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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Plastic wastes down by 30 percent - GSO

BAGUIO CITY - The volume of plastic wastes in the city has been reduced significantly or by as much as 30 percent as estimated by the General Services Office.

GSO Head Eugene Buyucan in his report during the flag-raising ceremonies last Monday however said that the estimate was based on the observations of personnel monitoring the garbage flow at the waste transfer station at the Dairy Farm.

The office attributed the reduction to the implementation of the Plastic and Styro-Free Ordinance at the second half of 2018.

However, Buyucan said that the decrease in plastic wastes did not have an effect on the total volume of wastes produced in the city which remained at 168 tons a day.

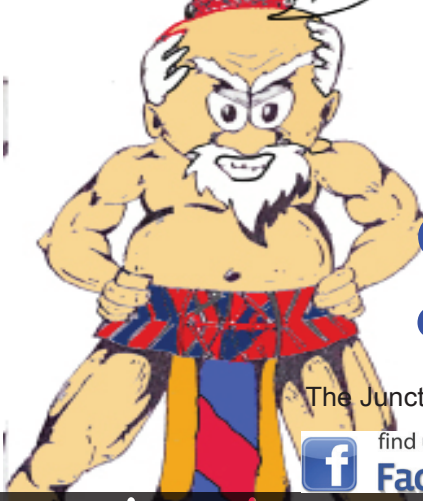
Buyucan explained that this was due to the increased use of other kinds of residual refuse like paper materials which were used as replacements for the plastic kind.

"Nonetheless, this is a welcome development in terms of our aim to reduce our dependence on plastic materials for environmen- **Cont. on page 3**



ONCE A VAST FARMLAND - The remaining farmland at Camp 7 which was once teeming with Baguio vegetable products including wild fauna and flora is now endangered due to the fast urbanization of Baguio City. - By Bong Cayabyab

Kasta ah ti mayat nga damag-dayta binmassit ti basura nga plastic. Mabalin met gayam! Kaya tayo met gayam nga saan nga agusar ti plastic. Kasapulan pay nga puwersaen datayo dagiti opisyales satayo umaksiyon! Inayan pay!



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Night market transfer to market for study

BAGUIO CITY- The transfer of the night market from Harrison road to Kayang street or other available areas in the public shall be under thorough study, Mayor Mauricio Domogan committed during the weekly media Ugnayan forum.

Available and secured areas in the market may also be identified for the purpose, mayor further said.

Should Harrison road, which is a national highway under the control of the Depart-

ment of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) be vacated, night time vehicular traffic is seen to improve.

The proposed transfer to either first or second Kayang street which are city roads, would also benefit walk-in vendors, in addition to the usual number, though the first come-first serve basis applies. The Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) facilitates the vendors' accommodation, it was known.

Last Monday, the city council approved a

proposed ordinance for the Harrison night market transfer to Kayang street. Accordingly, security for the area is easier to provide.

For years, the experimental night market served as livelihood for more than a thousand vendors and generated revenues for the city with an average of P1.5M every month.

Suggestions that the night market be transferred to Melvin Jones, Burnham Park never materialized as there is opposition from the public who claim the park must be preserved. **Julie G. Fianza**

High rise building suspension has to go through process - Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday said suspending the construction of high rise buildings in the city is doable but would entail a whole new process of amending the city's zoning ordinance which had just been revised in 2016.

The mayor, who was reacting to a suggestion broached during the Senate hearing on the creation of the Baguio-La-Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) Development Authority for a moratorium on the construction of eight-story structures in the city, said the issue had been "thoroughly debated" when the city laboriously drafted the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the enabling zoning ordinance in consultation with the various sectors.

"Technical people were consulted and all aspects were considered including

the safety and viability of the structures in the framing of the CLUP and the ordinance," the mayor said.

He said the issue on whether there is a need to limit the building height had been resolved in the deliberation as experts opined that the soundness of the structures does not depend on the height of the buildings but on ensuring their structural stability which means compliance with the national building and safety codes including the soil test requirements.

These findings convinced the city council to allow the construction of buildings up to eight stories in areas classified as commercial and high density residential zones in approving the CLUP and the zoning ordinance.

"If the issue is on the safety, I believe this had already been answered by experts. If the issue is over-

development necessitating suspension on high rise buildings, then it has to go back to the city council, call back the experts and follow the process again," he said.

The city's CLUP which charts the city's physical and economic development from 2013-2023 along with its implementing ordinance Ordinance No. 63 series of 2016 entitled "Adopting the Revised Comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the City of Baguio and Providing for the Administration, Enforcement and Amendment thereof and for the Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict therewith" had been ratified by the Housing Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB).

The CLUP, its sectoral studies for year 2013-2023 and the amended zoning ordinance were approved by the city council in 2016.

Under the CLUP, land



FIRECRACKER ZERO CASUALTY INCIDENT - City Police director PSSUPT Eliseo Tanding hands over confiscated firecrackers for destruction through submerging in water, to city officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Congressman Marquez Go. The City of Baguio has no casualty during the merry-making to welcome New Year. - By Bong Cayabyab

City bans closure of Burnham Park roads for more than a day

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has signed a city council resolution prohibiting the closure of Lake Drive or other interior roads within Burnham Park for trade fairs, circus, one-stop shop product shows, agricultural or merchandise displays, exhibits or any activities held or sponsored by the city government or private entity that necessitates closure of the roads for more than one (1) day.

"It was observed that every time Burnham Lake Drive is closed, relentless traffic jam occurs within the Central Business District (CBD) causing inconvenience and lost opportunities to the public. This usually happens during the conduct of commercial trade fairs or other

activities that last for a month or more," the measure claims.

Resolution number 400, series of 2018, states that the inconvenience and traffic woes are exacerbated by the closure of Session and Harrison Roads for the night market, thereby constricting major thoroughfares within and outside the CBD.

