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Benguet Gov Calls on Partners to Help Protect the Forests

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Philippine Information Agency last Friday launched their Climate Change Advocacy campaign, "Nagbabago na ang Panahon, Panahon na Para Magbago", in a simple program and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing at the Benguet State University here.

Signatories to the MOA included Governor Nestor Fongwan, Benguet State University represented by Vice President for Research and Extension Luciana Villanueva, Department of Education- Benguet Division Superintendent Nancy Lumbas, SN Aboitiz Power Benguet (SNAP – Benguet) VP for Corporate Affairs Atty. Mike Hosillos, Philex Mining Corporation represented by Atty. Francis Ballesteros and Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc. represented by Executive Director Maria Rosario Lopez.

Signing for DENR was Benguet Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) OIC Octavio Cuanso and PIA by Regional Director Helen Tibaldo.

Fongwan, in his inspirational message, highlighted the impor-

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"CLEANING CZAR" – Dominador Urbanozo of the City General Services Office (GSO) personally oversees the flushing of the city market fish and meat sections with the help of vendors and POSD personnel last week./Photo by Jerry Manaois

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Gobernor, DENR, PIA, sana naman at hindi lang pirmahan na walang saysay ang naganap. Napakadali mag pirmahan ngunit ang tanong ngayon ay, now what ? At huwag sana mga politiko lang ang babanatan ng propaganda kung hindi lahat ng mga pumuputotl ng kahoy kahit na mga PNP at Militar!!!

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DOT to bring Clark Airport Roadshow in Baguio on Aug. 8

BAGUIO CITY — The Department of Tourism in partnership with the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) is set to bring the North Luzon Clark Airport Roadshow in Baguio City on Friday, August 8.

The activity is in line with the objective to embark on an intensive marketing campaign thru the roadshow within the North Luzon area to keep the general public updated with the developments on the facilities and services at the airport and to strengthen the connectivity of Baguio City and the Cordillera region with Clark International Airport and expand its link to the potential market.

CIAC President and CEO Victor Jose Luciano will be the guest of honor in the program proper at 3:00PM SM City Baguio Atrium after the trivia games and entertainment.

DOT-Cordillera Regional Director Purificacion Molintas and Baguio City Congressman Nicasio Aliping will give their respective messages during the program.

The program includes presentations on the updates in Clark by CIAC and DOT while participating airlines and companies like Cebu Pacific, Qatar Airways and Smart Communications, will also launch promotional activities.

City officials and other representatives of the business and hotels and tourism industry in the city are expected during the event.

During the Tourism Forum Road Show in Baguio City last year dubbed as "Connecting BLISTT (Baguio, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba, and Tublay) to Clark-The International Gateway," Luciano said that Clark is now the airport of the North and stressed the connectivity of Northern Luzon particularly Baguio City with Middle East because of the Clark Airport.

The roadshow will have stopover in strategic towns or cities in the Ilocos and Cordillera regions to increase awareness through the conduct of presentations before an audience of tour operators, hoteliers, local government units, academe and other tourism-related industry stakeholders./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

LTO DOTC to Implement Stiffer Fines on Colorum Vehicles

BAGUIO CITY – the joint Administrative Order No. 2014-01 (JAO) providing stiffer fines and penalties to those who violate land transportation regulations is now up for implementation.

The JAO increased the fines and penalties for land transportation violations including those operating as colorum.

Colorum as defined in the JAO are motor vehicles under the following circumstances which includes, private motor vehicles operating as public utility vehicles (PUV) without proper authority from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), PUV operating outside of its approved route without a proper permit.

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Crippling Double Whammy Hits Driver's Family

Almario Benitez Jr., a 48-year old jeepney driver from Ferdinand Barangay here, could have stopped looking up the sky for answers days after doctors told him and his wife, Ma.Victoria, that their youngest, Jovy Bon, was born with a congenital heart ailment.

In a social case study report, social welfare officer Presela Dumiwal noted that Almario had been working hard to save for the medical deliverance, through surgical intervention, of his boy who was diagnosed for VSD, or ventral septal defect.

VSD refers to a congenital anomaly in the ventricular septum, the wall dividing the left and right ventricles of the heart.

The diagnosis came 23 days after Jovy Bon was born. That gave Almario reason to work double time, hoping he would be able to save enough for a surgery at the Philippine Heart Center to close the hole in his youngest child's heart.

It was not meant to be. The boy, now 15, still has to go under the knife. Last August, Almario was hospitalized due to bouts of dizziness.

That's when the second whammy hit hard. Doctors told him both his kidneys had failed. In order to survive, he began his twice-a-week hemodialysis that, he was told, must be done at least twice a week for the remaining days of his life.

Since then, the couple and their three kids would, silently and individually, toss questions to the wild blue yonder, questions a family in such a predicament has all the right to ask.

Since then, he had to stop plying the route to Campo Sioco. Since then, his wife has been doing odd jobs since then to provide for the basic needs of the family.

Last month, Ma. Victoria and two other women asked that the individual cases of their relatives, all suffering from kidney failure, be featured in the local media, so Samaritans out there would know and be able to respond.

"We have to wait for our turn," Ma. Victoria said when they were told their calls for help would be written on a first-come, first-served basis.

She and her husband were born in Baguio, although both trace their roots to Pangasinan. They are bless with three boys: Jeremy Glenn, 19, and Jaybee, 18, are now in college, while Jovy Bon is in third year high school.

"Life went on smoothly among the family (members) and (their) relationship was… harmonious in spite of some financial difficulties," social worker Dumiwal noted. "Unfortunately, (Almario) was diagnosed (for kidney failure) which upset the family financially and emotionally."

Readers who can help may ring Ma. Victoria's number – 09216469285. They may visit Almario during his dialysis treatment sessions set at 4:oo p.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center or see the family at their residence at 38 Campo Sioco, Ferdinand Barangay, Baguio./Ramon Dacawi

'Iskolar Ng Bayan' Bill to Provide Better Opportunities for Poor Families and Their Children

Almost 80,000 students to benefit from landmark measure

"Let us set aside all talks of politics and focus our efforts on Filipinos families and how to address their day-to-day problems like how to provide quality education for their children."

This is the call made by Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano to his colleagues in the 16th Congress as he rallied support for the Iskolar ng Bayan bill which he said would provide quality education to almost 80,000 students every year if enacted into law.

"This is one issue we could all agree on, no matter what political color you carry: that access to quality education is a right, not a privilege, even at the tertiary level. Let us provide Filipino families, especially the poor, the kind of education that would make their lives better," Cayetano, author of the measure, said.

Senate Bill No. 2275, otherwise known as the Iskolar ng Bayan bill, proposes the government mandates all state universities and colleges (SUCs) to give automatic admission and scholarship grants to the top ten (10) public high school students of their respective graduating classes. It has been approved on third reading by the Senate and has recently hurdled the appropriations committee in the House of Representatives.

Under the measure, SUCs are expected to grant free tuition and other school fees to the Iskolar ng Bayan in all SUCs.

"According to the latest data from DepEd, there are a total of 7,913 public high schools operating for school year 2013-2014. That is roughly 79,130 students who are sure of going to college if this measure is made law, or 79,130 Filipino families who have a chance of waking up to a better future," Cayetano stated.

"Let us show them that they are still our number one priority by approving measures like the Iskolar ng Bayan bill; measures that will directly address the Filipinos' daily problems."

Cayetano said the enactment of this measure becomes particularly important now that the PDAF has been abolished by Congress, leaving some 400,000 scholars on their own to fend for their schooling.

He particularly cited the experience in Taguig City and its local government's strong stance against corruption, a policy that has propelled the city to be one of best cities in the country to live in.

"In 2010, the city's scholarship fund was at a measly P5 million while the allocation for garbage collection was P500 million. It was a clear injustice. But when Mayor Lani won her first term, the contract for garbage hauling was cut and the savings was used to fund a scholarship program. Now with P400-million worth of scholarship funds under the LANI Scholarship Program, over 24,000 scholars since 2010 were given the opportunity to go to college and in the process find better and higher paying jobs in the future."

"This is how it should be throughout the country. If we want to help Filipinos families have better lives, we have to focus on what is really important. First, let us cleanse our government from corruption; then, let us maximise the benefits of our people. Kapag bawal ang corrupt, bigay todo ang biyaya, mas masaya ang bawat pamilya" he said./ Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

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Rules of engagement on anti-peddling operations sought

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda sought the formulation and adoption of the rules of engagement to be observed in the implementation of anti-peddling operations.

In a proposed resolution, Tabanda said the rules should be framed a team composed of a representative from the office of the city mayor – public order and safety division, city legal office, the Baguio City Market Authority, Commission on Human Rights and one representative from the market sector and one from the vendors.

"The City Mayor is tasked to implement all laws, national and local, thus, the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) was created to assist in the maintenance of order and control in the public market/public vending areas, as far as peddling/vending is concerned," Tabanda noted.

The POSD "carries out its functions within its vested mandate and in close coordination with authorities charged with market regulations and as an implementing arm of the City Government, POSD operations must be governed by a set of rules which shall be strictly observed in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities, to protect the rights and interests of the city, the vendors and the POSD personnel."

Tabanda's proposal will be tackled by the city council soon./A Refuerzo

Asin Mini-Hydro Project Finally Awarded to Private Firm

BAGUIO CITY – The city government finally awarded the long delayed privatization, development and operation of the Asin mini-hydroelectric plants in Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet to a power firm based in Metro Manila.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan signed the notice of award on July 17 to Kaltimex Energy Philippines based on the recommendation of the Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) after employing the negotiated procurement method provided under Republic Act 9184 or An Act Providing for the Modernization, Standardization and Regulation of the Procurement Activities of the Government…

The SBAC resorted to the said alternative procurement mode after the four competitive bidding exercises it conducted in 2012 and 2013 failed due to the disqualification of the companies that tendered offers.

