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# COC filing in Baguio, Benguet orderly



**LIBERAL PARTY**- Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. (2nd from right) who is seeking for re-election as Congressman was joined by other LP candidates during the first day of filing. Running with him are Popo Cosalan as Vice Mayor). For councilor post are: Atty. Ron Perez, Joel A. Alangsab, Art Alad-iw, Jun Urca, Mylene Yaranon, Joseph C. Cabato, Leandro B. Yanigot and Rudy Paraan (not in photo).

**NP-NPC** BA-  
GUIO-The Party  
headed by Mark  
Go (congress),  
Atty. Jose Mo-  
lintas (Mayor)  
and Edison Bilog  
(for Vice May-  
or), together with  
their candidates



for the city councilorship: Roberto Awingan, Gueliro Sugano, Grace Mayos, Nicanor Nialla, Stanford Ang, Ricardo Bagalawis, John Glenn Gaerlan and Eric Ueda, Brgy Capt. Carlos Ananayo (not in photo)/ Mhar Oclaman



**UNA PARTY** - Bernardo M. Vergara (BMV) is greeted by staunch supporters and allies of the Timpuyog ti Baguio. Vergara, together with a contingent of Baguio denizens who share the same dream of rebuilding and redeeming Baguio City held an informal program and forum at Sunshine Park with people from Baguio community before filing their certificates of candidacy./FB Bernardo Vergara For Congressman

**B**AGUIO CITY-- The first day of filing of candidacy on Monday, October 12, in this City and the province Benguet was orderly and relatively quiet.

City election officer, Lawyer John

Paul Martin, said the first day of filing COCs went without incident, just delay in the checking of paper and documents of the candidates.

First to file their COCs were the Liberal Party A-1 Team/Baguio Demo-  
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Simula ng election fever. Maging wise na tayo sa pagboto. At para sa mga kandidato, iwasan ang negative campaigning. Just read this paper during campaign period at ating ilalabaas ang dapat na ilabas!!!



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## Ordinance on total ban on sale of firecrackers pushed

**B**AGUIO CITY -- With the Yuletide season just few weeks away, the City Council is urged to pass an ordinance imposing a total ban on the sale of firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials to prevent injuries and even death.

Dr. Donna Tubera-Panes, City Health Services Office Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit head, said that as early as now, they are praying that the city council will pass an ordinance to ban all kinds of firecrackers that may harm people especially the school

children.

She reported that 11 cases of firecracker-related injuries were monitored in the city last year and that more than half of the victims were minors with the firecracker "Piccolo" as the number one cause of injuries.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan is consistent in his stand against sale of firecrackers in the city, and he has been continuously lobbying to the legislative department to come up with an ordinance for the total ban of firecrackers.

For his part, City Fire Marshal, Superin-

tendent Joe Ferdinand Bangyod said it is high time for people to revisit the way they celebrate the Christmas and New Year festivities - by not exploding firecrackers and lighting up pyrotechnic materials in order to prevent the destruction of life and property.

A total ban on the sale and use of firecrackers is seen to boost the DOH's 'Iwas Papatok' that aims to achieve a zero firework-related injury leading to a healthy and safe Christmas and New Year celebration. *JDP/ JBZ-PIA CAR*

## LP Slate Vows Walang Iwanan During Campaign

**B**AGUIO CITY -- For the candidates running under the banner of the Liberal Party (LP) A-1-Baguio Democratic Alliance (BDA), it is truly "one for all and all for one" when they signed a covenant declaring their unity for the entire campaign period in the upcoming May 2016 local elections.

Led by Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. the LP A-1/BDA promised to work to keep the unity they have already nur-

tured.

It was observed in past elections that council aspirants start



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adopting an all-for-myself attitude especially

in the last weeks of the campaign periods. This is what the LP A-1/BDA team would like to discard in their team up.

Aside from Rep. Aliping, who will seek reelection, the line-up consists of Councilor Isabelo Cosalan, who is running for the vice mayoral seat, incumbent city Councilors Joel Alangsab and Leandro Yangot, seeking reelection, and councilor candidates Joseph Cabato, lawyer Ronald Perez, Arthur Allad-iw, architect Mylen Yaranon, Engr. Virgilio Orca Jr., and Rudolfo Paraan.

"In our words and actions we will faithfully and conscientiously abide by the rules and regulations of the Liberal Party and commit our loyalty to the party,"

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## City Health Office raises Dengue alert

**B**AGUIO CITY-- The City Health Services Offices is calling for a community action against dengue as cases continue to rise and clustering of cases already being experienced in several barangays.

Baguio HSO City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit Head, Dr. Donnabel Tubera, disclosed that from September 1 to October 5, 283 dengue cases were recorded in Baguio City, which is way high compared to the 30 cases recorded during the same period last year.

Tubera also af-



firmed the clustering of cases in several barangays with Camp 7 having the most cases with 25, followed by Irisan with 14, Bakakeng Central with 11, Loakan Proper with eight and Dontogan and Rock Quarry with seven each.

There were also

seven barangays with six cases each, two barangays with five, 11 barangays with four while five others have three cases each, she added.

Tubera pointed-out that dengue cases are expected to be on the down trend at this time

of the year but the occasional rain and warm weather brought by El Niño are possibly causing the rapid multiplication of Aedes Aegypti (dengue) mosquito.

Tubera reiterated the health office's call for social mobilization against Dengue such as the conduct of community action like the ABKD (Aksyon barangay Kontra Dengue) and a Public-Private Partnership for delivery of program, policies and services against Dengue, as well as for an intensified IEC (information, education and communication) campaign with the help of the media.

Dengue can be deadly it is preventable which is why health authorities are always calling for the public to search and destroy possible dengue mosquito breeding sites, and to seek early consultation especially young and old, who experience fever for two days. *JDP/CCD - PIA CAR*

## COMELEC sets off-site registration on Oct. 19-20 at SM Baguio

**B**AGUIO CITY-- The Commission on Elections in Baguio City will conduct an off-site registration at SM City Baguio on October 19 to 20.

City Election Officer, Atty. John Paul Martin, said that they have partnered with the SM City Baguio to conduct the off-site registration at the mall targeting the city's more than 10,000 voters who have not yet registered or updated their voters registration.

The COMELEC will receive applications for registration and validation of registration at the second floor of the mall from Monday and Tuesday.

Martin said that the off-site registration will encourage more qualified voters to register, and registered voters to have their biometrics

data taken as SM is very accessible and convenient.

"Ililipat muna natin pansamalatala ang office ng COMELEC Baguio sa SM para hindi na mahirapan ang mga botante sa pag rehistro sa makikip na opisina," said Martin.

The two-day off site registration being undertaken to ease the expected influx of registrants during the last two weeks of registration.

Meanwhile, Martin announced that voters registration at Comelec offices will resume on Saturday, October 17, following its suspension from Oct. 12-16 to give way for the filing of Certificates of Candidacy of the aspiring politicians for various elective positions.

