City with office at the Baguio Health Center Cmpd., Baguio City and is impleaded as a nominal party to give effect to any orders that the Honorable Court may issue in this case;

2. That Petitioner was married to REGINA THERESA RICAFORT CAIDO, the latter having died at Baguio City on October 8, 2005, but that during their marriage they begot two (2) children namely URIELLE MARITHEA RICAFORT CAIDO who was born at Baguio City on February 7, 1996 and URIELLE THERESA RICAFORT CAIDO,

who was born at Cebu City on May 25, 1998;

3. That Petitioner has a cousin by the name of GRELITA BAUTISTA CALISAAN who gave birth outside wedlock to a child who was named NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN who was born at Baguio City on August 28, 1999, a copy of the child's birth certificate being attached herewith as Annex "A";

4. That at the time of birth of NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN, his mother was then only a Student without any visible means of income and knowing pretty well that Petitioner can well provide the love and affection and financial and moral support for her child, GRELITA BAUTISTA CALISAAN entrusted the care and custody of her child to petitioner;

5. That the said child had been brought up by petitioner as if he was his own child and although petitioner also had two (2) children of his own, they treat each other as if they were siblings and that they have grown to love each other and have a close relationship.

6. That petitioner wishes to formally adopt the minor child NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN and if the adoption is approved by the court, petitioner prays that the adopted child be then known as URIEL NATHANIEL RICAFORT CALISAAN;

7. That the mother of NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN has given her consent for Petitioner EMMANUEL DUMPIT CAIDO to adopt her child her AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT is attached herewith as Annex "B"; (ORIGINAL IS ATTACHED TO orig. petition.)

8. Likewise since one of the children of the petitioner by the name URIELLE MARITHEA RICAFORT CAIDO is already 16 years of age, she has given

her consent for her father to adopt the minor child NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN, a copy of her AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT being herewith attached as Annex "C";

9. That even with two (2) legitimate children and now with the child sought to be adopted, Petitioner can well provide all financial support necessary to rear the children for the reason that he had been and is presently employed as Account Solution Manager of the Hewlett-Packard, (HongKong) ROHQ, 37 F Robinson Summit Center 6783 Ayala Avenue, Makati, 1226 and can provide the necessary mental and religious guidance to said children, he not being prone to violence and without any evil vices;

10. That petitioner desires that should this petition be granted, that the child be named URIEL NATHANIEL RICAFORT CAIDO following the surname of petitioner.

11. That likewise attached herewith is the Birth Certificate of URIELLE MARITHEA R. CAIDO, herewith attached as Annex "D";

12. That the birth certificate of one of the children of petitioner by the name of URIELLE THERESA RICAFORT CAIDO is not attached herewith as she was born in Cebu on May 25, 1998 and undersigned had requested the Local Civil Registrar of Cebu to issue and send a copy of her birth certificate to undersigned copy of said request being herewith attached "E";

13. That the other child of petitioner by the name of URIELLE THERESA RICAFORT CAIDO who as already aforesaid was born in Cebu on May 25, 2012 and whose Xerox copy of her birth certificate is attached as Annex "F" and that her Affidavit of Consent for her father to adopt said child is herewith attached as Annex "G".

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court, after notice, publication and hearing to grant this petition and to issue judgment de-

claring the child NATHANIEL BAUTISTA CALISAAN freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to his natural mother and is for all intents and purposes the child of the petitioner and further ordering that the name of the child be now URIEL NATHANIEL RICAFORT CAIDO and further ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City to reflect the grant of this petition in his record after payment of his legal fees.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 4, Baguio City, on December 12, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which place date and time, the Petitioner shall prove his case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be why said Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expenses of the Petitioner in the Junction newspaper, a local newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before aforesaid hearing, the first publication to be published not later than August 19, 2012.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes, to the office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the office of the City Prosecutor of Baguio, the Court Social Worker of the Regional Trial Court of Baguio City, for her to submit her Case Study Report to the Court not later than the scheduled hearing and the Petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2012 in the City of Baguio, Philippines.

