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Pahayagang palaban!!! **DENR: Climate Change effects can be minimized through proper planning**



BAGUIO CITY – Barely on his second day of duty as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Executive Director (RED) Regidor De Leon gamely faced the local media in a Kapihan forum, Wednesday, to discuss the environmental issues and concerns in the region.

Leon, the forum served as a media briefing for him on the environmental issues and concerns that he needs to address as the new DENR head. De Leon has already assumed different posts in regions II, III and VIII and at the DENR's Central Office.

De Leon noted that

According to De

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AUSTRALIA BOUND - Members of the Aplified Hiphop, a Baguio based dance troupe that recently won the coveted World Supremacy Battlegrounds national competition last October 26 in Metro Manila receive accolades and a cash incentive (P10,000) from Baguio Cong. Mauricio Domogan. The group will represent the country in the upcoming Battlegrounds Championships in Melbourne Australia on November 29. With them is Mrs.Rebecca Domogan./By Bong Cayabyab

Implementation ang importante at pinakamahirap gawin

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Coding Scheme Suspended Up To Jan 1, 2010

BAGUIO CITY- Mayor Reynaldo Bautista, Jr. last week issued Administrative Order 169 suspending the implementation of the number coding scheme for private vehicles from Nov. 11, Wednesday next week, up to Jan. 1, 2010.

The mayor made the announcement during the regular media forum last week, saying local and foreign tourists are expected to flock to the city for this coming Christmas season. Business people, especially of tourism-oriented establishments are also expected to gain a

little bit more after the blow to the economy as to the devastation from the calamities that struck the city, the mayor said.

The city shall also host several conferences during the next weeks, including the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PhiMSEA) and the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE) convention, with participants numbering to more than thousands.

About a thousand and five hundred golf enthusiasts are also expected to flock to the city during the opening and tee-off of the 60th Fil-Am Centennial Golf

tournament on Nov. 18, at playing venues; Camp John Hay and Baguio Country Club, as with tourists and balikbayans who will join the annual Christmas in Baguio activities.

Mayor Bautista, Jr. expects most of the guests to arrive with their own vehicles, or would rent public utility vehicles for convenience in travel and touring purposes. The convention participants, as well as the balikbayans are expected to take the opportunity in going around the Baguio-Benguet area, thus the need for the number coding scheme suspension, issued by the

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Alliances, tandems for 2010 Must be platform based

Opposition Senator Chiz Escudero yesterday said alliances or tandems for the 2010 elections must be based on platform and not on the strength of party machinery, personal popularity, or financial capability.

"I have made my stand known on key issues which need to be addressed for real change to happen in this country. Any alliance or coalition can only be forged if there is agreement, or a consensus on resolving these long-standing concerns," the 40-year old lawmaker said.

Escudero, who is expected to announce his political plans before the Dec. 1 deadline for the fil-

ing of certificates of candidacy, has publicly declared that he is for a P125 wage increase and against labor contractualization.

He has also called for abolition of the pork barrel and the repeal of the oil deregulation law.

The youngest among the presidential frontrunners, the Bicol lawmaker said those seeking the highest office of the land should now state their positions on these issues.

"These are fundamental issues that matter most to our people. The people deserve to know from the presidentiables what they stand for and what their plans are if they become president in the next six years," he said.

"For a long time

now, our people have been given the raw end of the electoral deal. I hope that this time they will be able to decide whom to choose on the basis of a candidate's agenda for governance," Escudero said.

He also reiterated that if he decides to run for the presidency, he will be doing it without being influenced by anyone or dictated by any political party.

"This should be the first test of leadership of any putative candidate - for him to decide on his own and take full responsibility for the decision on whether not to run and what position to run for," he said./ Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

DENR clarifies report that Baguio City is 90% susceptible to landslides

BAGUIOCITY- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-CAR) clarified the report that the city is 90 percent vulnerable to landslide.

