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City Officials Alarmed Over CALT's Sales

BAGUIO CITY – 'it is alarming, we have to do something legally, Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said during Mondays Executive-Legislative breakfast meeting held at city hall.

Farinas was referring to recent reports of vital government properties which have been titled by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) primarily those under protected watersheds are now being sold openly.

Farinas said, 'unscrupulous individuals are now selling these properties to prospective buyers and in fact have entered and introduced improvements on them to the detriment of the city.'

It can be recalled that the Court of Appeals (CA) in a decision denied the petition of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) for the nullification of the Original Certificates of ancestral Land titles (CALT's) issued by the NCIP over prime lots within Forbes Park and Wright Park.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the cases are not yet over and in fact, Motions for reconsideration on the CA's decision have been filed.

'We have to warn prospective buyers about the real

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CITY'S NEW CRIME LAB - The newly constructed P6million Baguio City Crime Laboratory Office which is expected to boost forensic crime solving efficiency of the Baguio's Finest was inaugurated March 15, which was graced by Mayor Mauricio Domogan../By Bong Cayabyab

Talaga naman itong mga opisyal natin maging ang Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), Mayors Office etc..., pa kunwaring nagtataka sa desisyon ng Court of Appeals (CA) hinggil sa the largest Baguio Land Scam – the Forbes Park Land Scandal. Aga Amo Tayon !!!

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Lawmaker Urges DFA Probe on Alleged Human Rights Violations

Filipinos which are recounted by our countrymen who fled Sabah and are now in refugee camps in Mindanao," Escudero, chairman of the Senate committee on justice and human rights, said.

"The DFA should find out what is going on in Sabah and know how best the government can guarantee and protect the rights of about 800,000 Filipinos residing there," Escudero said.

"Nothing, and I mean nothing, not even the action of the Sultanate of Sulu, can

and will ever justify any government to violate the human rights of a person. Human rights should always be respected under any circumstances, he added.

The senator said protection of human rights also covers the members of the "royal army of the Sultanate of Sulu," and innocent civilians in Sabah.

Escudero said the Senate recently passed the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Act which, among others, seeks to provide protection and compensation to

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Prisoners to Observe "Earth Hour" for Fifth Year

"Earth Hour +", the 60-minute world-wide observance of cutting down on fossil fuel use, has become a tradition of sorts for inmates of the Baguio city jail.

As cities around the world prepare to plunge in darkness for at least an hour beginning 8:30 p.m. of March 23, the prisoners and their guards plan to switch off an hour

earlier to keep their four-year record of going at least two hours.

"It's something our wards have been looking forward to marking with the outside world since 2009," said jail warden, Chief Inspector Wilson Banasen. "It's a humble contribution to the world's effort to save millions of kilowatt hours of electricity."

The inmates went for two hours and five minutes in 2009, a year after the observance was pioneered by Sydney, Australia. They were perhaps the first prisoners in the country to respond to such call for cutting down on energy generated by fossil fuel that contribute to global warming.

That was when the inmates spent 125 minutes

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DOH Advocates Colorectal Cancer Prevention Through Healthy Diet and Lifestyle

BAGUIOCITY - Colorectal (Colon and Rectal) cancer is a deadly diseases but preventable and highly curable if detected in its early stage, the Department of Health - Cordillera (DOH-CAR) stressed this in a kapihan media forum, Thursday.

Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) Department of Surgery head Dr. Romeo Concepcion disclosed that colorectal cancer remains to be among the top ten cancer cases in the country.

For BGHMC alone, Concepcion reported that colorectal cases are increasing, which from around five to six cases a month in 2011, it has increased to seven to eight cases a month in 2012.

Of the 93 colorectal cases in BGHMC in 2012, Concepcion said 69 are colon cancer patients while the rest are rectal cancer. Majority of the patients were male and in the age bracket of 50 years old and above. He pointed out though that colorectal cancer patients are getting younger and younger.

In the same forum, he also reminds the public that colorectal cancer is a dreaded disease but is preventable. He advised people to boost their immune system and maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Concepcion also disclosed that colorectal cancer is highly treatable if detected early. He advised the public to eat a high-fiber diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, nuts, beans and whole grains; consume calcium-rich foods like low-fat or skim milk; and to limit red meat consumption and avoid processed meats. He also advised the public to visit a physician when symptoms such as rectal bleeding, weight loss, changes in the character of their stool or changes in their bowel habits manifest.

Colon and Rectal Cancer Awareness Month is among the health advocacies of the DOH this March along with Burn Injury Prevention, Rabies Awareness and the World Tuberculosis Day./JDP/CCD-PIACAR

"Airshed" Body Revival Gives Hope for Cleaner Air

Expect improvement of the quality of the air we breathe as a so-called "Airshed Governing Board" for the BLISTT Area created 10 years ago has been resurrected by the Environment Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

BLISTT stands for Baguio and the towns of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay. These neighboring local government units pledged last August to put their acts together and implement an integrated master development plan

as recommended by a study done in 1994 by the European Community.

Although undefined in Republic Act 8749, otherwise known as the Clean Air Act of 1999, "airshed" refers to "a geographical area within which the air frequently is confined or channeled, with all parts of the area thus being subject to similar conditions of air pollution". (Dictionary.com).

Then Environment Secretary Elisea Guzon issued on Feb. 12, 2003 Administrative Order 2003-04 creating the BLISTT Airshed interim governing board, as provided for in the Clean Air Act.

Under the act, "the designation of airsheds shall be on the basis of, but not limited to, areas with similar climate, meteorology and topology which affect the inter-

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4 of 10 Youths Want to Migrate Abroad, AIM's Pinoy Youth Barometer Project Shows

BAGUIO CITY - Four out of every ten young Filipino students plan to work abroad after graduation, the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Policy Center's Pinoy Youth Barometer project reveals.

The Pinoy Youth Barometer, a project of AIM in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and in networking with key high schools, colleges and universities nationwide, is a functional survey which is done periodically and specifically designed to collect information on the sentiments and attitudes of the Filipino youth towards migration, employment, education and governance.

AIM Policy Center economist Maria Beatrice Anne Tanjanco, in the recent Research and Inventions Week of the St. Louis University (SLU), one of the partner universities of the project, shared that based on the September 2012 Pinoy Youth Barometer Project survey, 40.36 percent or four out of every 10 respondents indicated that they want to migrate abroad with the countries of US, Canada and Australia as the most desired destination.

The same survey shows that of those tend to migrate abroad, 71.69 percent has relatives with permanent residency abroad while 64.62 percent have relatives who are considered Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).

Cited as top reasons to migrate are desire to send remittances to their families (75.22%), desire to experience other cultures (71.68 %) and the lack of employment opportunities in the country (67.47%)

As for reasons that would make them stay here in the country, 82.19 percent of the respondents said family or to be with their families, 65.62 percent says to be with their friends, while 72.11 percent of them would stay for having a comfortable lifestyle in the Philippines.

For each periodic survey, simple random sampling is done to 10 to 12 educational institutions, collecting data from 200 respondents from each college institutions and 100 respondents from high school institutions.

AIM Policy Center Senior Economist David Yap II, in a statement, disclosed that such statistical data shows that Filipino youth are more confident in finding better employment opportunities abroad than here in the country. Though the Pinoy Youth Barometer Project was designed to give our youth a voice, he also encouraged them to make a stand and 'help make the Philippines the country you want to, the country they believe in'.

The youth he said can let their voice be heard by the government on what they need and with the upcoming May mid-term election, they can let their voice be heard in choosing the right leaders who will help shape a better country for them and the future generations.

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Expatriate Nurse Reaches Out to 10-Year Old Girl

Ten-year old Last week kidney patient end, a messenger Chelsea Benito came to her side while she was undergoing hemodialysis treatment at the renal center of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center.

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excellent career decisions in response to the labor market demands," he stressed.

Recently a total of 228 parents of graduating high school students from Irian National High School in Baguio City, Amposungan National HS in Bakun, Benguet and Lepanto National HS in Mankayan Benguet joined the students in the DOLE-CAR Career and Employment Coaching (CEC) activity where the

comment but offered to refine the content and construction of the letter.

In the comment, Vergara and Domogan answered the President's reason that the provisions of the bill relating to local governmental powers are all covered by the present Local Government Code.

They said there

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City Airs Grievance Over Charter Change Veto

BAGUIOCITY - City officials will air their grievance over the veto of House Bill 3759 or "An Act Revising the Charter of the City of Baguio" to President Benigno S. Aquino III.

In a comment addressed to Aquino, Rep. Bernardo Vergara and Mayor Mauricio Domogan The city answered point by point the grounds

OSG Implores CA To Reconsider Rulings on Forbes, Wright Parks

BAGUIOCITY - The Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) implored the Court of Appeals to "take a second look at" its decisions denying the OSG's petitions for the nullification of the Original Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (O-CALTs) issued by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) over lots within Forbes Park and other

public properties including Wright Park.

In a motion for reconsideration dated Feb. 22, the OSG asked the CA to set aside the decision dated Jan. 30 quashing the petition and to declare the NCIP Resolution No. 048-2008, O-CALT Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29, the corresponding TCT Nos. T-99949, T-99950, T-99951, T-99952, T-99953, T-99954, T-

99955, T-99626 and T-99627 issued in the name of the Heirs of Lauro Carantes and all derivative titles null and void.

The OSG also sought the issuance of a Writ of Prohibition "to restrain and enjoin the NCIP and all other public officials in relation thereto from proceeding with the indiscriminate and illegal issuance of Certificates of Ancestral Land Title and Certificates of

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DSWD Launches "Bawal Ang Epal" Campaign in Cordillera

BAGUIOCITY - With the campaign period for local candidates for the May elections about to start, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is appealing to all elective officials not to take advantage of the

Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) or otherwise known as the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program in their campaign

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City takes up CALT Threat to Forest Reservations with Baguio-Boracay Conservation Task Force

BAGUIOCITY - The growing threat of fake ancestral land claims undermining the city's few remaining forested areas was identified as the city's top environmental concern presented by the city government to the Task Force for Baguio City and Boracay Conservation recently.

City planning and development officer-in-charge Evelyn Cayat said the city's concern over the issuance of Certificate of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) over Forbes Park, Mansion reservation, Wright Park, Botanical Garden, Busol watershed and the Bureau of Animal Industry by the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) was the top environmental issue presented during the top level inter-agency meeting of the Task Force for Baguio City and Boracay last Feb. 25.