By: (SGD) MIA JOY C. OALLARES-CAWED  
Presiding Judge  
Publication Dates: August 11, 18 & 25, 2012

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
La Trinidad,  
Benguet

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE  
IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

ATY. STEVE MANGALTAG AROCO,  
*Petitioner.*

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NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS  
CASE NO. 12-NC-0244

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for appointment as Notary Public for and in the Province of Benguet filed by

Women

the above-named petitioner shall be held on September 6, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet

Any person who has any cause or reason to object the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the WEEKEND JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, the first publication to be made not later than August 26, 2012

SO ORDERED

La Trinidad,  
Benguet, Philippines, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2012.

(SGD) By: DANILO P. CAMACHO  
Executive Judge

Publication Dates: August 25 & September 1, 2012

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among the symptoms or manifestation of the said disease.

In relation to smoking and lung cancer, Yasay disclosed that there is a scientific study that women who are smoking are most likely to develop cancer compared to men as they have higher susceptibility to the disease.

With the increasing prevalence of smoking among women, Yasay also reported that there is a projection that by 2030 incident of lung cancer among men and women will be equal, compared to the present two-to-one ratio (two male in every one female).

Meantime, a recent study in the Lancet, the world's leading general medical journal, showed that two-fifths of men in developing countries still smoke or use tobacco, and women are increasingly starting to smoke at younger ages and despite years of anti-smoking measures across the world, most developing countries have low quit rates.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) tobacco already kills around 6 million people a year worldwide, including more than 600,000 non-smokers who die from exposure to second-hand smoke. By 2030, if current trends continue, it predicts tobacco could kill 8 million people a year.

Yasay stressed that in quitting smoking, it is still the desire and determination of person to quit smoking that matters most. He also assured that BGHMC has specialists and equipment to handle lung cancer cases./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
Office of the Ex-Official Sherrif of Benguet  
Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet

RURAL BANK OF BUGUIAS (Benguet), INC.,  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus -

MOISES EDOC married to MA. VICTORIA EDOC,  
Respondents-Mortgagors

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FILE NO. 12-Exf-1596

FOR EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE 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 Buguias, Inc. duly organized under the Rural Bank Act No. 750 as amended with office and place of business at Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, represented by HILDA M. EMPIZO, of legal age, married and a resident of Upper Cogcoga, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagee, for the satisfaction of the obligation of respondents-mortgagors, MOISES EDOC married to Ma. Victoria Edoc, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address at Puguis/Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagors, in order to satisfy their obligations to the mortgagee which as of 2 June 2012 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00), Philippine Currency, plus daily interest and expenses thereafter, plus 10% of the total indebtedness as attorney's fee, all secured by said mortgage. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on 30 August 2012 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng

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La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012,

FOR THE PRO-VINCIAL EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

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

Publication Dates:  
August 11, 18 & 25, 2012

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late VIDAL R. BUGTONG, who died intestate at La Trinidad, Benguet on May 5, 2012, consisting of realty, bank deposits, and shares of stock, has been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement executed by his surviving heirs on May 31, 2012 recorded in the notarial registry of Atty. Melita Amylesha D. Macaraeg as Doc. No. 170 on Page No. 034, Book V, Series of 2012. Any claimant against the estate is hereby enjoined to contact the surviving heirs for settlement.

Publication Dates: August 11, 18 & 25, 2012

**Walter William's Journalist's Creed**

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## Advocacy Mindanow.....

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stay in one room although there were already enough available rooms for each of them to stay separately. It's a simple formula of bonding the kids. The idea was to train the kids to adjust with one another while they are still growing up. That way they knew how to sort things out whenever quarrels arose. Other children who have their own private rooms where they cloister and seclude themselves from the rest when things go wrong are not trained that way. Later in life, they would not be able to handle feuds in the family. In our family's case (just like the Sys) children were expected to work things out among themselves because they got to stay in the same room and just couldn't avoid each other when differences arose. Of course I can't speak for others but in our family, this worked. And from what Hans told me, it also worked with them.

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Hans recalled that when they moved to **Forbes Park** where his neighbours and playmates came also from rich families, he would be embarrassed at times reaching for coins and loose change in his pocket during weekend outings with the "barkada" who had so much money to spend. His father insisted on a meager "baon" for his son so he would, early on, see the value of money. When he was already working in the store, he had a hard time convincing his father to give him his own car for mobility. Finally, when Henry, Sr. relented, Hans got a **Corolla** that his friends (driving expensive imported cars) would jokingly call a "taxi".

