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## BCDA Terminates Contract with CJHDevco, Orders Non-Paying Lessee to Vacate John Hay


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## City Council Invites SM Executive on Luneta Hill Road

The city council has invited a top official of Shoemart (SM) in its session this Monday for him to shed light on matters related to the city's reiteration to have Luneta Hill Road fronting the mall continuously open to the public.

Invited was Engr. Bien Mateo, SM vice-president who earlier presented to the local legislature the mall's controversial plan to expand and develop a parking area on its property on Luneta Hill and, in the process, ball and transplant mature pine and alnus trees.

The city council adopted last April 23 Resolution 077 authored by councilor Nicasio Aliping Jr. reiterating "a request to SM-City Baguio to continuously make available the Luneta Hill road to the public".

Aliping was referring to Resolution 140, authored by then city councilors Delfin Balajadia and Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and adopted by the local legislature in 2004. It directed "SM-Baguio management to remove the illegally installed gates along Luneta Hill Road and advising them not to direct traffic on the said road".

Luneta Hill Road is a city road.

"To avoid confusion and public perception that Luneta Hill is part of the property of SM, the personnel of TMB (Traffic Management Bureau of the Baguio police) should man and help in the direction of traffic in the said area," Aliping's resolution read.

The new resolution was signed by vice-mayor Daniel Farinas last May 9 and approved with a notation by mayor Mauricio Domogan the following day.

"The public road at Luneta Hill shall always be open to the public. Private entity has no authority to close it," the mayor's notation read.

Also invited in Monday's meeting are Baguio Tourism Council chair Anthony de Leon, city legal officer Carlos Rabanes and representatives of the city mayor's office for clarifications on an agreement signed by the city and the Baguio Conventions and Visitors Bureau, and city administrator Carlos Canilao, city treasurer Thelma Manaois, market superintendent Policarpio Tamayo and presidents of different vendors associations on problems regarding the operation of the night market along Harrison Road./Ramon Dacawi.

## Malacanan Releases P80 Million for Irian Dumpsite Closure

Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week bared the release of P80 million from the national government for the conversion of the closed Irian garbage dump into an eco-park even as city officials met anew on a proposed P86 million outlay for the hauling out of non-biodegradable trash this year to an engineered sanitary land-

fill (ESL) in Capas, Tarlac.

Domogan acknowledged President Aquino's hand in the release of the P80 million subsidy and Baguio Rep. Bernardo Vergara's follow-up work for the issuance of a Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) covering the amount for the rehabilitation and

permanent closure of the dumpsite.

"Hopefully, the amount would be sufficient and that we could speed up the bidding for the project, as its completion might be delayed by the unpredictable weather we have," the mayor told a joint executive-legislative meeting last Wednesday.

Release of the subsidy came on the

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## ESL in Ampucao Gets Boost

**BAGUIOCITY** – Things are looking up for the planned establishment of a multi-purpose waste disposal system and engineered sanitary landfill in Ampucao, Itogon, Benguet as town officials last week signified their support to the project.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday said Itogon Mayor Oscar Camantiles signed the joint manifestation of support to the project disproving earlier reports of the town head's alleged dissenting position.

Ampucao barangay captain Eddie Amuasen also signed the manifestation which was forwarded to Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan also for his signature.

Domogan who was also one of the signatories, said the document will facili-

tate the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the project which was snagged recently after reports of Camantiles' alleged withdrawal of support to the project.

"With Mayor Camantiles' support, I hope the concerned agencies will now proceed to process and issue the requirements for the project," the mayor said.

The project will be undertaken by a Korean company and is intended to serve Itogon and other Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tublay (BLISTT) areas.

In the joint manifestation, the officials acknowledged the "urgent need of a Solid Waste Disposal System that is responsive to the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 to serve Itogon,

Benguet and the other BLISTT members interested to utilize the same subject to the terms and conditions that will later on be agreed by the users."

It also signified barangay Ampucao's willingness to host the waste disposal facility.

benefit the people of BLISTT," the manifesto reads.

"(We) manifest (our) support for the immediate establishment and implementation of a Multi-purpose Waste Disposal System and an Engineered Sanitary Landfill in Ampucao, Itogon, Benguet and enjoin the support of their respective constituents for the success of the said project."

The Ampucao ESL is one of the long-term solutions eyed by the city government for its waste problem.

The mayor said

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## City Health Office Pushes Five-Year Investment Plan

The city health office is pushing for stronger service through the implementation of a five-year City-wide Investment Plan for Health (CIPH) under an agreement recently forged with the Department of Health (DOH).

The city council last Monday deferred confirmation of the agreement signed last March

by mayor Mauricio Domogan and Health Secretary Enrique Ona pending discussions with city budget officer Leticia Clemente on the fund outlay needed to implement the same.

Assistant city health officer, Dr. Rowena Galpo, told the city council the budget estimate for 2013 would be P340 million. She clarified the amount would include those com-

ing from outside the city's own coffers.

The city's health budget for 2012 is pegged at P101 million.

The city council's committee on laws composed of councilors Richard Carino, Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Elmer Datuin earlier recommended confirmation of the CIPH agreement that shall govern the health operations of the city from this year to 2016.

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Burnham Development Studied

BAGUIO CITY – A technical group in coordination with the Burnham Development Committee (BDC) and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) shall prepare the terms of reference (TOR) for the development of Burnham Park.

This was agreed on during the initial meeting last week attended by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, local government offices and representatives from academe groups.

The project includes a world-class sports complex, which would meet the training needs of Baguio athletes; economic enterprises to contribute for the maintenance of the park; transport needs within the area and environmental concerns for the park and parkgoers.

Said project shall be government-owned and city-operated, the group agreed.

The project shall undergo a detailed feasibility study including expenses and budgetary needs, and would have to be approved by the city council. Recommendations from the Investment Coordinating Council would also have to be solicited.

Evaluation from other concerned offices and other processes for government projects would also have to be complied with.

Another meeting is set this week to finalize said TOR./juliegfianza

BCDA Junks CJHDevco Proposal: Payment Plan Unfair to Government

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) turned down the proposal of the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevco) because the lease payment plan is grossly disadvantageous to government.

After a special board meeting held May 15, the BCDA Board of Directors unanimously rejected the proposal of the Sobrepennal lessee, since it does not show how the P3 billion arrears will be settled, and it seeks to change the bid terms and extend the contract until 2061.

“This is in violation of the original lease agreement,” said BCDA president and chief executive Arnel Casanova. He added: “The extension they are asking is contrary to law. Other conditions they are asking are also beyond the control of BCDA, such as DENR’s granting of permits.”

The proposal is CJHDevco’s latest offer in a history of restructuring agreements undertaken to save this project in the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ). “However, it is now evident that this is just another ploy of CJHDevco to delay or even evade compliance of it obligations,” Casanova said.

Casanova said that CJHDevco has already been given opportunities to settle their arrears as far back as December 2011. “But instead of paying, they arbitrarily rescind the 2008 Restructuring Memorandum of Agreement and threw out the BCDA directors from their board,” Casanova pointed out.

The proposal, submitted last May 14 in a letter by CJHDevco, shows that the lessee is proposing a joint venture with BCDA on future projects. This includes the remaining developable area.

However, there is no indication how the funds will be sourced to pay the P3 billion obligation and CJHDevco has been secretive through the years of revenues generated from John Hay.

“Based on the narrative, it even seems that its arrears are no longer being recognized by CJHDevco,” Casanova pointed out.

Casanova said that CJHDevco is proposing to pay P100 million upon signing of a new agreement, calling it “advance rental.”

The proposal seems to imply that the lessee is up to date with its payments up to 2011, the BCDA chief said.

“This is farthest from the truth,” he said, adding that CJHDevco has acknowledged its billions of arrears during the signing of the 2008 Restructuring Memorandum of Agreement.

The alleged “better revenues for BCDA” that CJHDevco is proposing will come from the proposed new joint venture and extension of the lease period up to 2061.

However, CJHDevco has a history of defaulting in its obligations and engaging in fraudulent transactions of which BCDA was a victim.

Casanova emphasized: “There is no business, practical or legal sense for BCDA to partner again with a party with whom it has had consistent experience of non-payment of contractual obligations and misrepresentations.”