Cayat said this is to bring to the attention of the task force which is composed of the secretaries of the Depts. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Interior and Local Government (DILG), tourism (DOT), Justice (DOJ) and Public Works and Highways (DPWH) the urgency of the problem facing the city.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week aired the same concern saying the wanton issuance of the CALTs over lots within the city's few remaining forest reservations is the city's biggest dilemma in the wake of recent court decisions favoring the claims albeit the city and the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) continue to pursue the cases for the nullification of the titles and for the reclamation of the lots.

The city's presentation which covered major environmental, commercial, tourism and peace and order issues in the city was meant to inform the task force of the situation prevailing in the city to guide them in the drafting of an executive order for the development and conservation of the city in line with President Aquino's memorandum dated March 27, 2012 for the drawing of a comprehensive environment zoning plan for the conservation of Baguio City and Boracay as national assets.

Cayat said they also gave an update on the actions undertaken by the city government and the OSG to annul the CALTs and will submit a detailed report on the status of the court and NCIP cases to the task force to guide the members

The said issues will be presented by the task force to President Aquino and the city hopes that its recommendations for the President to intervene for the cancellation of the said CALTs over forest reservations will also be heeded.

Also among the recommendations is for the NCIP to follow procedures in the processing of CALT applications by letting the applications pass through the Baguio ancestral lands clearing committee as per section 78 of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) law.

Other environmental issues presented during the meeting were the encroachment of illegal settlers in watersheds and reservations and the applications pending with the NCIP over lands within Burnham Park and other government reservations, the lack of site for an engineered sanitary landfill and the need for expansion of the Baguio Sewerage Treatment Plant.

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Lawmaker Files Petition-in-Intervention on Comelec Resolution on Airtime Restriction "Says Airtime Restriction Unconstitutional and Anti-Poor"

"putting a limit on the advertising time of a candidate is unconstitutional. It limits the people's right to information," This was the statement of Senator Alan Cayetano today as he filed a Petition-In-Intervention at the Supreme Court (SC) regarding the Commission on Elections' (Comelec) ruling on the time limit for candidate advertisements.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

"Comelec cannot issue a rule that is outside the wisdom of the intent of the law," Cayetano said. "The Fair Election Act (R.A. 9006) in this case, intends for the restriction to be on a per station basis. Comelec now goes outside that by re-

solving to restrict airtime aggressively."

The senator had long been urging the Comelec to reconsider its ruling, saying that the agency should democratize campaigning rather than put limits to it. While Cayetano said he recognized the rationale behind Comelec's resolution, he lamented that the problem lies in its application.

"The goal was to equalize advertising opportunities among candidates and also to control their spending. But limiting advertising airtime actually has the opposite effect," he said.

Cayetano also noted that the resolution "smacks of prior restraint" - a clear

affront to the freedom of speech or expression.

ADLIMITSARE ANTI-POOR

The senator said that limiting the advertising airtime, particularly for radio, deprives the masses of much-needed information about their candidates.

With 180 minutes for all radio stations nationwide, that means candidates only have four 30-second spots for 80 provinces. Considering that we would also need to allot a great percentage of the 180 minutes to national issues, how will we get our message to our voters in the provinces and our stand on local issues with that limited amount of time?" he ques-

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NO LIMITS. "I am not merely pushing for more leeway for candidates to advertise themselves during the campaign, I am fighting for the right of the people to be informed and to make the right choice when they vote." Sen. Alan Cayetano filed a Petition-In-Intervention seeking to modify or nullify Comelec



Resolution No. 9615 on airtime restriction of political advertisements today at the Supreme Court. He said that Comelec should instead focus on monitoring candidates' campaign spending and the source of the funds used to advertise./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Perfect Symbol

"Mamma mia!", cried Sister Walburga, a polyglot nun from Germany as lights went on the balcony, on St. Peter's basilica. "Habemus Papam". People massed in the piazza cheered as the new pontiff, clad in simple white cassock stepped forward. "Buona sera," he began. "Good evening..."

"The Buenos Aires-born son of a railway worker from Turin seemed almost as dazed as everyone else," UK's Guardian reported. "Sister Walburga did not know who he was".

Even in Communist Cuba, church bells rang out for election of the Argentine cardinal Jesuit Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, is the first Latin American pontiff. "We've waited 20 centuries," Fr Jose Antonio Cruz in Puerto Rico told the Economist. "It was worth the wait."

By choosing the first pope from the New World, the cardinals sent a strong message of change, New York Times noted. "The church's future lies in the global south, and a scholar with a common touch may be its best choice to inspire the faithful. "Francis is a move away from theologian pope.

The bookies, meanwhile, were burned. Early March, oddsmaker Paddy Power put America's Timothy Dolan at 33-1 and Africa's Peter Turkson at 2-1. After the Sistine Chapel doors closed, oddsmakers tagged Cardinal of Milan Angelo Scola as front runner;

the Times David Leonhard wrote. Second-tier favorites included US Timothy Dolan to Brazil's Pedro Odilo Scherer. "Cardinal Luis Tagle, of the Philippines, was sixth". The Argentinian didn't even register on the betting screen.

Rewind to 2005. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was the pick and "bookies looked prescient": Yet, 35 years earlier, they and "by extension, the wisdom of crowds", did poorly. Cardinal Karol Jozef Wojtyła, who became John Paul II, wasn't among the favorites.

Over the last 2,000 years many popes picked the name John. Three pontiffs chose "Pius" in the past century. Francis was elected after two days of conclave meetings and five ballots. In the 13th century, cardinals could not decide for over two years. A lock up and a diet of bread and water hastened the vote.

Francis I "is a man who transmits great serenity," Buenos Aires housewife Ana Maria Perez said of her paesan. She foresees he "is going to be pope of the streets."

Then Cardinal Bergoglio didn't live in the archbishop's palace. Instead, he lodged in a small room within a downtown Buenos Aires home. He parked the diocese's limousine. Instead, he rode the bus to work or when visiting Argentine slums. He scrubbed pots and pans, after cooking his own meals. Argentinians recall how, on Holy Thursday 2001, he visited AIDS patients in a hospice where he washed and kissed the feet of 12 patients. He flogged priests who'd refuse baptism to children of single mothers.

Did the new pope mean St. Francis Xavier? This 16th-century Jesuit's missionary zeal took him through much of Asia, or was he referring St. Francis of Assisi who gave away a vast inheritance.

Francis crafted an uncluttered lifestyle that "catalyzed the "Renaissance", which is older than many European states", recalls George Will in his column: "Memories of a Wandering Fire." Faith "is not made more credible by arranging its institutional furniture", this 43-year old friar taught. His example led thousands to adopt evangelical poverty.

He was a "wandering fire," writer G.K. Chesterton marveled. Then and now, we seek "wandering fires": men and women whose values "endure even after the sun goes out". Or do harsh times only rediscover them?

"We live in the most unequal part of the world, which has grown the most yet reduced misery the least," then Cardinal Bergoglio told Latin American bishops in 2007. "The unjust distribution of goods persists, creating a situation of social sin that cries out to Heaven and limits the possibilities of a fuller life for so many of our brothers."

That'd resonate in the Philippines of 2013. Here, one out of four pregnant women are at risk because of chronic hunger and inadequate services, a Health Department and National Institute of Health development workshop reports. Deficits in folic acid, iron, Vitamin A result in high deaths among infants 28 days after birth. "There has been no change in the past 15 years."

A "1000 day window of vulnerability" traps pregnant women and infants: this is 280 days from conception to two years of birth. But decisive intervention, by local government officials, can convert this death trap into a "window of opportunity".

Local governments in barangays, towns to cities "have the power and resources to save many pregnant mothers from preventable disability and death," nutritionist Florentino Solon writes. After election, local executives should ensure vulnerability transposes into opportunity.

The institutional or church one is covered by the media.. Coverage "concentrates on a Vatican City smaller than some Wal-Marts", writes Loyola University emeritus professor of psychology Eugene Cullen Kennedy. A papal interregnum and election is manna for media's insatiable appetite.

Church Two is "the faithful"; that is, the millions of everyday lay Catholics who live their faith. "This is the real church for whose members faith is the touchstone of their lives. The drama acted out at every papal election is not really relevant to their everyday lives.

"The church remains the home of well-known sinners and unsung saints and is run more by sinners like them than by saints, she adds. That mixed smoke wafting from Sistine chimneys "is the perfect symbol of the church as it is: not quite as pure as it ought to be but human enough to make it a home for the everyday Catholics."



THE PEACE COMBATANT

Our peaceful claim on Sabah must be based on legal and political frameworks

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



(This is a Re-Print of last issues column)

The Peace Combatant proposes that the peaceful claim on Sabah must be based on legal as well as political frameworks. It cannot be in any other way. Otherwise, our country will be making a claim based on violence, flirt with the possibility of war, and ultimately lead Sabah and the "Sultanate of Sulu" into a long period of chaos. For the Philippine claim to be enduring and sustainable, both frameworks are necessary for executing a peaceful claim on Sabah.

What will a legal claim consist of? This is something that is not as simple as it seems. For one, the applicable legal framework may not simply be local but international. Issues have to be resolved in terms of international law as at least two countries are involved. Years back or in 1878, the Sultanate of Sulu has leased Sabah to a British company represented by Gustavus Baron de Overbeck and Alfred Dent. In the lease document, the "Sultan of Sulu" has transferred all the rights and powers that the Sultanate possesses to the British company. There is a provision (as alleged in the translation of the document), that the Sultanate must have their consent should Sabah be ceded to another country. Yet, at the same time, we do not know if the payment that the Sultanate received after Sabah became part of the Malaysia will be considered as de facto acceptance of the Sultanate of Sulu of the change in status of Sabah.

In addition, there is also the possibility that rival claimants to Sabah may argue that what has taken place was not actually a lease but a sale because nobody makes a lease in perpetuity or through the end of time. Of course, the legal questions are easy for our government lawyers to argue that in fact that Sultan of Sabah owns Sabah.

However, the more difficult one is the political aspect of the case. Suppose that indeed the Sultanate of Sulu owns Sabah? The Malaysians can make a counter claim that the establishment of the Malaysian Federation peacefully overthrew the Sultanate and that the Sultanate and the Sultanate has no longer a dominion over Sabah. While there are countries like the United Kingdom wherein monarchies have survived the test of time, there are also countries like France in which a royalty is overthrown and had ceased to be in dominion. Another country in which a royalty used to exist is Russia and we know that the Russian revolution has overthrown monarchy in that part of the globe.

Moreover, suppose that it is possible to give Sabah to the Sultanate of Sulu, would not Sabah be pushed to chaos? Would not the authority of the Sultan of Sulu be subjected to continuous challenge from Sabahans? Will we not actually push Sabah into a state of chaos and violence?

