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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

SC nullifies spurious ancestral land titles

BAGUIO CITY - The city government's protracted battle to reclaim tracts of land covered by spurious Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) in key areas in the city finally bore fruit after the Supreme Court nullified CALTs and their derivative titles covering lots claimed by the heirs of Cosen Piraso and Josephine Abanag.

In a 17-page decision dated Sept. 25, 2019 which was received by the Office of the Solicitor General on Nov. 12, 2019 and furnished the City Legal Office by lawyer Marlon Bosantog of the OSG, Acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio granted

the petition for review of the OSG and reversed the decision and resolution of the Court of Appeals dated January 15, 2013 that upheld the validity of the subject CALTs.

The High Tribunal also declared as "null and void" the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Resolution Nos. 107-2010-AL and 108-2010-AL that paved the way for the issuance of the titles; O-CALT Nos. 129 and 130 including corresponding Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. and CALT Nos. covering 36 parcels of lot.

The Piraso claims cover the Casa Vallejo property

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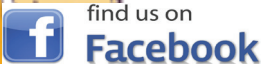


THE MAYOR AND THE TRASH - Mayor Benjie Magalong was deeply disappointed by the pile of trash along Loakan Road. The Mayor's Facebook page captioned this as "Mayor Benjie Magalong calls out barangay officials of Greenwater Village for their failure to inspect and clean a regular garbage dumping area along Loakan Road" for which residents and officials of the mentioned barangay cried foul, saying this area is not within Greenwater, and the trash is not from the residents as they have their designated and well-maintained collection area.

Ay sala-salamat Supreme Court. Abuso met ngamin dagitoy NCIP ta ipa-title da metten ti open spaces ti Baguio. Inayan kayo pay.



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Baguio City's pork consumption down by 10% amid ASF scare

BAGUIO CITY -- Pork consumption in Baguio City dropped by at least 10 percent but the city veterinary office said supply remained steady and the inspection of meat and meat products has been intensified.

"The consumption of pork dropped by at least 10 percent which could have been diverted to chicken or fish," said Dr. Brigitte Piok, chief of the City Veterinary Office (CVO) Monday.

She said the city normally consumes more than 350 hogs per day and the 10 percent drop could be attributed to the African swine fever (ASF) scare.

She urged authorities to check the prices of meat products to protect consumers from overpric-

ing. "The farm gate price of pork is from PHP60 to PHP80 but they are sold at PHP220 a kilo. I don't know where the overpricing comes in but it is the consumers who are affected. Some have diverted to buying chicken in lieu of pork so it is also important to look at the prices of those sold," Piok said.

In terms of safety, Piok said inspection of live animals and meat products that get into the city had been intensified to assure that sanitation standards and safety of food sold to consumers were met.

She said meat sold at the market must be covered by a meat inspection certificate, a shipping certificate, and, if transported,

the meat should have a health certificate from its origin.

Piok assured that the city veterinary office and the National Meat Inspection Service are doing spot and intensified inspection system.

"We are inspecting all animals that are coming in and those that are being slaughtered so our pork meat and all other meat here Baguio are safe," she said.

She advised the public to check the meat itself and the meat inspection certificate of the stalls they buy from.

"I-check din yung karne na fresh -- amoy, itsura, kulay kasi 'yung ibang vendor 'pag may naiwan, binebenta pa for the next day or minsan hinahalo

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Firm proposed put up of 15-MW power plant from domestic waste

BAGUIO CITY-- The city government is studying the proposal of a renewable energy company to put up a power plant capable of producing 15 megawatts of power from over 500 tons of unsegregated garbage produced by the city daily.

FTPontillo Builders and Engineering Services presented to city officials a system that can produce renewable energy from alternative sources like garbage that can produce potential energy from refuse and compost that are disposed in landfills.

The company's proposed waste-to-energy for the city can help the nation towards the goal of self-sufficiency in energy and help reduce

carbon emissions for the mitigation of the serious negative effects of climate change to mankind.

Under the company's proposal, it will not be taking any tipping fees or any monetary charges for the existing waste management for as long as the municipal solid waste be dumped in the power plant and that it would also rehabilitate existing landfill provided that the waste-to-energy plant be located within or near the landfill or dumpsite.

The company proposed a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) scheme for 20 years for the project and that it will be at no cost to the city government aside from the company providing all financial, logistical, and technical

requirements as well as the documentations needed to construct, operate and maintain the power plant.

The company intends to employ some 150 qualified workers to be recommended by the city government with accommodations inside the power plant with free meals, above minimum wage, health insurances among other non-monetary compensation.

The company aims to significantly reduce the power bills of consumers in the different parts of the city considering that the waste-to-energy power plant can augment the power requirements of the city as it is pegged at producing some 15 megawatts of clean energy from the generated waste

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Issuance of police, health, working permits to be computerized

BAGUIO CITY -- The future issuance of police, health clearances and working permits by the city government will be computerized once the city will take in the proposed digitization of the same.

The computerization of the issuance of police, health clearances and working permit was proposed by Eastland Printing which was given a 6-month experimental period by the previous administration to have its system in place.

However, the dry run

did not push through because of issues on how to classify the proposal whether it will be under the solicited or unsolicited mode under the city government's 2017 public-private partnership (PPP) ordinance.

The proponent re-submitted its proposal to the present administration for possible consideration to make the applications and issuances of such important documents through the internet and in a more convenient manner instead of applicants having to line up

just to get such documents to meet requirements for business or employment, among other purposes.

Based on the company's proposal, the proposed system, including the hardware, software, other needed units of equipment and personnel, will be provided by the project proponent with the system catering to online application, electronic verification, data verification, data printing and reports and analytics which will be user-friendly to the public.

Under the said proposal, the city government can still collect the prescribed fees for the police, health clearances and working permits while the company will be allowed to collective the so-called conveyance fee subject to negotiations by both parties.

Eastland claimed the computerization of the issuance of such important documents will be much cheaper to the applicants

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5 health specialty centers soon to rise in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY -- Patients from Northern Luzon provinces need not go to Metro Manila to get medical services once the five specialty centers at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) become operational.

