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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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City steps in to help BWD on illegal deep well problem

BAGUIO CITY – Outgoing Mayor Mauricio Domogan on May 14 directed the City Engineering Office to stop the construction of deep wells that have no excavation permits in the city.

In Memorandum No. 108 series of 2019 to City Engineer Edgar Victorio Olpindo, the mayor said the Baguio Water District had raised concern over the proliferation of private deep wells that causes the city's groundwater supply to dwindle.

"Considering the seriousness of the said concern because of its effect, you are hereby directed to stop the construction of deep wells that have no excavation permit," the mayor noted.

Domogan's move intends to help the BWD address the growing problem on illegal deep wells in the city over which the department admitted its powerlessness.

"BWD can only do so much to protect its existing water sources and cannot impose sanction/s on private deep well owners considering that pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1067 or the Water Code of the Philippines, control and regulation over the utilization, exploitation, development, conservation and protection of water resources are primarily vested upon the NWRB (National Water Resources Board)," the BWD noted in a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors last April to bring the problem to the attention of the NWRB.

Resolution No. 13-2019 requested the National Water Resources Board

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SHOVELING LADIES - Dona Josefa Elementary school lady teachers work manual labor work side by side with their men counterparts during the start of Brigada Eskwela in preparation for the start of the school year on June 3 for public elementary and high schools. Notice the ladies shoveling while men holding the sacks. Some kind of reversal of roles? No. This is typical Cordillera where women have no second thoughts picking up a shovel. /Bong Cayabyab.

**Nabayag dagita
illegal nga deep wells.
Igalaklako da pay ti
danum. Baka too late
the hero kayon
apo!**



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Baguio crimes drop by 27 percent in first 4 months

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) reported the crime incidents in the city continue to be on a downtrend not only over the past two years but also for the first four months of this year.

BCPO officer-in-charge Police Col. Allen Rae F. Co disclosed that from January to April this year, crime incidents dropped by 316 incidents or 27 percent compared to the crime incidents in the same period last year where there were some 1,150 crimes recorded by the different police stations in the city.

Further, he reported the index crimes comprising the crimes against property, robbery, theft, carjacking and crime against persons, homicide, murder, rape and physical injuries, notably decreased by 22 incidents or 16 percent.

The police official pointed out that the manageable crime situation is a jumpstart to an even more peaceful and productive city as each resident gives full support to the campaign of law enforcers against illegal drugs and criminality.

In 2017, the BCPO claimed there were 3,478

recorded crimes in the police blotter of all police stations compared to the 3,313 crimes recorded in 2018, a decrease of 165 incidents or 5 percent from the total crime volume.

Based on the BCPO report, the bulk of the recorded incidents were vehicular accidents while there were 9 homicide cases, 394 physical injuries and 1,757 damage to property due to reckless imprudence.

According to the report, what is notable in the said decrease is the emphasis on the reduction of index crimes from 703 in 2017 to only 409 last year, a decrease of 294 incidents (42 percent) or almost half of the previously recorded cases.

Police authorities disclosed the two most prevalent crimes in the city, physical injuries and theft, significantly decreased by 46 percent and 45 percent, respectively.

They claimed that when people in the community trust their policemen, when they have a high sense of confidence in them and cooperate fully with them, the policemen will be enabled, will feel better about themselves, thus, they will perform better, work their

best and produce greater results.

Co expressed his gratitude to the local government led by Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, the stakeholders, different volunteer groups, and the community for their utmost and unending support to the BCPO through the years as evidenced by the recently concluded May 13, 2019 mid-term elections where Baguio city was commended as one of the most peaceful and orderly cities in the conduct of the political exercise in the whole country.

He also expressed his gratitude to all the candidates and local leaders who respected the norms of conduct expected of public servants and committed themselves to run a clean campaign, observing fairness, common decency, honesty and good faith which greatly contributed to the conduct of the peaceful and orderly elections in the city amidst recent issues that cropped up on alleged vote-buying shortly before and during the elections and black propaganda against a number of the aspirants for the different elected positions. */Dexter A. See*

Moldex tree cutting permit did not come from city government

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday said that the permit to cut close to 49 trees at a private property along Marcos Highway did not come from the city government.