He said that such joint venture agreement could even sub-

Weygan Seeks Moratorium on Tree Cutting for Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – Councilor Philian Louise Weygan Allan is now proposing a special declaration from the president for a moratorium on the tree cutting and earthballing of Benguet Pine trees here.

Weygan Allan pushed for the resolution in the hills of an ongoing fight for the survival and protection of thousands of trees found in the city which are ‘in danger’ of being transferred or cut to pave the way for development.

‘It has been reported that based on DENR records, there are at least 4,078 applications for tree cutting permits for various construction and development projects from 2002 to 2011’, She said.

‘In that same period, at least 600 trees were earthballed including 503 within the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and Camp John Hay’, Allan added.

It can be recalled that residents of Baguio protested against the earthballing of about 182 trees in Luneta Hill for the planned expansion of SM here which resulted in public uproar bringing to the fore other areas in the city where Benguet Pine trees are also being cut or is in danger of being cut.

Weygan Allan said, ‘the city should request his Excellency President Benigno Aquino III to issue a moratorium on the cutting and earthballing of trees in the city of Baguio, except when the trees pose danger to persons and property’.

Allan said, ‘a moratorium is needed to protect further the trees which is found in areas where development is being introduced by private owners and even for government funded projects’.

Executive Order 23 or the moratorium issued by the President prohibits the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) from issuing or renewing tree cutting permits in all natural and residual forests nationwide, except for clearing of road right of way by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), site preparation for tree plantations, silvicultural treatment and similar activities, provided that all logs derived from said cutting permits shall be turned over to the DENR for proper disposal.

It also allows the issuance of permits for tree cutting associated with cultural practices pursuant to the Indigenous Peoples Right Act (IPRA Law) subject to strict compliance with existing guidelines of the DENR.

‘The moratorium issued under EO 23 is only for logging, the city needs something more concrete’, She said.

‘The pronouncement of the president then to protect our city from over building is good news, Weygan Allan said.

This was also bolstered by the move of the present administration to stop the sale of government lands in Baguio City in order to protect the environment from further urban decay.

If the president issues a moratorium for Baguio, then we can protect what remains of our trees’, she stressed./paul rillorta

City to Pursue Led Technology as Beneco Streetlight Management Deal Fizzles out

BAGUIO CITY – The city government will fast-track the bidding of its streetlight management venture

using the Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology as hopes dimmed for its deal with the Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO).

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said his office has just received the inventory of the city’s streetlights required to firm up the terms of reference for

the venture and with the document in, the city can prepare for the publication of the bid invitation.

The mayor rued BENECO’s decision to scrap its offer to manage the city’s streetlights but said it cannot be helped as the two parties failed to agree on the terms of the deal after many years of negotiation.

BENECO in 2009 offered to take over the operation of the city’s

unmetered streetlights from the city engineer’s office and even conducted an experimental management run for nine months to prove the advantages of their set-up.

The experiment proved the advantages of BENECO’s set up with Councilor Joel Alangsab also attesting that 95 percent of the barangay captains expressed preference for the power firm’s management as it was

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ject BCDA officials and Board of Directors to possible legal charges for not exercising extraordinary diligence as board members to protect the interest of the government.

## Reckless Spillover

Kalapati mababang lipad translates loosely into rooftop skimming pigeons. It is Pinoy shorthand for harlot. “The axiom resonated at the Philippine Press Institute’s conference Monday. “Attempts at self-regulation are failing”, Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility’s Luis Teodoro warned. Media’s ethical lapses court heavy handed government interference.

This threat emerges in spillover from August 2010 coverage of eight Hong Kong tourists and a hostage taker killed at Luneta CMFR says. Reporters and istambays jostled with cops for vantage posts in the 10-hour standoff. From initial denial, networks argued the police didn’t set the limits of media coverage, Teodoro noted.

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Journalism ethics stipulates care to prevent harm. Was this

beyond networks, once, ratings and ad revenues are involved?, CMFR asked. Belatedly, networks argued: government did not set limits of coverage. In so doing, they jettisoned self-regulation. Yet, this is the only option for a democratic society.

As late as August 2011, RMN insisted: they were “just doing (our) job.” “We are sometimes factually reckless,” Washington Post’s Meg Greenfield once said. On other instances, “we’re morally smug. On our worst days, we can be both.”

Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas clapped P30,000-fines on ABS-CBN’s Channel 2, Radyo Mo Nationwide and TV5. They leaked operational details and compromised rescue efforts. RMN staff butted into negotiations. “Slap on the wrist”, critics scoffed.

“The press is free, like the air”, U.K. prime minister William Pitt (1759-1806) once sneered. “It is a chartered libertine.” In today’s English, that would read “constitutionally protected prostitute”.

Kalapati mababang lipad becomes more problematic as Internet, cell phone and Facebook, etc. move truth—or falsehood—at “warp speed.” In the past, a scoop stood until the next edition. Today it lasts only until the next click of a mouse.

“News organizations are abandoning the race to be the first to break the news,” Economist notes. “[They’re] focusing instead on being the best at verifying.” The need is for more, not less, of hard-nosed reporting of facts and commentary anchored on values.”

CMFR’s paper did not include print’s experience with self-regulation. It is longer but just as mixed as that of broadcast.

Recall the 1965 Philippine Press Council. One of it’s first rulings skewered the yearly awards to “Ten Outstanding Congressmen”, by journalists on the Lower House beat. Business reporters quietly junked similar awards on their beat.

“It was the first significant attempt to establish a system of professional control...” notes the book, “Marcos and Martial Law.”(Cornell University). But “the Council had only a brief history... Complaints were few”. And martial law aborted this initiative.

After People Power One, a Press Council was reconstituted. But it didn’t command similar broad support of publishers, as did the earlier Council. Some members ignored a Council request: Publish rejoinders, by Marian School academic supervisor Antonio Calipjo Go, to criticisms for his campaign against flawed public school text books.

“A cabal of columnists (went) hammer and tongs against Go after his campaign... resulted in the Department of Education banning (some) materials,” Inquirer’s Fernando del Mundo recalled “The torrent of invectives in op-ed pages... came in the midst of re-filing of an alleged extortion case that a court dismissed earlier...”

“Most criticism didn’t rebut textbook errors. Instead, they zapped Go’s bona-fides. “The columnists’ campaign to shoot the messenger... killed [Go’s] message,” Del Mundo wrote, “Defective textbooks are one of the root causes of the decline in Philippine education.”

President Aquino and Education Secretary Armin Luistro publicly supported Go. By then, kalapati mababang lipad. had strangled Manila’s post-Edsa press council Only Cebu has a functioning press council today. Organized in 2011, Cebu Citizens Press Council acts on complaints against media. It addressed issues ranging from coverage of minors in conflict with the law, anti-obscenity, decriminalization of libel, etc. CCPC protested against mandatory – and unconstitutional – “right of

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### 1st-APLUMA!

*Crucial Enrolment Period*

**BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR**

We are not only sure if the Aquino Administration is to blame for the sweeping financial crunch many of us are experiencing right now especially in this enrolment period of the year.

But your guess is as good as mine.

Hard times are sweeping across the land but lucky are those who are bachelors like President Noy who don’t have to worry nor mind a child’s enrolment, books, notebooks, school uniforms, school service fees and the like.

I can only empathize with millions of Filipino parents out there hard up figuring out where to source out needed budget for sending kids to school aside from their daily baons.

Its good and bad Malacanang is holding on tightly on the national budget of almost everything from advertising, public relations to soft and hard projects of some representatives and whatever.

And good to us, this is what we got – sweeping kahirapan.

We have no way at confirming this info but according to the grapevine, President Noy and losing vice presidential running-mate-turned DOTC Sec. Mar Roxas used to rib each other in joy while comparing notes on millions if not billions on savings of public funds.

But what savings?

Savings for what?

Where would those savings go?

Savings on public services? My a\_ \_!

Public service is an inherent right of the people.

That is why we pay direct and indirect taxes and these taxes should and must be returned back to us the people in the form of better roads, better education, better health benefits and so on.