Martin said that except on Oct. 19-20, **Cont. on page 6**



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## Eco-walk sustains environmental mission

**B**AGUIO CITY – Eco-Walk, the long-running indigenous culture-based children's environmental awareness program continues to fulfill its mission to foster love of the environment among children in the city and at the same time save the Busol watershed, one of the remaining pine stands that supply potable water to parts of the city.

Several groups recently underwent the Eco-walk experience which involves hiking at the forest, lecture, tree-planting or ring-weeding of their planting sites called "muyong" after the traditional forest system of the Ifugaos.

The Baguio Seventh Day Adventist School which adopted the Eco-Walk as a yearly school activity set the tone this year with twin tours held last July and September with more than 150 elementary

and high school students who planted trees at their muyong.

"(Eco-Walk helps us attain our objectives) to let the students value the natural resources around us and conserve them; enhance and foster the love and care of our environment, protect our environment against illegal ways of denuding it, appreciate the beauty of a well conserved national resources, and to let them feel the beauty of working together for progress," school coordinator Avelino Gadiano Jr. said.

Another Eco-Walk patron, the Irisan National High School dispatched a group of more than 30 students to the watershed last Sept. 25.

"The Eco-Walk never fails to inspire us in strengthening (our) commitment to the environment. After every visit, I receive positive remarks and comments

from each group of participants after seeing the beauty of Busol watershed, the experience of visiting the trees they have planted, weeding a part of the muyong and realizing what they have contributed to Mother Earth," INHS teacher Maricel Cadingan said.

Since establishing their muyong in 2008, INHS students have been returning to their muyong to either plant new trees or tend to the trees planted by their predecessors.

"Ang experience ko sa Busol watershed ay happy. Kahit kami ay nasugatan, kami ay nag-enjoy habang naglilinis.... Nalaman naming kung panno pangalagaan ang mga puno at ating kapiligiran," Narte Mera, one of the more than 30 students who joined the tour, shared.

"Ang pagtulong

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## City Serious with its National Greening Program

**BAGUIO CITY** – Government agencies and private groups have planted more than twenty one thousand tree seedlings within the city to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

As of the end of September, 21,220 seedlings; 17,758 from the Botanical nursery and 3,462 from the Busol watershed nursery have been planted in Forbes Park I and II, Upper Wright Park, Sto. Tomas rain catch basin. More than 10,000 seedlings await later plantings in other venues; watersheds, residential or commercial sites.

Tree planting in other venues; within residential compounds and commercial establishments, is also done in compliance to City Ordinance no. 5; for the issuance of occupancy permit. At least 65 or-

namental, fruit and non-fruit bearing trees were planted by building and establishments owners, it was known. This was reported by Forestry Division head Beatriz Gajete of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) during the regular Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASKI) meeting last week at city hall.

As the tree-planting activities, 1,379 city hall employees from 24 departments; 82 associations and offices, the National Greening Program was complied with. Other tree-planting activities were done in line with the Civil Service Commission month celebration last September.

Benguet Pine, Alnus, Caliantra, Mahogany, African Tulip, Percimon, Calamansi, Arabica Coffee and pomelo are among the

species planted and some still for dispersal.

Tree-cutting and trimming around the city is also being done, it was reported, for the safety of home-owners.

In the same forum, Jones Gas-ib of the Burnham Park Office reported that the city cemetery is being prepared for All Souls' and Saints day. Clearing of said cemetery is done by job order employees, he said.

Mass propagation of flowers and ornamental plants for "Christmas In Baguio" is also done in the city parks, Gas-ib said.

In general, plants absorb pollutant Carbon dioxide, and exude Oxygen which is utilized by human beings and animals for respiration. Planting in all vacant spaces, thus, is urged for Baguioites./Julie G. Fianza

## Applications now open for professional fellows program

**B**AGUIO CITY – The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) announced the opening of applications for the LCP-International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Professional Fellows Program.

The program is open to professionals from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam who will be brought to the United States for immersion into US local governments programs and community action plans.

According to the ICMA, "the Fellowship focuses on both the themes of legislative processes and gover-

nance and environmental sustainability. Fellows will learn practical skills focusing on local governments' role and responsibility in civic engagement, promoting transparency while also fostering interaction with leaders from the federal, state and local organizations."

LCP national president Mayor Herbert Bautista said the LCP is assisting the ICMA in screening young local leader applicants for the fellowship program through the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI).

"As of today, the said program has sent 11 fellows to the different US local governments. The fellows immersed into their host local government's dif-

ferent programs and developed community action plans to be applied into their regular work in the Philippines," Bautista said.

"To ensure the program's widest coverage, we humbly seek your help to encourage your constituents or local employees to apply in the next round of Legislative and Government and Environmental Sustainability fellowship for Spring 2016."

Interested applicants may refer to the ICMA website: [http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge\\_network/documents/kn/Document/304396/Professional\\_Fellows\\_Program\\_FAQs\\_and\\_Application\\_for\\_details/A\\_Refuerzo](http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/304396/Professional_Fellows_Program_FAQs_and_Application_for_details/A_Refuerzo)

## DepEd-CAR launches book on journey of IP education

**L**A TRINIDAD – The Department of Education – Cordillera launched last week "This is Home," a book containing pioneering contributions towards a culture-based and culture-responsive education called Indigenous Peoples Education (IPED).

The book was

launched in a fitting ceremony with the beating of the gong during the 2015 Basic Education Congress on October 7-9, 2015 at the DepEd-CAR Office in Wangal here attended by educators and stakeholders across the region.

The book contains the journey of IP education in the Cordille-

ra region, according to DepEd-CAR Regional Director Ellen Donato.

"We educate our people within our home to make them the people that we want them to be... and go back to where our roots lead us," Donato said referring to the book which contains readings on

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**THE TOP NPC TRIO-** From left to right is Atty. Jose "Jomol" Molintas for Mayor; Businessman Civic Leader Mark Go for Congressman, Vice mayor Edison Bilog, re-electionist Vice Mayor



## Arrogance of power: 'Bahala kayo sa buhay n'yo!'

**I**t turns out that Mayor Alfred Romualdez wasn't telling everything when he said in a congressional hearing Monday that Secretary Mar Roxas, President Aquino's point-man in Tacloban after the super typhoon hit, told him, "You are a Romualdez and the President is an Aquino."

Romualdez didn't report the more chilling statement Roxas made: "If we cannot legalize [the turnover of authority to the national government], you'll be in charge, we'll help you, and that's it, pero bahala na kayo sa buhay niyo."

That Pilipino sentence has a particular nuance, which can't be captured by its literal translation, "You're in charge of your lives."

Rather, it means, at best, telling somebody, "I don't care whatever happens to you from here on." At worse, it's a veiled threat from a superior or from somebody with authority. "You can go to hell for all I care,"

or "I wouldn't lift a finger to help you from here on," would be more accurate translations.