The mayor sought to correct some reactions over the social media

castigating him for purportedly giving the nod for the felling of the said trees at the property being developed by Moldex Corp.

The Forestry Division of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) whose foresters are members of

the city's joint inspection committee also affirmed that the permit came from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and not from the city.

Domogan also decried his being denied due process on the alleged case filed against him for usurpation of authority over the cutting of ten trees in a private lot along Legarda Road last February.

"I would have been ready to answer the charges but what will I answer, I haven't received a copy of the complaint and then allegedly the DENR central office held a presscon on the matter. That is unfair as I'm being subjected to trial by publicity," the mayor lamented.

The mayor said the ten trees subject of the alleged complaint were

No septic tank, no piggery rule along Bued River Basin

A total of 158 hograisers within the Bued River Basin in Baguio were found to be operating business without a septic tank and thereby directly discharges untreated animal wastewater into open environment.

The data was based on the monitoring of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) in compliance to the Bued River Action Plan 2019 after it has been identified as a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The action plan was formulated in a bid to improve Bued River's quality of water which was an offshoot of the Balili River Revitalization program.

In the report, Engr. Moises Lozano, assistant head of CEPMO and division chief of the Wastewater Management Division (WAMD), revealed that out of the 23 barangays of Baguio within the Bued River Basin, there are 10 barangays monitored with hograisers.

At least 203 hograisers have been mapped with over 1052 hogs but only 45 have septic tank and biogas system.

Lozano said the Inter-Agency Task Force on Piggeries and Poultry in the city of Baguio provides a

two year ultimatum starting this year for hograisers with septic tanks to dispose their hogs while only six months was given for those without septic tanks.

Barangay San Vicente was monitored to have the most number of hograisers at 79 with 352 hogs with only 15 hograisers operating with a septic tank.

Other barangays with a number of residents on hog raising business include Lower Dagsian with 27 hograisers - 93 hogs but only five have septic tank; Balsigan with 22 hograisers - 142 pigs but only six have septic tank; Camp 7 with 21 hograisers - 245 pigs but only 10 have septic tanks; and, Poliwas with 21 hograisers - 110 hogs but only five have septic tank.

Barangays Upper Dagsian have 12 hograisers with 37 pigs and no septic tank; Greenwater have 11 hograisers with 78 hogs but only one has septic tank; Bakakeng Central have four hograisers with 14 hogs and no septic tank; Imelda Marcos have four hograisers with six hogs but only two has septic tank; while, Sto. Tomas Proper have two hograisers with 11 hogs but only one has septic tank.

Meantime, barangays Military Cut-off, Sta. Escolastica, Hillside, Scout Barrio,

SLU-SVP, BGH Compound issued a certification that their barangays have no residents with hograising activity while barangays Bakakeng Norte/Sur, Camp 8, Dontogan, Gabriela Silang, Loakan Liwanag, Loakan Proper and Sto. Tomas School Area have not submitted their inventory nor issued a certification of no hograising activity.

Lozano said his office will continue to monitor the barangays within the Bued River basin to ensure compliance on environmental laws. He added that CEPMO will start the issuance of Notice of Agreement to state deadline of hograising and signify agreement among stakeholders with an affidavit of undertaking to be signed by the hograiser in front of a prosecutor.

The City Legal Office will file appropriate case for hograisers who did not comply to the affidavit and for habitual violators.

DENR Regional Director Ralph Pablo said piggery waste contain high coliform bacteria which causes water and air pollution. He iterated that raising pigs in urban areas is not allowed under existing environmental laws. */Jessa Mardy Polonio-Samidan*

issued emergency tree cutting permit as they were certified to have been causing imminent danger as per investigation and inspection report from the members of the joint inspection committee composed of foresters from the CEPMO, City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) and a representative from the City Mayor's Office and by the punong barangay of the Burnham-Legarda Road who issued a certification interposing no objection to the cutting of said trees.