It’s called social contract.

And that is emblazoned in our Constitution.

Nowhere in our Constitution’s articles allow public officials to hold on the flow of public money, hold on the national budget on infrastructures and other public services.

They may not know it but methinks these public officials could be committing a crime they are not aware of.

They are not aware that because of their good intent at saving public funds, millions of Filipinos are dying of starvation.

Public officials hold public offices built around public trust that must be translated into honest to goodness dispensation of their functions as well as honest dispensation of public money.

And that would be the real meaning of “Daang Matuwid” not of saving, holding on to public funds.

Holding on public money or saving it, is public service denied to us.

And that is not “Daang Matuwid” in any which way you look at it.

Okay there is that “Daang Matuwid” program/battle-cry of the Aquino Administration but who cares if many of us cannot even send our kids to schools this coming school year.

Nothing wrong with saving public funds **Cont. on page 10**



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

“Trouble in the Philippines?”

BY: JESUS DUREZA



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Did AMLC Obey RA 9194 in Corona Probe?

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



Already, the dispute with China has some negative collaterals on the sides. The temperature is rising. Public statements are becoming nasty. Lately, chinese travel agencies were reported to have stopped sending tour groups to the country fearing for the safety of chinese tourists. If this escalates, the chinese may adopt “Trouble in the Philippines” to replace the ”It’s fun in the Philippines” tourism slogan. Hacking and counter hacking of public websites are happening. Our banana exports are threatened. More nasty scenarios are in the horizon.

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**MVP FORMULA** — The recent moves of business tycoon Manny V. Pangilinan, more known as “MVP” is the correct formula to diffuse the “standoff” with China. He personally went to Beijing and discussed quietly a possible deal with a Chinese company to jointly explore the Reed Bank area for gas and oil. Let’s not forget that big chinese companies are state owned. If this pushes through, it’s a master stroke that will de-escalate the conflict.

No need to show machismo. A business deal hopefully will push the “sovereignty” issue back in the back-burners. Again, may I suggest that our national leaders, except our foreign affairs officials and diplomats, please “shut up “ for a while so we do not cancel out these new initiatives. Leave this touchy issue in the meantime to the diplomats who can nuance their statements with the strategic interest of the country in mind.

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**CHINESE BLOOD** —But before this goes out of hand, let us not forget that Filipinos and the Chinese have a common umbilical cord. Our citizens have direct personal and lineage links with mother China. Our Chinese ancestry is real and for good. Many of our citizens, mostly businessmen are “chinoy’s”. Chinese blood is undeniably in our veins. And no amount of “territorial dispute” will change all that. The blood-lines are much sturdier than sovereignty considerations. Blood is thicker than oil, if I may.

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**MACHO** —It all started because our “macho” government dispatched a Philippine Navy battleship to confront the Chinese fishermen in the area. Embarrassingly, we hastily retreated and wagged our tail when China responded (but of course, what did you expect?) with much superior Chinese naval armaments dispatched to intervene. We, knowingly or unwittingly , militarized an issue that had been conveniently there in the back burners and which could have been better addressed through quiet diplomacy.

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**RAPPORT** —I now suggest that our private sector does the quiet steps for rapport with the Chinese side, like what MVP is starting to do. Our tycoon families can immediately do that with the mainland authorities.

In the meantime, our government officials’ media statements will have to be more nuanced and better calibrated now.

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**MEDIA** — The Davao media forum during the week came up with a unanimous consensus that we support decriminalization of libel. At the same time, while this is still in the works, efforts to revive a media desk with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for legal assistance to media practitioners is in the list of doable. Further discussions will still be held in the future on how media should also police its own ranks, through adoption of codes of ethics or grievance mechanisms for public accountability. A media council can also be organized for the purpose.

Atty. Kaloi Zarate gave out copies of his well documented compilation that may serve as handy guide to journalists. Thanks to Ateneo de Davao University and the Thomas Jefferson Library of the US Embassy for the support.

We plan to do the rounds in Mindanao to replicate this.

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**LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS:** “... The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing...” (Zephaniah 3:17, the Holy Bible).

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**CRITICS MISJUDGE MIRIAM:** Critics of Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago were quick to pounce on her published “fears” that the Office of the Ombudsman, now headed by former Supreme Court Justice Conchita Carpio Morales, possesses great powers in opening up the bank accounts of any public officer even without complying with the rigid procedures of the Anti-Money Laundering Act or AMLA.

The critics are saying that Santiago need not worry if she had nothing to hide, which, to me, completely distorted what the senator was trying to convey. I think that Miriam is not afraid of the Ombudsman having very great powers because she—or any other government official for that matter—had something to hide. No, Santiago has nothing to hide, and she is not concerned about that.

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**POWERS OF OMBUDSMAN CANNOT BE USED TO DISREGARD OTHER LAWS:** What the senator was concerned with was this: in the exercise of the powers of the Ombudsman, complete obedience to the rule of law must be observed. Those powers cannot be short-circuited, even in the name of good governance or in the fight against corruption.

Those powers cannot also be allowed to be interpreted in gross disregard of other existing laws, and even Supreme Court decisions. The fact is, any misinterpretation of any law is itself graft and corruption which must be opposed. No one can disregard what any one law requires simply because the intention in disregarding that law is presumed to be for the good of the people or of the country.

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**IT IS THE WORD OF GOD, NOT OF PACQUIAO, PRESIDENT OBAMA:** And the same thing is true in the case of Sarangani Rep. Manny Pacquiao. Critics are saying he has no right to criticize US President Obama on the issue of same sex marriages because Pacquiao himself had a turbulent marital relationship with his wife, Jinkee, even to the point that Jinkee already wanted a divorce against him.

Excuse me, but that marital turbulence is not the point, and will not disqualify Pacquiao from talking about what the Bible is saying on various issues. The issue is Obama’s violation of the Biblical injunctions against same sex unions. Pacquiao may have led a spotty life, true, but it was not his word that he used against Obama. It was the Word of God.

And it is the Word of God that is going to convict Obama, and which will make a difference in the US presidential elections by November. I am of the firm belief that God will show to Obama that He is displeased with the President’s contravening what is written in the Bible. I will not be surprised if Obama is going to lose to whoever his opponent will be.

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**DID AMLC COMPLY WITH THE LAW IN EXAMINING CORONA “ACCOUNTS”?** What is the extent of the powers of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) to investigate any bank deposit, including dollar accounts, as provided for by Republic Act 9194? Only when there is a court order and only when it is established that there is a probable cause for such court order, the law itself says.

Section 11 of RA 9194: “Notwithstanding... Republic Act No. 1405, as amended, Republic Act No. 6426, as amended, Republic Act No. 8791, and other laws, the AMLC may inquire into or examine any particular deposit or investment... upon order of any competent court in cases of violation of this Act, when it has been established that there is probable cause that the deposits or investments are related to an unlawful activity...” Did the AMLC observe these rules in the case of Chief Justice Renato Corona?

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SOCOB Judges Barred

BAGUIO CITY – the search for the Outstanding Citizens of Baguio (SOCOB) is in full swing once again in this mountain resort.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan formally signed Administrative Order No. 60 series of 2012 last May 16 creating the judging committee for the annual search.

In his AO, the mayor tasked Dr. Priscilla Macasantos as chairperson for the judging committee who is also an outstanding citizen awardee in 2003.

With her are Dr. Divina Bautista, Judge Hellia Philipps, Dr. Elma Donaal and Mr. Jose Olarte.

Domogan said, ‘the newly formed committee will be the one to accept pre-screened nominees for SOCOB 2011-2012, conduct the selection process and determine the winners of each category and perform other tasked which is necessary for the success of the search’.

Meantime, the Society of Outstanding Citizens of Baguio spearheaded by its president Reynaldo Bautista Sr. formally launched the search last week.

Guidelines for the search have not been changed where nominees should be Baguio-born or Baguio-based who is presently residing in the city for at least ten years.

Nominees should be more than 35 years old and must be known for his integrity and unquestionable good moral character and should demonstrate involvement and achievement in the sector in which he or she is being nominated for.

In addition, the nominee should have leadership quality for a meaningful change in the city and he or she must have equally performed important and worthy roles in both private and public sectors.