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The twin-engine turbo prop executive plane that we boarded from Manila airport to Gensan took us 2 hours and a half to Gensan. Hans simply explained that he preferred this to a more expensive **Lear jet** that others in his league use in zipping around the globe. He has also helicopters to shuttle short runs that are why SM malls around Metro Manila have helipads on their roofs. When I remarked that it was convenient to have such air assets even to go places for much needed relaxation, he immediately said that his use of SM planes and choppers are purely for business use and in no occasion has he used it for a vacation or for a recreational trip. Then he jokingly whispered to me, without his son **Chico** at the rear seat overhearing: "That's why my son Chico there can't borrow it for his own personal use."

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During that trip to Gensan, Hans's son **Chico (Hans, Jr.)**, from an engineering school abroad joined him. In the inspection rounds of the Gensan mall and Lanang and Matina in Davao City, it is evident that the Sy legacy has been passed on to the next generation with Chico now picking up not only his father's skills honed from empirical work but the work ethic of hardwork and "hands on" style of running things as well. It may be good to mention that when Chico first sought permission from the family to break the long tradition of not going to school abroad, there was an initial strong resistance to the idea. But the family relented finally due to the call of the times — but not without the grandfather Henry Sr. calling him to sit tight and listen and giving him a long lecture at how he should make up for the lost time

with the family and his siblings for being away schooling abroad.

Hans, bowing also to the imperatives of the times, confessed that he allowed his young schooling 16-year-old daughter to have a TV set finally installed recently in her room to make up for being most often alone in the absence of her siblings. But still, no one in the family below 18 years old can own a cell phone up to now.

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Unknown too many, one of the reasons Hans took that trip to Gensan was to see for himself what the problem was all about involving the long-running complaint of a family living next door to the new mall. The mall air conditioners and installations caused some undue noise and while some corrective measures had been done, the complaint persisted. Against the advice of some, Hans upon arriving in Gensan personally knocked unannounced at the neighbor's door, humbly apologized for whatever inconvenience the new mall caused in the neighborhood and promised to personally and promptly attend to their complaint. The cost may run to millions of pesos. He told me later: "Jess, we make our malls in such a way as to make people happy. If I can't do just that to my next door neighbor, then what's the point to all this?"

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Such personal warmth however is matched by an unmitigating rigor of doing things the right way. I watched how Hans together with son Chico inspected in minute detail the 3 malls in Gensan and in Davao city during a day-long swing. Like spotting an uneven surface or a substandard iron post or stainless sheet or a narrow stairway. Expecting the highest standards from the SM team can be exacting but it had to be done, Hans explained to me later after I listened how he firmly and frankly scolded some supervisors on the spot for some unmet expectations of work. After some strong words he then reverted to his more comfortable nature of intimate and warm conversations with his staff that instantly eased what otherwise was some stressful moment for the team. So firm, seemingly unforgiving but with such personal warmth.

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Henry Sr., considered today's richest Filipino, aside from his old-fashioned ways that have been preserved to this day, is also a pioneer in introducing innovative ways in business. When he separated ways with his original business partner, he chose to leave the merchandise behind with his partner and instead took with him the goodwill and the brand that up to this day is emblazoned almost everywhere: "**SM**". The brand name was to become his lucky charm of sorts.

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When he opened his own SM in **Carriedo** in old Manila in 1958, he began to wonder what everyone was doing during the traditional two-hour "siesta time" from 12 noon to 2 p.m. At that time, all stores shut their doors by noon for lunch break. He decided to do the unproven. He did not close his doors while others did. He was open for business while everyone was out for the noon time rest. In no time, his instincts proved correct. He found out that everyone was resting or nowhere to be found because there was no place to go. He provided it. Soon thereafter, his store was filled with customers and the crowd increased. Of course, his competitors and

other stores soon followed suit.

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Here's more. During those times, the so-called "**Blue Sunday law**" was in effect. All establishments were close on Sundays and on holidays. Again, Henry Sr.'s pioneering spirit moved him to do the unthinkable: open on Sundays and holidays so people would have places to go during those lull, quiet days. But he had first to overcome one big obstacle: how to convince his very prayerful and religious wife, **Felicidad**, to agree. Sundays and holidays of obligation were sacred to her. That was the most difficult part but nevertheless he prevailed. The Blue Sunday law was eventually abolished. Sundays and holidays have become the most busy days for many. The rest is history.