Coming from Roxas' mouth and made in a meeting with a stunned mayor of a devastated city and his aides, it was a clear threat that if Romualdez wouldn't formally turn over authority over the city, he won't get the help he needs from the national government that Roxas represented.

YouTube posting of Roxas lecturing Romualdez: With similar video posted by columnist Cito Beltran, that's 500,000 views, a record for the Philippines. (Video capture of YouTube video).

Rather than just apologizing and regretting that his words were misinterpreted by the mayor, Roxas instead came out belligerent and quarrelsome. Apparently thinking that Romualdez' supporters took a video only of that particular part of that meeting, Roxas claimed that the mayor was lying and that the video was "spliced, and its intention malicious."

He had threatened to "release to the public" what he claimed was the untampered video "at an appropriate time." He was unaware though that as he spoke, thousands were already viewing the clearly unedited 40-minute video on YouTube, posted by columnist Cito Beltran and Romualdez' father-in-law Jose Ma. Gonzales.

YouTube sensation

As of this writing, the two posts together had been viewed more than 500,000 times, a record of sorts for Philippine videos posted on YouTube that aren't entertainment in nature. It's probably the most viewed YouTube video of a political nature involving our country ever.

Worse, Roxas claimed that Romualdez was not in his right mind as he was traumatized by Yolanda's devastation, saying—and laughing madly afterwards—in an interview in GMA's 24 Oras news program: "Tanong ko sa kanya, nagpa-stress debriefing ka na ba? Kung nagpa stress-briefing siya, baka tumino, luminaw ang pag-iisip niya." ("My question to him: Has he undergone stress debriefing? If he did, he'd probably be sane and his thinking made clear.")

Roxas' statements in his meeting in Tacloban with Romualdez, his response to the criticisms against him for that episode, even his body language and choice of words reflect this man's arrogance of power. What's obviously has been going in Roxas mind: "Who is this mayor to defy what I wanted to be done in Tacloban, and to complain about it? We are in power."

But it is not just Roxas'; it's the deep flaw of his boss President Aquino, an arrogance of power.

It is the same arrogance of power that explains why President Aquino ignored a Supreme Court order to let former President Gloria Arroyo seek medical help abroad; why he removed Chief Justice Renato Corona and spent billions of pesos to bribe Congress to do so; why he filed trumped up charges against Arroyo and jail her; why he junked

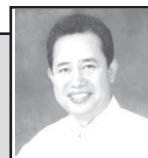
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**Survey results  
on PNoy, simply  
incredible**

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... the truth shall set you free' ..." (Jesus, our God and Savior; in John 8:32, the Holy Bible).

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**SURVEY RESULTS ON PNOY INCREDIBLE TO MANY:** Many were indeed greatly surprised over results coming out from survey firms at present purportedly showing a more rabid increase in the approval and satisfactory ratings (or other ratings available in the market) of the Aquino government and of President Aquino himself.

The surprise comes from an almost incredulous question in the minds of many: how can President Aquino's approval and satisfactory ratings when nearly everybody is willing to concede that there is really no improvement at all insofar as the grave problems afflicting the country and our people?

For example, crime and criminality continue to fester in almost every nook and cranny of the whole Philippines. We killings here, and there, and almost everywhere, where the victims are no longer just the ordinary citizens but even the rich and the powerful.

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**IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO IS PLEASED WITH THE AQUINO GOV'T?** Then, debilitating poverty continues as well to afflict almost 90 percent of our people. A great number still are unable to eat, even just one meal a day. And many are still scrounging from garbage heaps just to earn a living.

And a significant segment of our population still have to rob, steal, poke a gun and extort, just so they could lay their hands on a few pesos. Then, many are still willing to enter into virtual slavery in the hands of foreigners, here and more particularly in other countries. Drugs are still peddled everywhere, giving an unbridled rise to crimes caused by addicts and those whose minds and souls have been irretrievably lost by shabu and marijuana and cocaine.

Then, many are still raped wantonly and, in some cases, openly. Many still steal from government coffers. Many laborers still have no work. A great number still suffer from the daily heavy flow of vehicular traffic in the streets of Metro Manila. Many are still angry with government because it is impotent in the face of China's occupation of our territory, and with the boldness of chaos from rebel groups.

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**ANO ANG BATAYAN NG MATAAS NA RATINGS NI PNOY?** This led many to ask: where would the Aquino government and President Aquino himself derive good and high approval and satisfactory ratings? Is there still a place where there is someone who is pleased with Aquino? If we are to gauge our listeners at DZEC, 1062 kHz (Mondays to Fridays, 6 am to 7 am), 100 of our texters are angry and are cursing Aquino.

As of now, many are of the belief that these survey results are part of a sinister plan to cheat in the 2016 elections. Many believe that these survey results will be used to justify the intended

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## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

## Fearless Forecast

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Sa ngayon, eto ang aking pangunang fearless forecast hinggil sa aking pagsisiyasat sa mga nag-file ng kanilang kandidatura para tongressman este congressman, mayor, at tongsekal este konsehal. Matagal pa ang eleksyon at marami pang pwede mangyari, kaya ang ating fearless forecast ay isa-sagawa ko uli nitong January 2016 at ang panghuli ay sa May 2016, mga one (1) week before elections.

At sa mga talunin as my usual a advice is huwag mawalan ng loob, try and try until you die este until you succeed. Parating pakatatandaan kung maka 2,000 votes kayo ngayon, ok lang basta 100% increase kada eleksyon aabot din kayo someday, tiyak ko yun, sigurado ko yun, kaya nga lang kapag naabot niyo na ang minimum (threshold) votes needed, tiyak din yun na patay na ako at patay na rin kayo. Ngek..... Hi! Hi! Hi!. At huwag kalilimutan ang aking mga paboritong kanta sa sing-a-long ay parating "To dream, the Impossible Dream" saka "Dreaming, I'm Always Dreaming" and op kors "Napaka sakit Kuya Eddie".

Para Congressman ang nakikita ko na mag he-head to head or neck to neck ay itong sina: Aspilan, Rudy M. (Independent) saka si Duque, Edgardo L. (Independent). Matindi ang dalawang ito at kapag hindi ginalingan ng mga ibang kandidato ay wala na silang pag-asa na mahalal. Pumapangalawa sa dalawang ito ay si kagalang galang na Vergara, Bernardo M. - (Nationalist People's Coalition), pangatlo ay si Mark Go (NP) at ang kulelat at underdog na mahihirapan makalusot ay si incumbent Nicasio Aliping (LP).

Para Mayor, ang nakikita ko na front runner dito ay si Hernandez, Guillermo C. (Independent). Aba, beteranong tested at subok na subok na sa eleksyon itong si Hernandez, di ba SIR? Pangalawa sa kanya ay si Claravall, Edilberto T. (Independent), ang pangatlo ay si Molintas, Jose M. (NPC) at ang kawawang kulelat sa ngayon ay si incumbent Mayor Domogan, Mauricio G. (UNA).