Dr. Ricardo Runez, chief of hospital of the BGHMC, on Tuesday said a kidney center, lung center, brain center, trauma center, and heart center -- all within the

25-hectare BGHMC reservation -- would be completed in 2021.

He said the three-year development program started in 2018 and is now on its second year, with the construction of several buildings being done to house the specialty centers. A parking building is also being built to avoid the use of roadsides to park cars.

"We are moving toward the direction that all specialties will already be

available here [at

BGHMC] so that patients need not go to Manila just to receive specialized medical attention," Runez said.

The catheterization laboratory (cath lab) of BGHMC, which will be part of the heart center, is set to formally open next month. The laboratory will allow surgery procedures for patients who require removal of blockade in the heart's artery.

The hospital sits

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Ban on entry of pigs to protect 16K hog raisers in Benguet

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LA TRINIDAD, Benguet-- The livelihood of more than 16,000 hog raisers in Benguet will be secured if the ban on the entry of hogs and pork-meat products will be sustained, the provincial veterinary office said on Wednesday.

"We have 16,000 plus raiser households. They should be protected," said Dr. Miriam Tiongan, provincial veterinarian of Benguet.

She said once the African swine fever (ASF) enters the province, it will mean so much to the backyard hog raisers in the 13 towns of Benguet.

"Our backyard raisers grow hogs to sustain the education of their children. Their income from the sale of one pig means payment for the tuition or payment for the money borrowed to pay for the tuition of the children," Tiongan said.

Hog growing in Benguet is also an additional income for the thousands of farmers with unstable means of income.

"It is where they get subsistence if they lose on vegetable production damaged by the rains. But we hope for the best that is why we are heightening the quarantine with the help of everybody," Tiongan said in the Ilocano dialect.

To date, Benguet remains ASF-free but the provincial government, as

well as the various stakeholders, is doing massive information drive for all sectors, as a preventive measure against its possible entry.

Tiongan said the pig is part of the culture of Benguet as residents butcher one or several to celebrate, to commemorate the passing of a loved one or when a family member is not feeling well, and when one had a bad dream or simply to feed several people in a gathering or meeting.

"It is an important part of our daily lives as Benguet people that is why several of our people are into backyard production because they know that it is a commodity in the province and there will always be buyers of pigs," he said.

Several petitions supporting Executive Order (EO) 42-2019 of Governor Melchor Diclas on Oct. 24 for the ban on the entry of hogs and pork products in the province were submitted to the provincial government.

The EO bans the entry of hogs and pork products from the towns of Mapandan, San Jacinto, Mangaldan, Sta. Barbara, Manaoag, Laoac, Alcala, Bautista, Malasiqui, Basista, San Carlos City, Urbiztondo, Mangatar-em, Urdaneta, Dagupan Calasiao, Bayambang, San Fabian and Pozzorubio.

These areas are located within the 10-kilometer

where the outbreak has been recorded.

Also included within the 10-kilometer radius are the six towns in Tarlac province - Concepcion, Capaz, Bamban, Camiling, San Clemente and Moncada,

The EO said only towns outside these municipalities or beyond the 10-kilometer radius are allowed to pass the highways leading to Benguet if they are covered by certifications from government agencies and if they are intended for Baguio City only.

Meanwhile, the provincial government provides livelihood assistance to the residents in the form of cash given on zero loans or in-kind in the form of piglets.

Tiongan said residents' common request under the livelihood assistance development program is for swine raising because they can sell the mature pigs in just six months with a higher gain.

An average of PHP8 million is allotted by the provincial governor's office for the livelihood of the people, which amounts mostly go to swine raising.

"The governor is very supportive to protect the livelihood of the townmates in Benguet because even if they just grow two or three pigs their income helps the family a lot. The governor's

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in the city.

Further, the company also plans to construct a day care center for workers with children with no one to take care so that the facility will serve as a child-minding and development center.

The company will be using pyrolysis as the means in converting the unsegregated garbage to renewable energy to produce clean energy for the city.

Initially, the company closed some 14 agreements with different city governments in Luzon and Visayas for the proposed waste-to-energy project, thus, it is banking on a Canadian-based company to extend the appropriate technical assistance for the realization of the power plants capable of producing clean energy for the communities where it intends to operate.

For the first five years of the project, Canadian experts will be in the city to supervise the operation of the power plant and after the lapse of the said period, trained city engineers will be the ones to handle the plant's operation.

The company is just one of the numerous project proponents that offered to the city government similar ventures the past several years and these had been subjected to scrutiny by technical



FRESH VEGGIES. The road reblocking along Marcos Highway that will be finished on December 21 causes heavy traffic at the major road to and from Baguio City. This causes a delay in the delivery of highly perishable vegetables that come from the trading post in La Trinidad to Metro Manila where the demand is expected to increase from 1.5 million kilograms to 4.5 million during the peak season in December. (PNA file photo by Liza T. Agoot)

DPWH urged to fast-track repair of Marcos Highway in Baguio

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet-- The heads of the 12 associations of vegetable traders here have asked the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to fast-track the re-blocking of two areas on Marcos Highway to avoid delay of deliveries of their produce during the holiday season.

In an interview on Wednesday, Agot Balanoy, manager of the Benguet farmers' marketing cooperative, said they hope their letter request will be acted upon immediately to prevent the possibility of the perishable goods to diminish in quality.

"December is the peak season for the demand of vegetables," Balanoy said.

She said the sales and production will be affected by the quality of their perishable goods, adding that the market, in general, will also be affected if there is no enough supply of vegetables that will reach Metro Manila on time.

In the two-page letter dated Nov. 11, 2019 addressed to the DPWH regional office, the Baguio

personnel of the different offices to ascertain the viability of the project even if the same will be at no cost to the city./Dexter A. See

City engineering district, the group cited the importance of having to deliver the goods on time.