They must have the determination and persistence to assert the common good for their constituents and must have a worthy sectoral contribution and participation in socio-economic, socio-cultural and educational undertakings.

Nominees should also demonstrate outstanding involvement and achievement in the accomplishment of the vision, mission and goals towards the development of the city as a whole.

Lastly, nominees who have been awarded as outstanding citizens in the past will no longer be included for this year’s search to give chance for other potential outstanding citizens to also be recognized.

Submission of nominations is tentatively set to end on May 31 and in case nominations fall short below 15, the committee will still enlist other nominees or until the number reaches 50.

Selection process starts July 15./paul rillorta

City Rallies Citizens to Show Colors

BAGUIO CITY – the city government here is encouraging residents here specially businessmen to display the Philippine flag within their establishments come May 28 to June 12.

City Mayor Mauricio Domogan requested the display of the flag in celebration of the National Flag Day on May 28 and Independence Day on June 12.

Domogan said, ‘displaying the flag is a way of renewing the spirit of nationalism, patriotism and the love for freedom’.

Republic Act No. 8491 section 26 declares May 28 to June 12 of each year as ‘Flag Days’ during which period

all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are enjoined to display the flag.

This period commemorates the ‘Battle of Alapan’ in May 28, 1898 when the national flag was first unfurled in Imus, Cavite by General Emilio Aguinaldo and culminates on June 12 or 15 days afterwards when the Philippine Flag was waved in full view of the world following the formal proclamation of independence in Kawit, Cavite.

However, it shall be prohibited under the same

act to display the flag in discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs, casinos, gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity prevails./paul rillorta

Atty. Jeremias Zapata, ‘Champion of Indigenous Peoples’, Passes Away

BANGUED, Abra — “The Provincial Government of Abra grieves the loss of one of Abra’s most brilliant legislators, compassionate public servants, and Champion of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights.”

This is the content of the streamer that was hung for more than a week at the main door of the provincial capitol building during the wake of the late Atty. Jeremias Z. Zapata, the long-time assemblyman and later Congressman of the lone district of Abra.

Zapata died of pancreatic cancer last May 8, 2012 at the age of 81. He is survived by Mrs. Caridad Cayetano-Zapata, and their seven children: Redentor, Jeremias Jr., Joffre Gil, Rosanna, Fiameta, Eliezer and Czarina.

Governor Eustaquio P. Bersamin expressed his lamentations for the demise of the respected leader of Abra who had made a good name in the House of Representatives during the 9th and 10th Congress.

The late Zapata is particularly remembered for his hardwork and diligence as Abra’s representative in the Interim Batasang Pambansa and in the Congress for two terms. The most significant law that he authored and sponsored in the 10th Congress is Republic Act 8771 otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act or IPRA Law that made him the Champion of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines.

Zapata was also responsible for the various laws of national significance with the Batas Pambansa Bilang 6, his first Parliamentary Bill that amended Presidential Decree No. 9 which provides for the reduction of the punishment on illegal possession of deadly weapons; the Batas Pambansa Bilang 58 which prohibits the catching of fist larvae locally called “ipon” during certain period of the year; Batas Pambansa Bilang 166 which changed the name of the then Nichols Aig Base to Villamor Air Base in honor of our own Filipino heroes; Batas Pambansa 223 which provides for the Free Patent for private residential lots; and the establishment of district hospitals in the province.

He was also instrumental in the establishment of almost all the national high schools in the province of Abra especially those found in the remotest municipalities of the province such as the Mataragan National High School in Malibcong and the Caganayan National high School in Tineg.

Zapata also received numerous awards for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of legislation and in the practice of his profession, among them the Distinguished Alumni Awardee of the University of the Philippines in 1979; Most Outstanding Geodetic Engineer in 1980; Most Distinguished Alumnus of the Abra High School, also in 1980; and twice as one of the Ten Outstanding Congressmen in the country in 1993 and 1995.

He also served as guest speaker for two times representing the Philippines in the United Nations General Assembly in USA in 1993 and 1994./MTBB- PIA CAR, Abra

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Baguio City  
SPS. JOSEPHINE & ANDRES  
ROSIMO, JR.  
Applicants  
Case:2004-BAG-CAR-723  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.  
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on May 30, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant/s shall formally submit his/her evidences.  
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.  
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may if they so desire, appear during the hearing.  
This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.  
WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 4th day of May 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING  
AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City  
MAXIMO TAKINAN  
Applicants  
Case:99-01-1347  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
This is an application for the Approval of Motion to Accept the Reconstructed copy of Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity and Change Engine of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.  
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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 10th day of May 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV



May 19 - 24, 2012		JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICE		THE WEEKEND JUNCTION 7	
Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT La Trinidad, Benguet	GAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended  NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by petitioner-mortgagee WILSON O. CAPEGSAN, of legal age, single, Filipino and with postal address at IB-43, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (PHP8000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine currency, excluding attorney's fees, publication costs, sheriff's fees and other incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on JUNE 19, 2012 AT 11:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in the Philippine currency, the following real properties, to wit: <u>TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-53558</u> Lot: Lot 5, Psd-13110-002199(AR) As surveyed for: JIMMY ECKMAN Location: Alno, La Trinidad, Benguet  Boundaries: NE,,	along line 1-2 ...Lot 6, subd. plan; SE,, along line 2-3-4-5-6-7 ...Lot 10, subd. plan; SW,, along line 7-8 ...Pedro Bassit NW,, along line 8-1 ...Public Land Beginning at a point marked "I" on plan being N.57 deg.,26'W.,457.26 m. from "BLBM No.1", Alno, La Trinidad, Benguet, thence: 1-2 S. 24 deg., 59'E., 134.00 m. 2-3 N. 57 deg., 10'W., 12.15 m. 3-4 S. 84 deg., 11'W., 12.82 m. 5-6 S. 15 deg., 33'W., 7.09 m. 6-7 S. 48 deg., 31'W., 37.50 m. 7-8 N. 68 deg., 38'W.,54.60 m. 8-1 N. 31 deg., 14'E., 188.06 m. Bearings: TRUE Area: TWELVE	THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE (12,379) SQUAREMETERS. Coordinates of corner 1:2 2 7 9 1.80 N. 20282.38 E. Title No.: O.C.T No. 1467 Original Lot No.: F-52707 Date of Original Survey: July 13, 1934 Date of subd. survey: October 8-9,1992 Description of corners: Pts. 1&8 by Old PS cy;. Conc. mons. 15x60 cms.; & the rest by AR cyl. conc. mons. 15x40 cm., Geodetic Engineer: O R - LANDO Q. FIGUERRES All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate the above described real properties regarding encumbrances thereof, if any. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on July 17, 2012 at the same time and place without further notice. Done this 18 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2012, at La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.  FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET  By:(sgd) WHINSTON P. DULAWAN Sheriff IV  Publication dates: May 19, 26 and June 2, 2012	Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT First Judicial Region BRANCH 63 La Trinidad, Benguet  IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION AND TO SUPPLY THE ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MELANIE SIMEON BUGTONG  MELANIE SIMEON BUGTONG <i>Petitioner,</i>  -versus-  THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF KAPANGAN BENGUET AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, QUEZON CITY, Respondent,  SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 12-C-1744  X————X  ORDER  Petitioner, through counsel,	filed a verified petition in this Court for Correction and to supply the Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Melanie Simeon Bugtong, with Registry No. 85-552 under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court alleging in essence , thus; <u>PETITION</u> Petitioner, through the undersigned counsel and unto the Honorable Court, most respectfully alleges that ; 1. Petitioner is of legal age, single, Filipino , and with residence and postal address at JE-178 Shamolog, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet; 2. Respondents are being impleaded as nominal parties being the repository of public documents such as registration of facts of birth of concerned constituents and can be served with the processes of the court at their respective office address; 3. Petitioner was born on October 18, 1985 at Cadtay, Paykek, Kapangan, Benguet. Machine copy of her Certificate of Live Birth issued by he National Statistics Office is hereto attached as ANNEX – 'A' ; 4. As reflected in the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner , particularly in item No. 2, her gender was erroneously entered as MALE instead of FEMALE which is her true and correct sexual identity. Copy of the medical Certificate issued by a government physician and ultrasound photographs are hereto attached and marked as ANNEX – ' B ' and ' C ' ; 5. Likewise, the middle name of her other and father and their religion were not indicated which is ' WALAY ' and ' LIGAWEN ', respectively and their religion which is ' ROMAN CATHOLIC ' , Machine copy of her parents Marriage Contract issued by the National Statistics Office , Quezon City and Baptismal Certificates are hereto attached and marked as ANNEX ' D ' ' E ' and ' F ' ; 6. Petitioner desires that her gender be corrected from MALE to FEMALE and the middle names and religion of her parents be supplied; WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed by the petitioner through the undersigned counsel that after due notice and hearing , an ORDER be issued by the Honorable Court directing the Local Civil Registry of Kapangan, Benguet and the National Statistics Office, Civil Registrar General, Quezon City to cause the correction of petitioner's GENDER from MALE to FEMALE, and to indicate the middle name of her other and father which is ' ROMAN CATHOLIC ' in the Certificate of Live Birth. Such other relief and remedies that are just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for. La Trinidad, Benguet this 25th of April 2012. P U B L I C ATTORNEY'S OFFICE Department of Justice La Trinidad, Benguet By: EDUARD H. RILLORTA Public Attorney III MCLE Compliance IV No. 0004604 Dated 02-20-2012/ Pasig City Petitioner, through this petition, hereby prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Municipal Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet and the National Statistics Office , Civil Registrar General, Quezon City to CORRECT the GENDER of petitioner from MALE and FEMALE, and to indicate the idle name of her mother and father which is ' WALLAY ' and ' LIGAWEN ' , respectively and their religion which is ' ROMAN CATHOLIC ' . WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on July 27, 2012 at 8; 30 o'clock in the morning, at he Session Hall La Trinidad, Benguet, and all persons interested ay appear and show cause, if any why the petition should not be granted. Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in the Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than May 20, 2012. Furnish copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General the Provincial Prosecutor Of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Kapangan, Benguet, the National Statistics Office, Civil Registrar General, Quezon City The Junction Newspaper, petitioner and his counsel. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 15th day of May 2012.  By:(SGD) JENNI-FER P. HUMIDING Presiding Judge  Publication Dates : May 19, 26 and June 2, 2012 .