In the foregoing, we have not even look at what Brunei thinks on the matter. Brunei used to own Sabah and the popular account is that the Sultan of Brunei gave Sabah to the Sultan of Sulu for the latter's assistance in quelling a rebellion. A recent news report is now making a claim that succeeding Sultans of Brunei have been refuting that the Sultan of Brunei had given Sabah to the Sultan of Brunei. Thus, if this were the case, this dimension of the problem would complicate the claim of the Sultan of Sulu. If the Sultanate of Sulu does not own Sabah in the first place, this MAY strongly imply that the Sultanate of Sulu had only rights to rent but the territory is not owned by Sulu Sultanate in the first place.

Of course, at the moment, all these are speculative because we do not know if the document immediately available to us is authentic and if they are authentic, we do not know if the immediately available translations are faithful translations of the original document.

Thus, the suggestion of the Peace Combatant is for all concerned to think twice, thrice,

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Rep. Palmones urges "solar panel farms"

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose..." (Romans 8:28, the Holy Bible).

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REP. PALMONES TO PNOY: PUT UPSOLAR PANEL FARMS NOW: Agham Party list Rep. Angelo Palmones is urging the Aquino government to immediately implement his proposal to establish "solar panel farms" in Mindanao as an alternative means of generating power and electricity, to prevent a repetition of the debilitating eight to 12 hour brown-outs which hit many areas in the region last year.

In an interview with newspaper columnist-broadcaster Alvin Capino at the program "Karambola" of DWIZ, 882 khz., the flagship station of Aliw Broadcasting Corporation, Thursday, March 14, 2013, Palmones explained that "solar panel farms" could be the government's best bet against brown-outs and acute power shortage in Southern Philippines, for a number of reasons.

Palmones, himself a former media man who was the station manager of radio station DZMM of ABS CBN before becoming a party list congressman in 2010, said "solar panel farms" is the most expeditious means of generating electricity by installing solar panels in a wide area to absorb the sun's rays as a source of energy for generating electricity or heating.

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SOLAR PANEL FARMS UNDER BOT SCHEME: And, although installing solar panels would in fact be very expensive, Palmones said the Philippine government need not spend even a single centavo for this proposed project, explaining that this could be easily pursued under the so-called "BOT" or "build-operate-transfer" scheme, already enshrined in the Philippines under Republic Act 7718.

Under the BOT system, Palmones said, an interested businessman or a group of investors could be tapped to bankroll and spend for the installation of the panels and, later on, to recover their investment by selling electricity or power generated by the panels at a minimum cost to the public.

This is actually a system that has been successfully implemented in many other government projects, notably highways and expressways. I believe that the government owes it not only to Palmones and the Agham Party List (number 95 in the ballot for the May 2013 polls), but to the citizens of Mindanao more particularly and to all Filipinos in general, to give this proposal a serious thought.

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SOLAR ENERGY, CLEAN, RENEWABLE: In an article about "solar panel farms" which can be accessed at <http://greenliving.nationalgeographic.com/information-solar-panel-farms-2605.html>, National Geographic said: "Solar farms are large collections of interconnected solar panels that work together to capture sunlight and turn it into electricity on a grand scale. Some are government-owned, like the one at Nevada's Nellis Air Force Base, while others are privately owned..."

"Solar energy is a clean, renewable energy source, and large solar farms produce enough energy to provide clean

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Sabah Fallout on MILF Peace Talks

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I was in Zamboanga City over the weekend to attend the **Jaycee Senate Zamboanga Chapter Induction** there. I was glad I took the trip. When Mayor **Celso Lobregat** said: "Welcome back, Jess" in his speech to the **JCI Senators**, I suddenly realized I had not visited Zamboanga for some time. I remember Zamboanga City was always in my travel schedule in my regular visits to the island provinces of **Sulu, Basilan and TawiTawi**.

I took the opportunity of meeting old friends in the media and other contacts who could help me get more validated information on what is happening in **Sabah** and help me wade through the flurry of events that have been in the headlines for weeks now.

Here are a few items or thoughts I have picked up along the way. Aside from the deaths and the violence suffered by Filipinos there, one of major casualties of the Sabah incident is the **MILF** peace negotiations. Evidently, events have overtaken the MILF peace talks. Even MILF's claim for a Bangsamoro ancestral domain and right to self determination, without factoring in the Sabah claim, will not fly anymore. **Malaysian** participation as a neutral "facilitator" is now blown to pieces due to their violent operations against the Filipino Muslims in **Lahad Datu**. With the arrival of hundreds of Filipinos fleeing Sabah, more alleged atrocities committed against Filipinos are starting to surface. Although everyone is now agog over where this incident will eventually lead to, I think there is an urgent need now for government, the MILF and the rest of the stakeholders to sit down and find some ways to overcome the roadblocks that suddenly appeared on the road to peace.

I strongly urge that any solution that government will try to craft on the Sabah claim must necessarily take into account the peace process. I see a positive opportunity here using the Sabah issue as **TRIGGER TO UNITE ALL**. Everything must converge. If we succeed in getting all sectors and factions to converge, it will be a paradigm shift and it may really bring about a comprehensive formula for all Bangsamoro.

Difficult it may be but there is no other course now but for **ONE ROAD MAP** for all to cover the **MILF, MNLF, the sultanates, the tribes, and the traditional political sector**. (This was the old road map, by the way, that got detoured somehow.)

The Sabah claim I am sure will take long to settle but we need not wait for that. In fact, if we all unite, we can all do a "home-run" and quicken the pace of the negotiations.

But here are a few imperatives for this formula.

First and foremost, both the MILF and the MNLF must **NOT INSIST** that they alone, separately, have the "exclusive franchise" to represent the whole of the Bangsamoro. **Secondly**, the functioning and existing political leaders must also be key players. **Thirdly**, Malaysia will have to exercise some restraint in what it is doing now in Sabah. This way, it can continue and remain as "facilitator" after agreeing to leave the Sabah issue to be resolved by a third party body or interlocutor. **Fourth**, President Aquino must also calibrate his statements and actions based on the imperatives of the situation. **Fifth**, the accruing benefits to the Sultanate, if any, must be inclusive. Meaning, although the **Kirams** are the "lead claimants", all the many heirs (9 families as of the latest count) including the "subjects" or the so-called "ra'yat" or non-blood or non-royal followers must all be beneficiaries. **Finally**, let's not tinker with the sovereignty issue. It will lead us nowhere.

I am sure there are other imperatives out there that we can all contribute to the formulation of the road map to sustainable peace.

I can't help but be an optimist and dreamer. I always look for a silver lining in the gathering dark clouds.

Baguio City gives Recognition to Outstanding Women Leaders 2013

BAGUIO CITY - The city government of Baguio, in celebration of Women's Month, gave recognition to eight outstanding women leaders, who in their respective field of endeavor, have made a significant contribution to the development of Baguio or to the welfare of its people.

Given recognition during Baguio City's "Kababaihan festival main program at the Baguio Convention Center last March 8 were Dr. Elma Donaal, Dr. Zorayda Clavio, Perlita Panganiban, Catherine Quiñones, Angelita Sabado, Mila Singson, Angelita Tomeldan and Rose Wasan.

Dr. Donaal, was awarded in the field of secondary education. As the principal of Baguio City National High School (BCNHS), she has been advocate of human and community development, through the continuous and active promotions of programs and projects of the Department of Education, which has been instrumental in sustaining Baguio City as an educational center in North Philippines.

Dr. Clavio, an awardee for Public Health is a Medical Officer IV at the City Health Services Office. She is a very accommodating doctor who serves the public with compassion and integrity. She also currently heads the City HSO's Renal Disease Control program, mental health program on drug abuse and blood services program.

Panganiban, a Social Welfare Officer V of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-CAR), is a national awardee of DSWD for Best Technical Division chief. She works as a regional focal person on various DSWD committees, including the welfare of children, Filipino Family, disability affairs and the inter-agency committee against trafficking in person (IACAT).

Quiñones, an awardee in the field of livelihood, is the Punong Barangay of Queen of Peace. Through her exemplary leadership, she promotes the upliftment of the well being of their constituents, including empowering women in venturing into small scale community enterprise.

Sabado, the city nutrition officer, initiated the institutionalization of nutrition officers in the barangay level. She is the current president of the Nutrition-Dietician Association of the Philippines - Cordillera chapter.

Singson, the chairperson of Innabuyog Gabriela - Baguio, is awardee in the field of women's right for as her advocacys on women empowerment, upholding women's right and the prevention of violence against women.

Tomeldan, who was awarded in the field of day care work, has been working since 1975 to continuously endeavor for the improvement of the day care system here in Baguio.

Wasan, the president of the KALIPI (Kalipunan ng mga Liping Pilipina) - Baguio, has been working on strengthening women's knowledge on livelihood, health and nutrition.

The selection and judging of the 2013 awardees was chaired by Patricia Anne Gallardo, the founder and executive director of Save Our Women, Inc.

The Search for Outstanding Women Leaders is an annual activity for the celebration of Women's Month in the city dubbed as "Kababaihan Festival". This is spearheaded by the City Council Committee on Women, Children and Urban Poor chaired by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda and the City Social Welfare and Development Office./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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KASLA DIDA MAKAAANAK
MANEN A PUSA

BY: LEONARDO ROSQUETA AGUNOY



TA ania ngarud? Ti managsapsapa a tumatayab ti makaala iti sadiwa nga igges a kunada. Ania pay ngarud ti kukueen dagiti kasla billit-tuleng a politicotayo no di ti agapura nga agkampania? Kanya kanyang modus operandi iti panagukkon iti tao a kumappeng iti campo wenna partido. Ania ngarud? Adda, aya, lugar ti nakapuy no bassit ti innapuy a kunada? Kastoyen ti banagna ti politika ti pagilantayo. Saanen a mailibak ti mapasasamak nupay saan koma a maiparbeng: ginnatangan iti butos! Kakaasi ti kandidato nga awan ti paggatanga iti butos dagiti umili. Ala, saan met ketdi amin a botante ti rupa ti kuarta a kunada. Ngem, no politicoka, malaksid ti timmagapulot nga isemmo a makidinnakulap kadagiti umili, nasken met nga adda kuartam wenna pagpameriendam. No naimutka wenna awan a talaga ti kuartam a pagkampaniam, libbiandaka metten dagiti kampaniam.