The city council's committee on public utilities, transportation and traffic legislation also requested the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), City Engineer's Office's (CEO) traffic and transportation division, and the United Metro Baguio-Benguet Jeepney Operators' and Drivers' Federation for their comments, recommendations or impact assessment of the closure of Burnham Lake Drive usually

during festivities like the Panagbenga.

The BCPO suggested that the committee should look for more feasible areas that possibly do not occupy main thoroughfares to "avoid the build-up of traffic congestions and multiplication of bottleneck areas."

The CEO recommended that the Panagbenga's landscaping and trade fair be relocated outside the Burnham Park area to prevent the closure of Lake Drive, among other recommendations. Meanwhile, the transportation federation observed, among others, that the closure of Lake Drive has a great effect on traffic on nearby roads like Harrison Road including the Bayanihan area and other places. **Gaby Keith**

Use of city tri-boundaries as staging areas for buses eyed

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance requiring all bus companies to use the tri-boundaries at the junction of the Baguio Dairy Farm along Marcos highway, Lamtang, Irisan and Slaughterhouse Compound as staging areas or bus stations in the city.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Leandro B. Yangot, Jr. stated all buses plying various routes shall

use the tri-boundaries at the Baguio Dairy Farm along Marcos highway for south-bound buses, the Slaughterhouse bus terminal for buses travelling along the Halsema highway and the Lamtang, Irisan site for north-bound buses.

The ordinance stipulated the local government shall endeavour to develop the proposed bus terminal sites by any of the accepted modes of implementation, particularly, by administration, through

private-public partnership (PPP), among others, to fast-track the utilization of the said areas for the prescribed purpose and facilitate the immediate relocation of the bus terminals in the central business district.

The ordinance tasked the City Mayor to prepare the implementing rules and regulations of the proposed local legislative measure to be done in consultation with the

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uses were designated and were zoned as residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, watersheds or forest reservation, parks and others.

The CLUP's development policies and regulations focus on the

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UN experts grateful to Cordillera support versus terrorist tag

BAGUIO CITY – Two indigenous experts officials of the United Nations (UN), who are natives of the Cordillera, expressed their gratitude to all local governments in the region that passed resolutions that denounced the terrorist tag against them by the justice department.

UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) Victoria Tauli-Corpuz and Joan Carling, a former indigenous expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, visited the members of the local legislative body during their regular session last Monday to personally express their gratitude to the support of the local government

and the people against the terrorist tag on them by the justice department.

Earlier, a Manila-based court dismissed the terrorist tag imposed on Tauli and human rights lawyer Jose Molintas for lack of probable cause while Carling and other Cordillerans who were included in the terrorist tag filed a similar motion for the dismissal of the same on the same grounds.

“The support shown by the local government and other local governments in the region, like Sagada and Mountain Province, only shows the importance of the communities where we come from in vouching for our integrity and credibility as responsible citizens. It also shows that people who are being

maligned could seek the help of the communities where they come from for the needed support to negate false accusations hurled against them,” Ms. Corpuz stressed.

Previously, seven Cordillerans, including Tauli and Carling, were included in the alleged terrorist list released by the justice department for reportedly being staunch allies of the Communist Party of the Philippines–New Peoples Army (CPP-NPA) because the groups that previously belong to are linked with the communist movement.

However, the local governments of Baguio, Sagada town and the Mountain Province provincial governments passed separate resolu-

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PUJs to be exempted from number coding scheme implementation

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved on first reading a proposed ordinance seeking to amend provisions of Ordinance No. 01, series of 2003 as amended, to include under the exemptions, public utility jeepneys (PUJs) plying various routes in the city.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Elmer O. Datuin stated that the city’s number coding ordinance shall not apply to chartered mini-buses from outside the city used for Lakbay-Aral or excursion purposes; government-owned motor vehicles with red plates in the performance of official functions; vehicles of the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC) used for mail delivery, armored cars used by banks for bulk money transfer, motor vehicles used in cases of emergency posing danger to life and limb, water delivery trucks when assisting in fire

control, service vehicles of public utility companies performing emergency repairs within the declared number coding zone, school services registered with the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) ferrying pre-school, elementary and high school students from 6 am to 9 am and 2 pm to 6 pm in schools located within the number coding zone, private motor vehicles and chartered public utility vehicles of visitors, tourists, vacationers, or participants of sanctioned activities such as conventions, conferences and assemblies and public utility jeepneys operating in the city.

The ordinance tasked the Baguio City Police Office–Traffic Management Unit to oversee the implementation of the amended provisions of the city’s number coding scheme, one of the major traffic schemes being

enforced to reduce the monstrous traffic jams around the city.

The ordinance noted there are reported clamors from residents of numerous barangays in the city on the alleged shortage of public utility vehicles serving their routes, especially during rush hours, causing stress and inconvenience to the thousands of stranded passengers in the different parts of the city.

Further, the said scenario is evidenced by the reported day-to-day occurrence of long queues in many jeepney terminals around the central business district area.

The ordinance stipulated the increase of the city’s population and the different barangays calls for additional public utility jeepney units to serve the needs of the riding public, however, due to the implementation of a moratorium on new franchises, there is a need to exempt the jeepneys from the

Regulating use of roads for parades, motorcades, rallies pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council approved an ordinance on first reading regulating the use of roads for purposes of parades, motorcades, fun runs and rallies in the city.

The ordinance authored by Councilor Elaine D. Sembrano stated the application for permit for the conduct of parades, motorcades and other related street activities must be filed 2 weeks or earlier before the scheduled activity and must contain details as to the number of participants, sketch of the road or street to be used, among other important details of the desired activity.

For motorcades, the ordinance stipulated a maximum of 5 4-wheeled vehicle participants shall only be allowed during said activities and motorcycles shall not be allowed

coverage of the number coding scheme to address the continuous increase in the demand for transport services of the residents.

Ordinance No. 01, series of 2003 otherwise known as the Baguio City Number Coding Scheme was passed to reduce the volume of motor vehicles in the central business district, however, exemptions were also provided so as not to impede the smooth delivery of basic services and such exemptions were provided under the provisions of the ordinance but it did not include public utility jeepneys as one of those exempted from the coverage of the local law.