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late GOYGOYEN GASILANG who died on January 10, 2004 at Bontoc, Mt. Province without will, consisting of one (1) unit of ISUZU Jitney with Motor No. 4BB1-321070, Chassis No. EVER96-52182 C and Plate No. ADG-783 and covered by a franchise under LTRFB Case No. 97-BC-750 had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS on 11 May 2012 as per Doc. No. 803, Page No. 161 Book No. XXVII, Series of 2012, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City.

May 12, 19 & 26, 2012



Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
First Judicial Region  
OFFICE OF THE CITY SHERIFF  
Baguio City

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Writ of Execution issue by Atty. Gail M. Bacbac, Clerk of Court V of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 3, Baguio City, on August 9, 2010 in Civil Case No. 5044-R entitled M A R J O R I E GUINID ET AL.. versus PETER COSALAN, ET.. AL.,for the recovery by way of distraint Actual Damages of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos [P 200,000.00] Moral Damages of One Hundred Thousand Pesos [ P 100,000.00] , and Attorney's Fees of Fifty Thousand Pesos [P 50,000.00] with legal interest from date of this Judgment , costs of suit plus expenses in connection with the execution and sale ,

levy was made by Deputy Sheriff Edgardo F. Ancheta on February 22, 2011, thru the Register of Deeds, Baguio City, on the rights , interests and participation of defendant PETER COSALAN in the real property along with its improvements more particularly described as follows :

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T- 97834 REGSTER OF DEEDS, BAGUIO CITY

‘ A parcel of land [Lot2 Psd-CAR-016771] being a portion of Tsi-1-2-000141; situated at Rurban Code 131102 Res Sec. ‘ H’ City of Baguio, Island of Luzon Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 1 of the subd . plan; on the SW., along lines 2-3-4-5-6-7 by MAGSAYSAY AVENUE [20.00 m. wide]; on the N., along line 7-8 and on the NE., along line 8-1 by Lot 6, IR-305, Executive Proc. 312. Beginning at a point marked ‘ 1’ x x x to point of beginning . Containing an area of THREE

HUNDRED NIN [309] SQ. METERS, more or less.’  
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Section 18, of the Rules of Court, the City Sheriff of Baguio City will through the undersigned Deputy, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, on May 31, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the Justice Hall Bldg., Baguio City, the rights, interests and participation of defendant PETER COSALAN, in the above-described real property in order to satisfy said Order of Execution together with the Sheriff's fees and expenses of sale.

Baguio City, Philippines, May 2, 2012.

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BAGUIO CITY  
By :

EDGARDO F. ANCHETA  
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates; May 5, 12 and 19, 2012

Mayor Bares Plan for City's Sports Complex

BAGUIOCITY – City Mayor Mauricio Domogan barred Wednesday (May 16), plans of the city government in owning a state of the art sports facility here through a Private Public Partnership (PPP) agreement.

The sports facility, envisioned to be the permanent home of local athletes would entail developing the city's athletic bowl into a world class sports complex.

The Mayor said the city needs at least 400 million for the development of the sports facility which would incorporate an indoor basketball court, boxing arena, tennis court, swimming pool, quarters of athletes and administrative offices.

‘If this will push through, we will have a training center of our own where our athletes can hone their skills to keep them sharp and competitive for national and international competitions’, Domogan said.

The plan also includes improvement of the track and field oval to meet with international standards.

‘We hope that this will materialize, we really need a sports complex in the city to be at par with other cities’, Domogan said.

At present, three proponents have shown interest in investing for the proposed sports complex and are willing to enter into an agreement with the city government.

‘Aside from

the sports facility, the old city auditorium and the tennis court beside the track and field oval will be converted into a hotel and parking complex as an income generating asset of the city’, He added.

‘A mono-rail will be added as a new attraction for Burnham Park, it will be a component part of its development’, Domogan said.

The proposed sports complex if started will take about five years to complete./paul rillorta

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I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
First Judicial Region  
BRANCH 63  
La Trinidad, Benguet

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE RECORD OF BIRTH OF MICHAEL SAKIWAT VERGARA,

MICHAEL SAKIWAT VERGARA,  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICE EBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES ROME, ITALY AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE,  
*Respondents,*

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 12-C-1747

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ORDER

Petitioner, through counsel, filed a verified petition in this Court for Correction of Entries in the Record of Birth of Michael Sakiwat Vergara, under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court alleging in essence, thus ;

PETITION Petitioner, by and through the undersigned counsel, unto the portals of the most Honorable Court, hereby most respectfully and humbly avers, THAT :  
1. Petitioner MICHAEL SAKIWAT VERGARA, is of legal age, Filipino Citizen and a resident of FC 036 Central Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines where he may be served with summons notices and other processes of the Honorable Court;

2. The Philippine Embassy of Rome , Italy is a government agency apart from servicing the affairs of Filipino Citizens is also in charge with the reg-

istration of birth of Filipino Citizens in Rome, Italy and cane be served with summons, notices and other processes of this Honorable Court in Rome, Italy while the National Statistics Office is also a government agency and it is being impleaded as a nominal party being the repository of records of birth and can be served with summons at this office address in The National Statistics Office , Otek Street, Baguio City;

3. The Petitioner was born in Oespedale de San Giacomo, Rome, Italy on June 3, 1988 his facts of birth was reported before the Foreign Service Office of Rome, Italy and was forwarded before the National Statistics Office as evidenced by hereto attached REPORT OF BIRTH marked as Annex ‘A’ and made part hereof ;

4. The biological mother of the petitioner in the name of MYLENE SAKIWAT was the one who caused the reporting of the birth of the petitioner before the Philippine Embassy in Rome , Italy a year after his birth but to her surprise the date of birth of petitioner was erroneously stated to be on June 03, 1989 when in truth and in fact the same should be on June 03, 1988;