"The reblocking is causing too much traffic and delay in the fast delivery of these vegetables. If this shall continue until the peak season, we fear that at least 14 million kilos of assorted vegetables will be left unpurchased from the farmers for said duration- all of which will either rot or be wasted or be sold at a lower price due to lesser quality," said the letter signed by the heads of the various associations of La Trinidad vegetable trading area.

The group is composed of La Trinidad vegetable trading post association, Bagsakan municipal clusters vegetable dealers and traders association, backfill vegetable dealers association, La Trinidad vegetable porters association, Hi-land farmers multi-purpose cooperative, Benguet truckers and traders association, Benguet vegetable truck drivers' association, Early birds traders association, La Trinidad vegetable packers association and the Benguet Nueva Vizcaya farmers inter traders association.

The vegetable traders

said the daily average volume of assorted vegetables transported from the Trading Post at this capital town is 1.5 million kilograms.

"This number doubles or triples to as high as 4.5 million kilos every December," the group said in the letter.

The group also said the volume of vegetables started increasing as early as Nov. 6 with some prices dropping, like that of cabbage where prices went as low as PHP5 a kilo from PHP30, that it is why "the swift shipping of vegetable is the biggest factor for the vegetables to be purchased from our locality and delivered to the key markets in the country since it is highly perishable."

Earlier, the DPWH announced that the reblocking for the two areas at the Baguio side of Marcos Highway that started on Nov. 4 will be until December 21.

Marcos Highway is currently the primary road used by motorists to and from Baguio City.

Balanoy said they have proposed two options to authorities-- to complete the reblocking before December 1 or to stop the repair and continue it in January next year./Liza Agoot (PNA)

Another dead PMA cadet

By: Victor Avecilla (www.tribune.net.ph)

Another plebe, or fourth class (freshman) cadet in the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), is dead.

Last Friday, 8 November 2019, PMA plebe Mario Telan Jr. reported for his 11 a.m. to 12 noon swimming class at the PMA swimming pool, and was not heard from thereafter. His lifeless body was later found in the 15-foot deep end of the PMA swimming pool. Rescuers' attempts to revive Telan proved futile. He was pronounced dead when he was brought to the academy's station hospital.

PMA spokesman Capt. Cheryl Tindog said an investigation will be conducted, and that swimming classes have been suspended indefinitely. Tindog also came up with the usual promise to deal with any possible irregularity which may have caused the death of Telan.

Capt. Tindog said security videos at the pool area reveals that 22 other cadets were inside the pool with Telan, and that there were two instructors in charge of the swimming class. Tindog said he treaded in the deep end of the pool and that nobody noticed that he did not surface anymore.

The autopsy done on Telan indicates that he drowned. Baguio City police investigating the incident see no foul play in his death.

Last September, the PMA was in the news when another plebe, Darwin Dormitorio, died inside the academy, apparently a victim of hazing. Media reports disclose that Dormitorio once got a brutal beating from an angry upperclassman allegedly because he misplaced the upperclassman's combat boots — a beating that contributed

to the death of the cadet.

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PMA officials have since then resigned and criminal charges have been filed against them

by the Dormitorio family. Physicians of the academy who countenanced his maltreatment by their alleged inaction on the cadet's injuries are also facing administrative charges that may lead to the revocation of their professional licenses.

Despite the initial findings made by the police regarding Telan's death, many questions arise.

In most swimming classes, the "buddy system" is strictly enforced. Under the "buddy system," two classmates are assigned to each other as buddies, and they are expected to look out for each other's safety. That way, when a "buddy" is missing or is drowning, the incident can be reported immediately to the lifeguard for remedial measures.

The "buddy system" obtains in almost every military academy in the world. Like in the swimming pool, the "buddy system" in the military academy is an efficient way of monitoring the well-being of every cadet.

Why did Telan's "buddy" or classmates leave him in the pool to drown? Didn't his "buddy" or classmates even notice that he was missing at the end of their swimming class? Why didn't his "buddy" report to any of the instructors that he was missing? They could have looked for Telan and possibly saved his life.

How come none of the two instructors bothered to check the pool right after the class? If they did, they would have certainly noticed Telan's body inside the pool, and perhaps they could have revived him.

A lifeguard must be present at a pool site each time there are people using the pool. That is a standard operating procedure everywhere.

It looks like there was no lifeguard at the PMA pool area during the swimming class attended by Telan. Had there been a lifeguard present, and if that lifeguard did his job, Telan may still be alive today.

Telan's death could have been avoided if PMA officials and swimming instructors observed due diligence in conducting the swimming classes in the academy. They should resign immediately for criminal negligence. The PMA does not need careless personnel who constitute a threat to public safety.

PMA authorities ought to be reminded that parents send their sons and daughters to the PMA to become soldiers, not corpses.



Panahon na para tayo ay mag-solar para mapababa ang ating bayarin sa kuryente!

KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

Pagtutuos sa mga gawa ng tao, tiyak darating

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Ako'y iyong siniyasat, batid mo ang aking buhay, ang lahat kong lihim, Yahweh, ay tiyak mong nalalaman. Ang lahat ng gawain ko, sa iyo ay hindi lingid, kahit ikaw ay malayo, batid mo ang aking isip..." (Mga Awit 139:1-2, Bibliya).

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PAGTUTUOS SA MGA GINAWA NG TAO, DARATING: Sa mga tiwali at magnanakaw sa gobyerno, o di kaya ay laging nang-i-isa sa kanilang kapwa, dapat ninyong pansinin ang dalawang balitang mula sa mga hukuman ng bansa noong Nobyembre 15, 2019. Ang unang balita ay mula sa Sandiganbayan sa kaso ni dating Cagayan Province Governor Grace Padaca, at ang pangalawa ay mula sa Regional Trial Court ng Las Pinas City, sa kaso ng apat na lalaking nagnakaw at pumatay sa isang babaeng papasok na sana sa kaniyang bahay noong 2013.

Itinampok sa mga balitang ito ang pagpapalabas ng pasya ng Sandiganbayan at ng Las Pinas Regional Trial Court sa mga kasong kriminal na kanilang nilitis. Hindi po natin pakikialaman kung tama ba o kuwestiyonable ang naging mga pasya nila. Iyon ay tutuusin pa ng mga mas matataas na hukuman, kung a-apela ang mga nasentensiyahan.