As opposed to the competitive scheme, the negotiated bidding employs a shorter period of completing the bidding procedure and requirements.

Based on SBAC records, the bid was posted last May 21 and 29 and opened last June 11. The SBAC recommended the award of the project to the mayor last July 14 and the award was subsequently posted last August 1.

In the notice, the mayor directed the city administrator's office to prepare the contract and notice to proceed and gave Kaltimex 45 days upon receipt of the notice to submit the required post qualification documents particularly the performance security, credit line certificate, construction schedule

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Dads Mull Studies to Reconcile Local Laws with new DOTC Order on Traffic Violations

BAGUIO CITY – Studies should be done on how local traffic ordinance can be reconciled with the provisions of the new Dept. of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) law revising the fines and penalties on traffic violations.

This was decided by the city council on Monday after clarifying the provisions of the DOTC's Joint Administrative Order 2014-01 with DOTC Cordillera representatives under regional director Celina Claver.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda who served as temporary presiding officer during the session said an ordinance should be proposed to study the possible reconciliation of the local and national laws particularly on the disparity of the amount of penalties.

She said this has to be done for the city to comply with a law mandating that all local ordinances should be consistent with the national laws because in instances when there were inconsistencies, the national statutes will prevail over local ones.

In the meantime, the city has to content itself with the pronouncement of lawyer Robert Basco of the DOTC-CAR that the penalties to be imposed on violations such as driving under the influence of liquor and smoke belching will depend on who conducts the apprehension. If local traffic enforcers conduct the apprehension and issue a temporary citation ticket (TCT), then the penalty provided in the city ordinance will apply. But if the agents from the Land Transportation Office will apprehend and issue the temporary operators permit (TOP), then the JAO provisions will be used.

Basco also clarified the concerns on covered plate numbers which was the subject of many complaints from motorists saying the order applies to old and new plate numbers but the provision on old plate numbers has been suspended since last month pending issuance of a memorandum from the central office and provided that the covers do not affect the visibility of the letters of the plates.

Moreover, the provisions on vehicle registration, renewal operation, failure to attach or improper attachment, tampering or authorized motor vehicle license plates and third party sticker are also allowed as long as they do not obstruct the view.

For violations of other policies like the fare discounts to senior citizens, students and persons with disability, refusal to convey passengers and others, the LTO relies on complaints from commuters either written or phoned in.

The apprehension of colorum vehicles is done only by LTO and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) personnel who are deputized for the purpose.

The DOTC order which took effect last June 19 drew opposition from various transport groups due to the huge increase in the amount of penalties imposed.

In the city, Basco said they brought up concerns on the exorbitant increase in fines with the committee that drafted the order but it responded that law-abiding citizens need not worry with the prohibitive penalties.

On claims that the high penalty would contribute fur-

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SWAYING AND DANCING - *Members of the University of Baguio Dance Troupe present an eye catching and bouncy dance number during City Hall's flag raising ceremony August 4./By Bong Cayabyab*

City to Review DPWH Improvement of Athletic Bowl

The city council and mayor Mauricio Domogan will review tomorrow the planned improvement of the stands of the city athletic bowl, the first phase of which has been posted for bidding by the district office of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

City councilor Peter Fianza sought the review, saying that "while construction should be most welcomed as it will definitely start the improvement of the long-neglected city athletic bowl, there is a need to have the same coordinated with the city for an understanding or adoption of a master development plan for the area".

"Furthermore," Fianza added, "the city can definitely help in the sustainability of the project, especiallty with the incorporation of other possible use of the supposed multipurposebuilding like, for instance, a proposed evacuation center in which a total amount of sP70 million is being sought to be allocated rorm the calamity fund of the city".

He said that as per inquiries, the amount of over P14 million has been earmarked for the first phase of the improvement of the stands through the initiative of Baguio Rep. Nicassio Aliping Jr., and an additional P20 million is being programmed for the second phase to be implemented next year.

DPWH officials led by newly installed district engineer Alexander Castaneda who were invited to the city council session last Monday afternoon said the bidding can be postponed for a few days so the need to harmonize the project with the city's own plans for the athletic bowl can be addressed.

City to Review DPWH Improvement of Athletic Bowl the tenders, in accordance with the invitation to bid posted by the DPWH, are set to be opened on August 12 at 2 p.m. at the national agency's city district office./Ramon Dacawi.

Painting Rice Cakes

"You can't dull hunger by painting rice cakes," says an Asian proverb. That fits the new UP School of Economics paper by Melba V. Tutor titled "The Impact of Philippines' Conditional Cash Transfer Program on Consumption."

CCT is the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4Ps. It provides the poorest with cash grants, with strings attached: Parents get kids to school and have them immunized and dewormed; impoverished pregnant mothers receive prenatal and postnatal checkups and health personnel attend at deliveries.

Mexico crafted the first CCT in 1997. Africa followed a decade later. They grew to more than 30 after a decade. Red de Protección Social in Nicaragua incorporates evaluation components. "Overall, CCTs are achieving short-term goals."

Then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo launched CCT in 2007. It started with 6,000 families from 20 of the most hard-up provinces. It focused on families with pregnant mothers and kids up to 14. Beneficiaries were to get a P1,400 cash grant a month for five years.

But graft crippled the Arroyo watch. Thus, the 4Ps never budged beyond a P4-billion token. President Aquino, however, ramped up the 4Ps budget to P39 billion, then to P44 billion. Next year, the 4Ps could buffer 28 million beneficiaries. They would be a quarter of the population then.

By 2016, the number of beneficiary-families could surge to 4.87 million. "No social protection program in our history ever reached this scale," notes Lila Ramos Shahani of the Cabinet Cluster on Poverty Reduction.

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A 2013 World Bank impact evaluation found that the program jacked up enrollments—e.g., 10 percent among children 3 to 5. This lead vanished among the 12-year-olds and above.

The 4Ps resulted "in significant increase in per capita spending—38 percent for education and medicine." "Parents were allocated another 38 percent more on high-protein foods, such as eggs and fish," notes the UP study.

A good signal is that the households are keen on continuing to stay signed in. "They understand the program logic and have positive expectations of its impact on their welfare in the future."

Households grapple with tough choices among goods required by the program, like schooling, and "those that are not." After deducting 4Ps requirements, households focused the remaining income on food. Specifically, they prioritized carbohydrates.

"This choice supports the view that women's control over resources leads to spending on goods that improve total household welfare." But over time, can cash grants tide over households from hunger and enable them to sustain investments in human capital?

The Asian Development Bank has committed $400 million to boost the CCT here. "By and large, Pantawid Pamilya has become the cornerstone of the government's poverty reduction policy," notes Tutor. "In less than seven years of implementation, the number of [4Ps] households increased from 6,000 to 3.93 million."

She calls attention to the geographical spread. In 2008, the CCT covered 27 provinces. This surged to 50 provinces in 2009 and continued its upward momentum. As a consequence, the Department of Social Welfare and Development grew tenfold in resources and personnel.

The data reveal that families are determined to stay in the program because they have positive experience in their daily life. The daily per capita bill on food, for example, significantly increased from P28 to P49.

That's peanuts, of course, for graft-charge-impaled Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada, Bong Revilla, and now, Lito Lapid. But this means more protein, fruit and vegetables on the tables of deprived families.

"There is still no observed impact on spending for medicine." Those in the bottom fifth of the poor have, as may be expected, no savings. Minus five, in fact. With the CCT, they've reduced their shortfall by 1.6 percent. This is small, but it signals that "households were reducing their debts. If sustained over time, households may eventually have some room for gainful employment to improve productivity."

The economy will grow at 6.4 percent this year, then 6.7 percent in 2015, forecasts the World Bank's Philippine Economic Update released Thursday. "That's one of the fastest in East Asia, second only to China," notes World Bank country director Motoo Konishi.

Growth is now translating into food on tables and jobs. "Poverty incidence declined by 3 percent from 2012 to 2013. That lifted 2.5 million Filipinos out of poverty," observes Rogier van den Brink, World Bank lead econo-

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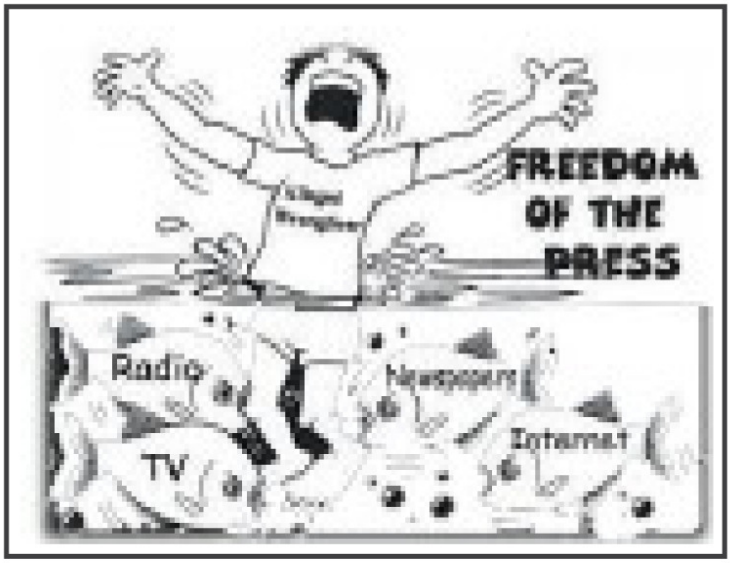

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

ON FIGHTING BACK TEARS

By: Jesus Dureza

When I wrote last time mentioning about President Aquino holding back tears during the SONA, I got several comments from Facebook. One of them recalled how reputedly hardy, and steely Davao City Mayor Rody Duterte, unabashedly shed tears holding in his arms a young child who died, an innocent victim during the rampage of penal colony escapees who shot it out with the authorities, using hostages as shields attempting to breach the government cordon right in the PNP headquarters downtown. Many innocent lives — and all the hostage takers — died in that carnage. That was sometime in 1995.