5. Even the REPORT OF BIRTH already attached as ANEX ‘A’ particularly under page 2 under the item remarks admits to the fact that the petitioner was born on June 3, 1988 and is hereby bracketed and marked as ANNEX – ‘A-1’ and made part hereof ;

6. The petitioner in support of his claim that his date of birth forwarded before the National Statistics Office [NSO] was erroneous hereby presents his passport duly obtained by his biological mother before the Philippine Embassy of Rome , Italy issued on the 20th day of February 1989 admit such fact that indeed he was born on June 3,

1988 and hereto attached as ANNEX ‘B’ and made part hereof;

7. Upon discovery of the said erroneous entry the mother of the petitioner was able to obtain a document before the Civil Registry of Rome in Italian language evidencing the fact the petitioner was born on June 03, 1988, said document will be translated later on in the course of the proceedings and is hereto attached as ANNEX – ‘ C ’ and made part hereof ;

8. Aside from the erroneous entry as to the date of birth of the petitioner the date and place of birth of his father NOEL FELICIANA VERGARA is also erroneously stated therein to be the same as the petitioner, that is, June 3, 1988 in Rome, Italy when in truth and in fact it was supposed to be November 28 1966 in Tondo, Manila to prove this point a copy of the sale REPORT OF BIRTH on file with the Philippine Embassy of Rome is hereto attached as Annex – ‘D’ and made part hereof ;

9. Hence, the petitioner desires that the affected entry in his Report of Birth on file with the National Statistics Office be changed or annotated to reflect his true and correct date of birth from June 3, 1989 to June 3, 1989 and the true and correct date and place of birth of his father NOEL FELICIANA VERGARA which is November 28, 1966 in Tondo Manila and NOT June 3, 1988 in Rome Italy;

10. This petition is not sought to conceal, mislead and misrepresent the petitioner nor escape any obligation of whatever nature and kind. On the contrary, this petition is sought to reflect the true and correct date of birth of the petitioner and the correct date and place of birth of the petitioner’s father.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed that after due notice, publication

and hearing the HONORABLE COURT grants the petition by issuing an ORDER as follows ;

1. To reflect or annotate from record of birth of ICHAE SAKIWAT VERGARA his true and correct date of birth which is June 3, 1988 instead of June 3, 1989 as indicated.

2. To reflect or annotate from record of birth of ICHAE SAKIWAT VERGARA the true and correct date and place of birth of his father which is November 28, 1966 in Tondo, Manila and NOT June 3, 1988 in Rome, Italy be indicated;

3. Petitioner further pray for such other reliefs just and equitable under he premises .

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 30th day of April 2012.

JULIUS EBES CALUMNAG MANGALLAY, DAMPA, AND PARTNERS LAW OFFICE Counsel for the Petitioner

AL’s Bldg., Capitol Drive, Poblacion., La Trinidad, Benguet  
IBP NO. 863576, 1-03-12

Baguio Benguet Chapter PTR No. 2841812, 1-18-12 , Benguet

Roll No. 50528, 5-03-05 MCLE Compliance No. III-0017193, 6-09-10

Petitioner, through this petition, hereby prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the National Statistics Office to CORRECT the DATE OF BIRTH of Petitioner from June 3, 1989 to June 3, 1988 , and the DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF HIS FATHER from June 3, 1988 in Rome , Italy to November 28, 1966 in Tondo, Manila in his Report of Birth on file with the National Statistics Office .

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing be set on August 2, 2012 at 8: 30 o’clock in the morning, at the Session Hall La Trinidad, Benguet, and all persons interested ay appear and show

cause, if any why the petition should not be granted.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the Petitioner in the Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than May 20, 2012.

Furnish copy hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor

General the Provincial Prosecutor Of Benguet, the National Statistics Office, Foreign Embassy of the Philippines, Rome Italy , The Junction Newspaper, petitioner and his counsel.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 15th day of May 2012.

By:SGD) JENNIFER P. HUMIDING Presiding Judge

Publication Dates : May 19, 26 and June 2, 2012

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

TICMAN SANTOS  
Applicants  
Case:88-01-017

NOTICE OF HEARING

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ESL

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he is also pursuing talks for a possible tie-up on the establishment of another ESL in La Trinidad. He said the city is negotiating with Fongwan and La Trinidad Mayor Gregorio Abalos to allow the city to use the facility as the city is willing to pay tipping fees.

The facility is expected to be finished in two months and Domogan is hopeful that the Benguet officials will be receptive to the city’s proposal./A Refuerzozo



## BCDA Terminates Contract with CJHDevco, Orders Non-Paying Lessee to Vacate John Hay.....from page 1

president and chief executive officer Arnel Casanova, was addressed to CJHDevco chief executive officer Robert John Sobrepena and president Ferdinand Santos.

The notice stated that BCDA is terminating the Lease Agreement dated 19 October 1996 and the Restructuring Memorandum of Agreement (RMOA) dated 1 July 2008 due to CJHDevco’s material and incurable breaches.

Eight breaches of CJHDevco were enumerated, which include the following: CJHDevco’s failure to pay the annual rent due government for many years; failure to open an escrow account and deposit 50% of the Common Usage Services Assessment; fraudulent double-sale of a property given as payment to BCDA; violation of fire and safety laws in the Camp John Hay Suites; unlawful squatting of CJHDevco’s security agency; subcontracting of the water operations and distribution without BCDA’s consent; violations on safety, health and environmental regulations; and CJHDevco’s gross misrepresentation of its financial standing.

Private individuals and corporations have also filed estafa cases against CJHDevco officers and directors for fraudulent business activities while operating in the John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ).

“The breaches, which involve disloyal, dishonest, fraudulent and self-dealing conduct, are so serious that they have fundamentally destroyed and frustrated the purposes, not to mention, the very heart and essence of the contract,” Casanova said in the termination notice.

BCDA terminated the contract following the state agency’s rejection of CJHDevco’s latest settlement proposal. “The supposed offer of compromise that CJHDevco offered on May 15, was unacceptable because it required the writing off of the lessee’s debts from 1997 to 2011, which totals to more than P3 billion,” Casanova said.

CJHDevco’s proposed settlement also seeks to change the bid terms and extend the lease contract until 2061. Casanova said “This is grossly disadvantageous to government.”

“It is clear that from the beginning that CJHDevco had no intention to pay the contracted amounts, and the restructurings it sought from BCDA were purely designed to delay or evade the payment of rentals and the performance of its development obligations,” Casanova said.

The BCDA chief also underscored CJHDevco’s evident “lack of good faith in complying with its obligations.” The firm pleaded financial difficulty and losses as reason for defaulting in its lease rentals for the years 1998 and 1999, and sought a restructuring in the year 2000. However, amidst claims of losses, CJHDevco declared dividends during those three years.

“Clearly, there is no business, practical, or legal sense for BCDA to continue in partnership with a party who has consistently breached and unjustly refused to comply with its contractual obligations,” Casanova pointed out.

### Editorial

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reply” four years before SB2150 and HB3306 almost slipped thru Congress.

Is an oversized kalapati roost finally being dismantled at the Bureau of Customs? “Our membership lists remain porous” a 2004 Press Freedom Week editorial admitted: “We’ve still have to flush out hao-shaios who flash oversize self-printed press cards or blocktime microphones, notably in Customs.”

Commissioner Ruffy Biazon signed this year Memorandum Order 37 to ferret out “fake journalists who engage in illicit activities” in customs. BOC issued 55 IDs to legitimate media. It rejected almost double that number, mostly from tabloids or radio blocktimers

Those shut out asked the Supreme Court (a) zap Biazon with a Temporary Restraining Order; and (b) strike down Memo Order 37. Reason? “It curtailed press freedom”.

“A claim of press freedom is tainted when right to information’ is misused for personal requests or sleaze, Sun Star’s Public Standards editor Pachico Seares snapped.” Access to information is unimpeded. It’s only the number of people covering BOC that is reduced”...

No TRO has been issued. “Apparently, the Court doesn’t see “clear and imminent danger to press freedom” . That liberty can be used as a “last refugee for scoundrels.” Or if you prefer: kalapatis./Juan L. Mercado

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alright but what’s wrong is holding on to it as if they own it and starving the whole country to death.