The ordinance added that the local government remains committed to safeguard the well-being and safety of its constituency and is empowered, through its local legislative body, to enact ordinances regulating traffic on all streets within its jurisdiction, including the adoption of programs and projects concerning road management and use pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations./ **Dexter A. See**

to participate in motorcades.

The ordinance added that no child participants under 7 years of age shall participate in parades and rallies and there will be no more than 2 hours duration of parades will be allowed, except for the major activities of the city wherein there is suspension of classes, and there will be no vehicles of participants allowed in parades.

The ordinance explained organizers shall be obliged to issue a one week prior notice to the public on the details of the schedule of their events, roads or streets that will be used, number of participants to be used, and temporary signages should be installed in conspicuous places, before the approaches of the roads to forewarn motorists and the general public.

The ordinance imposes a fine of P1,000 upon any person violating the provisions of the measure.

The ordinance noted that when motor vehicles are stalled in the central business district due to the closure of roads due to parades, motorcades and other related street activities, traffic flow is greatly affected thereby causing inconvenience to the motoring and commuting public.

The ordinance empha-

sized that pursuant to the provisions of

the Local Government Code of the Philippines, the local legislative body shall enact appropriate ordinances to regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places to ensure public welfare will not be compromised.

Various government agencies, the local government offices and private groups, usually conduct parades, motorcades, rallies and other street related activities using the different roads and streets in the central business district often resulting to monstrous traffic congestions, especially when main roads are closed for a day to pave the way for their desired activities, depriving the public of free access to the said thoroughfares.

The ordinance emphasized the imposition of stringent regulations by the local government on the use of roads and streets for parades, motorcades, rallies and other street related activities is to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and lessen the inconvenience being encountered by motorists and pedestrians when they are caught in the conduct of the said activities being done in the central business district area./ **Dexter A. See**

75 Cordillera barangays...

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tal reasons,” Buyucan said.

In his office accomplishment report for 2018, the GSO head said their office realized savings from hauling and tipping fees of garbage amounting to P18 million after successfully negotiating for lower costs with the waste disposal facility in Urdaneta, Pangasinan.

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Gibraltar creek clean-up...

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Natural Resources will be here this coming February and as he had been doing in other places, he is so particular with illegal disposal of wastes and clean water of creeks and rivers,” the mayor warned.

He sought the barangay heads’ immediate compliance and cooperation.

Digamo earlier praised the city government for doing its part in addressing problems on water and air pollution and solid wastes./ **Aileen P. Refuerzo**

Learning from DFA's passport data fiasco

Gemma Bagayau-Mendoza (www.rappler.com)

Since everybody including their mothers weighed in on Foreign Secretary Teddyboy Locsin's rather colorful statement that the past passport contractor has "made off" with our passport data, I could not help but join the fray myself to help make sense of the issue.

I will focus on these points: (1) what we know; (2) what we don't know; (3) what could be problematic; and (4) what can be done in relation to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) data fiasco.

First off, I am calling this a fiasco because it is not a leak – at least not yet. In the world of data and information management, a leak happens when somebody who has no access authority gains access to data.

This is what happened in the case of Comeleak, where a hacker gained access to the personal data of registered voters and decided to post it online for everybody to download.

It does not seem to be the case here (yet) because the passport contractor was precisely that: an entity that was – for a particular period – contractually allowed to access and process data on behalf of the DFA.

In fact, Locsin himself said the data is "useless" to the contractor.

I am hoping that this means there is a clause at least in the contract between the DFA and that contractor which restricts the latter's use of that data purely to the purpose they were contracted for.

EDITORIAL If that is the case, people who applied for passports during the period they were working with DFA are at least protected from having their personal data suddenly peddled in the black market, where the voter registration data also reportedly ended.

In any case we already have a data privacy law in place that precisely outlaws such an activity.

Further, if you are a self-respecting professionally-managed private IT organization that thinks strategically, you will not want a data leak on your record. Not if you want other contracts in the future.

So, I may be wrong, but I am guessing that the contractor here probably has at least some legal grounds for not giving DFA the data back.

The only reason why this became an issue, to begin with, is because people who applied for passports under the old systems will need to bring their birth certificates again to apply for passport renewal.

This means that while the contractor cannot legally use the data for other purposes, DFA unfortunately also could not use the data the contractor collected.

This could be because (a) there is no clause in the contract that obliges that entity to turn over the data; or (b) the data is sitting in a defunct server somewhere but nothing requires the contractor to make it available to the DFA in a format that allows importing to another system.

I highlight option b above because we really don't know much yet beyond Locsin's rather colorful but vague public conversations on Twitter with his underling Elmer Cato.

I am not a lawyer but I have examined quite a number of contracts involving use of data. And "made off with the data" is not a term you usually use in data contracts. It is also not something IT persons would generally use when describing the status of data sets.

I would be interested to hear what the DFA's IT department leads have to say about what actually happened and what the status of affairs are. It is entirely possible that they do have the data in some format in some defunct systems or servers but it is probably in a proprietary format.

In my quest for various public interest-imbued data sets from various government agencies, I have come across instances when this precisely happened.

Why does it happen? Lack of foresight for one. Some negotiator on government's behalf failed to consider exit scenarios. People forget all the time na walang forever (there is no forever). You may be happy with a service now but at some point you may want a better system, or a cheaper one.

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KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

DFA nagpabaya sa maseselang impormasyon

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Kinagabihan, nagpakita... si Yahweh (kay Solomon) sa isang panaginip at tinanong siya, 'Ano ang gusto mong ibigay ko sa iyo? Sabihin mo! wika sa kanya. Sumagot si Solomon, '... Bigyan po ninyo ako ng karunungan kailangan ko sa pamamahala at kakayahang kumilala ng mabuti sa masama. Sapagkat sino po ba ang may kakayahang maghari sa napakalaking bayang ito?'..." (1 Hari 3:5-9, Bibliya).