Para Vice-Mayor - ang nakikita ko nag mag he-head to head or neck to neck ay itong sina: Bagbagen, Fred L. (Ind), aba tested at subok na sa \*&F^%K\$\*&\$ itong si Bagbagen, at si Pinic, Jeffrey B. (Ind). Sa aking analysis and assessment ay malupit at matindi ang dalawang ito. Sunsunod sa mga ito ay si Cosalan, Isabelo Jr. B. (LP), saka si Tabanda, Betty Lourdes F. (UNA) and of course ang nakikita ko na kulelat ay si incumbent Bilog, Edison R. (NPC)

Para Councilors ang top 20 na kikita ko ay ang mga sumusunod: Nais ko lang linawin na wala pong ranking ang top 20 na ito, basta't ito ay nababase lang sa aking ulong este bolang kristal. Sa mga kandidatong hindi ko nasama sa ngayon sa aking fearless forecast, do not the mind, meron pa naman ulit akong 2nd forecast sa January 2016 and final forecast sa May 2016 Hi! Hi! Hi! Hi!

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## PNoy administration more corrupt than GMA's government

By: Erwin Tulfo

We've been saying it all along. Noynoy Aquino, Butch Abad and associates have circumvented provisions of the Constitution that laid down basis to the Supreme Court (SC) rulings outlawing pork barrel.

The High Court declared unconstitutional the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) in November 2013 and the Disbursement Acceleration Program in July 2014.

Instead of heeding the SC rulings, Noynoy and his cohorts merely changed the labels of and concealed the congressional and presidential pork barrel items in the railroaded 2014 and 2015 national budgets.

In the same way that a drug addict cannot do away with his fix, these pork barrel addicts shrewdly got around the SC landmark rulings to keep their loot.

Noynoy's administration has, in fact, outdone and outperformed Gloria Arroyo's in terms of lascivious leakages in the national treasury.

Like sex-starved perverts, the "bright heads" in the Palace and the stamp-pad 16th Congress raped and ravaged the nation's coffers, making the national budget balloon to trillions of pesos and sinking us deeper in foreign debt.

That is why the Philippine Constitution Association (Philconsa) has asked the Supreme Court to stop the shameless fleecing of public funds, including Noynoy's pork barrel.

In petitioning the SC for a temporary restraining order (TRO), Philconsa cited the "scandalous and unconscionable freight" of P424-billion lump sums that were "cleverly embedded" in nine departments, including two agencies directly under the Office of President.

Former senator Ping Lacson said the agencies with the biggest pork barrel are the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Education, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department of National Defense, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Works and Highways and Department of Transportation and Communications.

Among the specific unconstitutional provisions the petitioners cited in the General Appropriations Act of 2015 were Section 65 on lump sum appropriations, Section 70, which redefined "savings," and Section 73, which allowed realignment of funds.

Philconsa, led by its president Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez, along with former Budget secretary Benjamin Diokno, former senator Francisco Tatad and Archbishops Fernando Capalla, Romulo de la Cruz and Ramon Arguelles, sought the SC to issue a TRO on the allocation of lump sums.

In a full-bench session presided over by Justice Arturo Brion, the SC ordered Malacañang and Congress to respond to Philconsa's claims in its petition in 10 days.

Earlier this month, former national treasurer Leonor Briones of anti-corruption watchdog Social Watch Philippines filed a similar petition in which case the SC also ordered the government to respond.

Abad blamed lawmakers for the existence of lump sums as they were the ones who approved his national budget scheme.

Kung ano ang lapad ng kanyang noo, yun din ang kapal ng mukha nitong si Butchiki.

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## Kakampi mo Ang Batas ...from page 4

manipulation of the election results next year, to promote the victory of a particular set of candidates, even if these candidates are not chosen by the electorates.

The argument will be that, their chosen candidates won because the President continues to enjoy the trust of the people, so that many still decided to vote for his chosen ones. In the face of this unsavory eventuality, where could a people exploding in anger go?

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## Editorial

### ...from page 4

*appropriations laws and spent the budget in the way he wished and disguised such use by calling it as a "Disbursement Acceleration Plan"; why he spent some of this fund for Congress' additional pork-barrel to ensure its support; why he has presumed that Congress will pass unconstitutional laws in order to set up a virtually independent Bangsamoro state.*

*It is the kind of arrogance of power that led dictatorships and hated administrations fall here and all over the world.*

*Dream goes to the sewers*

*Roxas' arrogance of power at Tacloban, though, means "game-over" for his dream to be president in 2016. I just can't see how he could ever erase in people's mind that YouTube video of his arrogance in the midst of a the horror in Tacloban, nor his hyena-like laugh when he claimed Romualdez was not in his right mind.*

*It is also a game-changer for this administration, as its first choice to be president in 2016, Roxas, now obviously won't make it. And it is a very, very slippery slope.*

*His supporters, both in big business, politics, and media, would sense the political winds changing and then turn their eyes to look for a new patron. The clear possibility has emerged that the next president won't be yellow, and won't protect Aquino and his people—a horrific prospect for them as they have made the lives of many so miserable, drawn blood, as some even claim, in the past three years.*

*Aquino would be moving into a panic mode now to create a clone or support somebody who can be president—in less than three years. and with no more pork-barrel to use to bribe political leaders. But that would have to be somebody outside his yellow cult. But that would sow division within his ranks, and his lieutenants would quietly slither out of his yellow tent.*

*Super Typhoon Yolanda has moved Philippine politics' tectonic plates./tiglaio. manilatimes@gmail.com/www.trigger.ph*



## COC Filing in Baguio.. from page 1

cratic Alliance candidates. Together with hundreds of their supporters, they flocked the COMELEC office at 8:00AM.

Incumbent Baguio City Congressman Nicasio Aliping Jr., chairman of the Baguio Liberal Party, is seeking for re-election for his second term in office.

He was joined by Councilor Isabelo Cosalan who will run as vice mayor, and seven of their eight aspiring councilors.

Engineer Rudy Aspilan also filed his COC for the Lone Representative of Baguio, while former Guisad Surong punong barangay Ferdy Bayasen filed his COC for city councilor as independent candidate.

In Benguet, Provincial Election Supervisor lawyer Elenita Tabangin Capuyan said that they expected a surge of aspiring candidates in the first day of COC filing but only few did.

Former Itogon Mayor Oscar Camantiles is the first to file his COC at around 8:00AM. He is an independent candidate seeking the gubernatorial post for the province.

The LP Benguet team also filed their COCs - Incumbent Board Member Florence Tingbaon for vice governor, and for the provincial board, former vice governor Wasing Sacla, incumbent board member Jim Botiwey, and radio personality Fernando Balaodan.

Several minutes before 5:00PM, Benguet Cong. Ronald Cosalan filed his COC as he seeks re-election for his third and last term. Cosalan, who is the chair of the Benguet LP, said that although their candidates filed their COCs separately, their team is one and united to pursue their political positions.