For instance, the price of fossil fuel, a commodity which efficiently dictates the unit prices of all other commodities.

The government can actually keep it low if it wants to by simply letting other suppliers in.

Or better yet, put up a shadow business organization tasked at importing nothing but fossil fuel from as far as Russia and other sources who can offer low, lower barrel prices.

They simply have to spend some on it. Simple idea but a lot of help.

Okay did I hear someone say: “Okay, pag-aaralan po namin yan.”

Hehehe.

### Advocacy Mindanow

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TIDBITS—\*\*\*\* A few nights ago, I had dinner with JICA representative in the ARMM, Kazu Sudo, a long time friend. We first met in 1998 during the Cebu Pacific plane crash retrieval operations as he led Jica’s efforts to search for the remains of Japanese young volunteers who were on board that fateful Flight 387. He is optimistic about a possible peace agreement between the government and the MILF. He said Japan is ready to upscale its development assistance in the event a peace pact is signed. \*\*\*\*

New Davao Archbishop Romulo Valles will be installed on May 22 in appropriate liturgical ceremonies at the San Pedro Cathedral in Davao. Retired Archbishop Nanding Capalla will however not fade away in the sunset. I predict he will still continue his involvement in various concerns. But then, just like me, he’ll go waste time.

### City Health Office

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Under the pact, the DOH shall coordinate the support of national government agencies to the city, issue policies that would mobilize its own centers for the accomplishment of the enhanced CIPH and facilitate provision and release of fund grants.

The DOH, through its Center for Health in the Cordillera, will also work on alignment of city and national health policies and thrusts, deliver technical assistance to the city, monitor and evaluate implementation of the CIPH and facilitate release of grants and other fund transfers .

The financing portfolio for the program will be from the city’s Internal Revenue Allotment, national government counterpart funds from the regular budget of theDOH and support from donors such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund./RD.

### BCDA Junks CJHDevco

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more efficient and effective.

The city council and the local finance committee however then balked at its permanent implementation due to the added cost it will entail due to the adjustment of the billing system from the original ten to 12 burning hours which city officials then saw as prohibitive for the city.

BENECO, according to the mayor, made a new offer but added conditions that are not acceptable to the city government.

“With this development, the city has no choice now but to fast-track the LED technology deal,” the mayor said.

He said four companies have so far served interest on the venture but the choice will lie on which will have the best offer.

As per the approved TOR, the deal will involve the replacement of all streetlights, park lights, including lights in overpasses, flyovers and City Government owned buildings and facilities with LED bulbs and repair and the maintenance on a private-public The deal aims to enable the city government to cut on electric cost which presently runs to more or less P38 million a year using energy saving bulbs having a longer life span and environmentally friendly that do not bring damage to people’s health./A Refuerzo

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Malacanan Releases 80M....

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heels of Domogan’s signing a joint mani- festation of support with mayor Oscar Camantiles of Itogon, Benguet for the es- tablishment of an ESL in the town to answer the city’s need for a nearby solid waste dis- posal area.

Still, it looks like the city has no choice but to continue hauling its garbage to Capas, Tarlac as it would take time to obtain social acceptability, environmental compli- ance certificate and other requirements to build and operate the ESL at barangay Ampucao.

In the city officials’ meeting, city envi- ronment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana submitted a budget pro- posal of P86 million to cover costs of haul- ing the city’s burgeoning garbage to Capas this year.

She said the amount, which is on top of her office’s outlay of P51 million under the city’s current budget of P1.168 billion, would be for garbage hauling, tipping fees, man- power costs, fuel, road users tax and other expenses.

This would mean the realignment of old appropriations covering projects not yet implemented, the mayor said during his regu- lar meet-the-press forum last Wednesday afternoon.

City councilor Peter Fianza, however, called on Lacsamana to study if it would be more practical to stop the operation of the two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines which are not on full capacity yet are still costly to maintain like they are on full operation

Fianza said the combined daily feed of 15 tons is far from the 48-ton capacity of the two machines, initially due to the low vol- ume of lack of biodegradable waste to be processed and, recently, the need to replace the damaged boilers of the gadgets.

Lacsamana, however, said the machines the city bought at P64 million each from Pro Tech Machineries, have to be maintained as the dumpsite in Capas, as a rule, accepts only non-biodegradable waste.

She also explained the recent slow- down in the collection of garbage from the barangays was due to the lack of a staging area, prompting the direct transfer of trashfrom city trucks to rented trucks bound for Capas. The truck-to-truck scheme de- layed city haulers in making the rounds.

The collection crews shifted to truck- to-truck loading after residents near the Irisan Lime Kilns recently protested its use as the staging area due to the odor emanat- ing from it.

Even as city officials continue seeking permanent solutions to the trash problem, mayor Domogan called anew on residents to observe segregation, recycling and back- yard composting to reduce the volume and costs of garbage management and disposal.

The daily garbage output has risen to over 300 tons.

The mayor said the city is now prepar- ing to bid out the retaining wall project which he said has to be fast-tracked considering the proximity of the typhoon season.

The program of work for the project was prepared by the city engineer’s office based on the plan drawn up by a tech- nical working group composed of engineer- ing experts from the city government and private entities including the engineering departments of top universities here.

Based on the plan prepared by Engr. III Samuel Salvador of the city engineer’s of-

fice, the project would cover the following scope of work: structure excavation; cut- ting of existing pavement; breaking of ex- isting dilapidated pavement; breaking of boulders; base preparation; construction of box culvert, open canal, canal with grat- ings and pathwalk; concrete pavement; re- inforced concrete retaining wall; septic tank; litter fence; reformation, benching and stabilization of slope; grouting works; fi- nal cover; gas vents; grouted riprap; suc- tion pump ; manhole; and hauling of mate- rials.

Salvador said that with the re- duction of the fund from P100 million to P80 million, the technical committee will re- view the plan to adjust the scope of work based on the approved budget./Ramon Dacawi.

5,244 Examinees

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Abra State Institute of Science and Tech- nology (ASIST) in Abra, and Sipa Eleme- ntary School and Sipa National High School in Sta. Marcela for Apayao.

CSC-CAR Regional Director Fernando Porio said examinees who do not receive their notice of room assignment or exami- nation permit one week before the exami- nation date, must personally verify their school and room assignments from the CSC CAR Regional Office at No. 116 Wagner Road, Military Cut-off, Baguio City or call telephone number 074-442-0367 (Examina- tion Services Division, CSC-CAR) or the CSC Field Office where they filed their ap- plication.

Passing the career service examination will give the examinees civil service eligibil- ity, a passport in entering the government bureaucracy, though to do so, examinees should get a general average of at least 80 percent.

Porio also warned examinees that any form of cheating is punishable under Re- public Act 9416, otherwise known as Anti- cheating Law and any offender to be found guilty will also be perpetually barred from entering government service and from tak- ing any future CSC exams. Any offender from the government bureaucracy, if found guilty, will likewise be dismissed from ser- vice in addition to all the accessory penal- ties, such as cancellation of eligibility, for- feiture of retirement benefits, among oth- ers.

Meantime, Porio is encouraging col- lege honor graduates to apply for the CSC special eligibility. Presidential Decree 90 dated March 11, 1976, or the , the CSC’s Honor Graduate Eligibility (HGE), provides that those who graduated summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude, or an equivalent of any of these honors in their Bachelor’s, Master’s and/or Doctor- ate degree/s, regardless of the number of years of completion, from colleges and universities of good standing, shall auto- matically be considered eligible for first and second positions in the government, which do not involve practice of profession and those that are not covered by Bar/board, other special laws.

This April, CSC-CAR has granted 19 honor graduates with HGE.

For inquiries on how to apply for the HGE or information on the other special eli- gibilities granted by the CSC, the public can also visit the Examination Services Di- vision of the CSC-CAR Regional Office or call (074) 442-0367 or (074) 443-5981-82./JDP/ CCD-PIA CAR

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istrants are requested to be at BCPO Sub- station 8 on August 4; District 14 at Bakakeng Norte/Sur on August 10 and Dontogan brgy on August 11; District 15 at Lourdes Subdivision Extension on August 18; District 16 at Middle Quezon Hill brgy on August 25 and Asin Road brgy on Au- gust 27.