Ang nais kong bigyang pansin dito ay ito: dumating sa dalawang kasong ito ang dulo ng paglilitis, at ang pagpapalabas ng desisyon ng mga hukom at justices na duminig sa mga katibayan ng magkabilang panig. Ang ibig lamang ipakahulugan nito, darating at darating ang pagtutuos sa mga ginawa ng tao, ke ang pagtutuos na yan ay magmumula sa iba pang tao, o mula sa Diyos.

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ALAM NG DIYOS ANG LAHAT NG ATING MGA GAWA AT ISIP: Naalaala ko tuloy ang sinasabi ng mga pangaral ng Haring Solomon na ngayon ay nakasulat na sa Bibliya, sa Mangangaral 12:14. Ganito ang pangaral: "Ang lahat ng ating mga gawa, hayag man o lihim, mabuti man o masama, ay ipagsusulit natin sa Diyos..." Darating at darating ang pagsusulit, o ang pagtutuos sa ating mga ginawa. Hindi maaring umiwas ang sinuman sa pagsusulit o pagtutuos na ito.

Ayon nga kay Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo, ang mga gawa ng tao noong nabubuhay pa siya ay magiging batayan kung sa langit o sa impiyerno siya tutungo sa wakas ng panahon. Mababasa po ito sa Mateo 25:31-46 ng Bibliya, at tinutukoy dito na ang mga kambing ay tutungo sa impiyerno, samantalang ang mga tupa ay sa langit naman matatagpuan.

Sino ang mga tao na itinuturing na tupa? Ayon kay Jesus, sila ang mga tumulong sa mga mahihirap at maliliit. Ang mga kambing naman ay yung mga tao na hindi kinakitaan ng malasakit sa kanilang kapwa, bagamat nasa kakayanan naman nila ang pagbibigay ng malasakit at pagtulong.

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**Panahon na para
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POWER !!! (Part 2)**

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

Bakit mistulang parang hindi nagte-take off ang paggamit nga mga solar power generation systems sa ating bansa? Bakit sa mga ibang bansa lalong lalo sa mga bansa sa west at sa europa at pati na rin sa mga ibang bansa na katulad ng Vietnam, South Korea, Malaysia, atbp ay laganap ang paggamit ng mga solar power generation systems? Ayaw kaya ng mga Pilipino na makatipid sa kanilang monthly electric consumption? Ilan lamang 'yan sa mga katanungan na gumugulo sa aking isipan at marahil ay hindi ko rin mabibigyan ng tiyakan o eksaktong kasagutan. Bagamat isang bagay ang aking matitiyak at ito ay wala sa ating lahat ang ayaw makatipid sa ating monthly electric bills, maging mayaman ka o mahirap, lahat sa atin ay gustong makatipid sa ating monthly electric bills.

Alam ba ninyo na ang Pilipinas ay ang bansa sa buong Asia na may pinakamataas na singil sa koryente? Hindi ba kayo nagtataka kung bakit ganooon? Katulad halimbawa sa Malaysia - ayon sa isa kong kaibigan na naka base sa sa Kuala Lumpur ang electric bill niya ay na sa mga 30% to 40% lamang ng kanyang electric bill dito sa Pinas. Ibig sabihin nito ay hanep talaga ang mga negosyong nagpapaparing sa atin ng koryente. Sino kaya sa kanila ang matakaw o masasabi nating baka nananamantala sa ating mga Pilipinong mga walang ka muang-muang sa sobrang taas ng koryente?

Sa tutuo lang ay kasalukuyan naming pinag aaralan kung bakit ganooon kataas ang ating mga electric bills, bagamat ito ay hindi naman kagagawan ng isang kompanya lamang sapagkat base sa aking pag kakaalam ay mayroon power generation o kung saan nag mumula ang enerhiya (power plant kadalasan), sunod dito ay mayroon nag papaparing ng enerhiya natin (National Grid) mula sa source patungo sa sinasabi na Distribution Utility (DU) katulad ng BENEKO.

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Ayon sa aking pagkakaintindi, sa kasalukuyan ay napakamahal pa ng storage batteries para sa storage ng solar harvested energy kaya lahat nang nalilikum na solar power ay kailangan ng gamitin or maibalik sa grid (eto yun sinasabi na net metering). Bagamat, ayon sa mga huling balita at sa rapid advancement of technology sa ibayong dagat ay hindi magtatagal o mga ilang taon na lamang ang ating aantayin bago mapababa ang halaga ng storage batteries nang sa ganooon ay ang napakagandang isipin na scenario ay majority of our electric consumption ay manggagaling sa solar power at kung sakali lang mabitin sa ating storage batteries ay saka pa lang tayo aasa sa fossil fuel based grid. Basahin sa pahina _____ ng pahayagan na ito ang isang feature hinggil sa malaking storage batteries. (<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/07/giant-batteries-and-cheap-solar-power-are-shoving-fossil-fuels-grid>).

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Basahin nyo rin ang ERC Resolution No. 06, Series of 2019 na inaprubahan nitong August 16, 2019 : A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES ENABLING THE NET-METERING PROGRAM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY. Inyong mada-down load ang nasabing Resolution sa ERC Website king saan linilinaw ng ERC para sa mga DU ang mga regulasyon, patakaran at standards para sa Net Metering. Hopefully sa mga darating na isyu →

FAIR AND SQUARE

**The Ninja Fixers
(Part 1)**

BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS

Like the Philippine National Police (PNP) which has Ninja Cops among its rank-and-file, the LTFRB has also Ninja Fixers among its personnel and officials. While they differ in their composition and mode of operation, that is, ninja cops operate against people involved in illegal drugs, the ninja fixers operate illegally for people involved in securing irregular PUV franchises. The difference between them however, stops there.