Other Board Member aspirants who filed their COCs are incumbent Tublay Mayor Ruben Poad, former Board Member Juan Nazarro and farmer Loreto Buyan.

The COC filing is relatively peaceful until the October 16 5:00 PM deadline with the parties filling their slates. */Redjie Cawis BAGUIO/(JDP/RMC-PIA CAR*

## LP Slate Vows.. from page 2

the nine vowed during a covenant signing ceremony held Monday morning after they filed their certificates of candidacy at the regional office of the Commission on Election (Comelec).

They likewise promised to "campaign for every team member of our party at ipinapangako naming walang iwanan and o avoid unethical behavior and bad-mouthing fellow candidates."

They also bound themselves to "do our utmost best to preserve and maintain unity, teamwork, and harmonious relationships within our party and be sensitive to the feelings and needs of our party mates."

Rep. Aliping said the covenant is one of the improvements he caused to be instituted in the local LP because council candidates from other parties and alliances usually leave behind their party or alliance members during the homestretch of the campaign period.

"I have seen this happen when I was still running for the city council. This is a horrible practice because it only shows that winning a seat in the city council is more important than maintaining party unity," Rep. Aliping said. */Carl C. Taawan*

## Eco-walk.. from page 3

sa kalikasan ay isang magandang gawain sa mga kabataang tulad naming imbes na (maglakwatsa) at magbisyo na karaniwang ginagawa ng mga kabataan ngayon... Sana hindi sirain ng mga tao and mga kagubatan ditto sa Baguio para may maabutan naman ang mga susunod na henerasyon," 13-year old Grail Ann Calixto said.

"Masigla at excited kaming mga taga-Irisan upang linisan ang aming muyong. Kitang-kita namin na masayang masaya ang Grade 8 na nagbibilang ng mga punong itinanim namin last year," gushed Kathleen Claire Gaki.

"Everybody went home happy and inspired to go back and visit our muyong again," Abigail Balonglong put in.

"It inspire me to help my mother in taking care of our mini-garden. I realized being attached to nature is so great," said Irish Official.

Conceptualized by members of the local media led by city public information officer Ramon Dacawi in 1991, Eco-Walk was pilot-tested in 1992 and since then became the top environmental awareness program of the Baguio Regreening Movement and the city.

Under Dacawi's tutelage, the program won for the city the 1996 "Galing Pook" Award bestowed by the Asian Institute of Management and the Department of the Interior and Local Government. This children's environmental immersion into the vital role of forests in sustaining life was made a model throughout the world. Its effectiveness was cited by the United Nations Environmental Programme which bestowed on the children's project its 2002 Global 500 Award.

The program does not only move children but adults as well.

Around 20 members of the San Vicente Saving and Credit Cooperative who joined the trek to the watershed last Oct. 3 agreed with the children on the program's worth and effectiveness in enhancing environmental consciousness among the people and in preserving and protecting the Busol watershed.

The members insisted on planting their trees despite the risk of them not surviving at all due to the lack of rains. They instead promised to visit their trees to regularly water them to ensure their survival.

The rest of the students' reflections go:

"It is my third time to visit our muyong and I was so happy because the two trees I planted survived. I really appreciate our muyong because as Mr. Dacawi said, muyong are the ones holding the water so that it will not directly flow to the houses below the mountains," - Joline Bohol;

"Let's plant more trees! Trees give us many things. When they are all gone, no amount of money can bring them back again." - Franzes Yrah Quintinita;

"Mas nakilala ko pa ang aking sarili gayun din ang aking mga kaibigan. Nakita ko kung gaano nila kamahal ang kanilang mga tinanim na puno. Dito ko napansin na kung gaano sila kataray, kasungit sa ibang tao, ay may malambot silang puso para sa kapaligiran. Nakita ko ang kaibahan ng kanilang ugali sa panlabas at panloob." - Aezervantes Alboc;

"Kung kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan, kabataan din ang pag-asa ng kalikasan. Iligtas natin ang kalikasan dahil kalikasan din ang magliligtas sa atin." - Javilie Mae Chatto;

"I learned that we should take care of our nature to preserve it until the day comes that we will be the one to lead the next generation to save Mother Earth." */Jhervy Bueanventura./A Refuerzo*

## DEP-ED CAR.. from page 3

the earlier forms of education in the region and its journey to look back to that marks the identity of Cordillerans.

Donato

said its chapters are labeled after the cycle followed in agriculture consistent with the DepEd-CAR road-map.

The first chapter with subtitle "Remembering Our Home" gives an overview of the IP and how it came to be in CAR side by side with an overview of public school system in the region.

The second chapter, "Preparing the Fields", underscores efforts undertaken in the early years in the Cordillera region since 1988, its legal basis of creation, the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) promulgation, Education for All among others.

The third chapter, "Sowing the Seeds", includes forwarding responsive education with the region being recipient of Philippines' Response to Indigenous Peoples' and Muslim Education (PRIME) which initially included four divisions namely Ifugao, Mountain Province, Kalinga, and Apayao, and issuance of the IP Policy Framework and national roll out of Learning Resource Management and Development System (LRMDS) to come up with instructional materials suited for the region.

The fourth chapter dubbed, "Planting the Seeds", incorporates the region's undertakings such as immersion with IP communities from north to southern part of the country, piloting of LRMDS, inclusion of other divisions as recipients of PRIME namely Baguio, Abra, Benguet and Tabuk City.

The fifth and final chapter, "Nurturing the Rice Fields", features write ups on understanding more the IP such as setting in place the processes in IPED contextualized in K-12, presentation of regional policies on IPED, activities that support the council of elders that gave birth to the first Regional Basic Education Congress in 2013, a venue which dished out the cultural dimensions of K-12.

Copies of the book will be turned over to the children and the community and hopefully find place in the libraries, added Donato. */JDP/SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet*

## COMELEC Sets.. from page 2

the Baguio COMELEC office will be opened from 9:00AM to 9:00PM daily including Saturdays and Sundays until Oct. 31.

The deadline of registration is on Oct. 31, 2015 and Comelec has announced that there will be no extension.