Kas-angna daytan, kakabsat. No dadduma, saan metten a ti kinadulus ti kinatao ti kandidato ti kilatisen. Saan metten a ti napintas a platamormana iti gobierno ti adalen ken ikkan iti dakdakkal a puntos! Ginnayyeman, kinnaduan met lattan! Ti kas-angna, no maisaad iti takem 'tay adu ti kuartana ngem bassit ti ammona, anianton ngarud ti nannamaentayo a panagdur-as ti pagilian ni Juan de la Cruz? Agtalinaedto latta a nakurapay ti panagbiag no makiraud amin a kinabaknang ni Juan de la Cruz gapu kadagiti kurakot a nabaduan iti natarnaw. Agriritayo man nga umili, ngem, asinonto ngata ti makangngeg iti reklamotayo kadagiti managbaybay-a nga agturay? Milentayonto lattan, a, ti buteg a nalaokan iti lua? Agpasanaangtayonto lattan, a, dita suli a nakakakaasi. Ta ania ngarud, kabsat nga umili, nakabirotkayo met kadagiti agturay nga aramidida ti maababi.

Umili iti pagilian Juan de la Cruz, agpuot ken dika paidadanes iti kalintegam. Ita a panagpipili, piliem a nasayaat ti inka butosan. Dagitay mapagtalkan, adda iti pusona iti napudno nga agserbi kadagiti kakailianna.

Dika pabutbuteng. Iti aldaw ti panagpipili, sika ti katuturayan. Didaka mabasa no asino dagiti inka butosan. Uray pinapetpetandaka iti binalkot a kuarta, didanto ammo a ti diktar ti konsensiam ti inka imbuto. Tandaanam, umili, panawenen ti panagbalbaliw.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will. — MAHATMA GANDHI. #

GSIS Conducts Re-Orientation of AAOs and Electronic Remittance Handlers

BAGUIO CITY - The state pension fund Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) conducted re-orientation meeting with Agency Authorized Officers (AAOs) and Electronic Remittance File (ERF) handlers last March 12 at the Pines View hotel here.

GSIS Luzon Operations Office Membership Manager Armenia N.

Salvanera said the activity aims to re-introduce the streamline process in the maintenance of the membership database, to know the importance of updated database and to lessen or eradicate the recurring of reconciling/clarificatory items.

She explained that AAOs are officers designated by an agency and authorized to provide data to GSIS membership coordinator in the Cen-

tral Office.

Salvanera stressed that there are two AAOs per agency- one primary and one alternate. The termination of the old AAO should be done first prior to processing of the application of new AAO.

She said that the ERF handlers will soon have their own data base at the GSIS branch coordinator.

Among the topics discussed

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Bomas-Ang Urges Sagada, Besao Leaders to Back Windmill Farm Project

SAGADA, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE- Engr. Rufino Bomas-ang urged community leaders in Sagada and Besao, Mountain Province to support the proposed windmill farm along Pilao- Langsayan Ridge on the boundary of the two towns, during two separate public consultations with renewable energy firm PhilCarbon on March 2, 2013.

"I believe in the project," stressed PhilCarbon's chairman, who is a native of Besao and an alumnus of St. Mary's School (SMS) of Sagada in his talk at the Besao Multi-purpose Coop Building during the town's Ubaya Festival. Later the same day, he reiterated the same conviction during another dialogue with the elders of Sagada at the St. Joseph Inn.

During the consultations, locals raised concerns on possible water supply diminishing, farm animal harm, health problems, and environmental hazards. Among the attendees were Gueaday Barangay Captain Paul Casiwan, retired teacher Soledad Belingon, and Besao Vice Mayor Harry Baliaga. Also in attendance were Doctor Leoncio Carlin, a native Sagadian and former Medical Director of St. Luke's Hospital who is currently based in Ohio, USA, and Professor Andrew Bacdayan, another native Sagadian with a Master's degree in forestry and a Ph.D in economics and is currently a retired professor based in Texas, USA. Both Dr. Carlin and Professor Bacdayan expressed support for the wind farm.

In response to the various concerns raised, Bomas-ang talked about the company's responsibilities prescribed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and community benefits that PhilCarbon is providing over and above what the law requires.

He denied environmental, agricultural, and health threats saying windmills are safe as evaluated by international standards.

"Nu dati ay um-a, um-a met laeng (crop farms will still be crop farms even with the windmills)," responded Bomas-ang when asked if wind turbine blades would scare cows away.

Bomas-ang also showed a video clip of windmills in other countries along the shoreline and on top of mountains to give the locals a better picture of windmills.

Ruth Yu- Owen, President of PhilCarbon, explained to the locals the distribution of taxes and other benefits as mandated by laws.

"We are here to help and we are here with you," said Owen after revealing that PhilCarbon has decided to allot a community fund- on top of the royalties- that will go directly to the host communities.

In an interview, Bomas-ang lamented the fact that a group is spreading misinformation about and campaigning against the project.

"Our elders came to be clarified on the various allegations being made by this group. With simple science and common sense, we hope we have shown that these are baseless claims," said Bomas-ang.

He also announced that PhilCarbon is sponsoring another batch of locals to see the Bangui, Ilocos Norte windmill farm to help them better understand the project.

To know more about this news story, please contact Ms. Ruth Yu- Owen at 0917-5275-466 or email us at info@philcarbon.com. Please check the attached pictures.

ABOUT US AND THE PROJECT:

The Sagada-Besao Wind Farm is a government project- the Pilao-Langsayan Ridge being a priority due to its local wind regime. A study conducted by the Department of Energy on the nationwide wind patterns claims that the Pilao-Langsayan Ridge is a wind path, as with that of Bangui, Ilocos Norte. The Department of Energy has therefore granted PhilCarbon a contract to develop the proposed Sagada-Besao Wind Power Project.

PhilCarbon (www.philcarbon.com) is a Philippine renew-

Nominations For 2013 Search for Outstanding Citizens Of Baguio Now Open

BAGUIO CITY - Do you know someone or some group that have made a significant contribution to the development of Baguio and its citizen?

Send in your nominations as the 2013 Search for the Outstanding Citizens of Baguio is now officially open.

The search, which is an annual project of the City Government of Baguio and led by the Society of Outstanding Citizens of Baguio (SOCOB), is open to individuals 18 years old and above or a group, in various fields of endeavor whose work has contributed to the development of the city, its environment and in addressing the needs of the citizenry especially those in need of special protection such as the indigent, children, women, people with disability and the elderly.

Nomination forms are available at the Office of the Administrator at the City Hall and at the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) Office atop Session Road.

Deadline for the nominations is on March 15 but deadline for the completion of the needed supporting documents, which include proof of citizenship, National Bureau of Investigation clearance and testimony/documents attesting the outstanding work and accomplishment of the nominee, will be on June 20.

Nominees will be judged based on leadership, impact of work, sustainability of their advocacy, integrity of the person or group, as well as their personal trait and extra-personal relationship.

The nominations will undergo a two-pronged selection process - it will pass a pre-screening committee and a judging committee, which members will be chosen from former Outstanding Citizens of Baguio awardees.

A maximum of ten awardees will be selected. Recognition will be awarded on September 1, in commemoration of the city's charter day anniversary.

Since the search started in 1975, more than 530 individuals and groups were already recognized as Outstanding Citizens of Baguio.

To formally launch the opening of the search, the City Government headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the SOCOB headed by its president Dr. Reinaldo Bautista along with the various search committee chair, hosted a kapihan media forum at the University of Baguio Centennial Building, last Thursday.

Other SOCOB members that joined the panel were Dr. Elma Donaál - principal of Baguio City National High School, Dr. Prescila Macansantos former chancellor of UP Baguio, former city mayor Jaime Bugnosen, known car racing driver Carlos Anton and Sonia Dao-as, former Dean of the University of Cordilleras/JDP/CCD and Eizzel Bangal, PIA Intern

able energy company specializing in the development of clean sources of power from natural resources such as wind, hydro, bio-mass and geothermal. Aiming for a Philippines that is free of pollution and self-sufficient, this developer, with the help of the Department of Energy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer seeks for an opportunity from the locals of putting up a wind farm on the mountain ridges bordering Sagada and Besao.

The setting up of 10 wind turbines will generate a 15MW capacity that can fuel the homes, farms, and businesses of the locals. The prospect of producing a clean, renewable energy source for the community is definitely a great initiative. Wind power, as an alternative to fossil fuels, is plentiful, literally renewable, widely distributed, clean, produces no greenhouse gas emissions during operation, and uses little land. Feasibility studies and other environmental assessments are taking place to ensure that no natural resources are harmed during the construction and installation as well as during the operation of these turbines.

Balikatan Sa Kaunlaran, City Government Fete Best Performing Brgy Women's Groups

BAGUIO CITY — The Balikatan Sa Kaunlaran, Inc., a long-running city women's organization, in partnership with the city government of Baguio, gave recognition to the city barangays best performing women's group.

Winning the top plum is the Samahang Kaakibat sa Kabuhayang Kaunlaran (SKKP) of barangay Irisan, which is engaged in waste and tarpaulin recycling, herbal and vegetable backyard gardening, mushroom production, botika sa barangay and other women entrepreneurship program.

The group was awarded with a certificate of recognition and a cash prize of P11,000. For winning the best performing group for the third year, it is now elevated as a Hall of Famer.

The women's group of barangay Ambiong and Middle Rock Quarry won second and third place with cash prize of P8,000 and P6,000, respectively.

Rounding off the top five are the Gibraltar women's group at fourth with a prize of P4,000 and Loakan Liwanag women's group at fifth place and a cash prize of P3,000.

All the 18 nominees for the best performing barangay women's group are winners and did not go home empty handed as the city government headed by mayor Mauricio Domogan donated P50,000 for the prizes. In addition, each Balikatan member donated raffle prizes for those who attended the awarding.

Consolation prize of P2,000 each was given to the barangay women's group of Victoria Village, Dizon, Camdas, Holyghost Extension, and Pacdal.

The women's groups of Upper Quezon Hill, Santo Rosario, San Roque, Puksusan, Padre Zamora, Lualhati, Camp 8, and Honeymoon also received consolation prize of P1,000 each.

Aside from the awarding and the raffle prizes, participants and viewers alike were treated with entertainment numbers from the women's groups themselves.

The awarding ceremony, which was held at the SM City Baguio Atrium, is annual event that is being spearheaded by the BSK in celebration of Women's Month.

Keynote speaker during the event is Michael Del Rosario, a well know businessman in Baguio. Mayor Domogan also grace the event to give a message.