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ESKANDALO: DFA: NAGPABAYA SA MASESELANG IMPORMASYON: Pasensiya na po ang ating mga kababayang nagbabasa ng Kakampi Mo Ang Batas pero di ko talaga mapigilang murahin ng todo itong mga taga Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), kasama na ang pinuno nito sa ngayon, sa kapabayaang ipinamalas nilang lahat na ang bunga ay ang pagkawala ng lahat ng data o impormasyong isinumite ng mga Pilipinong binigyan nila ng mga pasaporte.

Sabi ng pinuno ng DFA na ayaw ko ng banggitin ang pangalan, itinakas daw ng isang pribadong negosyante (Pilipino ba ito o dayuhan, ginoong pinuno ng DFA?) ang lahat ng mga impormasyong nakuha nito habang ito pa ang gumagawa ng mga pasaporte ng mga Pilipino. Ang siste, dahil hindi na pinalawig pa ang kontrata ng negosyanteng ito (at bakit ayaw mo ding pangalananan itong negosyanteng ito, pinuno ng DFA?), hindi na rin nito isinoli ang mga impormasyong ibinigay sa kanya! Naku!

Eto pa ang isang natinding isyu dito: di ba ipinagmalaki na noon pa ng DFA na fully-computerized na sila sa kanilang tanggapan na ang halaga ay daan-daang milyong piso? Ibig bang sabihin ng eskandalong ito ngayon, hindi pala kumilos ang DFA upang sa mga computers nito maitago ang mga mahahalagang personal na impormasyong isinusumite ng mga kumukuha ng kanilang pasaporte? Aba eh, kabobohan at malaking pagpapabaya talaga!

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DI BA ALAM NG DFA NA ITO ANG DAPAT MAG-INGAT NG DETALYE NG MGA PASAPORTE? Ito ang problema pag ang tao ay masyadong nagdudunong-dunungan (gaya ng pagiging sobrang marunong ng pinuno nito ngayon na pag bumatikos ng ibang tao noon, at hanggang sa ngayon naman, ay tila ba siya na lang ang napakagaling). Isipin po natin, mga kakampi, hindi man lamang nagtanong ang pinunong ito sa seguridad ng mga impormasyong tinatanggap ng DFA mula sa taumbayan?

Di ba alam ng pinuno ng DFA na nagkagulo nga sa Facebook at sa marami pang ibang social networking sites dahil sa pagpapalabas ng mga impormasyong personal ng kanilang mga subscribers, dahilan upang magkalugi-lugi ang Facebook ng daan-daang milyong dolyares? Di ba alam din ng nasabing pinuno

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If you fail to prepare for that eventuality, you're screwed.

It's like putting all your eggs (data and workflows) in Apple's proprietary systems and realizing later that this means you are stuck with outdated technology. (Or closed systems that Apple controls so that they can sell you more products.)

Which brings me to my final points. How do you prevent these things from happening again?

First off, if this has not happened yet, key agencies seriously need to come together to come up with standards. The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) should be leading this effort. By the way, this is also why you need to make sure that the DICT secretary has expertise on the latest information technologies.

This is essential because it is not just the DFA that houses data about the public. There's Philhealth, SSS, GSIS, PSA. The list goes on. Heaven help us if our pension records get hostaged in a defunct, unusable system somewhere or stuck in litigation over contractual disputes.

Provisions for exit scenarios should be in the bid requirements for outsourced data services from the get go.

If it is not, maybe this is something legislators will need to consider legislating about – just so that the hearings in aid of legislation, that I am almost sure will happen because of the uproar over this fiasco, will come up with something useful.

Government lawyers will need to work closely with experts in the IT sector to craft standard clauses that are required of contracts for government information systems.

Finally, this major oversight is bound to happen in government entities. It is almost inevitable. Why? Because this is a question of competence. I would not go to the point of calling this a corruption case yet.

There are a lot of well-meaning and dedicated people in government. I consider myself fortunate to have met some of them. But dedicated or not, well-meaning or not, many IT people in government lack the skills necessary to implement and negotiate professional IT systems. And I do not mean to say this to disparage them.

Unfortunately, salary structures make it hard for government to retain talent. Ability to do due diligence and appreciate contracts, particularly IT contracts, is a skill. Ability to foresee and plan for exit scenarios is a skill.

Not all lawyers, for instance, would be competent in assessing or drafting contracts that involve data, IT systems, copyright, etc. Even for lawyers, this is also a specialized skill.

When you get to that point where you gain expertise in these specialized skills, demand for your services goes up in the private sector where such skills are valued.

The way things are, government cannot compete with the private sector in this area. So we are left with those who might be well-meaning but are just not familiar with and do not have the skills needed to do what is required.

We need to do something about this if we want

DISPATCH FROM CRAME

"Fearless Four" and the Imperative Need for an Independent Judiciary

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

No society can call itself truly just and free without an independent judiciary. On the freedom of the courts depends so much the exercise of our liberties. On the moral authority of the judiciary relies so much of the quality of justice that we pursue.

And, an independent judiciary rests largely on the integrity, competence and uprightness of its judges.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer honored four (4) courageous judges as Filipinos of the Year 2018. No accolade is more fitting for the "Fearless Four": Regional Trial Court (RTC) Judges Rodolfo Azucena, Jr. of Caloocan City, Arlene Lirag Palabrica of Tagum City, Alexander Tamayo of Malolos City, and Andres Soriano of Makati City.

Judge Azucena convicted three (3) police officers for the extrajudicial killing of minor Kian delos Santos. Judge Palabrica ordered the immediate release of the group of activists led by Ka Satur Ocampo and Rep. France Castro, who were arrested by the military after bringing food and supplies to the beleaguered teachers and pupils in a "Lumad" school in Davao del Norte. Judge Tamayo convicted former Major General Jovito Palparan and two (2) subordinates for the kidnapping and serious illegal detention of UP students Karen Empeño and Sherlyn Cadapan. Judge Soriano denied the DOJ's applications for arrest warrant and hold-departure order on Sen. Sonny Trillanes.