DENR Mines and Geo-science Bureau Regional Director Samuel Paragas explained during the kapihan forum Wednesday that they have only classified areas in the city in terms of landslide

prone areas such as low to none, moderate, critical and highly susceptible. He stressed that their geo-hazard mapping is meant more for mitigations rather for people to panic.

Paragas also remind the public that the Philippines belongs to the circum-pacific ring of fire that is frequented by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and Cordillera hav-

ing the highest range of mountains is susceptible to erosion or landslides.

In the same forum, DENR-MGB Mines and Safety Division chief Zards Gacad also clarified that the percent figure is a summation of the various classifications. He explained that people should not look at the number as their geo-hazard mapping provides data on the vulnerability and

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Lawmaker Urges Palace Not To Back Down To Pressure On Oil Price Freeze

CALLS ON CONGRESS TO AMEND OR REPEAL DEREGULATION LAW

Opposition Sen. Chiz Escudero yes-

terday urged the Palace not to back down to pressure from business and other interest groups to lift the oil price freeze in typhoon-stricken ca-

lamity areas.

"The current turmoil in the global economy has seen governments taking on a more activist,

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Session road to turn into green lane Dec. 1

BAGUIOCITY – On an experimental basis, Session Road shall be converted as a green lane on Dec. 1, with all vehicles going downwards, thus minimizing traffic and eliminating excessive exhaust smoke.

A bicycle lane within the same area is envisioned next, the mayor said.

Mayor Reinaldo Bautista, Jr. made the announcement during the regular media ugnayan last week, saying the moves are t o w a r d s

“pedestrianization” of the area. The actions are geared towards less pollution in the area, and a greener environment for the city.

The green lane starts at the Baguio Post Office, with exit points, noted as “orange lanes” in Assumption road and Mabini street. Parking areas, or “yellow lanes” are available along Calderon street, lower Mabini street and the upward lane of Session road.

All these are with the church and Bishop Carlito Cenzon’s support,

the mayor said. A professor and students’ group from the academe, dubbed as the E-cademe team are supportive of the pedestrianization of Session road, he added. The group is working for advocacy programs

The mayor is also pushing for a dual odd-even traffic scheme, which envisions lesser vehicle on the road at given times of the day, and of certain days of the week. This would entail the amendment of the traffic ordinance, the mayor said./ juliegfianza

Mayor To Veto Council Measure Awarding Sari-Sari Stalls

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. Thursday said he will veto the city council resolution awarding the 56 stalls at the sari-sari section of the city market because six of the stalls are not suitable for award at all.

The body the other week approved a resolution awarding immediately the 50 stalls to the original grantees while the remaining six spaces will be raffled off to other claimants.

The mayor

said he is aware that the 50 original stallholders in the area have valid contracts with the city but the six others have no legitimate permits.

The said six were said to have permits purportedly approved by the City Council in 1995 despite provisions in the Market Code that disallow subdivision and subleasing of stalls at the trading center.

The mayor said that the 50 original grantees were included in the list of legitimate stallholders

with existing and valid contracts with the city government based on the report of the Baguio City Market Authority under the city treasurer’s office.

With his plan of disapproving the council measure, even the award of the 50 legitimate stalls will also have to wait, the mayor said.

He said it is better that the six stalls be left vacant and be used for other purposes than for vending.

Occupants of the six disputed stalls demanded **Cont. on page 10**

DOH advises the public to buy food products with Sangkap Pinoy Seal

BAGUIO CITY – Every November 7th of the year is celebrated as National Food Fortification Day pursuant to Republic Act 8976 or the Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000.

In line with this, the Department of Health is continuously advocating a healthy diet rich in Vitamin A, Iron and iodine micronutrients even as it advises the public to look for the DOH “Sangkap Pinoy Seals,” when buying cooking oil, flour, rice, sugar, salts and processed food products, such as sardines, ketchup, juice, hotdog, noodles, margarine, cheese spread, bread and infant

cereals. DOH Regional Nutritionist Imee Aboy explained that food fortification is the addition of one or more essential nutrients to food for the purpose of preventing or correcting a demonstrated deficiency with one or more nutrients.