Balikatan officials present to assist in the awarding were Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Epifania Daoey, Arch. Gloria Vergara, Rebecca Domogan, Judge Heilla Phillips, Andrea Lagasca, Helen Tibaldo and Marlene De Castro.

BSK is a non-stock, non-profit women's organization which continuously works for the empowerment of women and barangay women's group in the city. BSK's main annual project is supporting various day care centers in the city of Baguio./JDP/CCD & Fely Del Rosario, PIA Intern

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were reminders on the accomplishment of Forms A-E. Under Form A, she reminded AAOs to always indicate the agency name and BP number, indicate the complete residential address, follow the date format (MM/DD/YYYY) and do not use peso sign;

Under form B always indicate the date of transfer, and in the remarks column, indicate the name of the previous agency;

For Form D, if the reason is suspended and on leave without pay, indicate the inclusive dates, if transferred to another agency, indicate the complete name of office;

For Form E for change of civil status from married to single, always attach supporting documents like court order, certificate of no marriage, for change of date of birth attach scanned copy of original NSO authenticated birth certificate.

She announced that AAOs and ERF handlers are covered by Personal Accident Insurance up to P500,000.00 with medical reimbursement of P50,000.00 and death benefit of P10,000.00.

The meeting was attended by around 300 AAOs and ERF handlers from the national government agencies, government owned and controlled corporations and local government units./JDP/MAWC - PIA CAR

DOLE Enjoins Parents to Join In Career and Labor Market Info Campaign

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in recognizing the importance of parents in guiding their children on the career path to take is enjoining them to join in career coaching and employment and labor market information campaign.

DOLE Regional Director Henry John Jalbuena disclosed that encouraging the participation of parents during the conduct of Career and Employment Coaching (CEC) is essential for them to properly guide their children in deciding what career path they will take or the path that best suit the demand of labor market forces.

"Graduating high school students should realize this early the significance of making wise and excellent career decisions in response to the labor market demands," he stressed.

Recently a total of 228 parents of graduating high school students from Irisan National High School in Baguio City, Amposungan National HS in Bakun, Benguet and Lepanto National HS in Mankayan Benguet joined the students in the DOLE-CAR Career and Employment Coaching (CEC) activity where the module on "Labor Market Information: Keeping Abreast with the changing times" was presented.

George Lubin Jr., DOLE-CAR designated Labor Communication Officer, presented the module which includes the reliable and relevant labor market information that highlights the dissemination of the key employment generators and the In-demand and Hard-to-Fill Occupations for the next 10 years, as identified in the project JobsFit: The DOLE 2020 Vision.

Also included in the presentation are the reasons for the unemployment of college graduates and how the given labor market information could be accessed as additional guides to both students and parents.

Lubin explained that with the present labor market situation, unemployment and underemployment remain to be a challenge but the problem is not the lack of available jobs but on skills mismatch.

"Skills and education of the workforce do not match with the needs of the firm and the industry", Lubin stressed.

He also disclosed that there is an oversubscribed courses such as nursing, business administration, hotel and restaurant management and teachers education, while those under subscribed courses includes Agriculture and fisheries, creative arts, Information Technology, Animation, Sciences and Engineering./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Kalinga Town gives a New twist to 'Laga'

LUBUAGAN, Kalinga - With the theme "Weaving our diversity towards a sustainable, cultural and economic progress," this municipality celebrated its Laga Festival from March 8 to 9.

Laga is the Kalinga term for weave, a particular ethnic handicraft that this town is becoming famous with. Lubuagan is known for producing various Kalinga-inspired woven clothes which are now gaining popularity as these are being turned into fashion clothes, bags, shoes, accessories, home decors and others, aside from just being utilized as plain tapis (skirt) and g-strings during festivals and performances.

The first day of the festival was highlighted with the Laga Fashion Show at the Lubuagan Ecocultural Tourism Building. It also included the Indigenous Literary and musical presentation and schools field demonstrations and parade. The Laga Fashion show featured the Kalinga woven materials tailored and designed locally from casual to formal wear.

Guest of

honor and speaker was Romeo Galnawan, education program specialist for Alternative Learning System (ALS) while Kalinga Governor Joel Baac and Vice Governor Allen Jese Mangaoang also gave their messages.

The "Barangay Day" on the second day started with a parade participated by the nine barangays of Lubuagan with their municipal and barangay officials, followed by a program with Department of Interior and Local

2012 Census on Philippine Business and Industry set in April

BAGUIO CITY - The National Statistics Office (NSO) is set to conduct the 2012 Census on Philippine Business and Industry (CPBI) this April to get a more detailed benchmark data on the various business and industries nationwide.

The 2012 CPBI goal is to measure and compare the national, regional and provincial economic growth, in terms of businesses and industries, for government planning and policy making, according to Josephine Albino of the NSO Industry and Trade Statistics Division.

"Through the survey, we hope to identify the top five industries in the country, their total assets, as well as the top five countries where our country's businesses and industries derive their sales or income", Albino said.

For the said census, the benchmark data to be collected are the Philippine businesses and industries' employment, compensation, income and other operation and financial-related statistics.

As compared to the CPBI (2006) which was conducted in 2007, Albino said this year's CPBI will be gathering more statistics on the country's booming Business Process Outsourcing industry and those involve in e-commerce as well as on the different micro, small and medium enterprises or MSMEs in the country.

It will also have an innovation, an e-questionnaire that can be answered online and submitted through e-mail, added NSO - ITSD Statistician III Maribelle Dy.

Dy assured that all data to be gathered from the 2012 CPBI will be kept strictly confidential, as protected by Section 4 of Commonwealth Act No. 591.

She called on the cooperation of all businesses and industries in the country in providing more accurate and reliable data for the 2012 CPBI which aims to provide the country statistics that would help the country in establishing a more globally competitive economy.

In preparation for the conduct of the 2012 CPBI here, Albino and Dy are spearheading the training of the provincial statistician officers and CPBI focal persons at the NSO Regional Office from March 12 to 15.

The 18 participants of the training will then proceed to conduct the 2012 CPBI training for the statistical researchers and NSO field officers in the different provinces in Cordillera by March 18. Distribution of questionnaire will be on April 1 and 10 days after the conduct of the said census will commence.

Based on the preliminary data of NSO's 2012 List of Establishments there are about 947,595 business establishments in the country, including 18,270 here in the Cordillera./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Government Provincial Director Francisco Gamatero as guest of honor and speaker. Highlights of the day's event included the barangay cultural presentations and indigenous parlor games.

Kalinga Congressman Manuel Agyao also graced the event./JDP/ GGD - PIA CAR, Kalinga

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

CATALINO BANGGAWAN

Applicants

Case No:94 - CAR-043

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line BAGUIO/PLAZA - BAYABAS, PICO and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 3, 2013 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 evidence.

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 8th day of March 2013.

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

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situation here', Domogan said.

Meantime, the city has already brought to the attention of the Task Force for Baguio and Boracay composed of top level officials, the concerns regarding the issuances of Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALT's) over the different parks and watersheds of the city.

The move is for the Task Force to understand the alarming environmental impact it poses to the city if forest reserves within the city continue to be titled to private individuals.

Officials said these recent developments will cause problems for the city and will surely have a great impact on the remaining forest and watershed cover. paul rillorta

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energy to buildings that don't have their own solar-energy systems. Solar farms thus reduce the need for nonrenewable energy sources to power the grid..."

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com, mmauriciojr11@gmail.com.

Lawmaker Urges DFA...

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civilians caught in the middle of a crossfire brought about by a military operation.

"It is a landmark piece of legislation which I hope Malaysia also has or, if not, should have," the senator said.

The rise in the number of Filipinos returning home to escape the strife in Sabah is a humanitarian crisis in the offing which needs intensified efforts from government using its disaster-response capabilities, Escudero said.

He said the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is doing exemplary work in documenting the Filipino refugees who fled the conflict zone to escape being caught the crossfire and a Malaysian police crackdown but he said the agency would need the help of other agencies to avoid being overwhelmed by the influx of Filipinos crossing the border.

So far, more than 1,000 Filipinos have

crossed Sabah to seek safe haven in southern Mindanao particularly Tawi-Tawi.

Some of the Filipinos who fled Sabah recounted incidences of Malaysian authorities targeting Filipino civilians to flush out Kiram's men.

This exposes Filipinos to the danger of their rights being violated, Escudero said.

He said the government should provide immediate assistance to Filipinos wanting to return to the country as a result of the Sabah conflict the same way that help is provided to other Filipinos seeking to avoid areas of tension in other parts of the globe.

Escudero reiterated his call for the establishment of one-stop shops in the country's port of entries to process Filipino refugees./Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

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of unplugged folk and country music concert with the visiting quartet of lawyers Bubut Olarte and Angie Cabrera, prosecutor Rolly Vergara and Sarah Adapang, soloists Bryan Aliping, March Fianza, Dick Oakes, Miggs Meru and Joy Muller.

That was when the Benguet Electric Cooperative came in as a sponsor with a P5,000 fund support for the prisoners' livelihood projects.

The detainees targeted three hours the following year, before clocking three hours and three minutes in 2011. Last year, they recorded two hours last year, to maintain the substance of the call for "60 minutes plus".

They're looking forward to having their folksinger friends back at their courtyard this coming Saturday evening. Also expected to join them are members of the Rotary Club of Baguio Summer Capital, the Buddies alumni group of the Baguio City National High School, representatives of Goshen Land and others involved in reformatory programs for the inmates.

"Like the rest of the country, we expect to switch on the lights at 9:30 p.m.," warden Banasen said.

That will be time for an evening snack of bread and coffee for the inmates and their visitors, courtesy of 30 wards who are undergoing a 15-day baking class being conducted by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority,

through administrator David Bungallon of the Baguio School of Arts and Trades.

Like people outside, the inmates had wished to have their bread home-made, even if they couldn't be back home for a while. That's what they said in August last year, when visiting Rotarian Stanley Tokigawa of Honolulu and his local counterparts under the Summer Capital chapter, delivered three sacks of sandals to the inmates.

In no time, Tokigawa sent the amount for the oven. Summer Capital co-founder Virgilio Bautista, club president Joris Dacawi and program coordinator Edward Dogui-es then had the oven delivered. Goshen Land, through its social program chair, Annabelle Codias-Bangsoy, then introduced the selected inmates to the basics of baking bread.

Early last Feb. 17, 40 of the inmates donned uniforms and numbers and, like the rest of fun-run enthusiasts in 18 cities in the country, answered the starting gun for the 2013 Philhealth and Department of Health Run that raised funds for the country's ailing kids.