For, both these ninjas share the same operational vision and objective, that is, all for the purpose of money; they bank on the same support, if not direct involvement, of their immediate higher-ups to perpetuate and continue the wrongdoings that they do; both also make use of the uncompromising aspects of the law or regulations to exact rewards from their victims; and, both are unmindful of themselves, their organizations and the fate of their families and children when they bungled in their operations. These are just a few of what are common in them as ninjas.

The ninja fixers have been there existing somehow as early as during the time of the BOT or Board of Transportation, the forerunner of the LTFRB. But, it probably gathered momentum when LTFRB was established upon the creation of the LTFRB Regional Offices in the country, manned to the core mostly by retained personnel of the BOT.

It was to the credit though of the first Chairman of

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PAALALA NG SIMBAHANG AND KNK: Ito ang dahilan kaya mahigpit ang paalaala ng Simbahang Anak ng Diyos Kadugo Ni Kristo (o AND KNK) sa lahat ng mga Pilipino. Marapat nilang tiyakin na ang kanilang mga pagkilos ay pawang kalugod-lugod sa Diyos na ang Pangalan ay Jesus. Maaaring sa kasalukuyang panahon ay iisipin nilang tila walang uusig o magtutuos sa kanilang mga gawa, lalo na yung mga abuso sa kanilang kapwa.

Pero, hindi natin pupuwedeng dayain ang Diyos. Sabi nga sa Galacia 6:7, huwag nating aakalaing malililang natin ang Diyos. Kung ano ang ating itinanim, yun ang ating aanihin. Partikular sa mga mayayamang umabuso sa mga taong naglingkod sa kanila, nakasulat na na bagamat buhay pa sila ay inuud na ang kanilang mga kaluluwa.

Ngayon na ang panahon upang pagsisihan natin ang mga nagawa nating taliwas sa mga utos ng Diyos. Ngayon na ang panahong baguhin natin ang ating mga isip, salita, gawa, at hitsura, at tiyaking hindi naninimdim ang Diyos sa mga ito. Kung babalewalain natin ang epekto ng mga gawa nating pumipinsala sa ibang tao, at hindi tayo nagsusumikap tumulong sa mga taong nilalang din naman ng Diyos, tutuusin Niya tayo ng walang duda.

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REAKSIYON? Tawag po sa 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933 8251308 o sa aking Messenger →

ng pahayagan na ito ay mabigyan nating ng espasyo ang pag publish ng mga salient points ng ERC Resolution na ito.

the LTFRB, Judge now Justice Remedios Fernando, that the ninja fixers was almost eradicated when Chairman Fernando adopted a close disciplinary control of the personnel of the Board en banc and in the Regional Offices. The loosening of control and discipline under the succeeding LTFRB Chairmen, however, gave birth to the existence of more potent ninja fixers, both in the Board en banc and Regional Offices.

In due time, more corruption perpetrated by ninja fixers became rampant and intense and resulted in the sale of decisions and CPCs to the highest bidder especially in contested cases for resolution of the Board en banc. The situation sort of alarmed me since meritorious cases were usually decided in favor of the parties sponsored by ninja fixers.

Thus, I was constrained to recommend the thorough investigation of the Board for the purpose of overhauling its unwanted system and proceedings, but most of all, to stop the corruption in the Board. My abbreviated letter thereof to the late Secretary Mendoza is hereto reprinted following, to prove my point.

4 June 2009

TO: The Hon. Leandro R. Mendoza
Secretary, DOTC
Ortigas Ave., Mandaluyong City

Subject: Urgent Request to Examine / Investigate
The Irregularities in the Administrative and
Quasi-Judicial Functioning of the LTFRB.

Dear Sir:

To put it quite frankly, Mr. Secretary, the present LTFRB en banc is no longer the same Board or agency that we knew and whom we would praise and gave respect for its efficiency, honesty and fairness in the performance of administrative and quasi-judicial functions. It has gone a long way to ruin the good name, honor and prestige that its predecessors had painstakingly founded for decades.

Not only that it can no longer resolve and decide cases in the prescribed period or reasonable time, it even appears that such resolutions and decisions in contested cases are now for sale, that is, if we go by the fact that these resolution and decisions granting CPCs are being promulgated by the Board:

- a) Even with lack of compliance to jurisdictional requirements, or
- b) In the absence of essential documentary requirements, or;
- c) In violation of DOTC policies and LTFRB rules or;
- d) In the absence of complete records of the cases or;
- e) Even in violation of due process entitled the aggrieved party.

Worse, Mr. Secretary, mere applications for extension of validity of CPCs take more than 3 to 5 years or even more, to be processed or approved. Likewise, motions for reconsideration in contested cases remain unresolved for years, up to four (4) years and running. For this reason, the board is able to perpetrate its questionable, unfair and unjust decisions for years and perhaps forever, to the prejudice and damage of prior operators who are deprived of protection in their investment and who are made to suffer from great reduction in income, as what happened and still happening in our cases.

It was precisely these reasons or causes that goaded us to write a letter to the former **Cont. on page 6**

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FOR: EXTRAJU-
DICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
M O R T G A G E
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED

SUMMIT BANK
(RURAL BANK
OF TUBLAY
(BENGUET) INC.,
-Mortgagee,
-versus-
SPS. ROMEO
G A M B O N G
and MADELYN
GAMBONG
-Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO.
19-EJF-2163
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SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF PUBLIC
AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended file by SUMMIT BAND (Rural Bank of Tublay (BENGUET) Inc., with office and postal address at 2nd floor, Sia Lian Ting Building No. 35 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City, herein referred as the Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. ROMEO GAMBONG and MADELYN GAMBONG, with residential and postal address at Ba-ayan, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagors, in real estate mortgage duly executed on June 23, 2017. That as of August 29, 2019, the above-named mortgagors, SPS. ROMEO GAMBONG and MADELYN GAMBONG, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO PESOS and NINETEEN CENTAVOS (P341,372.19) Philippine

Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid; (b) attorney's fees amounting to THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00); and (c) all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings. That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on NOVEMBER 26, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (BENGUET JUSTICE HALL), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements erected thereon to the following described property to wit:

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO Blg. P-19755 Lot No. 623, CAD 888-D, Case 4 Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot 623, CAD 88-D, Case 04, Ba-ayan, Tublay, Benguet, being N.76-08 E., 2433.63 m. from BLLM No. 1, CAD 888-D, Tublay Cadastre, Tublay, Benguet; thence S. 33-42 E., 47.20 m to point 2; N. 83-48 W., 12.97 m. to point 3; S. 52-59 W., 21.51 m. to point 4; S. 20-07 W., 69.82 m. to point 5; N. 15-56 W., 40.73 m. to point 6; N. 15-56 W., 20.72 m. to point 7; N. 10-14 E., 12.84 m. to point 8; N. 22-57 E., 7.82 m. to point 9; N. 22-45 E., 5.79 m. to point 10; N. 32-31 E., 29.26 m. to point 11; N. 70-53 E., 22.71 m. to point of beginning.