BEING HUMAN —Yes, I too fight back tears on occasions just like all of us do. Shedding tears or crying are perfectly human expressions of emotion that at certain times are uncontrollable. And just like everyone else, we try and hide and allow a tear to fall without immediately reaching for that obiquitous handkerchief, or just dabbing the side of our eyes to prevent a welling. I enjoy watching public figures like movie stars do that with finesse.

"CRYING-EST" — I remember my late father, Martin, was the "crying-est" person I knew. He would cry even when angry. Once, he was crying aloud as he whacked me with a broom after a firecracker I carelessly ignited, exploded near my face. He would shed tears as he would breakup fights among relatives or neighbors. At times, I could hear him cry when in an argument with my mother in the other room. "Mababaw ang luha" (tears are shallow) was a usual description of him. My mother Amparo however, was always in control of her emotions, as far as I can remember. I have never seen her cry or maybe I just missed those moments. In my case, I confess I am easy to tears like my father but I always try hard to fight them back, especially when in public.

LANDRING — The most notable "crying" politician I can recall was the late Dabawenyo Senator ALEJANDRO "Landring" ALMENDRAS whose public speeches were never complete without shedding tears on stage. And the crowd loved him for that. Then, there was one movie years ago I watched where I could hear some moviegoers just sobbing away and crying out loud during the movie.

PLANE CRASH — I had a few unforgettables of my own. In 1998, when I was crisis manager during a plane crash in Mindanao, I could not help but publicly shed tears during a briefing session in a hotel in Cagayan de Oro with angry and noisy relatives of missing passengers. It was the third day after the plane crash but the remains(there were no intact bodies) could not be brought down yet from the mountainside by helicopter and the relatives were already angry and shouting at us. What I felt was a mixture of anger, frustration, exhaustion mixed with grief. I stopped in the middle of my talk just allowing tears to flow when I started choking. The good part was that everyone noticed and they all stopped and stayed quiet. Somehow, they felt that we, who were helping, were one with them. Because of that incident, our succeeding briefing sessions became orderly.

CALAMITOUS — Another unforgettable, but it happened during a private chat-interview with Journalist CAROL ARGUILLAS after yet another hostage-taking incident inside the Davao Penal Colony also in 1998 which I handled. Allow me to

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DBM's complicity in pork scams

By: Batas Mauricio

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "…select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials…" (Exodus 18:21, the Holy Bible).

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DBM'S COMPLICITY IN PORK SCAMS: Here is a question for the Office of the Ombudsman, Department of Justice, Department of Budget and Management, and even of the Commission on Audit, in connection with allegations of pork barrel scams involving prominent politicians: who, really, released the hundreds of millions of pesos representing pork barrel allocations to their supposed beneficiaries?

This question is important in determining who should ultimately be held liable for these scams. The truth is that, even if politicians and lawmakers earmarked their pork barrel allocations for any particular beneficiary, whether a natural person or a juridical entity like a non-governmental organization, it is the DBM that has the final say whether the earmarked pork barrel is released or not.

Without the release of the pork barrel money by the DBM to the intended beneficiaries, whether legitimate or spurious, there would be no scam to speak of. Clearly, therefore, it is indubitable that the lawmakers who were supposed to have diverted their pork could not have carried out the scam, much as they would have wanted to, if the DBM did not actually release the money.

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WEAKNESS AND HYPOCRISY IN ACCUSING LAWMAKERS: And here lies the both the weakness and hypocrisy of accusing any lawmaker of anomalies in connection with his or her pork barrel allocations: the lawmaker can simply say he or she was not the one who really released his or her pork barrel allocations to persons or entities who subsequently diverted them or used them for purposes other than those for which the allocations were earmarked.

Since the lawmakers were not the ones who released the funds representing their pork barrel allocations, they could argue that they could not be held liable if, first, those funds were indeed released, and, second, if the released funds were used for purposes other than that which they were intended for, or third, if the persons who ultimately received those funds were legitimate or spurious.

The government entity releasing those funds, which is the DBM in particular, would have the sole responsibility in making sure that the hundreds of millions of government funds it is releasing as pork barrel allocations of lawmakers would be given only to the legitimate beneficiaries, and would be spent only for the purposes they were intended for. If the DBM did not do its duty, it would have no other person to blame but itself.

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PORK PROBE MUST INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT: Stretching this point a little bit more, another question would present itself for resolution: would the DBM have released the hundreds of millions in pork barrel allocations of lawmakers without the go-signal of the President? In some other countries

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IDOL DOBBIE DE GUZMAN NG TV PATROL!!! SONA ni PENOY – BITIN NA BITIN !!!

By : Nestor Castro

This is a Re–Print of last week's Column

IDOL DOBBIE DE GUZMAN NG TV PATROL- Saludo talaga ako sa ABS-CBN Baguio news head na si Mr. Dobbie de Guzman ng ABS-CBN TV Patlor este Patrol. Alam ninyo mga dear readers, itong si Mr. Dobbie de Guzman ay ang news head at news reporter na rin ng ABS-CBN Baguio kung saan mula Lunes hanggang Biyernes, siya at ang ilan niyang mga kasamahan ay nagrereport ng mga nangyayari sa lungsod ng Baguio. Katunayan niyan ay kailan lamang ay tumawag ako sa ABS-CBN Baguio sa dahilang nais kong magrequest ng ilan sa kanilang mga news reports partikular na sa mga news reports ni Idol Dobbie hinggil sa diumano ay mga paglalapastangan ng kalikasan ni tongressman este Congressman Aliping sa Mt. Cabuyao. Dismayado po ako sapagkat nu'ng tumawag ako sa ABS-CBN Baguio at nakausap ko ang isang babaeng ang pangalan ay Chery May Ladyonga, sinbi niya na hindi raw sila nagpapaunlak ng mga request for news footages. **VAKIT NAMAN? WHY, WHAT'S WRONG? ANYTHING TO HIDE???** Dismayado talaga ako sa nalaman ko sapagkat iniidolo ko pa naman itong si Idol Dobbie, eh ngayon ay baka hindi ko na mapanuod ang kanyang mga excellent at makatotohanan reports hinggil sa **Mt. Cabuyao – Aliping Tree Massacres**. Anyway, dahil dito ay sumulat ako sa ABS –CBN Baguio Station Manager na si Mr. Bernie Aldana at sa ABS-CBN Manila News and Current Affairs head na si Ms. Ging Reyes na siyang Assistant Vice President for News & Current Affairs. Sayang naman kung tutuo nga na hindi ko na makita ang mga magagaling at factual na reporting ni Idol Dobbie. Ngunit umaasa ako na ako ay mapapagbigyan ng pamunuan ng ABS-CBN Main Office para sa ganoon ay kapulutan nating lahat ng magagandang aral ang mga truthful and factual reporting ni kagalang-galang na Idol Dobbie. Abangan natin ang kasagutan ng ABS-CBN Main hinggil sa ating request. Kaya sa ngayon ay inutusan ko na ang isang staff ng pahayagng ito na huwag kakalimutan na tuwing TV-Patrol Baguio ay irecord niya ang kabuuang episode lalong lalo na ang mga **FANTASTIC** reports nitong si Idol Dobbie, kung saan ang kanyang mga reports ay supposed to be are **FACTUAL, TRUTHFUL, FAIR, and BALANCED** sapagkat hindi naman siya katulad ko na isa lamang kolumnista o yung sinasabing opinion writer/columnist kung saan ang inyong mababasa sa aking kolum ay pawang aking mga opinyon lamang at hindi parating nanganagahulugan na ang aking sinusulat ay isang **FACTUAL, TRUTHFUL, FAIR, and BALANCED.** Tama ba idol Dobbie?!! Abangan sa mga susunod kong kolum ang ilan pang mga paghanga kong napansin at opinyon at (exclusive exposes) hinggil kay idol Dobbie!!!

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SONA ni PENOY – BITIN NA BITIN !!!- Ano ba naman itong drama ni Pangulong PENOY, isang malaking drama na pang pamas award, may paluhaluha pa ni Kris Aquino the super drama queen. Ni wala siyang binanggit hinggil sa kanyang campaign promise na FOI Bill at kung anong plano niyang gawin hinggil sa DAP. Ang nakalulungkot at kahit na ano pang mga statistics ang kanilang ipalabas sa publiko ay malinaw pa rin sa masa at sa karamihan na ang salitang "Daang Matuwid" ay mananatiling isang **FANCY SLOGAN – NO MORE NO LESS, JUST ONE FANCY MEANINGLESS AND USELESS SLOGAN**. Malinaw pa rin ang mga pigura na tumaas ang un-employment sa kasalukuyang panahon kompara sa kaparehong panahon ng nakaraang taon. Malinaw pa rin ang mga pigura na nadagdagan ang poverty o ang mga mahihirap, eh bakit madadagdagan ang mahihirap kung nababawasan ng korpasyon? Ang mga taong nagsasabi na nababawasan ang korapsyon ay maaaring sila ay ILUSIYONADO, BULAG, O NAG-BUBULAG-BULAGAN, O MGA MALALAKING SINUNGALING SILA sapagkat sila ay kasalukuyang nakikinabang sa daang korap este daang matuwid. **TAMA NA NGA ANG KA-IPOKRITOHAN AT MAGPAKATUTUO TAYO NG HINDI TAYO PINAGTATAWANAN SA BUONG MUNDO?!!!**

Prisoners Produce Tree Seedlings for Jail Reform

Tree planters with a little cash to spare this rainy season can contribute to prison reform if they buy their pine seedlings from prisoners of the district jail in La Trinidad, Benguet.