Fired off by warden Banasen, the prisoner-runners negotiated 50 laps behind walls, around the prison quadrangle to complete a three-kilometer distance, the shortest in the four-category run in the 18 cities.

Shoshin Kinderhilfe, a small foundation established in southern Germany by former world shotokan karate champion Julian Chees, bankrolled the inmate-runners registration fees totaling P10,000.

In lieu of medals, the 40 inmates received P100 each for their basic needs, courtesy Rotarian Kane Chanbonpin, administrators and faculty members of the University of the Cordilleras and the kids of a real estate developer.

City councilor Peter Fianza and Buddies, a group of batch mates of his wife Eva at the Baguio City National High School then brought in pots of arroz caldo for the runners' morning fare.

After Earth Hour, the prisoners look forward to again observing Earth Day and Mother's Day/Ramon Dacawi.

DOLE...

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module on "Labor Market Information: Keeping Abreast with the changing times" was presented.

George Lubin Jr., DOLE-CAR designated Labor Communication Officer, presented the module which includes the reliable and relevant labor market information that highlights the dissemination of the key employment generators and the In-demand and Hard-to-Fill Occupations for the next 10 years, as identified in the project JobsFit: The DOLE 2020 Vision.

Also included in the presentation are the reasons for the un-employability of college graduates and how the given labor market information could be accessed as additional guides to both students and parents.

Lubin explained that with the present labor market situation, unemployment and underemployment remain to be a challenge but the problem is not the lack of available jobs but on skills mismatch.

"Skills and education of the workforce do not match with the needs of the firm and the industry", Lubin stressed.

He also disclosed that there is an over-subscribed courses such as nursing, business administration, hotel and restaurant management and teachers education, while those under subscribed courses includes Agriculture and fisheries, creative arts, Information Technology, Animation, Sciences and Engineering./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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

RUSSELL BANGGAWAN

Applicants

Case N98-01-202

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - WANGAL HOUSING, SWAMP SATELLITE, BETAG LONGLONG via PICO - MOTORPOOL and Vice Versa with the use of: One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 3, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidence.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER, Regional Director, 8th day of March 2013. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NALLAR
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La Trinidad,
Benguet

RURAL BANK OF
BUGUIAS, INC.,
TADIAN BRANCH,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

KEVIN DOMINGO &
HARRIET
DOMINGO,

Mortgagors,

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 13-EXF-
1683

FOR: EXTRA-
JUDICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135
AS AMENDED

X———X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon petition for foreclosure of real estate mortgage under act 3135 as amended filed by the RURAL BANK OF BUGUIAS-Tadian Branch, herein represented by its manager, ROGELION CALAYAN, of legal age, Filipino citizen, and with residence at Tadian, Mountain Province, Philippines against KEVIN F. DOMINGO, a minor/now of legal age, Filipino Citizen, herein assisted by his mother HARRIET F. DOMINGO, widow, a Filipino Citizen and both residing at # 315 Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet, in a real estate mortgage dated November 23, 2009. That as of July 23, 2012, the outstanding obligation amounted to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P 150,000.00), Philippine currency, exclusive of agreed interest, attorney's fees and expenses.

That the undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on APRIL 2, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all improvements thereon to wit:

TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. T-67563

"xxx A parcel of land (Lot 1-A-5, Psd-CAR-015688) being a portion of Lot 1-A, Psd-CAR-000330, situated at urban code 131113, Barangay of Km. 6, Asin Municipality of Tuba, Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 1-A-4 of the subd. Plan., on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 1-B; Psd-CAR 000330; on the N., along line 3-4 by Lot 1-A-6 of the subd. Plan.; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Perpetual Alley (1.00 m. wide) portion of Lot 1-A-2 of the subd. Plan.; along line 5-1 by Perpetual Alley (1.00 m wide) portion of Lot 1-A-3 of the subd. Plan. Beginning at a point marked "I" plan being N.32 deg. 22-W., 2,744.54 m from BLIM # 1, Tuba Benguet, thence.,

N. 75 deg. 38'W., 35.06 m to point 2;
N. 24 deg. 44'E., 18.49 m to point 3;
S. 75 deg. 41'E., 35.05 m. to point 4;
S. 24 deg. 39' W., 9.25 m. to point 5;
S. 24 deg. 43' W., 9.26 m to point of beginning ;xxx"

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein-above described and the encumbrances thereon if any there be.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 24, 2013 at the same time and

place without further notice.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philip-
pines, February 28,
2013.

FOR: THE PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF
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By:(SGD) JOHN
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REPUBLIC OF THE
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REGION
BRANCH 6,
BAGUIO CITY

IN THE MATTER
OF CHANGE OF
NAME AND COR-
RECTION OF ENTRY
IN THE CERTIFI-
CATE OF LIVE
BIRTH OF MICAH
GAYLE ARSIT
PATAYAN,

MICAH GAYLE
ARSIT PATAYAN,
As represented by
her Attorney-in-fact
C A N U T A
BALATANGARSIT,
Petitioner,

-versus-

MARCIAL DIZA
PATAYAN,
THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY and
the NATIONAL
STATISTICS OF-
FICE,

Respondents,

SPL. PROC CASE
NO. 2250-R

X———X

NOTICE OF
INITIAL HEARING

In a verified petition, petitioner, through counsel, alleged among others that in her Certificate of Live Birth, an entry was made in the Date and Place of Marriage of her parents as May 14, 2007 in Kabugao, Apayao,

when in truth her parents were never married.

Petitioner prayed that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued by this Court directing the Local Civil Registrar of Baguio City and the National Statistics Office to annotate in her Certificate of Live Birth that the Place and Date of Marriage of her parents be "Not Applicable;" her status be changed from "Legitimate" to "Illegitimate;" and her surname be changed from "Patayan" to "Arsit."

Let the petition be set for hearing on June 28, 2013 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 6, "Bulwagan Ng Katarungan" (Justice Hall), Baguio City at which date, time and place, all persons interested may show cause why the petition should not be granted.

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

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

Let also a copy of the Petition and Notice of Initial Hearing be furnished the Office of the Civil Registrar of Baguio City, the National Statistics Office in Quezon City, the Office of the Solicitor General in Makati City, and the Office of the City Prosecutor in Baguio City.

Serve a copy of this Notice of Initial Hearing upon the petitioner, her counsel and her father Marcial Diza Patayan.

SO ORDERED.

Airshed Body....

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change and diffusion of pollutants in the atmosphere, or areas which share common interest or face similar development programs, prospects or problems".

In its revival meeting last Tuesday, the governing board reaffirmed six resolutions adopted in 2003, including one strengthening the campaign against air pollution from motor vehicle exhaust.

EMB officials recalled how Baguio was erroneously portrayed in a World Bank report several years back as being the most polluted city in the country based on the vehicle smoke emission monitoring at the foot of Session Road, the city's inclined main street.

The extent of air pollution at the base of the main street, the EMB then clarified, did not reflect that average air quality of the whole city. Then congressman and now city mayor Mauricio Domogan also then delivered a privilege speech correcting the erroneous report.

The mayor, who will serve with Benguet Gov. Nestor Fongwan as deputy chair of the airshed governing board, called for expansion of the body's membership, to include the jeepney and taxi associations, the Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Education.

Domogan likewise called on the Department of Transportation and Communication and other national government agencies tasked to enforce the "Clean Air Act" to crack down on erring privately managed vehicle fuel exhaust testing centers.

He stressed that time and again, the city and the "Alay Sa Kalinisan", a multi-agency group implementing the city's campaign for clean air, have been asking the DOTC to close local emission testing centers which falsely certify that certain vehicles passed pollution standards.

"We have yet to receive feedbacks from higher authorities on their action relative to this repeated request," the mayor said, saying local efforts to abate pollution is being stymied by the centralized authority to go after erring testing centers.

Cases of vehicles actually failing exhaust emission standards despite the certification of private testing centers are now and then being encountered by the city's road-side testing team.

Ironically, however, the city is not accredited to issue standard certifications, unlike the private testing centers.

The reactivation of the airshed governing board, whose membership is representative of a cross-section of the BLISTT community, was initiated by DENR regional executive director Clarence Baguilat and EMB regional director Oscar Cabanayan who presided over the revival meeting.

March 4, 2013,
Baguio City,
Philippines.

By:(SGD) CECILIA
CORAZON S.
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Acting Presiding
Judge

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2013

clean-air act.

Other suggestions included the identification of and support to existing local clean-air and environmental initiatives being undertaken with our without the sanction of the board and the use of manual emission measuring gadgets far cheaper than the P10 to P12 million electronic device at the foot of Session Road which conked out last December and costs much to repair.

Cabanayan's office reported that contrary to the perception triggered by the erroneous World Bank report which was picked up by media, the air quality at the foot of Session Rd. straddles "fair to good"./Ramon Dacawi.

DSWD...

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strategies.

DSWD Cordillera Regional Office launched the department's "Bawal ang Epal Dito" campaign in a kapihan media forum, Wednesday, to empower the beneficiaries to know their rights and to eliminate the misconception about the control of politicians over 4Ps.

In the said forum, DSWD-CAR Assistant Regional Director Ysabel Nillas clarified that all 4Ps beneficiaries as Filipino citizens have the right to vote and to choose freely whom they want to elect as their leaders. She stressed that they should not be intimidated or lured into voting a candidate who tells them that they will be delisted from the program, or will they will not be included in the program.

"Only the national or regional office of the DSWD, in coordination with the beneficiaries themselves, has the authority to delist or add beneficiaries in the 4Ps program", Nillas stressed.

Nillas advised the 4Ps beneficiaries not to be intimidated and to report to the DSWD Regional Office or any of the DSWD provincial office any politician or individual threatening to delist them from the program. They can also text their complaints to 0918-912-2813 or e-mail it on 4psreklamo@gmail.com.

DSWD-CAR 4Ps Focal Person Irene Bungay, in the same forum, explained that the 4Ps is a right based program that focuses on human capital investment through the provision of health and education grants to eligible poor households and such grants are provided given that the beneficiaries are continuously complying with the program's conditions on health, education and attendance to Family Development Sessions (FDS).

Only those upon verification, are seen to be not complying with the conditions, or those who will graduate from the program, as well as those who will transfer migrate to another part of the country will be delisted from the program, she added.

In the Cordillera, the 4Ps program already covered 57,642 household beneficiaries from the six provinces in the region and Baguio City.

Meantime, in compliance with the election ban, DSWD is also giving the pay-out of the cash grants to the 4Ps beneficiaries earlier than the usual schedule. Simultaneous with the forum, DSWD-CAR also released the pay-out to the 1,851 six beneficiaries here in Baguio City, consisting of their cash grants for November and December 2012, as well as for January and February 2013./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Expatriate Nurse**from page 2**

illness."