Containing an area of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVEN (3,507) more or less. Xxxxx

Prospective bidder/buyers may investigate the title of the property herein above-described and the encumbrances thereof, if any.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on December 17, 2019 at the same place and time without need of further notice.h

La Trinidad, Benguet,

P798M needed to improve Baguio sewerage plants

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is currently evaluating the merits of a proposal to rehabilitate the existing Baguio sewerage treatment plant and construct another sewerage treatment plant at Lower Rock Quarry amounting to over P798 million.

Lito R. Maderazo, managing

director of Mactan Rock Industries, Inc., said the project will be divided into three phases, the first to improve the operating system of the Baguio sewerage treatment plant to ensure its discharge complies with the new

standards at a total cost of P65 million; the second to increase the capacity of the existing sewerage treatment plant from the current 8,600 cubic meters per day to over 28,000 cubic meters per day at a total cost of P415 million, and third, the construction of a new sewerage treatment plant in barangay Lower Rock Quarry with a capacity of at least 7,000 cubic meters per day with the project amounting to P318 million.

He claimed the proposed rehabilitation of the 32-year old Baguio sewerage treatment plant is geared towards improving its capacity to treat the waste water being fed into it to ensure the water it discharges to the Balili River complies with the new standards prescribed under the latest issuances of the environment department, while the construction of the Lower Rock Quarry sewerage treatment plant will help in cleaning the waste water being discharged in the Galiano

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within five hectares of the BGHMC reservation while about 7.5 hectares are occupied by informal settler families, Runez said. The rest have been identified as forestry and watershed areas.

The BGHMC's development expansion uses 2.5 hectares. The hospital's bed capacity has been increased to 800 in 2018 from the previous 500.

The hospital receives about 1,500 outpatients daily or more than 400,000 a year and an average of 40,000 in-patients per year, Runez said.

Runez said that in 2018, data showed that 44 percent of the patients are Baguio residents, 21.38 percent are from Benguet, 19.4 percent from Pangasinan, 4.52 percent from La Union,

2.07 percent from Nueva Ecija, 1.76 percent from Mountain Province, 1.13 percent from Nueva Vizcaya, 0.98 percent from Ifugao, and 4.4 percent from other provinces, including those from Region 3.

About 90 percent of its patients are indigents, making the government subsidize around PHP400 million for poor patients.

Once the development is completed, the current 1,500 personnel will be increased to 3,000 -- the personnel requirement submitted prior to the start of the three-year development plan, and approved by the Department of Health./Liza Agoot (PNA)

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because they can reprint the same with their photos if they need original copies to support their requirements.

The multiple printing of the said documents will only be allowed by the system up to the validity date of the clearances and permits.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong directed the proponent to present the matter to the officials of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to ensure it will not run counter to the government's national identification system which will be rolled out starting next year.

The company already rolled out the proposed system in other highly urbanized cities in the

country where it was proven that the same is far more convenient to applicants for the issuance of such documents because they can print out the said documents anytime wherever they are in the country provided they have access to the internet.

The City Health Services Office already expressed its initial support to the implementation of the computerization of the issuance of the health clearance from their office considering the convenience this brings to the clients of the city government./Dexter A. See

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nila. 'Pag nakita nilang medyo black or green, kapag greenish -- nabubulok na huwag na nilang bilhin 'yun (Buyers should check the smell, appearance, and color of the meat because there are vendors who mix old and unsold stock from the previous day. If they see that the meat has turned green or black in color, it is already spoiled and they should not buy it),' Piok said. /Liza Agoot (PNA)

Philippines, this 28th day of OCTOBER 2019.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

By: (SGD) JOSELITO F. SALES Sheriff IV

Nov. 2, 9, and 16, 2019

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Chairman, Gen. Lantion, on June 19, 2008, to request him to conduct a formal investigation of the irregularities in the conduct of quasi-judicial and administrative proceedings in the Board. Unfortunately, despite his being a peemayer, he did not act on it in his time until he left the Board, copy of which letter had been previously furnished the Honorable Secretary.

We will be more than willing to submit documentary evidences and to testify in the investigation that will be made hereof, if any.

Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary.

Respectfully,
Atty. James S. Valeros

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Waiver of Rights

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Agustin Timpac, resident of Poliwes, Baguio City who died on November 13, 2004 in Baguio City has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Waiver of Rights executed by the heirs of said deceased on October 23, 2019 in Baguio city and registered and docketed as Doc. 127 Page. 26; Book 27; Series of 2019 of the Notarial Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio, Philippines.

Nov. 2, 9, and 16, 2019

City prosecutor's office reports high disposition rate

BAGUIO CITY – The City Prosecutor's Office reported a high disposition rate of cases filed with the said office for the first three quarters of the year, including undisposed cases carried over to the current year from last year.

Assistant City Prosecutor Margarita Manalo disclosed that there were some 3 cases that were carried over to the current year which was in addition to the 1,546 cases that were filed during the first three quarters of the year, thus, the number of cases for

disposal reached 1,549 cases.

Of the filed and carried over cases, she added that of the 1,195 cases were filed with the different courts in the city, 450 cases were dismissed and 4 are still pending resolution by the assigned investigating prosecutors with the disposition rate of the office on cases for regular filing reaching 99.73 percent.