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One of the Sy family's business principles that the patriarch introduced and kept intact up to the present day is SM's vaunted reputation of keeping its word to those whom they do business with. Like paying suppliers right on the dot when the schedules of payments fall due. Evidently, delayed payments unduly benefit the company for interest earned on withheld payments but they are also real costs to suppliers. This makes perfect business sense to some. But not for SM. And this makes SM apart from the rest.

No doubt, the old-fashioned values remain. The legacy of Henry Sy, Sr. continues.

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spectfully Yours, Charlito Abcede Trania, President"

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## City Marks

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the city hall clinic; fasting blood sugar, Sept. 20 at the city hall clinic and raffle draw, Sept. 24 at the city hall grounds.

Employees will also conduct a community service day on Sept. 28 in their respective barangays.

The Civil Service Anniversary committee is composed of the city mayor as chair with Rep. Bernardo Vergara as honorary chair; Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas, vice chair; assistant city human resource management officer Dr. Estrella Bisquera, action officer; and other city hall officials and employees.

Meanwhile, the city will also celebrate the Baguio Character Week on Sept. 14-21 with the following activities:

"Usapang Turismo" Sept. 14 10-11 a.m. Skycable; Prayers in various churches for a better Baguio, Sept. 16; Launching of the Character City Week ceremony, Sept. 17 8 a.m., City Hall grounds; Parade of a Thousand Character Umbrellas, Sept. 18 8-9 a.m., Session Road to Baguio Convention Center; Awarding Ceremonies for Barangay Seminars and Person of Character, Sept. 18 9-11 a.m., Baguio Convention Center; "From the heart to the tree and potluck among the Pines, Sept. 19 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dominican Heritage Hill; Character on the Air, Sept. 20 9 a.m. DZEQ; and Concert at the Park, Sept. 21 5-7:30 p.m. Sunshine Park.

The celebration is spearheaded by the Baguio City Character Council chaired by Domogan with Councilor Philian Louise Weygan Allan as coordinator./A Refuerzo

## CJHDevCo Directors and Officers Charged with Malversation.....from page 1

lease of the 26 units.

Prior to filing the complaint, BCDA President Arnel Paciano Casanova demanded the return of these hotel units to the government, stating that CJHDevCo has been "holding, managing, and operating [BCDA] units from 2008 to the present and have been profiting there from without giving [BCDA] a proper accounting and remittances."

CJHDevCo has been the lessee over the BCDA administered property Camp John Hay in Baguio City for a period of 25 years, renewable for another 25 years, commencing on October 19, 1996.

In 2008, CJHDevCo gave the title of the 26 hotel rooms to government as partial payment of CJHDevCo's unpaid lease rentals amounting to P2.6 Billion.

For its part, BCDA never signed the leaseback agreement over the units as the term of the leaseback exceeded the term of CJHDevCo's lease over Camp John Hay, which is only for 25 years from October 19, 1996, and renewable for another 25 years.

In its demand for return of the units and liquidation of revenues, Casanova stated that: "The leaseback arrangement is even made legally questionable with the findings of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) En Banc in its recent Order dated 7 June 2012, ... stating that **CJH Development Corporation and CJH Suites are engaged in the business of selling unregistered securities** in the form of an investment contract denominated as "Leaseback Agreement" for the "The Manor" and "The Suites" hotels **in violation of Section 8 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).**"

Said Casanova: "We refuse to subject the government's properties to an investment arrangement which does not comply with the law and does not provide government with any protection whatsoever." / Public Affairs Department, BCDA Corporate Center, 2/F Bonifacio Technology Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

## Domogan Calls.....

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standards and time frame of public works projects awarded to them" Domogan said.

He was referring to the recent black-topping beside the Cathedral of the Resurrection along Magsaysay Avenue which was partially washed out due to rains, thereby rendering the highway pock-marked.

Also problematic to motorists is the asphalt-overlaying of the concreted and busy road fronting the Baguio fire station that was also left uneven by torrential rains fraying off the blacktop.

The mayor also cited the snail-paced concreting work along Yandoc St. behind the city hall that triggered traffic snarls for months.

"I'm sure that project was delayed," the mayor stressed, adding the DPWH should award projects to contractors with greater capacity and capability to complete

their contracts within the specified time.