Maranan, who had won Carlos Palanca literary awards many times over in various genres, both in Filipino and English, had earlier sent a news item on the kid's plight to a friend in Vallejo, Baguio's sister city in California.

The friend, nurse and health worker Anita Ilan, responded with a P12,000 contribution that Maranan delivered to Chelsea. He found her attached to the blood-cleansing machine, watched by her mother Cecilia and brother Cyrus.

Maranan said Ilan doesn't mind not being mentioned at all. Still, as Edgar noted, her reaching out to a child she hardly knew may yet "encourage our kababayans from abroad — especially in the US and Canada where many Cordillerans live and have organizations — to set up a fund for sick and needy children in the Philippines (particularly in the Cordillera) like Chelsea Benito".

(That's what former world shotokan karate champion Julian Chees did in 2004. From his base in southern Germany, Chees, a native of Maligcong, Bontoc, Mt. Province and Baguio, set up Shoshin Kinderhilfe, a small foundation that has, so far, extended over P2 million support to ailing kids and needy families in these uplands.)

Chelsea, third of four children of Ibaloy farmer-couple Billy and Cecilia (nee Abance) of Bakakeng, Baguio, was in the fourth grade last July when she became feverish and started throwing up. During her stay in the hospital, doctors advised that she be brought to the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Quezon City for further tests and medical intervention.

Billy recalled he and his wife were trying to raise the amount needed for the check-up when Chelsea's blood pressure again shot up, prompting another hospital confinement here.

That was when her vision blurred that she could not longer recognize the faces of her parents, her 18-year old sister Cybill, 17-year brother Bill Cyrus, and one-year baby sister Chelbys.

Billy, 43, and Cecilia, 41, were eventually told Chelsea's kidneys had failed. This meant, the doctors explained, life-time treatment through regular hemodialysis. Or kidney transplant, if Chelsea could take it, availability of an organ donor and over a million pesos for the procedure and maintenance to prevent rejection of the implant.

Chelsea began hemodialysis last January, making her the youngest among 169 patients undergoing such treatment at the BGHMC. She started on an every-other-day treatment schedule, then reduced to thrice-a-week and later to twice-a week as her blood pressure and creatinine level stabilized.

To ease their parents' burden, Cybill dropped out of college and Cyrus stopped schooling after his high school graduation. Both were needed to help care for Chelsea — and Chelbys.

First to respond to the crisis were the Benitos' neighbors and fellow parishioners at the Divine Mercy Church in Atab, including members of Council 15580 of the Knights of Columbus to which Billy belongs.

Last Friday evening, they mounted "A Song for Chelsea", a concert for her cause at

the Wild West Music Saloon along Bokawan Rd., while she was on dialysis treatment and blood transfusion on the 8 p.m.-12 midnight shift.

The family's ordeal also lightened when Helping Hands Healing Hearts, a half-way home for kids undergoing treatment and rehabilitation for serious illnesses at Camp 7, took Chelsea in.

"At least, I can now tend to our sayote and vegetable patch," Bill said. He, his wife, Cybill and Cyrus take turns helping the staff of Helping Hands in looking after Chelsea.

Billy was on his way to Helping Hands last March 2 when Roger Dumpit of Bakakeng handed him a P500 support. He was at the facility when a man from Loakan knocked to also contribute P6,600.

To facilitate the processing of support, the family has set up Savings Account No. 592108-011-5451360 under the Abanao St., Baguio branch of the Philippine National Bank under Cecilia's name.

Donors may also ring up Billy's number (09494732522) or Cecilia's (09465506545). / Ramon Dacawi.

Lawmaker Files...

tioned.

Cayetano is currently running for reelection under a pro-poor platform that seeks to address the concerns of every Filipino family related to PTK: Presyo, Trabaho, Kita

from page 3**RIGHT TO BE INFORMED**

Cayetano added that with media being the most effective and most cost-efficient way to inform voters about their candidates, the aim of lessening the spending of candidates by limiting or regulating air time is at the expense of lessening voters' opportunities to know their candidates more in order to vote wisely.

"I am not merely pushing for more leeway for candidates to advertise themselves during the campaign, I am fighting for the right of the people to be informed and to make the right choice when they vote. I am pushing for a more mature system of elections where in leveling the playing field means we focus more on enhancing people participation rather than increasing regulations," Cayetano stressed.

MONITOR SPENDING, NOT AD TIME

Cayetano also said that instead of focusing on limiting advertising time, the Comelec should focus on monitoring candidates' campaign spending and the source of the funds used to advertise. "*Maraming mga taong gumagamit ng pera na pang-advertise na nagmula sa illegal na paraan — sa gambling, smuggling, etc.,*" Cayetano said. "*Kahit na hindi lahat ng kandidato ay ganito, ito ang dapat tutukan ng Comelec imbis na airtime.*"

GRAVE ABUSE OF DISCRETION

The Petition-in-Intervention seeks to annul or modify Section 9 (a) of Comelec Resolution No. 9615 for having been issued with grave abuse of discretion amounting to lack or excess of jurisdiction. It seeks the issuance of a temporary restraining order (TRO) and/or a writ of preliminary injunction to enjoin Comelec from implementing and enforcing the said provision.

During an earlier Joint Congressional

Oversight Committee hearing on the Automated Election System (JCOC-AES), Cayetano had already expressed dismay over the resolution that limits national candidates to only 120 minutes of airtime for television and 180 minutes for radio during the campaign period. Meanwhile, local candidates are only allowed 60 minutes for television and 90 minutes for radio. In the past, the agency limited advertisements on a per-station basis.

In his Petition-In-Intervention Cayetano noted that: (1) Comelec committed grave abuse of discretion in limiting the broadcast advertisements of national candidates to an aggregate of 180 and 120 minutes; (2) Comelec exceeded its rule-making powers and usurped the power granted solely to Congress; (3) Comelec's resolution violated freedom of speech, of the press and of expression; and (4) Comelec stifles the people's right to be informed on matters of public concern.

City Take up CALT...**from page 3**

On the commercial aspect, the city cited the lack of site for expansion within the central business district while on the tourism front the city noted the stiff competition with other tourist destinations and the lack of commercial flights.

On peace and order, the city cited the lack of police manpower rendering the police to population ratio of 1:563.

The city also touched on the vetoed House Bill 3759 or An Act Revising the Charter of the City of Baguio as a critical issue needing national government intervention where it answered point by point the grounds for veto cited by the President/A Refuerzo

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are concerns in the bill that the LGC cannot address like the settlement of the boundary dispute with Tuba municipality which cannot be carried out on the basis solely of the LGC.

"The Local Government Code provides only for the process of settling boundary disputes among local government units while the vetoed Bill has directly address the issue," the officials stated.

On the impingement of the power of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) over alienable and disposable public land, the officials said the authority to process the sale of these lots will still rest with the DENR and the participation of the city government will only be as a member of the committee that will facilitate the processing.

"It is not the intention of the Revised Charter to impinge on such exclusive power of the (DENR). While the proposed measure provides that the mode for the disposition of public lands shall be Miscellaneous Sales Application, please be informed that under (MSA), the disposition of alienable and disposable public lands in the City of Baguio still belongs to the DENR. In fact, the Award Committee is not changed and it is still chaired by the Secretary of the DENR and most of the members are likewise with the said Department. The city has only representative, the City Mayor..."

They also offered that MSA as mode of disposing public lands without public bidding "has been in effect in Baguio under the present charter but only in identified areas. "The vetoed bill only seeks to apply the said mode to all alienable and disposable public lands in

They said this was pushed in the hope of speeding up the processing of pending Townsite Sales Applications in the city which now number to more than 5,000.

"One of the major reasons why these TSAs are not processed and titled is the fact that many of the TSA applicants do not like their applications be published and bidded out because of their fear that they will be outbidded... Therefore this revision clearly addresses this problem," the officials noted.

On the proceeds of the sale of public land accruing to the local treasury, the officials said this should not have been cited as a ground by the President as this is not an amendment but an existing provision in the city charter.

On the President's statement that some of the provisions of the bill run counter to the Bases Convention and Development Authority (BCDA) Act of 1992 on the matter of disposition of properties already transferred to the BCDA, they said this is not true as the bill only covers alienable and disposable public land and thus excludes the BCDA lots.

The officials maintained that the charter amendment is long overdue considering that the charter has remained unchanged since it was written by Justice George Malcolm in 1909. The Charter even pre-dates the 1935 Constitution and has not yet been revised since its enactment so that almost all of its provisions have become obsolete and irrelevant/A Refuerzo

OSG Implores...**from page 3**

Ancestral Domain Title in Baguio City on the ground that the same is illegal."

The OSG earlier filed a similar motion dated Feb. 4 for the CA to reconsider its ruling dated Jan. 15 denying its petition for certiorari, prohibition and mandamus over the O-CALTs and all derivative titles issued by the NCIP in favor of the heirs of Josephine Molintas Abanag and Cosen Piraso which "overlapped and encroached upon the boundaries of 47 public properties including properties titled in the name of the City of Baguio, national, city and barangay roads and mineral reservations, and 12 private properties including areas with pending claims before the NCIP."

The OSG prayed for the annulment of said NCIP resolutions and O-CALTs and for the issuance of a Writ of Prohibition to stop the issuance of such titles and for a Writ of Mandamus for the Register of Deeds to annotate the city's adverse claim on the assailed NCIP titles.

The CA in both decisions denied the OSG petition on grounds that the OSG failed to exhaust the recourse of appeal before the NCIP and that the petition was filed beyond the allowable 60-day filing period.

The CA also maintained that "there

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is no basis for the exclusion of the city of Baguio from the coverage of the IPRA (Indigenous Peoples Rights Act)" and that "the finality of Civil Reservation case No. 1 GLRO Record No. 211 does not defeat fresh claims of the indigenous peoples and communities over their ancestral land in the City of Baguio."

The OSG in its motions argued that the appeal procedure under the IPRA "does not apply" to the OSG because "it was not a party to the proceedings before the NCIP."

Moreover, it contended that the questioned resolutions and titles "are null and void ab initio; hence, the petition should be allowed despite the lapse of the sixty-day period within which to file a petition."

The OSG also maintained that the NCIP "has no jurisdiction to issue the (CALTs) within the city and the Baguio Townsite Reservation in view of their express exemption from the coverage of the IPRA."