According to Aboy, the DOH Food fortification program aims to provide every Filipino fortified food, by at least 50 percent of the Rec-

ommended Dietary Allowance (RDA), to help improve their quality of life and prevent malnutrition or micro-nutrients malnutrition

Aboy explained that Vitamin A, Iron and Iodine are the three most important micronutrients provided by the food we eat and required by the body (in small quantities) for it to function normally. Lack of it could result to Vitamin A Deficiency Disorder

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BFAD: Consult doctors before taking food supplements

BAGUIO CITY – November is being celebrated nationwide as “Traditional and Alternative Health Care Month”, and as part of the commemoration, the Center for Health and Development Cordillera (CHD-CAR) is involved in various advocacy programs on traditional and alternative medicines.

In a radio interview Thursday, CHD-CAR Food and Drugs Regulation Officer (FDRO) II Lily Ann Aglubat, explained that the objective of the commemoration is to integrate traditional healing practices with current health care system, to complement and not to replace modern medicine, in consonant with the Traditional and Alternative Medicine Act of 1997.

According to Aglubat, only the DOH Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) registered herbal medicines have scientific proof of safety, efficacy and good quality. To date,

there are 10 herbal products/medicines recognized by the Health Department namely Acapulco, Ampalaya, Bawang, Bayabas, Lagundi, Sambong, Niyug-niyugan, pansit-pansitan or ulasimang bato, and Herba Bueno (pepper mint). Of these ten registered herbal medicines, Lagundi and sambong, are already formulated into dosage forms (capsules).

There are now many kinds of herbal food products and herbal dietary supplements being sold in the market. Aglubat clarified that both herbal food products and dietary supplements are **Cont. on page 10**

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals – not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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Hunger By Installment

The first star parols and Christmas belens are now decking this town. The "tambourine brigade" won't be far behind: scrawny out-of-school kids who bang flattened bottle caps for off-key carols. They cadge coins from passers-by.

These grimy "street troubadours" never heard of the 7th National Nutrition Survey. Yet, NNS is about them—and skewed chances their next Christmas, perhaps, could be better.

Like the 5th and 6th surveys, this latest Food and Nutrition Research Institute study documents savaging, with little let up, of this country's foundation: children and breast-feeding mothers.

All three reports document miniscule progress to curb daily installment hunger. Malnutrition still keeps floodgates ajar to debilitating diseases: TB, blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency to energy-sapping anemia.

EDITORIAL

"Shriveling away from hunger is not the stuff of headlines." Sketchy reports on FNRI's survey were published, then vanished. The evening news hewed to its daily diet of crime and political pap.

Reporting significance is often a thankless chore. But it is essential, if the national debate is to move beyond today's political drivel. In the past, we in media failed to adequately explain what those dry-as-dust nutrition statistics meant. Did we flunk again? Consider these excerpts from the 7th survey:

Nutrition adequacy barely budged from cellar-levels of 2003 or 2005. "There are more undernourished children and nutritionally at-risk pregnant and lactating women today" than there were six years ago.

"The prevalence of adults with chronic energy deficiency, however, has declined." That's the rare silver lining.

Today, out of every hundred pre-schoolers, 26 are underweight. Another 28 didn't come up to their expected normal height. And six were thin. That's bad enough.

But From 2005 to 2008, a significant increase in the proportion of underweight (24.6% to 26.2%) and under height (26.3% to 27.9%) among preschoolers was noted." Scrub the jargon. It means: kids below 5 years today are more emaciated, shorter and skinnier than they used to be.

The most crucial period for infants is while they're still in the womb, and surviving until five years of age. Ensure mothers get adequate nutrition and pre-natal care. And that jacks up the chances for babies to mature bloom into talented adults instead of scrunching into stunted dwarfs.

"Many of the things we need can wait," Nobel Laureate Gabriel Mistral wrote. "The child can not wait. Now is the time his bones are being formed, his blood made, his sinews developed. To him, we can not say: tomorrow. His name is today."