Blacklisted contractors are supposed to be disqualified from future biddings of public works projects as penalty for the sloppy work they had done.

As in recent years, residents also lament the traffic jams caused by the digging up of concreted national roads so that these could be cemented again.

They noted that some city roads concreted as far back as 30 years ago remain sturdy, while newer ones were being drilled and re-concreted after they have been converted into national roads./Ramon Dacawi.

## Samaritans

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P2,000, while Spring Hills pooled P700 to help solidify her battle against breast cancer.

Osias, 46, a retired soldier's wife and mother of four, was diagnosed last January and had undergone three of six chemo sessions costing P20,000 per round.

Adian, 42, won't be able to recognize Arabella (that's the name the Samaritan gave) and Lolita Hafner, who handed P4,200 and P3,300, respectively, to his wife, Mary Ann.

Adian, a farmer and native of Nueva Vizcaya can't see. Complications of diabetes destroyed his kidneys and rendered him blind. To survive, he and his wife transferred to Baguio where the dialysis machines are, where a preacher took them into his home at Pinsao.

Hafner then sent somebody to the BGHMC dialysis room to deliver an equal amount to 24-year old Tiyad, who was then undergoing treatment. A certain Lailyn, 24, also proceeded to the medical center last Tuesday morning and shed 500 cc. of blood needed by the patient.

Earlier, a kind soul who introduced himself as Allen also handed P5,000 while another anonymous donor had a messenger deliver P3,000 for Adian's dialysis treatment.

For them to survive, patients with total kidney failure have to have at least twice-a-week dialysis treatment of four hours each, pegged at P2,200 per session. Treatment has to be for life. Many patients often skip a session, sometimes with dire consequences.

To be able to sustain treatment, patients now and then line up at the Philippine Charity

Sweepstakes Office at the Lung Center in Quezon City, seeking guarantee letters advising the BGHMC to charge P20,000 or P17,600 worth of dialysis treatment per patient to the PCSO.

Mary Ann was with a batch of 20 patients or their relatives that trooped to the PCSO last July 22 to file their applications for support. The group was back at the Lung Center last Wednesday for their interview. They will be again travel this Monday night, in time for the issuance of their guarantee letters early Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile, other Samaritans can contact Osias (09057721061) or visit her family at Block 22,

Lot 8, Pinesville, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. Those who would like to help Adian can ring up his wife (09397288672). Tiyad can be reached through his sister Gloria's number

09297661705./Ramon Dacawi.

## Editorial

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lation programs that respect each others sphere.

"Ninety percent of 58 parishes and chaplaincies here trained more than 2,000 natural family planning volunteer counselors, wrote Archbishop Antonio Ledesma, SJ. Over 22,000 couples were served. On request from government, the archdiocese made available NFP trainers, training manuals which include values formation. LGUs issued executive orders and set aside their own budgets for the promotion solely of NFP."

Assisting local governments is engagement, Ledesma wrote. We keep the church's NFP program separate, not dependent on LGUs which trained 721 NFP service providers in 62 barangays. To help couples reach responsible choice "is a pastoral imperative."

The language evokes the Good Shepherd image. Church and government in Cagayan de Oro exemplify unity in service and fidelity to values. Does that shared cooperation point a way out of today's policy deadend? That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us.", the Master prayed on the night before his death./Juan L. Mercado

## Medical Mission

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ficie, Tinoyan said.

The city's charter day will be celebrated on Sept. 1 with the traditional program at the Baguio Convention Center, to be highlighted by the recognition of outstanding citizens for their contributions to the development of their city.

To render meaning, the traditional parade will include a portion depicting the city's history- from its pristine state as a region of pines settled by the native Ibalois, its founding by the American colonial fathers, the coming of the missionaries and its development as the country's summer capital, to the student activism of the '70s until the present dispensation.

The focus of the Baguio Day parade as a moving pageant to render the city's history is covered by a resolution adopted by the city council in the 1980s.

Other features of the celebration include a job fair on September 26-27 and mass wedding on Sept. 28, both at the Baguio Convention Center, Baguio Sister-cities Exhibit on Sept. 5-7 at the Malcolm Square and the 112<sup>th</sup> Philippine Civil Service Anniversary on Sept. 3.