The OSG cited section 78 of the IPRA law which provides that the city of Baguio "shall remain to be governed by its Charter and all lands proclaimed as part of its townsite reservation shall remain as such until otherwise reclassified by appropriate legislation."

"...While the Honorable Supreme Court (in the case City Government of Baguio v. Atty. Masweng) held that the exemption of the City of Baguio from the IPRA cannot be ipso facto deduced from Section 78 because the law concedes the validity of prior land rights recognized or acquired through any process before its effectivity, reliance on this pronouncement is misplaced since the ruling cited did not provide guidelines or enumerate in what particular instances the recognition of prior land rights could be compelled," the OSG noted.

"In fact, in Masweng, the Honorable Supreme Court held that private respondents therein did not have a definitive and recognized ancestral land claim within the City of Baguio and as such it was declared that they were not entitled to an injunction writ from the (NCIP)."

The OSG said it is the same in this case as the private respondents' "alleged rights over the subject parcels of land were never recognized in any administrative or judicial proceedings..."

"The assailed CALTs in favor of private respondents are, therefore, null and void for having been issued in excess of the NCIP's jurisdiction. As a result, all titles derived therefrom are likewise null and void and without legal effect whatsoever," the OSG said.

The OSG further argued that there is no law allowing the CALTs, assuming that they are valid, to be converted into Torrens Certificates of Title.

"There is no provision under Presidential Decree No. 1529 or the Property Registration Decree that allows the conversion of CALTs into TCT."/A Refuerzo

Search on for Green...

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improving their neighborhood and show pride in showcasing their best practices.'

'Yearly, we recognize community champions who work on a voluntary basis to make their community cleaner, safer and greener,' he said.

'This is a community activity, you might be picking litter, helping the barangay in recycling, segregating in your homes, helping out in the community landscape or having a family garden, small things like this will greatly improve our barangays,' he said.

Winners for the clean and green contest will be announced soon./paul rillorta

Dads Track...

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areas during rush hour.

The team also observed that business establishments along these areas have limited or no parking spaces for their customers.

Ong's team said, "a copy of the ordinance will again be furnished to the BCPO-TMB for its action."

The ordinance carries with it a fine of P500.00./paul rillorta

Police GIS...

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deployment and utilization of resources to reduce crime, integrates traditional and nontraditional law enforcement data to improve overall crime analysis and educates the public with visual information through the use of information technology to muster community involvement."

These features of the project were explained to the body during the presentation made by PRO-COR regional director Police Chief Supt. Benjamin Magalang and Baguio City Police Director Sr. Supt. Jesus Cambay last January.

"With the project's potential in addressing crime incidents, the city council supports the utilization of the GIS-BCA, a pioneering endeavor that is leadership-driven and recognizes the need of this practical management tool for the law enforcers," the council noted./A Refuerzo

The Peace Combatant...

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and many times before we decide to agitate or make an indirect encouragement to the Sultanate of Sabah with their armed claim on Sabah. It is best that all parties concerned to exercise restraint in the use of armed claim over the territory. Unfortunately, the Sultan of Sulu has already executed an armed claimed although of course he has emphasized that his followers were merely making an armed visit on something that they own in the first place. This is akin to a house owner making an armed visit to his tenant's household without seeking the latter's permission and in the middle of the night. I anticipate the Sultanate of Sulu would argue that they have tries to use peaceful means of resolving the dispute but they were not listened.

In any case, the wise choice for all concerned is to return to the peaceful path of making the claim over Sabah. This is not easy because the Malaysians appear determined in impressing their claim to sovereignty over Sabah.

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ARTURO MAYUGAO

Applicants

Case No:88-01-2975

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 3, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 8th day of March 2013.

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

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LEONILA C. DALINGAY

Applicants

Case No:2003-CAR-121

NOTICE OF HEARING

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PEDRITO DACPANO

Applicants

Case No:88-01-659

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - CAMPO SIOCO and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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MATHEW CONIN-E

Applicants

Case No: 2000-BC-147

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on April 10, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 13th day of March 2013.

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

GREGORIO B. ASIONG

Applicants

Case No: 2011-CAR-294

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI 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 April 10, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 12th day of March 2013.

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CATALINO BANGGAWAN

Applicants

Case No: 93-CAR-384

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 11th day of March 2013.

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

Coding Break for Private Cars on March 18-April 12

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will suspend anew the implementation of the number coding scheme for private cars from March 18 to April 12.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued the suspension in anticipation of the influx of visitors for the Holy Week retreat and summer vacation in the city.

“There is a need to suspend the implementation of the number coding scheme on the (said) dates to allow local residents and visitors to freely roam around the Summer Capital and enjoy its cool and romantic weather, pine-scented air and scenic spots during the height of the 2013 Summer Vacation in Baguio,” the mayor noted in Administrative Order No. 38.

The coding break is based on section 6 of Ordinance No. 107 series of 2008 allowing the suspension of the implementation of Ordinance No. 1 series of 2003 known as the “The Baguio City number Coding Scheme Ordinance” during activities sponsored and co-sponsored by the city government.

The city government has begun preparations for the “SUMVAC in Baguio,” the city’s annual calendar of summer activities for residents and tourists.

The mayor has reorganized the working committees for the SUMVAC to begin ground preparations for the activities in collaboration with the private sector.

The mayor will chair the operations committee which will spearhead the activities and provide various attractions from March to May.

Rep. Bernardo Vergara will serve as honorary chair while Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas will act as vice chair. City administrator Carlos Canilao will serve as action officer.

As in the past years, the calendar is expected to offer a mishmash of religious, cultural, historical, environmental, sports and medical activities./A Refuerzo

Dads Track Compliance on Parking Law

BAGUIO CITY – the city council here is bent on informing and assuring citizens that laws here are implemented citywide.

The team to track down city ordinances are once again at it, this time in the implementation of City Ordinance 55 series of 2011 which prohibits parking of vehicles ‘at all times’ portions of upper General Luna, Brent Road, Laurel Street and around the rotunda Park near 50’s diner. The

Ong, the police cannot ensure the enforcement of the ordinance at all times due to lack of manpower.

Ong also said, ‘copies of the ordinance were provided to the motorists during ocular inspections with feedback that they are forced to park on the street due to lack of parking spaces in those areas.

It was however suggested that the Traffic Management Branch of the BCPO patrol said

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Mayor Explains Issues on Infrastructure Projects

BAGUIO CITY - The excavation of the road along the stretch of Marcos Highway has earned different reactions and allegations from Baguio constituents. Mayor Mauricio Domogan appealed to the public to extend their patience for a number of days with the on going infrastructure project because this is for the benefit of the people in the end.

According to Mayor Domogan, based on the report of the Department of Public Works and Highway, there is a need to enhance the road in the city and there is no reason to oppose the project if it is for the benefit of the people of Baguio.

Several comments that the rehabilitation of other roads should be prioritized first instead of Marcos Highway. Considering that the said project of the DPWH is a national government fund, the local government unit has not control to transfer the fund for other city road projects. He disclosed that there was a proposal to convert some city roads into national roads like Ambiong Road and Rimando Road.

The mayor explained that the DPHW evaluates and assesses the national roads which needs to be repaired. Once the DPWH recommends rehabilitation of a certain road and was not implemented, the appropriated fund will be reverted to the national treasury.

Mayor Domogan also emphasized that the role of the local government is to monitor the implementation of national funded infrastructure projects in order to minimize the inconvenience of the motoring public.

It is always been observed that the implementation of infrastructure projects fall on rainy season. The mayor clarified the predicaments of the government in terms of implementation of projects. He revealed that as much as the local government unit wants to fast track the implementation of infrastructure projects, they are governed with rules and regulations. It is very important that the people will be enlightened on the procedures on the implementation of infrastructure projects, said the mayor.

Mayor Domogan stressed that there is no truth on the allegations that percentage of the funds of the said project went to his pocket. “wala sa attitude ko ang humingi at tumanggap ng pursiyento sa mga projects. Wala tayong kusing na kinikuha diyan”, he said during his weekly ugnayan forum. He hoped that the people will not be misled by erroneous information./Jho Arranz/PIO Baguio

Police GIS Project Backed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday backed the use of the Geographich Information System-Based Crime Analysis (GIS-BCA) project of the Police Regional Office Cordillera (PRO-COR).

In Resolution No. 084 series of 2013, the city council said the project has “potential in addressing crime incidents” in the city and the region and needs support as it “requires a strong network of Local Government Units,

caring individuals and service providers if it is to help create systemic changes, safety of the community and serve as a model of effective practices for reducing criminalities in the region.”

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“BARANGAY GARDENS” - Judges for the Search for the

Search on for Green, Clean Villages

BAGUIO CITY – this mountain resort will once again witness the awarding of the cleanest and greenest barangays as one of the highly anticipated highlight of the Panagbenga festivities here.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan said, ‘this year’s competition will bring green innovation and local governance expertise to the forefront as barangays will have to showcase 60% cleanliness and orderliness and 40% green appeal.’

Domogan said, ‘there will be 20 barangays who will be short listed from the 128 barangays of the city which will compete for the award ‘cleanest and greenest’ barangay.

The Alay sa Kalinisan (ASKI) which has finished monitoring the 128 barangays for their clean and green programs has already forwarded the list of the top 20 barangays to the board of judges who will still have to confirm the same through personal visits.

In this year’s awards, the judges are green professionals composed of the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) and its forestry division.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, who handpicked the judges said, ‘judging will be based on the barangays compliance to the clean and green programs of the city incorporating with it barangay based sustainable innovation and initiatives.’

Tabanda said, ‘a fifteen point score will be awarded to barangays who doesn’t have any litter evidence, litter dumps, garbage leftovers, stray animals, animal litter and graffiti.’

Three points for visual appeal, fifteen points for good sanitary conditions, two points for traffic and parking management, 3 points for air pollution management (burning, barbeque and smoke belching), 2 points for noise pollution reduction, 15 points for solid waste management (segregation, collection etc.) and 5 points for sustainable innovation and initiatives for a total score of 60 points.

Tabanda also said, ‘40 points will come from the barangays green appeal, 15 points for community, residential, roadside and commercial gardens and landscapes, 3 points for maintenance of hedges, 2 points for absence of unwanted weeds and 15 points for physical and environmental enhancements such as plants and trees along the road and clean and green beautification programs and another 5 points for innovation and initiatives for the green appeal.

Domogan said, ‘the contest aims to showcase barangays who dedicate themselves in

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Cleanest and Greenest Barangays visit a contending barangay in the city for its beautiful landscaping last March 12./ photo by paul rillorta