Only registered voters with biometrics data can vote in the May 9, 2016 national and local elections. */JDP/RMC-PIA CAR*



# Complete List Of Political Candidates in Baguio City for Next Year's Elections

The last day of filing for certificates of candidacy at the local office of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) was today (October 16). The latest update by Comelec shows that five candidates are running for Congressman, four for Mayor, five for Vice-Mayor and a whopping 46 candidates for councilor. Below is a list of their names and the political parties they are running under./Cordillera Sun

## Congressman:

Aliping, Nicasio Jr. M. - Liberal party, Incumbent  
Aspilan, Rudy M. - Independent  
Duque, Edgardo L. - Independent  
Go, Marquez O. - Nacionalista Party  
Vergara, Bernardo M. - Nationalist People's Coalition

## Mayor:

Claravall, Edilberto T. - Independent  
Domogan, Mauricio G. - United Nationalist Alliance, Incumbent  
Hernandez, Guillermo C. - Independent  
Molintas, Jose M. - NPC

## Vice-Mayor:

Bagbagen, Fred L. - Independent  
Bilog, Edison R. - NPC, Incumbent  
Cosalan, Isabelo Jr. B. - Liberal Party  
Pinic, Jeffrey B. - Independent  
Tabanda, Betty Lourdes F. - UNA

## Councilor:

Abatique, Marilou C. - Independent  
Alangsab, Joel A. - Liberal Party  
Allad-iw, Arthur L. - Liberal Party  
Ananayo, Carlos P. - NPC  
Ang, Stanford C. - NP  
Apostol, Ed V. - Independent  
Avila, Edgar M. - UNA  
Awingan, Roberto A. - NPC  
Bagalawis, Ricardo Jr. C. - NP  
Balajadia, Erdolfo V. - UNA  
Batnag, Pablo K. - Independent  
Bautista, Joderek Carlos - Independent  
Bayasen, Ferdie - Independent  
Bomogao, Benny O. - UNA  
Bumanglag, Villamor A. - UNA  
Cabato, Joseph Francis C. - Liberal Party  
Cayabas, Vladimir D. - UNA  
Coteng, Robin G. - PMM  
Datuin, Elmer O. - UNA  
DeCastro, Marlene B. - UNA  
Estolas, Lalaine N. - Independent  
Farinas, Lilia A. - UNA  
Fianza, Peter C. - Independent  
Gaerlan, John Glenn F. - Independent  
Gapuz, Edilberto C. - Independent  
Macadangang, Benjamin A. - NPC  
Mandapat, Federico Jr. J. - UNA  
Mayos, Grace R. - NP  
Mazo, Alan Antonio S. - Independent  
Nialla, Nicanor N. - NPC  
Olowan, Faustino A. - NPC  
Orate, Reena R. - UNA  
Orca, Virgilio Jr. D. - Liberal party  
Ortega, Roberto C. - UNA  
Padawil, Francis T. - Independent



ECO-WALK - Ramon Dacawi, project director of Eco-Walk children's environmental awareness program and consultant of Mayor Mauricio Domogan on environmental program briefs members of the San Vicente Saving and Credit Cooperative on the Eco-Walk program. The coop members repaired to the Busol watershed for the Eco-Walk experience last Oct. 3 to mark the cooperative's anniversary celebration. Conceptualized by members of the local media led by Dacawi in 1991, Eco-Walk was pilot-tested in 1992 and since then became the top environmental awareness program of the Baguio Regreening Movement and the city earning for the city prestigious awards including the 1996 "Galing Pook" Award bestowed by the Asian Institute of Management and the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the 2002 Global 500 Award given by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). Story on Page 3/ Marjorie Pel-ingen photos

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## PNOY Administration... from page 5

It is clear and evident that there is a pattern and systematic plunder of public funds throughout Noynoy's term.

This weekend, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the General Appropriations Act (GAA) based on Abad's national expenditures program for the 2016 election year.

Of the 291 congressmen, only 20 voted "nay" to the exorbitant P3 trillion budget proposal for 2016.

With a number of senators running for reelection to or for higher office, the GAA is expected to pass smoothly.

The House-approved bill was left virtually untouched from the original budget proposal submitted by the Department of Budget and Management.

Bayan Muna Rep. Neri Colmenares noted the presence of pork barrel or lump sums or discretionary funds amounting to P758 billion.

Wala talagang kahihiyan sa Tuwad na Daan/We welcome your reaction, comments, complaints or exposé. Please email them to etulfo2011@yahoo.com or personally visit us at the TV5 Field Office at 2nd Floor, Quedsa Plaza, Quezon Ave. corner EDSA, Quezon City, between 9 am-4 pm Monday to Friday.



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO) that the 35th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) will be held on December 05, 2015, (Saturday) at the Municipal Covered Court, Kabayan, Benguet.

Any member or members who wish to offer an amendment of any of the articles or sections of the BENECO By-Laws, such member or members shall deposit a copy of said proposed amendment with the Secretary of the Board not later than November 03, 2015 at the BENECO Office, Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Every member is encouraged to attend this annual activity.

MANAGEMENT



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

BPI FAMILY SAV-  
INGS BANK, INC.,  
*Mortgagee,*  
-versus-  
RODRIGO S. AR-  
NAIZ,  
*Mortgagor.*

FORECLOSURE  
CASE NO. 15-  
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EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE  
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MORTGAGE UN-  
DER ACT 3135 as  
Amended

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DRIGO S. ARNAIZ,  
hereinafter referred  
to as MORTGAGOR,  
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incidental to the fore-  
closure proceedings,  
the Clerk of Court/  
Ex-Officio Sher-  
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will SELL at public  
auction on this 28th  
day of October 2015  
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the morning or soon  
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City, the real prop-  
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IN RE: PETITION  
FOR CORREC-  
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PO,

RICARLO GABOL  
GATPO,

*Petitioner,*

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TO:

1. The Solicitor  
General;
2. The Local Civil  
Registrar of Baguio  
City;
3. Philippine Statis-  
tics Authority;
4. Atty. Dante Gabol  
Ganasi; and
5. Publication.

SPL. PRO. CASE  
NO. 2489-R

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er, alleging among  
others that:

1. "Petitioner, is  
of legal age, Filipino  
citizen, and a resident  
of Sto. Ambassador  
Tublay, Benguet but  
presently residing at  
Ap-54, central Am-  
biong, La Trinidad,  
Benguet where he  
may be served with  
notices and orders of  
the Honorable Court;

2. Petitioner was  
the first born child  
of spouses Reynaldo  
Caranto Gatpo and  
Carmelita Moldino  
Gabol-Gatpo. He was  
born on November  
17, 1994 at Baguio  
General Hospital and  
his fact of birth was  
duly registered in the  
City Civil Registry of  
Baguio City;

3. At the time of  
petitioner's birth, his  
parents were not yet  
legally married to  
each other and there  
was no legal imped-  
iments for them to  
marry each other;

4. Petitioner's  
parents got married  
on March 10, 1995  
in the Office of the  
Municipal Mayor of  
Buguias at Abatan,  
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be.

Baguio City, Phil-  
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30, 2014.