The sports calendar will be topped by a five-kilometer fun-run being mounted by the Samahang Barangay Pangkalikasan on Sept. 9, with the proceeds going to the treatment of six seriously ill patients.

Others are the Baguio Day Bowling Tournament on Aug. 26 at the Olympian Lanes, Baguio Bikefest on Sept. 1-2, Bahag Tennis Ethnic Tournament on Sept. 1 at the Baguio Tennis Club, Bahag Airsoft Speedball Tournament on Sept. 8 at the Athletic Bowl, the "Mister Baguio" tilt on Sept. 22 at the BCC and the Baguio Day Golf Tournament at the Baguio Country Club on Aug. 31./RD

**Mayor: PAMB****.....from page 12**

Domogan said.

But while the planned ESL is undoubtedly be beneficial to BLISTT, a group of opposition has been trying to stop the project on its tracks.

Still, authorities remain confident the best interest of the province and its people will prevail./ paul rillorta

**Baguio Day****.....from page 12**

self-empowerment and a "culture of caring" among the youth enabling them to carve their own niches in these rapidly changing times. Ms. Cordero made extra effort to "bridge the gap between the academe and the community opening the floodgates for cooperation and endeavored to uplift the plight of your colleagues in the profession." She proved to the people of Baguio that "the best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book."

In the field of professional service, Baguio-born Dr. Rowena Aquino Pascual is honored for her time and sacrifices in serving people from all walks of life. Not limited to Baguio and Cordillera citizens, she goes out of her way as a dentist to serve those in other regions and even overseas.

The fruits of her joyful labor is not in riches nor fame but engraved in the hearts of those she served, it is said.

Engr. Susan Nalog-Angaga has been treading the pathway for cooperativism with zeal and devotion and making fellowmen and women self-reliant yet interdependent. Her acts of kindness through cooperativism has greatly improved the quality of life of those around her.

Ms. Rebecca Lim Nulud's heart is for children with special needs. Her passion in dance, song and theater which she wholeheartedly shared to marginalized and streetchildren is worthy of emulation as this is seen to increase their positive outlook in life. As said of her, "there are dancers who can move people with their feet while you move people with your heart."

Patricia Anne Gallardo has dedicated her life to helping abused women, individuals who have known great suffering but have found their way out of the depths through people who have shown them compassion, gentleness and deep loving concern.

For Ms. Gallardo, the outstanding citizen award would make others realize that "there are people out there changing lives one thread at a time."

During the program at the convention center, excerpts of historical events for the more than a hundred years of Baguio's existence shall be presented by the Baguio City National High Special School for Performing Arts.

Other activities include the civil service anniversary, sister cities exhibit, jobs fair, mass wedding, sports competition, environmental programs, culinary and food fest, fashion show, and skills competition.

For sports enthusiasts, a bike fest shall be done on Sept. 1 and 2 at the John Hay Trails while the Bahag Tennis Ethnic Tournament shall be conducted at the Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park on Sept. 1. The Bahag airsoft-speedball tournament shall also be done on Sept 8 at the same venue.

On August 30 to September 1, the international culinary and food fest goes on at the Baguio Convention Center, sponsored by the Hotel and Restaurant Association of

Baguio (HRAB). The Baguio Arts Guild conducts a "Silver" Fashion show and exhibit at the Baguio Country Club on September 2.

On Sept 3, the Philippine Civil Service celebrates its 112th anniversary at city hall. On Sept. 5 to 7, the Baguio Day sister cities exhibit goes on at Malcolm Square.

The HRAB opening, a mass wedding and unveiling of the largest wedding cake shall also be done at SM City, on Sept 6, which is expected to bring in a large number of participants and spectators. The Mr. And Ms. HRAB competition shall also be done in the evening of Sept. 6 at the same venue.

On Sept. 8, a socio-civic-city-NGO sponsored medical and dental mission shall be done at the Baguio Convention Center.

On Sept. 16, prayers in various churches shall be offered, with intentions "for a better Baguio."

On Sept. 26-27, a local and foreign jobs fair shall be conducted by the City Mayor's Office in coordination with the Public Employment Services Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Labor and Employment and other offices. The venue shall be confirmed in later media releases.

A mass wedding sponsored by the City Social Welfare and Development Office goes on at the Baguio Convention Center, 8 AM on Sept. 28./juliegfianza, aileen refuerzo and paul rillorta

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of the collapsed wall', he said.