The inmates, under the guidance of foresters, have produced close to 3,000 seedlings now measuring a foot and over which they are offering to would-b e planters so they can clear their limited compound for another set in time for the planting season next year.

Designed as part of the prisoners' reformatory program, the seedling production materialized last year after Goshenland, the leading real estate developer here, provided soil, plastic containers and seeding materials and asked plant propagation experts to guide them in coaxing these to sprout.

The environmental project was hatched by then jail warden, _____Danglose, in coordination with Annabel Bangsoy-Codiase, head of Goshenland's social responsibility program, forester Louis Bato and seedling production expert Nestor de Guzman of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The project was the second of such kind hereabouts, following an experimental seedling production done years back by inmates of the Baguio city jail. The initial effort initiated by a team led by forester Emilio Damogo, triggered to a tripartite memorandum of agreement by the city, through mayor Mauricio Domogan, the DENR and the BJMP to replicate the same in all BJMP prisons in the Cordillera.

Earlier this year, Goshenland bought 200 of the district jail inmates' produce at P20 per seedling.

"We have over 2,000 more seedlings which we hope groups who are into reforestation would buy so our wards could earn a little for their basic needs and replenish the stock with new ones, jail warden, Sr. Insp. Mark Coplat said.

Would-be buyers may place their seedling orders by ringing up the warden's cellphone number - 09995547207./ Ramon Dacawi.

Baguio Charter

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As in the previous years, the city is targeting some 5,000 residents in the lower economic bracket to avail of the annual foundation anniversary medical-dental mission at the Baguio Convention Center, according to mission action officer, Dr, John Tinoyan.

The health service, which pools the resources and sense of community of those in the public and pivate sector, has always been a best-seller since it was installed as a regular event of the Baguio anniversary observance the other year.

The city is again relying on the volunteerism of its medical and dental practitioners, civic and service clubs, business sector and public servants, from the barangays, the city and national line agencies.

"We in the Baguio Health Department are looking forward to working again with volunteers from the Baguio-Benguet Medical Society, the Baguio Dental Association, the schools, the Red Cross, the Lions, Rotariansm the barangays and those in business,: Tinoyan said.

As in previous years, Victory Liner, the leading bus company plying the route to and from the city, will be the major donor of medicine s needed for the day-long service.

Likewise, barangay officials led by Association of Barangay Councils chair and city councilor Michael Lawana, will be tapped to inform the needy among their constituents to register for the mission.

The charter anniversary will be capped by the fun-run, also dubbed "Run, Baguio, Run"" on Sept. 28 to establish a support fund for kidney patients undergoing twice or thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center and other renal centers in the city and Benguet.

City mayor Mauricio Domogan last June responded to the patients' call for help by including the run as a highlighting feature of the celebration, in coordination with the BGHMC Dialysis Patients and Partners Association headed by Rev. Richard Justo, a priest and patient.

Domogan has rallied individuals and groups, especially the business sector, to contribute to the fund drive to give substance to the celebration.

Contributions can be coursed through Account number 000940248018 of Baguio-Legarda branch of Banco de Oro which was opened recently. The fund raised will be managed by a committee composed of officers of the association, in consultation with the city through city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan.

The month-long calendar of Baguio Day activities will be announced by the mayor and members of the preparations committee headed by city councilor Elmer Datuin during the "Kapihan with CARE" media program on August 14 at the multi-purpose center of the city hall.

Among the other activities is the barangay-based search for "Miss Baguio" which was launched through a press conference last Wednesday.

Also on tap is the 11th Hotel and Restaurant Week from August 31 to Sept. 13 featuring "HRAB Got Talent", bar skills competitions, "Mr. and Ms. HRAB" contest, "Rice and Shine 2.0" tribute to farmers, trade fair, quiz bee, to be capped by a closing and awards program.

Other sports activities are a scrabble tournament on Aug. 30-31, Mountain Bike Crossroad Challenge (photography contest) on Aug. 31; Nilo Little Olympics regional eliminations on Sept. 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14, National Arnis Championships on Sept. 19-20, "Mr. Baguio 2014" on Sept, 26, Baguio Sports for Peace Regional 3-in-1 Championships (wrestling, weightlifting and muay thai) and the traditional Baguio Day golf tournament./Ramon Dacawi.

Benguet Officials Strengthen Partnership on Advocacy vs TB

BAGUIO CITY - Benguet provincial and municipal officials have affirmed their commitment to strengthen the advocacy and local programs against tuberculosis in line with the national government's campaign for a TB – free Philippines.

Provincial Health Office OIC Dr. Nora Ruiz reported in a meeting cum dialogue at Hotel Supreme here on August 1 that while TB is not among the top 10 cause of morbidity or mortality in the province and has the third highest success rate (in terms of treatment and completion of medication) among Cordillera province, there is a concern on the low detection rate of tuberculosis in Benguet, compared to the projected target of the Department of Health.

Ruiz disclosed that for 2011, 2012 and 2013, their record shows 196, 199 and 261 TB cases respectively, which are relatively low compared to the around 1,000 projected target set by the DOH for 2011 to 2013.

Ruiz explained that the problem is mostly due to poor recording - especially among patients under private health practitioners. There is also lack of awareness for patients to come out and have a diagnostic and on knowledge; that there is a free medication, and that TB treatment is covered by a Philhealth benefit package.

Under the government's TB DOTS (Tuberculosis Directly Observed Treatment Strategy), complete medicine regimen is given to registered patients through TB DOTS Centers in health centers in all 13 municipalities. For those seeking treatment from private health practitioners, there is also a health benefit package that any Philhealth members and their families can avail.

Governor Nestor Fongwan, in the said forum, enjoined all local chief executives to compel all their barangay officials to bring in the TB advocacy in every barangay or community assembly as well as in Family Development Sessions of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries. This way they can help inform the citizenry of the government health programs and services that they can avail.

He announced that he will be issuing an administrative order for all the 13 towns to strengthen the campaign for a TB – free Benguet. This is in addition to the establishment of Provincial Multi-stakeholders Alliance (PMSA) for TB Control program that the governor initiated last June

Fongwan also spearheaded the signing of the pledge of commitment for the campaign against TB. Joining him were Benguet League of Municipalities president and Mankayan Mayor Materno Luspian, La Trinidad Mayor Edna Tabanda, Tuba Mayor Florencio Bentrez, Buguias Mayor Melchor Diclas, Kabayan mayor Faustino Aquisan, Cont. on page 9

Abra Health Officer Warns Against HIV/AIDS Infection

BANGUED, Abra -The health office here is stepping up its awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS (Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection / Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) with the increasing number of cases in the province.

Lilibeth Martin, the provincial medical technologist and program coordinator for the control of HIV/AIDS, confirmed that the Abra Provincial Health Office has recorded a total of 14 cases of HIV/AIDS, of which three have already died.

With this, Martin warned the males and advised them to refrain from having sexual activities with their fellow males to prevent acquiring the said fatal disease.

Since the HIV/AIDS, a disease of the human immune system caused by infection that is acquired through blood transfusion and through sexual activities, she cautioned that they could infect their female partners.

Martin also urged individuals who suspect they are infected with the said disease to consult the Abra Provincial Hospital for blood screening. She assured the people of the strict observance of confidentiality of information as regards the identity of the patients.

She further warned the public that once the patient is infected with HIV/AIDS, this incurable./JDP/MTBB – PIA CAR, Abra

MP Students Join Forum on Climate Change Advocacy and Nation Building

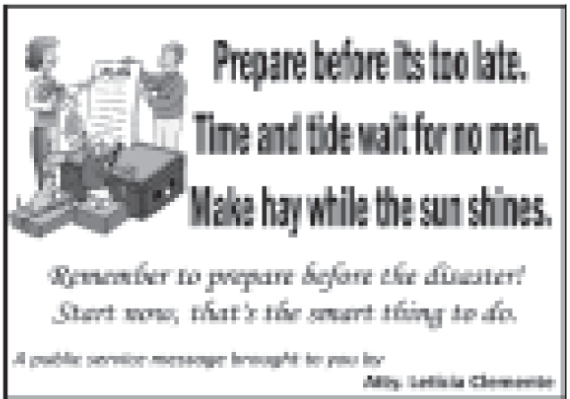
BONTOC, Mountain Province - More than 1,000 students from the Mountain Province General Comprehensive High School (MPGCHS) and Mt. Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC) joined the iSpeak Forum on Climate Change Adaptation and Nation Building held August 1 and 2 here.

The forum is among the series of activities to be implemented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Philippine Information Agency in partnership with Pilipinas Natin, the volunteer arm of the Presidential Communications Operations Office, as part of the national campaign for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

With the tagline, "Nagbabago na ang Panahon. Panahon na Para Magbago", the climate change advocacy campaign aims to strengthen public awareness to climate change concerns; strengthen public awareness to environmental agenda; popularize and strengthen adaptation and mitigation measures in response to climate change; inspire and motivate active cooperation and participation, and facilitate partnerships with public and private communities particularly the youth, academe, local government units, civic organizations, among others.

The first forum was held and participated by around 400 high school students from the MPGCHS while the second forum was joined by National Service Training Program students of MPSPC.

MPSPC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Josephine Cont. on page 9



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BAGUIO CITY
OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO CITY SHERIFF

BHF RURAL BANK INC.-BAGUIO CITY REP. BY MS. EMELDA B. MENDOZA,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

JULIUS P. ODSEY married to BEATRICE D. ODSEY,
Mortgagors.