Napapanahon at angkop ang pagkilala sa magiging na hukom na ito. Patunay sila na sa gitna ng dilim at lagim ng kasalukuyang panahon at pamumuno ay may ningas pa rin ng pag-asa mula sa ilang nananatiling malalaya at matatayang na instrumento ng katarungan. Babala rin sila sa mga abusado at mapaniil. Inspirasyon naman sila sa iba pang mabubuting kawani ng pamahalaan.

The Code of Judicial Conduct underscores judicial independence as a pre-requisite to rule of law. Indeed, not only is it a requirement for the maintenance of public order, judicial independence is a cornerstone of constitutional democracy. It assures freedom to the individual; it guarantees the right of determination and development of a people; it safeguards against the persecution and other abuses by the different branches and functionaries of government.

Sa isang malaya at matatag na hudikatura ay makakaasa ng patas na pagtrato ang lahat -- maging ang mga magbubukid, manggagawa, katutubo, babae, kabataan, mahihirap, aktibista, kritiko at iba pang naisasantabi at inaapi. An impartial and competent judge always independently acts on the basis of facts and evidence and in accordance with a conscientious understanding and application of the law, free from any extraneous influence or pressure.

I therefore salute Hon. Judges Azucena, Palabrica, Tamayo and Soriano and others in their league. May your tribe truly increase! May you serve as exemplars and inspiration to workers in the public sector, diligently treating public office as a public trust, painstakingly striving to regain public confidence in our institutions, and valiantly asserting our democratic values and principles as a people. A hope-filled New Year!

to constructively address this issue and prevent future data fiascos from happening.

Threatening to autopsy persons responsible alive will not solve things. Only a thorough examination of problems would.

I am hoping that legislators who have seen fit to comment on this issue will at least consider these before they decide to bore us once again with long-drawn, pointless hearings in aid of legislation. I also hope this guides newcomer executives in government who may not be familiar with IT but – beyond making bombastic statements – sincerely want to fix things. – Rappler.com

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na nagkagulo din sa Commission on Elections dahil sa balitang nabuyangyang ang personal na datos ng mga botante kamakailan lang?

Tapos, pababayaan lang ng DFA, ng pamunuan at mga kawani nito, na ang mga personal na impormasyon pala ng mga Pilipinong nakakuha o nag-apply ng kanilang pasaporte ay hindi nakaimbak sa isang computer na nasa ilalim ng pag-iingat at kontrol ng DFA? O, baka naman totoo ang sinasabi ng isang netizen: kaya hinayaan ng DFA ang mga personal na impormasyon matangay ng dati nitong kontratista ay upang magkaroon sila ng bagong kontrata sa isang bagong contractor para sa bagong kasunduan?

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WALA NA BANG GOV'T OFFICIAL ANG MAY SAPAT NA DUNONG?

Ang tanong pa ng marami nating mga kababayan ngayon: bakit ba nangyayari ito sa Pilipinas? Walang opisyales ng gobyerno, lalo na sa gobyernong Duterte, ang may sapat na dunong upang maisulong naman nila ng buong husay ang interest ng ating sambayanan? Ang problema kasi, sa tingin ko lang mga kakampi, marami na sa mga opisyales na ito ang malayo na sa Diyos, o sadyang wala ng ugnayan sa Diyos.

Kasi, kung nasa Diyos ang mga opisyales ng ating bansa sa ngayon, simple lang naman ang utos ng Diyos upang magkaroon sila ng karunungan nagmumula sa Kaniya, upang mapagbuti nila ang kanilang mga trabaho. Sabi sa Santiago 1:5 ng Bibliya, kung mayroong tao na kulang sa karunungan, humingi siya sa Diyos ng talino, at magbibigay Siya ng sagana at hindi nanunumbat.

Pero dahil wala nga sa Diyos ang mga namumuno sa ating bansa sa ngayon, tunay na pinagkakaitan sila ng karunungan. Sana ay magbasa na ng Bibliya ang mga opisyales nating ito, at ng malaman nila, halimbawa, kung ano ang hiniling ni Haring Solomon noong siya ay italaga bilang bagong hari ng bayan ng Diyos. Hiningi ni Solomon sa Diyos ang dunong, hindi yaman at tagumpay sa kaaway. Ang siste, ang mga pinuno natin ay humihiling ng yaman at tagumpay sa kaaway, hindi dunong!

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according to Commission on Election (Comelec) rules. The election process shall be through nomination and the voting shall be done by secret ballot.

The composition of the Board of Election Supervisor (BES) still be composed of a DILGO officer (MLGOO) as Chairperson with officials from the Comelec, and a representative of a non-governmental organization or civil society organization. // **Alpine L. Killa, Bon-toc-LGU**

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Benguet

IN THE MATTER FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF VIVIAN BADECAO PIASAN WITH LEGITIMATION,

VIVIAN PIASAN LEGASPI,
-Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANKAYAN, BENGUET AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY;

-Respondents.

SPEC. PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 18-C-294

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ORDER

Petitioner VIVIAN PIASAN LEGASPI, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the entry under item "Date and place of marriage of parents" appearing as "June 17, 1979, Mankayan, Benguet" in her Certificate of Live Birth bearing reg. No. 90-309 be deleted, considering that her parents were not yet married during birth as the contracted marriage only sometime in September 2, 1992. Nonetheless, petitioner's parents, Matso Piasan and Lydia Badecao, jointly executed an Affidavit of Legitimation dated February 19, 2018, expressly stating their desire to have their child, herein petitioner, be declared legitimated in accordance with law.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form

and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on March 6, 2019 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, before this court, at which date and time all concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not earlier than December 30, 2018.