(SGD) ATTY. LINDA  
MONTES-LOLOY  
Clerk of Court IV/  
Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD) MARANI S.  
BACOLOD  
SHERIFF IV

Publication Dates:  
Oct 3, 10, and 17,  
2015

Camsol;

5. In petitioner's  
Certificate of Live  
Birth, the entry ap-  
pertaining to his par-  
ent's date and place  
of marriage was filled  
with "20 January  
1993 Basista, Pan-  
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same should be "NOT  
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ering that his parents  
did not yet legally  
marry at the time of  
his birth;

6. Likewise, in the  
Certificate of Live  
Birth of Petitioner,  
his mother's mid-  
dle name was also  
erroneously spelled  
as "Moldino" when  
the same should be  
"Moldino" consid-  
ering that the "Mold-  
ino" is his mother  
maiden surname;

7. In the same  
manner, Petitioner's  
father's first name  
was incompletely en-  
tered as "Rey" when  
his father's complete  
name should be "Rey-  
naldo";

8. Petitioner's fa-  
ther executed an af-  
fidavit of paternity  
acknowledging pater-  
nity over the person  
of petition;

9. Petitioner's fa-  
ther also executed an  
affidavit to use fa-  
ther's surname giving  
consent for the peti-  
tioner to use "Gatpo"  
as petitioner's sur-  
name;

10. Petitioner's  
parents also execut-  
ed a joint affidavit  
acknowledging that  
the petitioner is their  
first born child and  
that the petitioner be  
legitimated by virtue  
of their marriage;

11. In view of the  
foregoing, petitioner  
is seeking correction  
of the entries in his  
Certificate Of Live  
Birth regarding the  
date and place of  
marriage of his par-  
ents to be annotated  
and corrected from  
"20 January 1993 Ba-  
sista, Pangasinan" to  
"NOT MARRIED"  
and to be subsequent-  
ly legitimated by vir-  
tue of his parent's  
subsequent marriage;

12. Petitioner also  
seeks that his moth-  
er's middle name in  
his certificate of Live

Birth be corrected  
from "Moldino" to  
"Moldino"; and

13. Petitioner fi-  
nally seeks that his  
father's first name  
be completed from  
"Rey" to "Reynaldo".

Petitioners pray  
that after due publi-  
cation and hearing,  
the Honorable Court  
grant the petition and  
order that the City  
Civil Registry and the  
Philippine Statistics  
Authority (former  
National Statistics  
Office) to correct the  
following entries in  
the Certificate of Live  
Birth of plaintiff as  
follows, to wit:

1. The date and  
place of marriage of  
petitioner's parents  
be corrected from  
"20 January 1993" to  
"NOT MARRIED";

2. The petitioner be  
legitimated by virtue  
of his parents' mar-  
riage;

3. The petitioner's  
mother's surname  
be corrected from  
"Moldino" to "Mold-  
ino"; and

4. The petitioner's  
father's first name  
to be corrected from  
"Rey" to "Reynaldo."

It appearing that  
the instant petition  
is sufficient in form  
and substance, the  
same is set for hear-  
ing on November 23,  
2015 at 11:00 o'clock  
in the morning be-  
fore this Court at its  
Session Hall, Justice  
Hall Building, Baguio  
City. Any person  
may appear and show  
cause, if any, why said  
petition should not be  
granted.

Let a copy of this  
Order be published at  
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publication of which  
should not be later  
than October 5, 2015,  
in a newspaper of  
general circulation  
in Baguio City to be  
determined by raffle  
pursuant to the pro-  
vision of Presidential  
Decree No. 1079; let  
copies hereof together  
with the copies of the  
petition and its an-  
nexes be furnished to  
the Solicitor General,

## Peso weakens against dollar

MANILA - The Philippine peso closed Friday weak against a US dollar following the latest release of US inflation data.

Peso ended the week's trading at PhP46.05 reversing its gain on Thursday at PhP45.85 from Wednesday's PhP46 finish.

A trader said peso is tracking regional currencies after the better-than-expected US inflation data that strengthened the dollar.

US' official figures showed that consumer price index in September only rose to 0.2%.

Peso already opened the day weak at PhP45.94 from last day's opening of PhP45.86.

It traded between PhP45.90 and PhP46.05 bringing Friday's average level at PhP45.98.

Volume of trade increased to US\$ 740.8 million from last day's volume at US\$ 679.5 million.

Peso-dollar trading next week is expected between PhP45.80 and PhP46.10./ PNA

## List of Complete... from page 7

Pajarillaga, Arturo Jr. V. - NPC  
Paraan, Rudolfo A. - Liberal Party  
Perez, Ronald L. - Liberal Party  
Sembrano, Elaine D. - UNA  
Sugano, Gueliro M. - NPC  
Tongawan, Connie C. - Independent  
Ueda, Eric O. - Independent  
Uy, Gerry P. - Independent  
Vergara, Jonathan A. - NPC  
Yangot, Leandro Jr. B. - Liberal Party  
Yaranon, Maria Mylen Victoria G. - Liberal Party

## GSIS Bares... from page 10

GSIS scholarship program.

The scholars can pursue a four or five-year college course with GSIS defraying up to PhP20,000 of the actual cost of tuition per semester and a monthly stipend of PhP2,000.

Other reforms which he spelled out include the non-suspension of loan privileges of active members in suspended agen-

cies, the reduction in the inaccurate volume of accounts from PhP30 billion in 2010 to PhP2.4 billion in 2014, the increased minimum basic pension of PhP5,000 for old-age and disability pensioners; the relaxed entitlement requirement for survivorship pension allowing surviving spouses of deceased members to receive pension even if they are receiving income and pension from other institutions./ JDP/MAWC - PIA CAR

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## FEATURE

## Aspiring Philippine politicians, presidents kick off turbulent election season

**M**ANILA — The Philippines' election season kicked off Monday with politicians registering for thousands of posts, launching a typically raucous and deadly seven months of campaigning in a famously chaotic democracy.

A successor to President PNOY will be chosen in the six-yearly polls, with the front-runners a savvy politician accused of corruption, the adopted daughter of a movie star and a low-key stalwart of the ruling Liberal Party.

Aquino, who has won international plaudits for tackling systemic corruption and for his solid economic stewardship, is imploring voters to choose longtime ally Mar Roxas to continue his "straight path" style of governance.

"This is a campaign to continue the straight path, a campaign to make our hopes possible, a campaign that will continue the heroic story of the Filipino

people," Aquino said at a rally to announce the LP's Senate ticket.

But Roxas has struggled in opinion polls and is facing strong challenges from Jejomar Binay, the current vice president who is being investigated for graft, and Grace Poe, a political novice riding on her late father's popularity.

The start of a week-long registration process began Monday for more than 18,000 positions up for grabs — from the presidency down to village captain level — for May's elections.

Binay, a former Aquino ally who now heads the main opposition party, was the first of the major candidates to register at election headquarters in Manila on Monday morning.

Binay was a clear leader in opinion polls until the Senate and ombudsman began investigating him for alleged corrupt activities when he was mayor of Makati, the financial district in the Philippine capital.

Binay has insisted on his innocence, maintaining the allegations are part of a political smear campaign.

The Philippines, a former U.S. colony of 100 million people, has struggled to establish a stable democracy, with many of the problems blamed on dictator Ferdinand Marcos's rule from 1965-1986.

But his son and namesake is running for the vice presidency next year as an independent, insisting his late father's rule was benign and that voters will focus on present problems rather than the past.

"There are corrupt Filipinos ... within and outside the government who are killing our economy and keeping us poor," Marcos, 58, said at a weekend rally alongside his controversial mother and former first lady Imelda.