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 14-510-S
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED
SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon verified petition for foreclosure and sale extra-judicially under Act 3135 as amended filed by BHF RURAL BANK INC.-BAGUIO CITY BRANCH, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of JULIUS P. ODSEY married to BEATRICE P. ODSEY, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, as of June 30, 2014 in the amount of TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE PESOS and 71/100 (P 2,147, 681.71), Philippine Currency, excluding attorney's fees, other charges and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or any duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on August 28, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the main entrance of the Justice Hall, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the real properties and all of the improvements erected thereon more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-65781 REGISTER OF DEEDS, BAGUIO CITY

"A parcel of land (Lot 6-D, of the subdivision plan, Psd-131102-003827), being a portion of Lot 6, (LRA), Pcs-31136, situated Res. Sec. "K", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 6-F, on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 6-E, on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 6-C, on the NW., along line 4-5 by Lot 6-B, all of the subdivision plan; &on the NE., along line 5-1 by Lot 10 (LRA) Pcs-31136, Existing Road. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (163) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-65782 REGISTER OF DEEDS, BAGUIO CITY

"A parcel o of land (Lot 6-B, of subdivision plan, Psd-1311102-003827), being a portion of Lot 6, (LRA), Pcs-31136, situated in Res. Sec. "K", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 6-A of the subdivision plan, on NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 5, (LRA) Pcs-31136; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 10, (LRA) Pcs-31136, Existing Road; on the SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 6-D; &on the SW., along 5-1 by Lot 6-C, both of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1"on plan x x x to point of beginning; containing an area of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (163) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there by any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated date and time.

Baguio City, Philippines, July 30, 2014.

By:(SGD) LINDA G. MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI and Ex-officio Sheriff

By:(SGD) EDGARDO F. ANCHETA
Sheriff IV
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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9
(FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET)
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
La Trinidad, Benguet

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ERRONEOUS ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF THE LIVE BIRTH OF MINORS JENKEN PINANGI LI AND GRACELLE PINANGI LI,

Spouses FENG YIN LI AND EUGENIE PINANGI-LI, Represented by herein EUGENIE PINANGI-LI,
Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET,
Respondents

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SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
CASE NO. 14-C-1820

ORDER

Petitioners, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the court orders the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet to correct the following in the birth certificate of their children as follows:

As to child JENKEN PINANGI-LI: Supply the following entries regarding the Father

Name of Father: FENG YIN ZEN LI

Citizenship: CHINESE

Religion: BUDDHISM

Occupation: LABORER

Age at the time of this birth: 21

Date and Place of Marriage of Parents: Supply 14 FEBRUARY 2003, SAN JUAN, MANILA

As to child GRACELLE PINANGI-LI:

Date and Place of Marriage of Parents: Supply 14 FEBRUARY 2003, SAN JUAN, MANILA

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on October 16, 2014 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, Benguet Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any why this petition should not be granted.

Let is Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a weep, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than August 10, 2014.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet; the Juntion; the petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDER.
This 15th day of May 2014 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

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

Publication dates: August 9, 16 and 23, 2014

Mt. Province Town Passes Anti-Plastic Ordinance

BONTOC, Mountain Province, Aug. 7(PIA) – With the capital town of Bontoc now implementing the non use of plastic packaging materials on dry goods to protect the environment, the Sangguniang Bayan here passed the town's its version known as "Anti-Parastik Kapote Littering Ordinance."

Municipal Ordinance No. 115,S. 2014, prohibits the use of cellophane/plastic bags on dry goods including the use of styrofoam and regulating its utilization on wet goods in the municipality. This ordinance was further approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

This prohibits individual and any business establishment to use or sell cellophane/plastic bags as packaging materials for dry goods; the use of Styrofoam and other similar materials as containers for food and other products. It also regulates the use of plastic bags on wet goods as primary packaging materials only.

Also prohibited is the throwing of cellophane/plastic waste materials in public and private places like in the streets, sidewalks, river, canals and creeks.

It is also provided in the ordinance that cellophane/plastic bags discarded or other similar waste materials will not be included in the collection of non-biodegradable wastes unless cleaned and dried before submission for proper disposal.

The municipal government shall conduct massive information, education campaign about this . It shall also include the promotion of alternative biodegradable packaging materials like the use of 'bay-on' made of rattan, bamboo, cloth bags, "sangi" or "pasiking", leaves, newspaper, "kawang" for meat and employ the policy "bring your own bag or basket" as agreed upon during their previous advocacy meetings .

Violators shall be fined P200.00 for the first offense; P500.00 for the second offense; and P1,000.00for the third and succeeding offense./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

City Guides Micro-Cooperatives of the Visually Impaired

BAGUIO CITY - Micro-cooperatives of the blind masseurs and masseuses or visually impaired in the city attended and took part in the training on basic accounting for non-accountants conducted by the city government here spearheaded by the Special Services Division in partnership with the Cordillera Administrative Region Cooperative Union (CARCU) last week at the City Hall multi-purpose hall.

The training aims to give the officers the correct accounting system of their cooperatives, to expand the knowledge of the officers so as they can strategize in finding solutions to their problems, to help cooperatives to reconcile their current system of finance with the correct and required form of the Cooperative Development Authority.

Said course will help strengthen the cooperatives in ensuring that the finances of the cooperatives are properly monitored and recorded.

Republic Act. No. 9520 also known as Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 asserts: "the state should foster the creation and growth of cooperatives as a practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards the attainment of

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BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.
Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet
" Quality Service is Our way of Life"
Tel. Nos.422-2000/422-2110/422-2969

NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Pursuants to Board Resololution No.92-2014, Dated August 5, 2014, Setting the Special District Elections for the Two (2) districts: District IX (Municipalities of Tuba and Sablan) and District XI (Manicipalities of Buguias, Bakun and Mankayan) of Benguet Province on August 30,2014, the following are the qualifications and requirements:

QUALIFICATIONS:

1.) He or she is a Filipino Citizen;

2.) He or she is a graduate of a four (4) year course;

3.) he or she is between twenty (21) and seventy (70) years old on the date of election

4.) He or she is of good moral character;

Good moral character may be established with the submission of a certificate issued by any of the following:

a. Barangay where the candidate resides;

b. National Bureau of Investigation

c. Philippine National Police; or

d. Leader of religious sect where the candidate is affiliated

5.) He or she is a member of the EC in good standing for the last five(5) years immediately preciding the election or appointment and shall continue to be a member in good standing during his or her incumbency;

A member of good standing shall mean that said member:

a. Must have no unsettled or outstanding obligation to the cooperative during his membership in the cooperative whether personal or commercial or industrial connection of which he or she is the owner or a co-owner; An unsettled or outstanding obligation is an account which has not been paid within seven (7) days after the due date. For incumbent members of the Board who will seek re-election, unsettled or outstanding obligation includes power bills, cash advances, disallowances (including NEA Audit Findings; and materials and equipment issuances. At an y given time during his membership in the cooperative, he or she must be totally free of any unsettled or outstanding indebtedness and/ or disallowances with the EC.

B. Has not been apprehended for electric pilferage;

A mere apprehension of electric pilferage by the E.C., even without conviction for such offense by any court, shall be a valid ground for disqualification. The word " apprehension" should be taken in the strict context as used in Republic Act No. 7832, otherwiseknown as " Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Line or Materials Pilferages Act of 1994" which means that a person is caught in flagante delicto for violating the provision of the said Act;

C. Has not been removed for cause as a director or an employee from any EC;

In general, Removal or termination of service from the EC is caused by a grave offense or violations/s of policies, rules and regulations. A former director or employee with a record of termination/removal for cause from public service or for just causes as defined in Article 282 of the Labor Code as amended shall not be qualified to be elected or appointed as director of an EC.

6.) He or she is an actual resident and consumer in the district that he or she seeks to represent for at least two (2)years immediately preceding the election; and

7.) He or she has attended at least two (2) Annual General Membership Assemblies (AGMA) for the last five (5) years immediately the election or appointment.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Pursuant to Section 26-B of PD 269, as amended by the Act, any person shall be ineligible to be elected or be appointed as member of the board of directors or officers of an EC if:

1. Such person or his or her spouse holds any public office. For purpose of disqualification, any person holding an elective position /an appointive position with a salary grade of sixteen (SG 16) or higher or its equivalent shall not be eligible to be elected as member of the Board of Directors or officers of an EC;

2.Such person or his or her spouse has been a candidate in the last preceding local or national elections;

3. Such persons has been convicted by final judgment crime involving moral turpitude;

4. Such person has been terminated from public office/government employment or private employment for just cause as defined in Article 282 of the Labor Code. For this purpose, termination from public office shall mean removal;

5. Such person is related within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to an y member of the EC Board of Directors, Department Manger, NEA-appointed Project Supervisor (PS) or Acting General Manger (AGM) or its Directors, Department Manger, NEA- appointed Project Supervisor (PS) or Acting General Manger (AGM) ort is equivalent or higher position; and

6. Such person is employed by or has financial interest in a competing enterprise or business of selling electric energy or electrical hardware to the cooperative or doing business with the EC including, but not limited, to the use or rental of poles;

" Doing business; shall refer to the transaction related to the core or main line business of the EC, which is conveyance of electricity through its distribution facilities.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDICACY;

1. Duly accomplished and notarized Certificate of Candidacy (3 copies) with (3) copies 2" x 2" pictures;

2. Court Clearance; (Municipal/Regional)

3.Xerox copy of Tax Identification Number (TIN);

4. Birth Certificate (NSO);

5. Barangay Captain' s certification that the candidate is an actual resident of thebarangay/ district he/she seeks to represent for the last two(2) years;

6. Certification from the Commission on Election (COMELEC) that he/she was not a candidate on any election immediately preceding the Electric Cooperative District Election;

7. Transcript of records or diploma (graduate of a 4 year course);

8. Certificate of Good Moral Character issued by an y of the following: Barangay, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police, Leader of Religious Sect where the candidate is affiliated

9. Certification from the EC:

a. That the candidate is a bonafide member-consumer of the cooperative in the district he/she seeks to represent for the last five (5) years and actual consumer for the last two (2) years.