Furnish copies of hereof, together with the Petition and annexes to the Hon. Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet, the Philippines Statistics Authority, Private Respondents, Petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 21st day of December 2018.

(SGD) SERGIO T. ANGNANAY, JR.
Acting Presiding Judge

Dec. 29, 2018, Jan. 5 & 12, 2019

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affected transport sector aside from the identification of the partners of the local government in the realization of the project.

It will be recalled Baguio City was designed in 1909 by the famous American urban planner Arch. Daniel Burnham for only 25,000 inhabitants but at present, the city's population has ballooned to approximately nearly 400,000 residents, not counting temporary residents like students and other transient individuals transacting business in the city during the day.

"Obviously, the current population of the city is beyond its intended carrying capacity. The sudden surge in population density has resulted in multifarious urban problems, among them, the traffic woes which is affecting the economy and commerce in the different parts of the city," Yangot stressed.

He added solutions to the city's existing problems must be brought forth to at least remedy the prevailing congestions which is a gargantuan task to do so, but as a resilient community, people can easily overcome the current impasse through teamwork, unity and cooperation in strictly adhering to the prescribed rules and regulations governing the implementation of drastic measures to curb the problems triggered by rapid urbanization.

The ordinance added taxis and jeepneys will be tasked to ferry passengers from the bus stations or

staging areas to the point of destination of the said passengers.

On the other hand, the ordinance stated it will be the obligation of the local government to develop the said areas so that the same will be suitable for the prescribed purpose and bus companies will be convinced to immediately relocate in the identified relocation sites of bus terminals.

The ordinance was referred to a committee for study and recommendation whether or not the same will be passed on second and third readings by the local legislative body./Dexter A. See

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The city also established a temporary transfer station after Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Pinol allowed the City to utilize five hectares of the 92-hectare property of the Dept. of Agriculture at the Dairy Farm which is now being improved and later planned to be ceded to the city government.

The office also sold 13,000 kilos or 485 sacks of raw compost from the Environmental Recycling System machines realizing an income of P39,000.

"We have acquired five brand new dump trucks and one water truck to augment the garbage collection fleet of the city," Buyucan added.

The office also reported accomplishments in the areas of procurement management services anchored on the now full utilization of the Electronic Procurement System (EPS) which sped up the processing time of purchase requests, the asset and inventory management services and the records and archives management services./Aileen P. Refuerzo

UN experts grateful to...

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tions that denounced the terrorist tag against the 7 Cordillerans, claiming that those who were included in the government's questionable terrorist list are merely human rights and indigenous peoples rights advocates who had been working with the mainstream society over the past several decades.

The passed resolutions

denouncing the terrorist take against the 7 Cordillerans were transmitted to the justice department for the government's information, guidance and further action and for the eventual removal of the terrorist tag against the natives of the Cordillera who were included in the controversial terrorist list.

Carling also expressed

her gratitude to local officials of Baguio, Sagada and Mountain Province for having stood behind them when they were unjustly tagged as terrorists by the justice department, saying that it is heart-warming to know that local officials and the Cordillerans are concerned about the welfare of their colleagues who are being maligned by the government that is supposed to protect them through the use of its vast resources.

Both UN experts urged the local legislatures in the different parts of the region to sustain what they are doing in fighting for the rights of the people who are being unjustly treated to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents that might affect the integrity and credibility of innocent individuals who are being tagged as terrorists./Dexter A. See

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to the absence of the carnival rides layout, the makeshift size of barracks and location cannot be actually ascertained aside from the fact the local government cannot determine the actual number of personnel who will be sleeping in the makeshift tents.

According to him, last year, some families of carnival workers found their temporary abode in the makeshift tents

which is against existing park policies.

He asserted the children's playground is already congested and putting the amusement rides inside the playground will deprive the children of their safe and free area.

The city department head claimed the chil-

dren's playground without carnival rides used to close at 6 pm but with the carnival rides, closing time will be at the discretion of the operator and could extend until there are still customers and any affirmative action to allow the company to put up the amusement rides in the area will duplicate the existing family-oriented rides being operated by some Burnham Park concessionaires, particularly

at the skating rink who had been with the local government providing various rides.

Cervantes emphasized that January to June ushers in the peak season for all legitimate concessionaires, thus, the operation of the amusement rides will deprive them of the opportunity to maximize their income that will cover for their rental rates during lean months./Dexter A. See

Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate Among heirs with waiver of rights

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late REX CALUZA RIMORIN who died intestate on April 25, 2017 in Baguio City without will, consisting of the following property: "A parcel of land (Lot 3, Block 1 of the subdivision plan Psd-25962, berin a portion of Lot 96 of Baguio Townsite, G.L.R. O. Record No. 12067) situated in the Res. Sec. "K" City of Baguio, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-35435" had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 27 December 2018 as per Doc. No. 482, Page No. 097, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

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when special occasions in the city are about to be conducted.

At present, the DPWH-CAR and its First Benguet District Engineering Office (FBDEO) are currently supervising the implementation of various infrastructure projects along the whole stretch of the road ensure it will be safe for motorists once completed.

Aside from the restoration of the washed-out detour of the bridge along Camp 5, the other major infrastructure projects

along Kennon road are the repair of the Camp 1 and Camp 6 bridges which were heavily damaged by the last two strong typhoons last year and the construction of slope protection walls in critical portions of the road and the shotcreting of a huge portion of the Klondykes section.

Initially, the DPWH-CAR allowed the roadline be temporar-

ily opened for the use of residents in the different communities along its stretch, provided that, they will police their own ranks so only the people in the area will use the road to allow the smooth implementation of the ongoing projects in various sections of the road so that the same will be completed the soonest that will pave the way for its possible opening to light vehicles probably by the end of February./Dexter A. See

Bontoc centenarian receives P100k cash incentive

Bontoc, Mountain Province - Another centenarian in this capital town was included in the list of centenarian awardees that was recognized by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). A centenarian is defined as someone who is one hundred years old or older. 100 - year old Herbert Malecda Todyog who was born on March 10, 1918 and resides in Barangay Alab Oriente, Bontoc, Mountain Province recently received from the personnel of the DSWD the P100, 000 cash incentive.