On the other hand, Manalo reported there were 382 cases subjected to inquest proceedings by the assigned inquest prosecutors during the first three quarters of

the year.

Additionally, she said 367 cases were filed in the different courts while 15 cases were dismissed resulting to a 100 percent disposition rate of the cases that were subject to inquest proceedings.

The assistant city prosecutor claimed 132 motions for reconsideration were filed during the said period and all said motions were resolved by the review panel established for such purpose, thus, the city prosecutor's office to achieve a 100-percent

disposition rate in this aspect of their assigned task.

Manalo revealed estafa topped the various cases filed with the office totaling 480 cases followed by other cases with 400 and violation of the Anti-Bouncing Check Law with 361 cases.

The City Prosecutor's Office is assigned to conduct preliminary investigations or summary hearings on the various cases being filed with said office to ascertain whether or not the said cases have probable cause that will warrant the filing of the

same to the different courts in the city.

Under existing rules and regulations, assigned city prosecutors are given at least 60 days to resolve the cases that are being filed by complainants.

Complainants of cases that are dismissed can still file motion for reconsideration wherein the assailed resolution will be reviewed by a 3-man review panel composed of senior prosecutors, excluding the investigating prosecutors who dismissed the said cases.

Further, complainants not be satisfied by the decision of the review panel when their

motions for reconsideration are denied can still file the necessary petition for review with the Regional State Prosecutor or even up to the justice department depending on the prevailing circumstances of their cases, among other reasons.

Manalo assured complainants and defendants of cases filed with the city prosecutor's office that assigned prosecutors decide the dismissal or filing of the cases based on the presented pieces of evidence and testimonies of witnesses of the involved parties. */Dexter A. See*

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River.

Mactan Rock Industries, Inc. is one of the proponents for the rehabilitation of the Baguio sewerage treatment plant and the put up of another sewerage treatment plant at Lower Rock Quarry, while the Japan International Cooperating Agency (JICA) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have standing offers to fund the proposed improvement of the city's

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possible for contractors to complete their awarded projects at the soonest possible time without sacrificing the quality of their works if they are really dedicated in prosecuting their awarded projects. */Dexter A. See*

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along Upper Session Road while Abanag's include the Pacdal Circle, Wright Park, and the city government's titled property in Lualhati barangay.

The city government under former mayor Mauricio Domogan through the City Legal Office under Melchor Carlos Rabanes since 2009 had sought the annulment of said CALTs along with those issued covering the claims of Lauro Carantes at South Drive, Ikang Paus at Green Valley and at the Loakan Airport maintaining that the lots are within forest and park reservations and therefore inalienable.

Together they worked closely with the OSG to pursue the cancellation of the titles.

In annulling the CALTs, the court ruled that the NCIP "has no legal authority to issue CALTs or CADTs (Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles)" over said properties as townsite reservation areas in the city.

It said Baguio City is not covered by the Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act by virtue of Section 78 that provides that the city "shall remain to be governed by its Charter and all lands proclaimed as part of its townsite reservation shall remain as such until other reclassified by appropriate legislation."

sewerage system.

The proponent opines the priority for the city government should be to improve the operation of the existing sewerage treatment plant before working on increase its capacity to accommodate and treat the increasing volume of waste water being directed to it.

The proposed rehabilitation of the existing sewerage treatment plant and the put up of another similar plant at Lower Rock Quarry is aligned with one of the administration's 15-point collective agenda on the revitalizing the environment and the national government's overall objective of cleaning the bodies of water from pollutants.

The city government proposed that the public works department fund the construction of the Lower Rock Quarry sewerage treatment plant over the past several years but the same was not prioritized, thus, the present administration decided to look for other funding sources that will guarantee the completion of the priority development project to help improve the state of the city's environment. */Dexter A. See*

The court averred that the section provides exceptions particularly those "prior land rights and titles recognized and acquired through any judicial, administrative or other process before the effectivity of the IPRA and territories which became part of Baguio after the effectivity of the IPRA which is November, 1997.

However, the court ruled that the subject claims do not qualify under said exceptions citing antecedent facts and court decisions that proved that "respondents were not among the original and additional claimants" over subject properties.

"...The said lots in the present case were not shown to be part of

any ancestral land prior to the effectivity of the IPRA. To stress, private respondents' rights over the subject properties... were never recognized in any administrative or judicial proceedings prior to the effectivity of the IPRA law," the court said.

"The CALTs and CADTs issued by the NCIP to respondents are thus void."

Domogan who led the fight to reclaim the lots then sought the stoppage of the issuance of spurious CALTs over forest reservations.

In 2013, he bemoaned the fact that one-fifth of the city's total land area had been covered by CALTs including the irregular ones as he sought the help of the national

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disposal of their waste while patronizing the activities along Session road.

Earlier, the City General Services Office committed to assign more streetsweepers and a garbage truck to help in clearing the road from the garbage left by people who patronize the various activities in the area every Sunday.

However, it has been observed that despite the presence of streetsweepers and a garbage truck to clear the road from the garbage, there are still numerous residents and visitors who unscrupulously dispose their waste in the plant boxes and other portion of the road thereby making these an eye sore.

The city government allowed the experimental closure of the ascending portion of Session Road to determine how this contributes in efforts to reduce the pollutants in the city's air that come from the motor vehicle emissions.

The experiment on the pedestrianization of Session road was initially done for 4 successive Sundays but the city chief executive requested the members of the city legislative body to extend the same up to December this year.

Ordinance No. 65, series of 2019 that approved the closure of Session road for 4 Sundays required the city government to conduct a massive information and education campaign on the matter for at least two weeks prior to the implementation of the closure of the ascending portion of the road.

Concerned offices initially expressed their opposition to the placement of garbage bins along Session road because it will serve as a garbage generator with irresponsible people tempted to bring their household waste and dispose the same in the said bins to the detriment of the objective of placing the bins in the said areas. */Dexter A. See*

Ban on entry of pigs...

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stand is also true because he knows ASF has no cure and there is no vaccine to protect animals from its

government then under President Aquino. */Aileen P. Refuerzo*

infection," Tiongan said.