B. That the candidate is a member of the cooperative in good standing.

C. That he candidate has attended at least two (2) Annual General Membership Assemblies' (AGMA) for the past five (5)years.

August 11,2014- Start of the release of Certificate of Candidacy (COC) form and filing of Certificate of Candidacy.

August 19,2014 last day of filing of Certificate of Candidacy (Tuesday 5:00 PM)

August 30,2014- Election Day (Saturdday)

Ninth Graders Walk Through Baguio's History

Ninth grader Cenia Sibayan of the Roxas National High School thought the Casa Vallejo "was just an old building" of no significance, but later wrote the edifice had something to do with her city's history.

"It's the most memorable place we've gone to as it's one of the oldest buildings in Baguio," said her classmate, Joshua Abitria. "I wish we could go tomore places like (the) PMA (Philippine MiIitary Academy. I love to know the history of this site."

"I discovered also that the eight rocks standing (on the Session Road rotunda represented) the eight members of the Philippine Commission "who enacted laws during their summer sessions at what is now the Baden Powell Hotel along Gov. Pack Rd.

"We were told that the Americans (in Manila) were not comfortable because the temperature there was so high there during summer," added Irish Fellin Pudiquet to explain how Baguio was founded. .

The visit to the city's landmarks, dubbed "Kids' Urban Heritage Walk". was, launched in 2006 to heighten a sense of local history among Baguio's children. The experienced, according Allondra Rose Kidatan, of Grade 9 Bravery, noted "was more beautiful than scanning my phone".

After entering the Veterans Park along Harrison, she wrote: "We were told to interview some living soldiers from the 66th Infantry and let them narrate what happened in the world war. But, I guess these soldiers are rare now. I don't have a clue where they live."

The walk last July 29 was coordinated by RNHS teacher Ma. Cecilia Mopncada, with co-teacher Thomas Pedro Milanes serving as co-guide.

Starting out at the Baguio Convention Center, the 32 students picked litter along the way. "to clean our city is a good thing to do ," wrote Shane Gammad. "It is heart-warming to be an example to other children. It is a good day for us."

"After the activity, I regretted putting my trash anywhere," admitted her classmate, Audean Dusalen.

"We heard that theCasa Vallejo was once a prison during the war between Americans and Germans," scribbled Gayle Aliping. "Some trees were also mentioned, like the Benguet pine, coral tree, African tulip."

Schools which would like to take the walk-through and learn how Session Road, the city's short, inclined main street, got its name, may call the information division of the city mayor's office (442-2502)./ RD.

Brent Parishioners Jumpstart Fund Driver for Dialysis Patients

A recent walk in the forest triggered the start of a community effort on this, the 105th anniversary of this city's founding, to build a fund for kidney patients undergoing life-time hemodialysis treatment in local medical facilities.

while attending Sunday mass a day after their exploration of the Busol watershed, parishioners of St. Nicholas Church at the Brent School here pooled P5,000 to jumpstart the drive that will peak with "Straight into Baguio's Heart", a fun-run on Sept. 28 that will give a humanitarian dimension to the city's charter anniversary celebration.

Eighteen-year old Zeny Manogan, a computer engineering student of the University of the Cordilleras, and Fr. Benedict Fawayan, rector of St. Nicholas parish, last Tuesday deposited the amount under Account No. 000940248018 at the Baguio-Legarda branch of Banco de Oro.

"It's the congregation's gesture of gratitude for the opportunity given them in exploring the Busol Watershed where they planted guava seedlings last July 26 under the city's Eco-walk program," Fr. Fawayan said.

"The kids who joined the walk helped pool the amount," he explained after he and Zeny deposited the sum through bank branch head Maridel Oxina and bank marketing officer Michael Abad.

With them were Fr. Richard Justo, Mary Grace Binay-an and Amor Orpilla, president, secretary and member of the Baguio General Hospsital and Medical Center Dialysis Patients and Partners Association (BGHMCDPPA) which had asked the city to feature the run to give a heart to the city's charter anniversary.

Speaking at the induction of officers of the association last June 22, city mayor Mauricio Domogan signed Administrative Order 075 for the conduct of "Straight into Baguio's Heart" to cap the month-long charter festivities.

"The said Fun-Run will, indeed, set a traditiona dn culture of caring that will mark the celebration of the Charter Anniversary of Baguio, thereby serving as a rallying point to sustain a sense of community among this city's residents, neighbors, friends and visitors who treasure fond memories of their visits to the country's Summer Capital," the mayor noted.

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against dengue," added Tubera.

The top ten barangays with dengue cases for the first semester this year includes Irisan, Gibraltar, Pinsao Proper, North Sanitary Camp, Pacdal, Bakakeng Central, Holyghost, Loakan Proper, New Lucban and Quezon Hill Proper.

Assistant City Health Officer and officer-in-charge Rowena Galpo emphasized that the efforts of the different organizations as well as the constituents in the city in combating the deadly dengue virus for years have been a major problem in the country are reaping positive results, however, local authorities here remains steadfast.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne virus which is spread by two deadly mosquitoes; aedes aegypti and aedes albopictus can cause haemorrahagic fever and is potentially fatal if treatment is not immediately administered. It is an infection caused by dengue virus which is transmitted by the bite of an infective female aedes mosquito (day biters) which biting activities peak at 6 to 8 in the morning and at 4 to 6 in the afternoon.

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

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seas recruitment will simultaneously be held on the same date.

Executive Assistant and designate PESO Manager Jose Atanacio advised jobseekers to be prepared and be ready with several copies of their resume and other necessary credentials for the said jobs fair.

"Come properly attired in anticipation of an interview since some companies will immediately administer examinations and interview those who pass these examinations right after the scores are tabulated," added Atanacio.

Labor and Employment Officer Frances Escaño disclosed that services will be offered to the public such as free international calls for overseas Filipino workers friends and relatives, free haircut and massage therapy services. There will also be a "Diskwento Sale" featuring basic commodities at lower costs./Jho Arranz

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Following the declaration, the mayor and Fr. Justo wrote individuals and organizations for their sponsorship support to the fund drive and run that, he noted, "will give substance to the 'Culture of Caring' that was the citgy's centennial theme in 2009".

Funds raised from sponsorships and registration fees will be for dialysis patients being served by medical facilities in the Baguio-Benguet area. Such proceeds will be managed through a committee composed of officers of the patients' association, in consultation with city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan.

The run itself, also dubbed "Run, Baguio, Run", has been bracketed into the 3K, 5K and 10K distance categories, to be handled by veteran organizer Ma. Rosario "Che" Velasco-Alberto who signed up for the volunteer role when she was briefed of its purpose by the patients.

Among the first to offer their support were the members of the Brotherhood of st. Andrew, the lay church group based at the Cathedral of the Resurrection here headed by Dr. Edward Dogui-is.

Likewise, inmates of the city jail, through jail warden, Chief, Insp. Wilson Banasen, pledged to do their own three-kilometer run around the jail courtyard, as they did during the Philhealth Run which raised funds for the National Children's Hospital in February last year.

As in the Philhealth Run, the registration fees of the inmate-runners will be sponsored by Shoshin Kinderthilfe, a humanitarian foundation in southern Germany headed by former world karate champion and Cordillera expatriate Julian Chees.

People and groups who would like to support the fun-run and fund drive may get in touch with Fr. Justo (09082355018), Binay-an (09103829597), city social welfare and development officer Fangasan (444-6467) or the public information division of the city mayor's office (442-2502)./ Ramon Dacawi.

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economic development and social justice. Towards this end, the government and all its branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities and agencies will ensure the provision of technical guidance, financial assistance and other services to enable said cooperatives to develop into viable and responsive economic enterprises and thereby bring about a strong cooperative movement that is free from any conditions that might infringe upon the autonomy or organizational integrity of cooperatives."

Basic accounting concepts and procedures, different financial statements and its significance, and the application of the standard chart of accounts to respective cooperatives were realized by the participants.

As part of the technical assistance of the city government here, Community Affairs Officer Michelle Agbuya stressed, considering that the participants are visually impaired, they must be provided with the proper education and the right way to do accounting of their respective cooperative's finances.

"The survival of cooperatives largely depends on the proper management of the finances of the cooperatives. Thus, the training extended to them by the city would guide them to aim for self-sustainability and alleviation from poverty based on their own capacity and capability," added Agbuya./Jho Arranz

Benguet Officials...

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Atok Mayor Peter Alos and other local health officers from the other municipalities of Benguet.

The Benguet LCE dialogue was initiated by the League of Provinces of the Philippines headed by national president Alfonso Umali, under the Philippine Plan of Actions to Control (PhIlPACT) TB, and in partnership with IMPACT/PBSP - USAID. /JDP/ CCD – PIA CAR

PM Students...

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Ngodcho welcomed guests and participants to the iSpeak forum through a song on climate change which she composed.

DENR Mt. Province Planning Officer Samson Toyoken discussed climate change from a scientific point of view. He asserted that climate change mitigation is a shared responsibility.

Vic Buenaventura of Pilipinas Natin inspired the students to care for the environment, love for country, and the role and power of youth in nation building.

"Huwag nating hintayin maging perpekto ang bayan bago natin mahalin ito', he stressed. He concluded that to live is an everyday commitment, not an option.

Julie Ann Dela Cruz of Isabela State University, a Pilipinas Natin volunteer, shared her experience as a student/youth leader.