The incentive is a form of assistance and recognition to Todyog for reaching the centenary age. Also, it is the department's contribution in the implementation of Republic Act 10868 or the Centenarians Act of 2016, also known as an "Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Priv-

ileges to Filipino Centenarians, and for Other Purposes."

Social Welfare Officer III Araceli Shane Bayanos of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) said that Todyog was blessed with one child. From his only biological son, he has four grandchildren. From his four grandchildren, he has now 23 great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. Aside from his biological son, he has an adopted daughter who is staying in Baguio City.

He lives alone in his house where his adopted daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren visit him, attend to his needs, and provide him basic necessities. He prefers to live separately from his grandchildren's families despite their efforts to convince him to stay with any of them.

Bayanos relayed that

simple living in the village eating organically-grown food like camote, banana, squash and legumes which they themselves plant and grow is believed to be the reason of his long life much so that he was never hospitalized.

Apart from the P100, 000 that centenarian Todyog received from the DSWD, he earlier received P30, 000 cash incentive from the Provincial Government of Mountain Province in October last year.

On the part of the municipal government through its MSWDO, its counterpart is to provide technical assistance in the preparation of the necessary documents of the centenarian to be submitted to the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) for referral at the DSWD - Regional Office. // *Alpine L. Killa, Bontoc LGU*

E C S T A T I C GRANDMA - 91 year old grandma Ombay Batorne of Loakan barangay is all smiles after receiving a brand new wheelchair which was personally delivered to her residence by Mobile Hope Program founder and Councilor Arthur Allad-iw.. A total of 22 wheelchairs for the indigents were donated by Paul Lalwani, Coco Life, Thomas Kho, Peter Ng of Supreme Hotel and Rolando Veneracion Villanueva of Venus Park View Hotel, Johan Teope of Baguio Center Mall through the office of Councilor Allad-iw since December 2018 to date. - PIO photo release



JHMC Now Certified Mother-Baby Friendly Workplace

Baguio City - The Department of Health awards John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) with a Mother -Baby Friendly Certificate this year. The Certificate was received by Allan R. Garcia, JHMC President and CEO and was witnessed by the JHMC Board of Directors.

A "mother-baby friendly" certificate means that the JHMC ensures the promotion and practice of breastfeeding in the workplace through the establishment of the

lactation station.

The JHMC lactation station is open for public use. It is located at Cottage 628 at the JHMC main office, Camp John Hay. The station is well-lighted, airy and well ventilated, with comfortable chairs and side tables. It is also equipped with basic amenities such as refrigerators, breast pumps and milk storage. On its walls posted are and informational materials for mothers to be reminded of the importance and benefits of breastfeeding.

The issuance of the Certificate is a confirmation of JHMC's compliance with RA 10028 or the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 which mandates health and non-health facilities to establish a lactation station in the workplace.

More than providing lactation service facilities to its stakeholders, JHMC encourages its locators to replicate the same to further promote and practice breastfeeding in the workplace.

The lactation station is an initiative of the JHMC-Gender and Development./ *JHMC*

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the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

"We already signed a memorandum of agreement that detailed the duties and responsibilities of concerned government agencies, the involved local governments, among other stakeholders, to ensure that the temporary opening of Kennon Road for the residents of the barangays located along the stretch of the road will be strictly observed

to prevent further complications of the issue in the coming weeks," Domogan stressed.

He appealed for understanding from the various sectors in Baguio and Benguet that the temporary closure of Kennon road to light vehicles is to allow the speedy implementation of the major rehabilitation projects along the different critical sections of the road so that once that it will be opened to

light vehicles, the whole stretch of the road will be safe for both residents and visitors alike.

He asserted that it is a must that Kennon road will be opened to light vehicles several days before the special events in the city to provide motorists with an alternate route and decongest Marcos highway and the newly opened Tubao-Nangalisan-Baguio road and prevent the monstrous traffic jams that had been experienced in the past./ *Dexter A. See*

Special SK election in Bontoc all set

Bontoc, Mountain Province -The schedule of the special SangguniangKabataan (SK) election ordered by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to fill up vacant youth council posts in this municipality is all set.

In compliance to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-212 issued on December 20, 2018 for the conduct of special SK elections, it will be conducted depending on the convenient dates chosen by the concerned barangay SKs.

This was relayed by

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer V Jill Fa-edduing the regular Monday Flag Raising Ceremony and 2018 Peace and Order Assessment on January 7 and January 8, 2019, respectively at the Bontoc Municipal Capitol.

In Bontoc, she said that only Barangay Maligcong has a complete set of SK officials while the remaining 15 barangays have either no SK Chairperson or incomplete SK members.

The schedules of special SK elections in other barangays of Bontoc are:AlabOriente- and

AlabProper - January 27, 2019; Bayyo- January 20, 2019; Balili - January 21, 2019; Bontoc Ili - January 26, 2019; Caluttit-January 15, 2019; Can-eo -January 11, 2019; Dalican - January 13, 2019; Guina-ang - January 16, 2019; Gonogon - January 14, 2019; Mainit-January 16, 2019; Samoki - January 18, 2019; Talubin - January 12, 2019; Tocucan - January 27, 2019; and Poblacion - January 30, 2019.

Fa-ed added that five days before the conduct of special elections, the barangay secretary should post notices on the date, venue, and time of the SK elections. It shall be posted at any conspicuous or designated public place such as but not limited to the market vicinity, barangay hall or plaza, the church area or public school. Also, the barangay secretary is in charge of the registration to determine the qualified voters and candidates. Apart from this, the exact number of vacant positions to be filled - up through the special elections shall likewise be clearly specified in the notice.