At least P80 million was earmarked by the national government for the immediate rehabilitation of the collapsed retaining wall which was decreased to P63 million as per detailed cost estimate reviewed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The Irisan Controlled Dump Facility also houses the two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines purchased by the city government from Protech.

Domogan said, 'the court order prohibits dumping, sorting and transfer of waste in the Irisan Facility, I think we can still use the ERS because it is a processing plant but we will have to clear this up'.

The CA in its decision directed the city government to cease and desist from using the Irisan Dumpsite as an open or controlled dump Facility or as a holding and staging area for any kind of garbage-related activity.

It however allows the city government from conducting rehabilitation works inside the facility for its eventual conversion into an eco-park. \*\*\*paul rillorta

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ees accused before a court who are temporarily confined in such jails while undergoing investigation, waiting final judgment and those who are serving sentence promulgated by the court three years and below.

The Bureau has four major areas of rehabilitation program, namely: livelihood projects, educational and vocational training, recreation and sports, and religious/spiritual activities. These are continuously implemented to eliminate the offenders' pattern of criminal behavior and to reform them to become law-abiding and productive citizens./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

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Edilberto Carabacan, the Cordillera region remains to be the highest in terms of un-paved roads nationwide. For the region to cope up with President Benigno Aquino III's goal of having all arterial or primary roads paved by 2014 and all secondary roads paved by 2016, more funds for road infrastructure projects are needed to be brought in, he averred.

Carabacan reported that for this year, DPWH-CAR has a total budget of P3.266 Billion for the funding of 124 projects, which if all completed will bring the paved roads in Cordillera at around 62 percent of the 1,900 kilometers total length of roads in the region.

The 2013 proposed budget which aims to fund 108 road infrastructure projects in the region, if approved, will make way for the realization of a total of 70 percent paved roads in Cordillera, he explained.

Carabacan also disclosed that for the 2013 proposed budget, the biggest slice will go to Apayao, which at present has the lowest paved roads in Cordillera. Second priority is Kalinga which eventually will lead to physically integrating the region's southern provinces with that of the northern provinces.

"As of today, we cannot access the northern provinces within Cordillera itself because of the gap in the Apayao area and we are still accessing region 1 or region 2 just in going to the other provinces of Cordillera. The number one program of the RDC infrastructure committee is physical integration, which is touring one region through a North to South backbone that connects all the Cordillera provinces", Carabacan stressed.

In the kapihan forum, it was reported that a total of P1.015 billion of the DPWH 2013 budget will be allocated for road infrastructure (including flood control component) projects leading to the Department of Tourism (DOT) identified strategic tourist destinations in Cordillera.

Abra will get tourism road infrastructure budget of P20 Million, Apayao - P150M, Baguio City - 40 M, Benguet - P315 M, Ifugao - P290M and Mt. Province - P100 M./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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OFW returnees, especially those who were displaced or repatriated due to exploitation or abused, or due to political crisis in their host countries or other labor-related issues or problems, the needed appropriate skills, starter kits and other livelihood development assistance, they could use to start a family business or enterprise for an opportunity to earn additional income right here in country.

Though what they have been provided under the program is just a start-up for their family business., Peña posed a challenge to the beneficiaries to make this small step count and to turn it into a big leap, for themselves and for their families./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Mayor Announces New Baguio City Police Director

**BAGUIO CITY** — The inclusion of the environmental programs for the city was the edge of Police Senior Superintendent Jesus D. Cambay Jr. to be chosen as the next chief of police of Baguio.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan announced on Wednesday during the weekly Ugnayan Program announced the selection of Cambay based on the screening and evaluation done by the selection committee formed to chose the next top cop of the Baguio City Police Office.

Domogan said that among the five applicants submitted and recommended by the Police Regional Office – Cordillera, only Cambay had a program for the environment making this his advantage in the selection process.

Domogan, who chairs the screening committee, said the body was created to ensure that the selection for the position of BCPO director is in accordance with the principle of merit and fitness that will eventually facilitate the attainment of the mission and vision of the city. His members are representatives from the City Prosecutor's Office, the City Administrator, the Human Resources Division, Department of Interior and Local Government and the media.