Over the last three years, however, the proportion of "nutritionally at-risk" (i.e. ill-fed) pregnant women hasn't shrunk. In fact, the number inched up (1.7%). The "prevalence of underweight" women, who breast-fed, did become smaller. But the reduction was miniscule: from 13.9% to 13.1%

Rewind to the 6th Nutrition Survey. That already found four out of ten women, who breast-fed then, were anemic. Six out of 10 infants, up to a year old, were anemic. Surprise? By age five, this stark proportion dwindled down to one or two infants. But irreversible damage had been inflicted by then.

PEM or protein energy malnutrition, in fact, sends far too many Filipino pre-school children to premature graves, ADB and World Bank said in their previous study: "Early Child Development."

But the real—and glossed-over-scandal is: proportions of Filipino infants who die are larger than in poorer countries like Bangladesh, Kenya or Tanzania.

The 7th Survey the means lethal cycle, described by the 5th and 6th studies, hasn't been dismantled at all. The ill-fed today give birth to wizened infants who will mother the next generation of dwarfed babies.

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BULAG, PIPI AT BINGI, MANHID PA NA MGA PULIS !!!

BY RUDY "BANTAY SIYASAT" GARCIA



Nagsimula at natapos ang selebrasyon ng undas sa lungsod ng Baguio na maayos at mapayapa... maayos ang daloy ng trapiko at walang naitala ang pulisya na anumang insidenteng di kanais nais sa panahon ng paggunita nito... saludo ang diretsahan kay Inspector Elmer Cereno ng BCPO Traffic Management Division, POSD na pinangungunahan ni Engr. Greg Delijero at lahat ng mga volunteer na naging daan para maging maayos at mapayapa ang undas sa Baguio. Mabuhay Kayo!

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AYON SA NAIBULONG sakín ng isa kong "Bubuwit", isa raw sa nagbebenta ng mga ilegal na droga o "Shabu" dito sa lungsod ay ang mga nag-aahente dumano sa mga paupahan o mga "Transient House Agents"! kung totoo ito, kelangan ng masusing pagmamatyag sa mga ito! Magsiyon PDEA, Pakituunan naman ito ng pansin.

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Ang sabi ng MGB o Mines and Geographical Bureau ng DENR-CAR nubenta porsyento umano ang "landslide prone" sa lungsod ng Baguio... Palakpakan!! Kumilos din sila sa wakas... pagkatapos na marami ang matabunan ng buhay dulot ng pagguho sa lupa dahil sa bagyong "Pepeng"... pero hindi Diretsahang tinukoy kung ano ang sanhi kumbakit nagkaroon ng malaking porsyento ng landslide sa Baguio... hindi nila tuwirang inamin kung ito ba ay talagang mayroong mga "faultline" o dahil sa pagmimina?! At ngayon naman ay sasabihin nila na hindi naman daw delikado ang Baguio City, sa halip ay nagpaalala lamang sila na mag-ingat daw ang lahat... pweh!.. para silang nagbigay ng babala pero binawi rin pagkatapos, ano ang palagay nila sa mga tanga,... este mga taga Baguio, teka, hindi kaya binago nila ang kanilang posisyon ay dahil may "Pressure" sa kanila?... hindi kasi nila nakumbinsi ang mga hindi tanga,... este taga Baguio na ligtas daw ang Baguio, kaya nga nasayang ang sana ay idaraos na "Ad Congress" dito sa lungsod... hay naku buwisheeeet!

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MARAMING "Beho" o "Tsinoy" daw ang tatakbo na Meyor, Bise Mayor, at Konsehal dito sa Baguio sa darating na eleksyon... baka balak nilang gawing "Binondo" sa Norte ang Baguio?!... wow, eh di makakatikim na rin ako ng mga lutong "Little China Town"... mga buhay na hayop kasi na "nakadisplay" ang iniluluto nila alin man sa pipiliin ng nagpapaluto... ang hirap lamang baka tayo naman ang "iluto" nila pagdating ng araw, ano, GO na ba kayo para Meyor, o NG iisip palang kayo? ANG sisip-sep kasi nila ano? He! He!

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