MPSPC NSTP Director Guillermo Dilem urged the students keep in mind and practice what they have learned from the forum. The ill effects of global warming are greatly affecting the world, and the little things that we can do to help reduce the causes of climate change and address its impact on the environment, contribute in the world wide prevention of the global warming, he said./JDP/ MAWC – PIA CAR

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PUV's operating differently from its authorized denomination is also colorum or those approved as school service but operating as UV express or approved tourist bus transport but operating as city or provincial bus.

PUV's with suspended or cancelled Certificate of Conveyance (CPC) with an order of suspension or cancellation as executory and expired CPC without a pending application for extension of validity timely filed before the LTFRB.

Penalties for colorum vehicles for the first offense is 1 million for buses, P200,000.00 for trucks, P50,000.00 for jeepneys, P200,000.00 for vans, P120,000.00 for sedan and P6,000.00 for motorcycles.

For the second offense, all CPC's of the operator will be revoked and the disqualification of the operator or in the case of a corporation, all its stockholders and directors will be disqualified to operate any kind of public land transportation.

This will also include the blacklisting of all authorized units of the operator from being used as a public utility vehicle and the revocation of the registration of all authorized units of the operator.

Refusal of any PUV to render service to the public or convey passengers to their destination comes with it a fine of P5,000.00 for the first offense, P10,000.00 for the second offense and impounding of motor vehicle for 30 days and P15,000.00 for the third and subsequent offenses and cancellation of CPC.

The overcharging and undercharging of fare will have a fine of P5,000.00 for the first offense, P10,000.00 for the second offense and impounding of motor vehicle for 30 days and P15,000.00 for the third and subsequent offenses and cancellation of CPC.

For discourteous and arrogant drivers, a fine of P5,000.00 will be imposed for the first offense, P10,000.00 for the second offense and P15,000.00 for the third and subsequent offenses.

PUV drivers who fail to provide fare discounts to those entitled under existing laws and pertinent memorandums of the LTFRB will be fined P5,000.00 for the first offense, P10,000.00 for the second offense and P15,000.00 for the third and subsequent offenses.

Operators and drivers who fail to display no smoking signage in their vehicles and allow smoking inside the vehicle will be fined P5,000.00 for the first offense, P10,000.00 for the second offense and P15,000.00 for the third and subsequent offenses among others.

The city council called on representatives of the DOTC and LTO to shed light on the joint Administrative Circular 2014-01 which started implemention June this year.

As per the JAO, a nationwide task force will be composed of the LTFRB and LTO enforcers who are authorized to apprehend violators of said offenses.

Meantime, Atty. Robert Basco of the DOTC-CAR said a memorandum was also issued by the Assistant Secretary of the LTO creating a body that is going to investigate cases filed against implementors of the JAO if there be any./paul rillorta

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ther to graft and corruption, Basco said the DOTC alongside the issuance of the JAO also created a body that will investigate cases filed against implementors of the JAO to deter abuses.

Tabanda urged the DOTC-CAR and LTO to enhance their information dissemination on the JAO to educate the public on their rights under the order.

Among the penalties adjusted as per the JAO as culled from a Top Gear Philippines Magazine report posted on the web are:

* Driving without a valid driver's license - P3,000 (from P1,500) plus the offender will be disqualified from being granted a driver's license or from driving a motor vehicle for one year from the payment of the fine;

* Driving a motor vehicle used in committing a crime - P10,000 (from P3,000) plus the offender's driver's license will be confiscated, and if convicted, revoked with the driver being perpetually disqualified from being granted a driver's license. The vehicle will also be impounded until after the payment of appropriate fines and penalties;

* Reckless driving - P2,000 (from P1,000) for the first offense; P3,000 (from P1,500) for the second offense; and P10,000 (from P2,000) for the third offense. In addition, the offender's driver's license will be suspended for three months for the second offense and six months for the third offense, with the revocation of the license on succeeding offenses. A non-professional driver whose license has been revoked will be disqualified from obtaining a driver's license for two years from revocation, while a professional driver whose license has been revoked will be perpetually disqualified from getting a license;

* Failure to wear seatbelts - P1,000 for the first offense; P2,000 for the second offense; and P5,000 for the third offense. Previously, the fine was only P250, regardless of the number of offenses. Also, the driver's license of the offender will be suspended for one week from the payment of the fine for the third and each succeeding offense. The DOTC also notes that children six years old and below are prohibited from sitting in the front passenger seat;

* Failure to carry a driver's license or the vehicle's certificate of registration or official receipt while driving a motor vehicle - P1,000 (from P200) for the license and from P150 for the OR or CR);

* Driving an unregistered motor vehicle - P10,000 (from P4,000) plus, if the non-registration has exceeded one month, the vehicle shall be impounded and released only if it has been registered and its corresponding fines and penalties have been paid. If the vehicle has an undocumented engine (a separate P5,000 previously), the vehicle will be impounded and barred from operating for one year upon the payment of the fines while the engine will be confiscated by the government;

* Unauthorized vehicle modification, including the change of color "and other unauthorized modifications of the standard manufacturer's specifications" - P5,000 plus the vehicle will be impounded and released only upon correction of the defect and the payment of the fine;

* Operating a motor vehicle without or with defective/improper/unauthorized accessories, devices, equipment and parts - P5,000 (from P150 to P15,000) plus the vehicle will be impounded until the accessory, device, equipment or part is properly installed, corrected or removed depending on the offense and the fine has been paid. Any improper or unauthorized device will also be confiscated in favor of the government;

* All other violations of traffic rules and regulations, from parking violations to illegal turns - P1,000./A Refuerzo

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mist for the Philippines. "And in April this year, the economy created 1.7 million jobs."

"That growth can be sustained by accelerating structural reforms and jacking up further investments in infrastructure, health and education," adds Karl Kendrick Chua, World Bank senior country economist. That'd add on government's already doubled spending on social services and infrastructure.

"Government raised tax revenues equivalent to 1.2 percent of GDP in the last three years through the sin tax reform, improved tax administration, and higher growth," Chua notes. The extra bucks for the long pull could come from making the tax system more efficient, and equitable.

President Aquino has made it clear that he'll step down in 2016. Even the most rabid critics concede that the President, like his mother Corazon, has not been tarred by the corruption brush.

Those who thought themselves irreplaceable are all in the cemetery, French President Charles de Gaulle once said. So it will be urgent to institutionalize the CCT so as not to orphan beneficiaries after Mr. Aquino steps down. That needs more than painting rice cakes./Juan L. Mercado/ E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com

Lawmaker...

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The Senate leader said Aquino has done more than enough for the country and deserves to enjoy his life with his family when he steps down by the year 2016.

The President himself as well as the Palace have said that he is not interested nor favors in Charter Change nor term extension.

Aside from its economic gains, the Aquino government also proved to be committed to the principles of transparency and accountability by stopping the abuse of public funds and putting powerful politicians-turned-alleged plunderers behind bars.

"Choosing the next chief executive in the 2016 elections will be crucial. It will determine if we will continue to move forward or go back to a GMA type of governance where protest and instability were constant because of widespread corruption," he said.

Cayetano also stated that while criticisms against the present administration are good to the extent that they serve as check and balances, ideas and proposals on how to help Filipino families cope with everyday problems should be prioritized.

"And I see the Aquino government's sincere desire to do just that. But If we truly believe in President Aquino, we should not endanger his legacy by putting a corrupt official into power," he said.

"Huwag tayong magpabulag sa matataas na ratings at political propaganda. Magkakaroon lamang ng peace of mind ang Pangulo kung alam niya na ang susunod na presidente ay ipagpapatuloy ang kanyang mga reporma."

Cayetano believes that when there is zero tolerance for corruption in government, Filipino families will have better access to improved social services.

"Because every peso stolen by corrupt politicians is a peso that should have been spent for services for the Filipino family./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE with SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased SERAFIN BANSIL who died on November 6, 1998 has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Special Power of Attorney executed by the heirs of said deceased on July 25, 2014 in Baguio city and registered and docketed as Doc. 55 Page No. 11; Book VIII; Series of 2014 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio.

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tance of such partnership especially in the preservation of the remaining forests of the province.

"The province is currently on a crisis with the massive destruction of our forests, by people who disregard forest laws. We have to protect our forests, we needed to remind these people, we should do something and make it part of our program", Fongwan said.

Among the forest issues in the province are the massive destruction of Mt. Sto. Tomas – a forest reservation under Presidential Proclamation 581; massive tree – cutting and destruction at the foot of Mt. Pulag, as well as in the various communal forests in Benguet that are being encroached by people for construction of houses or conversion to farmlands.

"This signing of MOA is timely and with our partners from the youth to the private companies and non-government organization, this issue should be a concern of everybody and it is still not too late to save our forests; we can still reforest the damaged parts and we can work together to protect the remaining forest covers", Fongwan added.

The DENR – PIA Climate Change Advocacy is a nationwide campaign which aims to strengthen public awareness on climate change concerns and on environmental protection and preservation, as well as to inspire or drumbeat multi-sectoral support, cooperation and active participation for the advocacy.

They have also partnered with Pilipinas Natin, the volunteer arm of the Presidential Communications Operations Office, for social mobilization targeting particularly the youth./JDP/CCD – PIA CAR

Advocacy Mindanow

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briefly digress. Recalling those times, 1998 was indeed a crisis year for me as PRESIDENT RAMOS' point person for Mindanao. I served as his presidential assistant for Mindanao towards the end of FVR's term when my friend, PAUL DOMINGUEZ suddenly relinquished the post. And on record time, I can go down in Mindanao's history as the most "calamitous" official. In less than 12 months of incumbency, I had to handle a plane crash, the penal colony hostaging, the Laminusa (Sulu) malaria outbreak, the mass food poisoning of natives in Maguindanao who fed on "kayos" due to the drought, the El Nino famine affecting more than one million in Central Mindanao, to name the bigger ones and a few conflict interventions on the sides. So, it was no surprise when President Ramos called me one day by phone and brought me in to join his lean delegation to make an"exit call" on US PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON in the White House by telling me: "Jess, leave Mindanao for a while. It may stop more calamities from coming!" (hahaha!)