Domogan explained that the criteria of the selection committee include availability, performance rating and the programs on the peace and order in the city.

"Availability is important to make sure that the next chief of police will be available to serve the people of Baguio 24/7," Domogan stressed. He said that Cambay would be available at all times since his family lives in the city.

Cambay is a member of Philippine Military Academy Class 1989 and the current chief of the Regional Comptroller Division of Region 6. He was a former chief of the Intelligence Division of the PRO-Cor and the former regional director of the Traffic Management Bureau in the Cordillera./JDP/RC-PIA CAR



**INMATE ENTRENEUR** - A jail inmate cooks fishballs inside the Baguio City Jail compound a part of his cell mates' livelihood project./ By Bong Cayabyab

## Mayor Welcomes CA Decision on Irisan

**BAGUIO CITY** — Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday warmly welcomed the Court of Appeals decision for the closure of Irisan Controlled Dump Facility here.

The mayor said, 'it is but fitting and in line with the city

governments thrust to convert the 38-year old dumpsite into an Eco-park'. 'This is really warmly welcomed the Court of Appeals decision for the closure of Irisan Controlled Dump Facility here. The mayor said, 'it is but fitting and in line with the city

called that the retaining wall of said facility was heavily damaged during the onslaught of Typhoon Mina last year causing a major trash slide.

'We really thank the President for the release of the fund for the rehabilitation

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## Baguio Day 2012

**BAGUIO CITY** — A program at the Baguio Convention Center highlighted by the awarding of Baguio's Outstanding citizens followed by a parade with the city's historical transformation through costumed participants, along the main thoroughfares shall be done this coming Saturday, Sept. 1.

Baguio's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday activities are anchored on the theme, "Sustaining a Sense of History, Community and Continuity."

The speaker for the program is Saint Louis University President Fr. Jess Hechanova.

This was confirmed by the co-chair of the program, Councilor Elmer

Datuin.

A unity ball follows in the evening at the same venue and expected to be attended by baguio citizens.

The Awardees for this year were thoroughly screened by the Search for the Outstanding Citizens Organization of Baguio (SOCOB); Elena Badival, Rosario Cordero and Rebecca Domogan for Community Service, Rebecca Lim Nulud for Arts and Culture, Patricia Anne Gallardo for Public Service, Susan Nalog-Angaga for Cooperatives, and Dr. Rowena Aquino Pascual for Professional Ms. Rebecca Domogan's multi-role as nurse, mother and civic leader with involve-

ment in community activities which belie her physique and gentle countenance, but demonstrate a strong character and concern for humanity. She encompasses what Mother Teresa meant when she said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

Ms. Elena Badival is a high school mentor who refused to rest on her laurels after a colorful teaching career and who took on other missions. She proved once more that public service knows no bound – not age, not achievements, her citation reads.

Ms. Rosario Cordero is being honored for "embodying professionalism, service and social responsibility and inculcating their meaning to the consciousness of others." She advocated

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## Mayor: PAMB Voted in Support of ESL

**BAGUIO CITY** — I stand corrected, it was the Protected Areas Management Board (PAMB) who voted in support of the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) of the planned Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) in Itogon, City Mayor Mauricio Domogan said during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser here.

The mayor announced earlier that the EMB instead of PAMB voted in support of the planned ESL project at Ampucao, Itogon.

The mayor however reiterated that the ESL which will be funded by a Korean Investor would be a big help in addressing garbage concerns of BLISST.

"I really hope

that it would push through, and that all requirements can be completed the soonest', He said.

'They will still have to secure an ECC under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system before any activity is allowed to be undertaken', Domogan said.

The establishment of an ESL is mandated under Republic Act 9003 or the Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 but due to financial constraint and difficulty in securing an area in accordance with the specifications of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), only a few Local Government Units (LGU) are able to establish one.

"The city really lacks space for an

ESL and we support the Itogon project if it pushes through, it could be the long term solution for BLISST garbage woes', Domogan said.

A South Korean Firm earlier offered to grant a \$30 million fund for the establishment of an ESL on a 23-hectare land in Itogon, Ampucao to be utilized by Baguio, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

The first phase of the planned ESL is the establishment of a Temporary Staging Area and Temporary Sanitary Landfill and a materials recovery facility.

'We have to make sure that the proponent have all the resources to pursue the project and it has met all the requirements of law',

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