Earlier, Diclas advised his constituents not to do swill-feeding as one of the preventive measures against ASF. */Liza Agoot (PNA)*



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500 artisans join forces for

Ibagiw festival 2019

BAGUIO CITY – More than 500 works of art, artists, artisans and cultural workers will be featured in the week-long Ibagiw Arts Festival in the city as part of the celebration of Baguio City as a Creative City for crafts and folk arts by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Baguio Arts and Crafts Collective, Inc. (BACCI), the city government and concerned stakeholders will formally open the Ibagiw Festival 2019 Saturday which will be followed by a series of art and culture-related activities during the 9-day period to aggressively promote the works of art at the Diplomat Hotel.

One of the highlights of the 9-day event is an exhibit featuring Baguio and Angono, Rizal artists in an exposition dubbed as 'Salubong' within the rooms of the former hotel that have been converted to exhibition areas for over a dozen arts groups and individuals. Further, 4 installations will flank the Diplomat Hotel area with Ana Cecilia Schmidt's art deco piece that stands at about 14 meters in diameter, described to be a large textile installation that

unfolds as it is stretched out and tensioned to give the illusion of a levitating structure that appears solid and with the help of a few black lights the sculpture will start to grow as day turns to night.

On the other hand, Raquel Diokno's installation will show infusion and involvement into the healing process through their words of encouragement to make them whole again.

'Bantay' by solo artist Jake Espiritu and Iya Regalario, a 10-foot sculpture of a human head representing Baguio people seen looking at the sky, alluding to protecting the mountains, will also form part of the exhibition within the premises of the city's arts and creative center.

Another installation on the Filipino trait crab mentality by Sonny Balanga, will also be part of the 9-day art exhibit to help in enticing art enthusiasts to visit the creative center.

The festival will end with the announcement of winners from 32 artisans who participated in the 4 expert categories to inspire a new generation of craftsmen, women and folk artists.

Finalists for backstrap

weaving, Benita Naces and Carenia Amsawen, both from Paracelis, Mountain Province, the

Montanosa Weavers Association from Sagada represented by Rose Wangdali, John Rae Guimbugan and Maria Kinggingan of Ifugao, Lily B. Bimuyag, Divina Calingayan and Benita Balangto, Antonia C. Daguyen and Catherine E. Domigyay will be part of the participants in one of the 4 core aspects of the exhibition.

For basketry, the competition finalists include Johnny D. Bangao and Mason Maleptey, Rovilyn Mayat-an and Romeo Mayat-an, Henedina Lota A. Bacani and Eric M. Arguelles, Randy Gawwi Bulayo, Pelin Ekin Contades, Jason Domling, Minda Catong Ciano and Mary Joy Tabanda.

The wood carving competition finalists are Clinton Aniversario, Edralin Galuten, Matchok Charles Aliguyon Gano, Christopher Atiwen, Alex Ognayon, Adriano Binwag Mahiwo and Randy Lang-odan.

The metalcraft competition finalists are Lito F. Malaggay, Jenny Timbol, Rommel Marcelo, Clinton Aniversario, Pamela Lefebber, Bongbong C. Sanchez, Marla Sylvanna Navida Soriano, Tara Lalaine B. Natividad and Ayna Luisa Galang./ **Dexter A. See**



P7.7M Marcos highway reblocking project done by November 18

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Public Works and Highways–Baguio City District Engineering Office (DPWH-BCDEO) announced the ongoing reblocking of some portions of Marcos highway will be completed by November 18, 2019 and that all lanes of the road will be opened to vehicular traffic on the said date.

Engr. Alfredo Bannagao, Jr., project engineer of the Marcos highway reblocking project and chief of the DPWH-BCDEO construction division, said the immediate completion of the project was an offshoot of the agency's meeting with the contractor, Goldrich Construction, considering that Marcos highway is the main highway leading to Baguio city and any unnecessary delay in the completion of the project will contribute to monstrous traffic congestions that will have a serious negative effect on

the 549-meter stretch from the boundary of Tuba, Benguet in front of a show room of a car company up to the area fronting the Cordillera office of the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS-CAR) and the other section is the 126-meter portion of the road in front of the Bakakeng Central basketball court up to its junction with Kitma road,

However, Bannagao disclosed that aside from working round the clock, the contractor used a quick dry concrete mix to ensure the speedy completion of the project for the convenience of both the motoring and commuting public.

According to him, both the reblocked sections of the road were already poured with the quick dry concrete mix and the remaining works of the contractor is to clear and clean the work areas in preparation for the eventual opening of the main road leading to the

city. The DPWH-BCEO official expressed his gratitude to the motoring and commuting public for their cooperation during the implementation of the reblocking project, saying that the temporary inconvenience caused them will be translated to continuous convenient travel because of the improve condition of the road surface, especially in the reblocked portions of the road.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong also inspected the project sites to check on the proper implementation of the programmed works and the completion of the project way ahead of the projected timetable of the agency.

Bannagao claimed the completion of the project within 13 calendar days as against the 45-day contract duration is a record-breaking one, especially that the project sites were busy portions of the road, thus, it is

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Mayor inclined to stop Session Road pedestrianization

BAGUIO CITY – The city government is inclined to cut short the ongoing pedestrianization of the ascending portion of Session Road every Sunday if residents and tourists patronizing the activities will continue to defy the strict enforcement of the proper disposal of garbage.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong said the city

government will experiment on the placement of garbage bins in designated areas along the stretch of Session road during its closure every Sunday and observe the compliance of people in the proper disposal of their garbage considering the usual piling up of waste in most areas of the road after the conduct of the activities on portions of the road.

in the disposal of their garbage when patronizing the activities lined up every Sunday along Session road, the city government will be constrained to cut short the pedestrianization of the city's main road.

The garbage bins will be placed in strategic areas along the road to test the discipline of people in the

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the peak tourism months.

Earlier, the P7.7 million Marcos highway reblocking project which was divided into two sections was programmed to be completed within 45 days or from November 4, to December 21, 2019. One

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