District 17 shall have its registration at Magsaysay Private road on Sept. 1; District 18 at the T. Alonzo brgy basketball court on Sept. 8; District 19 at East Modernsite church on Sept. 15; and District 20 at Holy Ghost Extension brgy on Sept. 22.

Camp 7 brgy registrants are asked to register on Sept. 29 while Fairview brgy, PMA Fort del Pilar and Country Club Village are awaiting schedule.

A special registration for inmates shall also be done at the Baguio City Jail com- pound on May 28.

Interested and qualified voters should bring their valid identification cards and documents or birth certificate when regis- tering. Registration is also being done Mon- days to Fridays during office hours at the COMELEC office./juliegfianza with reports from the Liga ng mga Barangay Office

Baguio City

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For Baguio City, it has been the prac- tice for the past several years now to join the commemoration through the City’s AIDS Watch Council (AWAC), which is composed of government and private agen- cies and institutions/organization. The AWAC is under the leadership of Dr. Charles Cheng, a private medical practitio- ner, with the Reproductive Health and Wellness Center (RHWC) of the City Health Services Office as the working secretariat.

For this year, the city commemoration will take place on May 25 at the Malcolm Square, otherwise known as the People’s Park, where a simple program with exhibits and candle lighting ceremony will take place. This is expected to be participated by repre- sentatives from AWAC member institutions, civil society and Baguio Association of Bars (BARS).

City HSO-RHWC Head Dr. Celiaflor Brillantes, in an interview, reported that Baguio City through AWAC has been em- barking on a public-private partnership in the fight against HIV/AIDS, which reduction of such cases is among our country’s com- mitment under the UN Millennium Develop- ment Goals.

She disclosed that being a highly ur- banized, Baguio faces the threat of HIV. Since 1992 they have already recorded 49 HIV/ AIDS cases, including 17 patients who al- ready died. She also bared that in 2011 alone, they have recorded eight HIV cases and that based on their monitoring, HIV patients are getting younger and more prevalent among male having sex with fellow male (MSM).

Dr. Ma. Lorena Santos of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), in a recent kapihan forum, also confirmed that HIV/AIDS remains to be a concern. Since May 2006 to April 2012, they have attended to 45 HIV/AIDS cases (includ- ing patients from outside the city or from nearby provinces) and recorded nine deaths.

HIV cases will eventually develop to full blown AIDS when a patient’s immune system goes down, she said.

Santos reiterated the advice of health sector for a healthy and monogamous sex life as there is no complete cure for HIV yet./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR



## DepEd-CAR starts Regionwide mass roll out Training on K-12

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The Department of Education in the Cordillera Administrative Region (DepEd-CAR) has kicked-off the region wide mass roll out training on the new curriculum to be implemented starting this coming June.

The activity was started in the province of Ifugao last Monday attended by more than 200 grade one teachers with staffs of DepEd-CAR as trainors and facilitators.

According to Dr. Nenita Olayrez, assistant chief elementary division, the roll out training aims to prepare grade one teachers for the new development of K to 12 curriculum.

"The participants will be oriented on the salient features and core elements of the K to 12 basic education program," Olayrez said.

K to 12 means Kindergarten and the 12 years of elementary and secondary education that aims to give every student an opportunity to receive quality education based on an enhance and decongested curriculum that is internationally recognized and comparable.

Olayrez disclosed that the same roll out training for grade teachers will be conducted also in other province of CAR. "On May 21-26, we will be conducting also said training in Mt. Province and the rest of the provinces of the region," she explained.

Meanwhile, Governor Eugene Balitang urged the participants of the mass roll out training in the province during the opening program to support the new curriculum for the benefits of pupils and the educational system as whole.

Balitang stressed that with the introduction of the K to 12 basic education program, the country will generate more employment particularly in the education sector.

"More teachers would be hired to cater to the needs of these stakeholders especially in the far flung places," he said./JDP/MBL-PIA CAR,Ifugao

## 5,244 Examinees to take CSC Test in Cordillera

BAGUIOCITY - The Civil Service Commission-Cordillera Regional Office (CSC-CAR) is all set for the conduct of the Career Service Examination—Paper and Pencil Test (PPT) this May 27, wherein a total of 5,244 examinees applied to take the said exam in various parts of the region. Testing centers for the said exam include Baguio City

National High School and Pines City National High School for Baguio City; Mt. Province State Polytechnic College in Bontoc, Mt. Province; Abra High School and

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## Voters' Registration on

BAGUIOCITY—New and transferee voters may now register at satellite centers as to the schedule jointly released by the office of Councilor Joel Alangsab and the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) office for Baguio-Benguet. Registration which went on May 12 and 19 for District 1, Rizal Elementary School; and District 2, Engineers Hill barangay hall, respectively, shall go on for District 3 at Gabriela Silang Barangay on May 26 and on June 2 for District 4, at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) auditorium.

District 5 registration shall be at City Camp Proper barangay on June 9, with Irisan barangay registrants having their own schedule on June 12.

District 6 registrants may go to MRR-Queen of Peace on June 16, while District 7 has its registration at Sto. Nino-Slaughter Barangay on June 23.

Other schedules are: June 30, District 8 at Lucban Elementary School; District 9 at Bayan Park Village on July 7; District 10 at Upper General Luna brgy on July 14; District 11 at Outlook Drive brgy on July 21; District 12 at Loakan Proper brgy on July 27 and Loakan Apugan on July 28.

District 13 registration will be on July 28. Cont. on page 11

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**FOR THE LOVE OF BAGUIO - The Baguio's Finest spearheaded by BCPO city director PSSUPT David Lacdan pick up litters along the central business district before the "Ugnayan" with barangay officials at Sub Station 4 May 17 to intensify the Anti-Littering City Ordinance. The rank and file of the Baguio City Police Station are active in the monthly clean-up drive, tree tending and tree planting activities in support to the city's clean and green program./By Bong Cayabyab**

## Always Check your Vehicles First before Travelling,- DOH

BAGUIO CITY - With people still in the vacation mode before classes starts again this June, Department of Health - Center for Health and Development Cordillera (DOH-CHD-CAR) reminds the public to always check their vehicles first to ensure road safety while traveling or on a trip.

Engr. Gaudencio Tiwing of DOH- CAR, in a kapihan forum last week emphasized that ensuring road safety begins with checking their vehicles of the basics, embodied in the acronym 'BLOWBAGS', which stands for Brakes, Lights, Oil, Water, Battery, Air, Gasoline and Self (which refer to the driver's condition to drive).

He also reminded motorists to always follow traffic rules, maintain road discipline and keep their patience while driving.

Tiwing also discussed road safety here in the region. Based on the National Electronic Surveillance System, road accidents decreased from January to May of this year where there were 15 vehicular accidents recorded with 10 deaths and 155 injured, compared the 22 vehicular accidents recorded during the same period in 2011, which resulted to 18 deaths and 100 people injured.

According to Tiwing, majority of the road accidents here in the region happen on the entry roads/highways leading to Baguio such as Kennon Road, Marcos Highway and Naguilian. Thus, he reiterated the importance of ensuring that vehicles are fit for long travel and ready to take on any road condition.

As for the causes, Tiwing also reported that most of the accidents were due to lose brakes and human error, though he also affirmed that none of incidents involves drunk drivers.

This, Month of May, among the health advocacy of the DOH, which they promote in a Kapihan Media forum last week, is Road Safety Month./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## Baguio City to join International Commemoration of AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2012

BAGUIO CITY - This May 20, more than a hundred countries around the world will once again commemorate the International AIDS (Acute Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Candlelight Memorial Day, which for this year adopts the theme, 'Promoting Health and Dignity Together' - world's oldest and largest grassroots mobilization campaigns for HIV awareness in the world. Started in 1983, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial takes place every third Sunday in May and is led by a coalition of some 1,200 community organizations in 115 countries.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, coordinated by the Global Network of People living with HIV is one of the

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