Those qualified to register are 15 to 30 years old while only those aged 18 to 24 years old can run for a position,

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observance and maintenance of the geo-physical integrity of the city pursuing sustainable development at levels following resources carrying capacities;

Enhancement or improvement of the natural landscape and aesthetics of the area should be the primary consideration in the introduction of any land uses, structures and other developments; preservation and enhancement of natural resources (air, water, forest) to their best and sustainable uses; preservation or restoration of cultural heritage or historical or scientific

sites and resources at their pristine status; decongestion of highly dense areas following standard levels;

Provision of efficient and effective circulation or access and other urban development services or facilities or utilities in all governance units in accordance to their roles and functions in the overall city development; and land uses shall conform or complement the development roles of adjacent LISTT municipalities in the province of Benguet and the region in general. /*Aileen P. Refuerzo*

Opening of Kennon Road to light vehicles likely

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan expressed confidence the Cordillera Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) will finalize the opening dates for Kennon Road to light vehicles to lessen the monstrous traffic congestion along major roads leading to the city during the celebration of major activities in the city in the coming months.

The annual alumni homecoming of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) is scheduled on February 15-17, 2019, the p

edition of Panagbenga is February 1, 2019 while the grand streetdancing and grand float parades of the flower festival is on March 2 and 3, 2019, respectively, aside from other crowd drawing events that will be scheduled by the city's public and private sectors up to the middle of this year.

The city chief executive claimed that contractors of the public works department should comply with their commitments to complete their awarded projects pursuant to the marching orders of public works authorities so that inconveniences to the motoring public once the road will be opened to light vehicles will be lessened and smooth

travel of visitors to and from the city is ensured by preventing possible congestions along major roads leading to the city during the conduct of special events

The DPWH closed Kennon road last July 2018 after a series of landslides that caused the untimely death of some innocent individuals and inflicting injuries to dozens of others, to pave the way for the rehabilitation of the 9 identified critical sections along the roadline.

Domogan disclosed it was agreed by members of the CDRRMC that the announcement of the opening of Kennon road to light vehicles will be done by the regional director of

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Mayor vetoes Burnham carnival operation

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan vetoed Resolution No. 416, series of 2018 that approved the request of Link-in Corporation for the conduct of the 'Carnibal ti Baguio' at the children's playground, Burnham Park from February 1, 2019 to May 30, 2019 subject to conditions as set forth by the guidelines of the executive department and returned the same to the local legislative body unsigned.

The local chief executive used as a basis in vetoing the resolution the strong opposition raised by City Environment and Parks

Management Officer Ruben A. Cervantes on the said proposal considering the bad experience of the local government when the said corporation operated the amusement rides in the city's premier park last Summer.

"We are learning from our bad experience when the same company operated the amusement rides in the park last summer. We told the operator we are inclined to veto the resolution despite his commitment he already purchased new rides that will be used in the amusement park once it will be approved,"

Domogan stressed. Cervantes informed Domogan there was no layout of carnival rides submitted by the operator which is important to ascertain what rides are worthwhile, what are considered gambling in character and those influencing violent behaviour among children and teenagers.

He added in the absence of the required rides layout, it is impossible for the concerned technical personnel to see where the sanitary facilities will be located within the area like last year where the company allegedly



DAGSIAN TO CAMP 7 BARANGAY ROAD OPENING - Mayor Mauricio Domogan assisted by Dagsian punong barangay and Liga Ng Mga Barangay president and Councilor Michael Lee Lawana and Camp 7 PB Angelina Ramos cut the ceremonial ribbon of the newly constructed road connecting Dagsian and Camp 7 barangays during simple rites last January 9.- By Bong Cayabyab

Gibraltar creek clean-up ordered

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday ordered the immediate clean-up of the creek at Gibraltar barangay after the Environment and Management Bureau Cordillera Administrative Region (EMB-CAR) reported the presence of garbage floating and foul odor emanating from the stream.

In a letter, the mayor directed the punong barangays of Gibraltar,

Lualhati and Pacdal to immediately form a task force to clear the creek of garbage and to stop the operation of piggeries that directly discharge their wastes to the water body.

Personnel from the General Services Office, City Health Services Office and the City Environment and Parks Management Bureau Cordillera Administrative Region (EMB-CAR) reported the presence of garbage floating and foul odor emanating from the stream.

In his letter to punong barangays Nemesio Huag of Gibraltar, Julius Ampal of Lualhati and Abraham

Lagasca II of Pacdal, the mayor warned that inaction might result to the filing of cases not only against the operators of piggeries without septic tanks and directly discharging waste to the creek but also against the barangay chairmen and even the mayor himself.

"(The letter from EMB-CAR Officer-in-Charge Regional Director Reynaldo Digamo) further said that Secretary Roy Cimatu of the Department of Environment and

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Council summons DPWH officials on Kennon issue

BAGUIO CITY - The local legislative body invited officials of the Cordillera office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) to be enlightened on the possibility of opening the historic and scenic Kennon Road to light vehicles a few days before major special occasions in the city to help in decongesting other major roads leading to the country's undisputed Summer Capital.

Local legislators prefer to listen to the explanations of DPWH-CAR officials during their upcoming regular session on Monday, January 14,

2019 before approving a resolution strongly requesting the DPWH to open the 34-kilometer roadline to light vehicles several days before the conduct of special events so that visitors will have additional routes to and from the city.

Kennon Road, which was built over a century ago, remains to be the shortest route in and out of the city from the lowlands that is why it is preferred by motorists because they will have a chance to experience driving through the scenic zigzag road to and from the city.

The local legislative

body deferred its action on the proposed resolution to hear out DPWH-CAR officials on the status of the on-going rehabilitation projects and the possibility of opening the roadline to light vehicles specifically during special occasions in the city and other neighboring towns of Benguet.

Earlier, the Cordillera Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) decided to lodge with the regional director of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) the announcement on when will Kennon Road be opened to light vehicles

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failed to coordinate with the management of R&R Sanitary Services leading to sporadic defecation and micturition within the children's playground both by the customers and carnival workers.

Cervantes pointed out due

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