HOSTAGE-TAKING —Back to journalist Carol and the prison hostage-taking incident. After about 3 days of futile negotiations for a peaceful end, an assault operations had to be launched resulting to the death (some called it "neutralization") of 8 prisoners-hostage takers and the safe recovery of DAPECOL employees, mostly ladies, except for the death of one hostage, Mrs. CORDA who was caught in the crossfire in the close-quarter assault. It ended a crisis situation that could have turned worse. I kept my composure all throughout even in the hospital where the wounded were taken and in the morgue where I had to console the grieving.

CAROL'S ACCOUNT —When I emailed Carol my recollections of that event, she gave a more accurate account. Here's how Carol recalled those moments with her that she wrote and sent to me:

it was just hours later, in your office (after the assault) , I think the question was more on the criticisms re collateral damage, that you risked the lives of so many people (a difficult question to ask especially hours later). You were talking about the family of Mrs. Corda and your voice was breaking as you were narrating how you talked to them (I don't recall now where you met them or if you went to their house?)… then you fell silent. When I looked up from my notes-taking, tears were welling in your eyes, and as they started falling, you turned around in your swivel chair and sobbed. I didn't know what to do. I certainly did not expect to witness that very private moment of vulnerability/grief/pain. I think I rushed to ask your secretary for a glass of water.

I remember the interview continued after you regained composure. "

Yes, although the operations was touted as "a success" I realized that no operation could be that successful, if people died, whether hostage-takers or the lone hostage. I grieved for Mrs. CORDA who was helpful during the stand-off giving me secret notes and tips. The pent-up tension that built up for days just gave way. I just literally sobbed and turned my swivel chair towards the wall. Of course, Carol didn't include that part in her one-page story at the PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER that came out later.

(She emailed me a postscript:." ...you know how difficult it was not to write about your crying????? but it was just too private to be made public...) I emailed back saying that I would not have minded if she did. .

CAROL CRIED TOO — I guess, others have their own teary stories to tell. CAROL, the veteran journalist, had this to say, recalling one episode when she joined me in a mercy mission to collect the dying at the height of a mass poisoning of villagers in some remote areas in Maguindanao. At that time, the 8- month drought caused by El Nino in 1998 forced residents to scavenge for root crops for food. Unfortunately, a cassava variety that grows in the wild called " kayos" if not properly washed and cooked could be poisonous. I remembered my wife Beth was with me in Cagayan de Oro enroute to Manila on a commercial flight when I got a call from President Ramos to immediately proceed to Maguindanao to attend to the emergency situation. Unable to leave Beth alone in CDO, I got her on board a Huey helicopter (her first) and flew down south instead to the afflicted areas. Beth who was not used to crisis situations such as this one, managed to help and a welcome hand attending to the victims, mostly children. Carol, then writing for a Davao newspaper and the INQUIRER was somehow in one of those trips. Here is her own recollection:

"Remember, we helicoptered a baby boy from the"kayos" area to the hospital in Cotabato City but the boy died hours later. I called up the hospital when we returned to Davao from Cotabato that same day. I was told the boy died an hour or so earlier. Nihilak gyud ko. (I really cried.)" . So there.

GO AHEAD, CRY — Yes, whether they are tears of joy, or of anger or frustration or grief or just plain letting go of emotions, go ahead and cry — not in public if you can help it. But crying or shedding tears is good. And unless they are "crocodile tears" (defined as insincere or fake or make-believe tears,) then go ahead and cry your heart out. It's therapeutic! And nothing to be embarrassed about! I now suddenly remember the song that goes something like: "I cry a river over you!" Yes, go for it but just be sure, you don't get drowned in the process. (jessdureza@gmail.com)**/ADVOCACY MINDANoW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/***Follow us at Twitter: AMFI Mindanow /Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org /Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org*

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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perhaps, it would be possible for an agency like the DBM to release pork allocations even without the go-signal of the President.

In a country like the Philippines, however, it is undeniable that nothing happens in government, especially releases of hundreds of millions of pork barrel allocations to lawmakers who have the capacity to make life greatly difficult for the President, including impeachment, without the President giving his or her approval first.

It would be the height of political ignorance if an agency like the DBM would undertake something of great magnitude without at the very least consulting or getting the consent and permission of the President. In fact, it could even mean political suicide for the DBM to ignore the President. Consequently, it is clear that in any investigation of any anomaly involving pork barrel allocations, it is important that the President himself or herself should be included.

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REMINDERS: Please tune in: "Tambalang Batas at Somintac", at 1062 kHz on the AM band, Mondays to Fridays, at 6 a.m., simulcast, real time, over 1080 kHz in Dagupan City, 711 kHz in Naga City, 1260 kHz in Lucena City, 1224 kHz in Davao City, and worldwide, at www.eaglenews.ph; "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas", at 103.7 mHz in Don Carlos, Bukidnon, Mondays to Fridays, at 7 a.m.; and "Kakampi Mo Ang Batas" at 801 kHz on the AM band (Panay Island), Mondays to Fridays, at 10 a.m.

Asin Mini-Hydro...

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and method, equipment utilization schedule, construction of safety and health program, plan for hydro power plant systems and others.

Failure of the company to submit these documents on time will mean forfeiture of the award.

The project entitled "Privatization of the Operation and Management of Asin Mini-Hydro Power Plants" has an approved contract budget of P500,000,000 and has a duration of 20 years.

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

The city expects an income of P16 million or 30 percent of the gross earnings, whichever is higher, for the first year of operation and P18 million on the second year. This will increase to P30 million on the third year, P40 million on the fourth and P50 million on the fifth year onwards.

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

The city government took over the three Asin hydro facilities, two of which are located in barangay Tadiangan and one in barangay Nangalisan, after its 1981 contract with the Baguio Water District for the operation of the plants expired on Sept. 1, 2006.

An ad hoc management committee oversaw the operations of the hydros from December, 2006 and the succeeding years but the city saw the need to pursue privatization since the income from said facilities had dwindled under the city's management which has been marred by lack of technical expertise and financial constraints. / A Refuerzo

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

"BEAUTIES" – 28 beautiful women and official candidates of the Search for Miss Baguio 2014 are presented to media last week. Photo by Jerry Manaois

Baguio Charter Anniversary to Accent on Caring

Baguio's celebration of its 105th founding anniversary will begin and end with a humanitarian touch that recalls the city's centennial theme in 2009: "Fostering a Culture of Caring".

The theme this year – "Shared Resources, Duties and Responsibilities" – aims to foster the city's culture of caring through the opening salvo - a medical-dental mission on August 30 - and the closing feature -a fun-run dedicated to indigent kidney patients dubbed "Straight into Baguio's Heart" on Sept. 28.

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Lawmaker: Extend Pnoy's Gains, not His Term

Corrupt successor will send PHL back to GMA dark ages

Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter "Companero" S. Cayetano said he is all for extending the reform agenda of President Benigno Aquino III's administration but not the term of the chief executive.

"I have been fully supportive of President Aquino and his administration's 'Tuwid na Daan' reforms and platform of good governance which have led to an impressive economic growth. Moving forward, the Filipino electorate must choose a leader who will continue what the Aquino administration has started," Cayetano said.

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Baguio Day Jobs Fair set on Sept. 11

BAGUIO CITY - As part of the month-long celebration of the city's 105th charter day anniversary this September, the city government here through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) of the City Mayor's Office will conduct job fair on September 11 at the Baguio Convention Center.

Various companies based in the city as well as from out of town will participate in the said activity. Job vacancies range from those requiring minimum qualification (domestic helpers, construction and factory workers for overseas countries, among others) up to vacancies for skilled professionals (high-speed sewers, nurses, electricians and communications engineering graduates, caregivers, etc.).

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Dengue Cases in the City Dropped

BAGUIO CITY - Only 97 dengue cases for the period January to June this year, compared to 373 dengue cases last year, a significant decrease of 73.99 percent announced Medical Officer Donnabel Tubera during the dengue forum last August 6 at the Health Services Office Conference Hall.

Based on the report, the high incidence of dengue cases are ages 20 to 29 years old and majority of them are males. In spite of this, there is no fatalities reported, stressed Tubera.

"The decrease in dengue cases should not make the public complacent but remain vigilant. We should not lay our guards down in the fight

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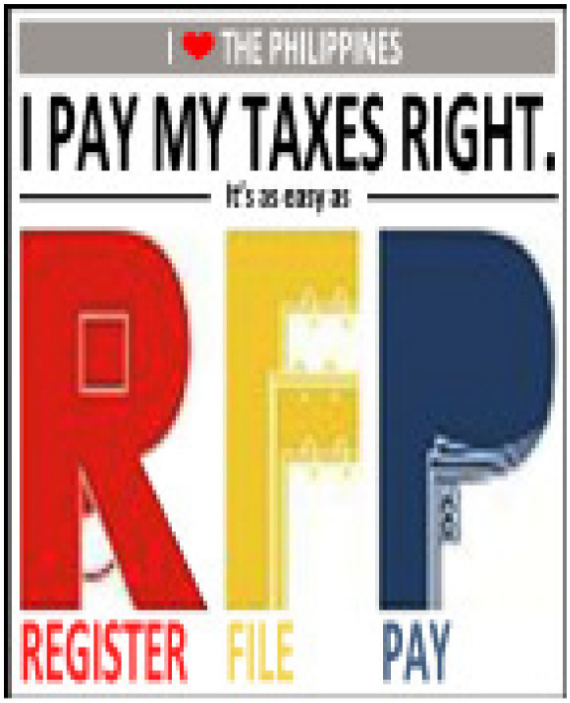

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