Another feature associated with Philippines democracy has been politicians resorting to violence to eliminate

rivals or cheating to rig polls.

The best-known incident occurred in 2009, when the warlord family of a southern province allegedly massacred 58 people to try to stop a rival registering his candidacy as governor.

While some members of the Ampatuan family accused of orchestrating the massacre are behind bars and on trial for the murders, many others are expected to compete in the polls.

These include Sajid Ampatuan, who has been charged with murder but was allowed to post bail this year.

"I am not here to scare the people but to make their vision real," Ampatuan, who registered Monday to run for a village mayor position in his family's stronghold, said by phone.

Pre-election violence had already flared before the registration process.

A roadside bomb injured a local mayor and killed three of his bodyguards in the vio-

lence-racked southern island of Basilan on Oct. 1.

Another enduring challenge for the nation's democracy has been the power of elite clans who dominate national, provincial and local posts, according to political analysts.

"Philippine politics has always been governed by the elite ... I don't think the dynasties will change," Ateneo University political science professor Benito Lim said.

Roxas, for instance, is the grandson of a former president.

And while Binay does not come from a political family, since rising to influence he has set up his own dynasty, with his wife and children becoming powerful politicians.

Only celebrities, such as movie or sporting stars, have generally been able to challenge the elites.

Boxing hero Manny Pacquiao, 36, is one of those.

The eight-time world champion is currently a member of the House of Representatives and will next year run for a higher-profile Senate seat. / AFP-JIJI

## Scientists create artificial 'skin' that could feel sensation

**W**ASHINGTON -- US researchers said they have created a plastic "skin" that is capable of distinguishing the pressure difference between a limp handshake and a firm grip and then transferring these sensory signals to the brain cells.

For the many people around the world living with prosthetics, such a system could one day allow them to feel sensation in their artificial limbs.

"This is the first time a flexible, skin-like material has been able to detect pressure and also transmit a signal to a component of the nervous system," said Zhenan Bao,

a professor of chemical engineering at the Stanford University, who led the 17-person research team responsible for the achievement.

For the top layer, Bao's team combined plastics and rubbers with billions of carbon nanotubes to create the plastic sensor to mimic human skin, which transmits pressure information as short pulses of electricity, similar to Morse code, to the brain.

The team then hooked this pressure-sensing mechanism to the second ply of their artificial skin, a flexible electronic circuit that could carry pulses of electricity to nerve cells.

One challenge is that the team had to prove the electronic signal could be recognized by a biological neuron.

"We have a lot of work to take this from experimental to practical applications," Bao said. (PNA/Xinhua)



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## APPOINTMENT

By virtue of the powers and authority vested in us by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC),

**HON. JOSE M. MOLINTAS**

*City of Baguio*

is hereby appointed as *City Chairman* of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) for the *City Baguio*.

Congratulations and good luck!

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**HON. JOSE M. MOLINTAS**  
NPC CITY CHAIRMAN  
CITY OF BAGUIO

Sir:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of our Party, you are hereby authorized, as **CITY CHAIRMAN** of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC), to **NOMINATE** the official candidates for the positions of **CITY VICE MAYOR** and **CITY COUNCILORS** in **BAGUIO CITY** for the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections, and to represent the Party in all official functions/dialogues in therein

Likewise, you are hereby authorized to appoint precinct and canvassing watchers in behalf of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) for the May 9, 2016 National and Elections.

For your reference and compliance.

**GIORGIDI B. AGGABAO**  
President

**SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW** - Atty Jose "Jomol" Molintas is the NPC Party Chairman for Baguio who is authorized to appoint the official candidates for Vice Mayor and Councilors as seen in these certifications.



## GSIS bares additional benefits for members and pensioners

**B**AGUIO CITY— The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) updated stakeholders on the latest benefit enhancements for its members and pensioners and other breakthroughs that the pension fund is implementing to provide responsive service.

During the "Dialogue with Public Sector Union (PSU) Leaders" held on October 14 at Hotel Supreme, this city, Vice President for North Luzon Group Eduardo V. Fernandez informed GSIS funeral benefit for members and pensioners has been increased to Php 30,000 from Php 20,000 effective September 2015.

Old-age and disability pensioners as of December 2014 have started receiving a one-time benefit equivalent to one-month pension or Php 10,000.00, whichever is lower.

"The benefit will be automatically credited to the pensioners' account", Fernandez said explaining that the benefit will only be granted this year which can be considered as additional bonus.

GSIS is also granting "Milestone" benefit to nonagenarian and centenarian pensioners. Those who turn 90 to 94 years old as of September 1, 2015 will receive Php20,000; those 95 to 99 years old will receive Php50,000; and those who are 100 years old and above will get Php100,000.

Starting September 2, 2015 and thereafter, regular pensioners will be paid the following milestone benefit on their birthday: Php20,000 to pensioners who will turn 90 years old; Php30,000 to pensioners who will turn 95 years old; and Php50,000 to pensioners who will turn 100 years old, Fernandez said.

Fernandez also discussed reforms implemented by GSIS in the last five years. These include the re-engagement with Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) as an additional servicing partner in December 2010. Pensioners and active members now have the choice, not only to use LBP's nearly 1,000 ATMs deployed across the country (70 percent of which are in the provincial areas), but they can also have their own LandBank-issued UMID eCard.

GSIS also allocated at least 20 slots for children of indigenous peoples, persons with disability and solo or single parents under the enhanced

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## Cordillera spared from of El Niño this year

**BAGUIO CITY** - Here's a good news for the Cordillerans especially the farmers.

The Cordillera region will feel the effects of the El Niño phenomenon during the first quarter of next year 2016.

Department of Agriculture (DA) regional information officer Robert Domoguen, informed that in his recent tour around the region, most areas still experience afternoon rains and the springs have plenty of water flowing.

He said DA has not recorded incidence of damaged crops due to drought.

Kalinga province, particu-

larly Tabuk City, which is often hit by drought, has abundant agricultural harvest and still the top producer of quality rice in the Cordillera. The provinces of Ifugao and Mountain Province still have large quantity of hybrid corn production and rice, he said.

Danny Galate of Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)-Cordillera, affirmed that the region is experiencing regular rains.

"We have been having a good cloud formation in the region even with the El Niño that is why we do not feel much the

effect. Our high elevation is also an advantage which makes our temperature better aside from the rains that we are having," said Galati.

Even as the Cordillera is not yet affected by El Niño, Domoguen said the DA is designing plans that suit the needs of farmers and other agricultural stakeholders to combat the effects of the phenomenon. He said they are closely coordinating with the National Irrigation Administration and other partner agencies for mitigating measures. *JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR*



Filipino teno Juan Alberto Gaerlan files his Certificate of Candidacy for Baguio City Council "in style," when he arrived the at the COMELEC in a calesa. Since when did Baguio had a calesa? Ride bare back stu....! (PNA Photo)

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