Forest Technician Cristito Sandoval of the CEPMO Forestry Division who joined the inspection attested that two of the trees were dead and eight were leaning perilously towards a neighboring private property and the road where electric posts are perched as evidenced by photographs taken of the site.

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NOVER BAYATING

Applicant

CASE No. 2000-01-1440

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 3, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA-STO. TOMAS PROPER (BALACBAC) and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 17th day of May 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Sandoval also confirmed that CENRO personnel were present at the site before the cutting was done and they cleared the operation.

"My duty to sign the permit was ministerial in that when the report says that there was emergency as there was imminent danger being posed by the trees, they followed the process and supplied all the requirements then I had to sign it because if I didn't sign it and something untoward happens like the Camp John Hay incident where a student was killed by a fallen tree, then I'd also be liable," the mayor said. */Aileen P. Refuerzo*

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642 wanted persons arrested by Baguio cops

BAGUIO CITY – Combined police operatives and intelligence agents were able to effect the arrest of some six hundred forty two wanted persons who were issued warrants of arrests by the different courts inside and outside the city to help in sustaining the prevalence of decent peace and order situation in the city.

Based on the report of the Baguio city Police office (BCPO), the arrested wanted persons were reportedly charged with murder, homicide, rape, physical injuries, violations of special laws on illegal drugs, carnapping and illegal possession of firearms and deadly weapons last year.

Further, the BCPO disclosed that 16 top most wanted persons were arrested by combined police operatives and intelligence agents last year.

The service of warrants of arrest to individuals who continue to hide from the long arms of the law is part of the efforts of the local police force to ensure the peace and order of the city.

For this year alone, law enforcers were able to effect the arrest of 13 top most wanted persons who have been charged for homicide, frustrated murder, statutory rape, theft and other index crimes.

The BCPO claimed that there were 39 other wanted persons who were arrested

by the BCPO personnel who were charged for theft, estafa, physical injuries, robbery with force upon things, falsification of public documents, violation of Republic Act (RA) 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children, violation of RA 7610 or the Anti-Child Abuse Law, illegal possession of firearms, illegal gambling, illegal possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia among others.

The BCPO report stipulated that the prompt response of police personnel to calls or text messages for assistance and reports from concerned citizens resulted in the immediate arrest of 25 persons by virtue of warrantless arrests wherein the arrested individuals were involved in different cases like homicide, physical injuries, rape, robbery, theft and other non-index crimes.

Earlier, police officials expressed their gratitude to the residents, visitors and the different stakeholders for their continuous cooperation in the implementation of the different peacekeeping and anti-criminality interventions of the local police force that helped in achieving the primary objective of the police to make Baguio City a safer place to study, work, live and do business.

Police authorities continue to appeal to the people to continue providing the law enforcers with vital information that will lead to the arrest of wanted persons that live in their places and the eventual solution to the crimes that were committed so that criminals will answer for the crimes that they have committed.

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ECO-WALK – Students of the Small World Christian Foundation explore the forest as part of their annual participation to the Eco-Walk program of the city government at the Busol watershed where they tended to the trees planted in their muyong, underwent lectures on the importance of the forest and even played games. Eco-walk, an award-winning children's environmental awareness program brained by newsman Ramon Dacawi has for years served as an open environmental awareness classroom to thousands of students. The Small World pupils were accompanied by their ayes and kuyas undergoing the Special Program for Employment of Students also at the watershed. Those interested to undergo the program may contact the Public Information Office City Mayor's Office at 442-2502./Aileen P. Refuerzo

Domogan lashes out at usurpation charges

of the local government who are experts in

BAGUIO CITY – Outgoing Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan lashed out at the usurpation charges being initiated against him by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on the issuance of tree-cutting permits for dead trees and those that pose danger to the public, saying that such charges are obviously in violation of the due process as enshrined in the fundamental law of the land.

The local chief executive claimed that the usurpation charges against him being floated by Undersecretary Benny Antiporda is another effort by some interested individuals and groups to subject him to trial by publicity when he was never given a chance to formally respond to such charges as part of due process accorded

to people being accused of committing offenses.

He said that it is best for the DENR to file the supposed usurpation charges against him so he can answer the same in the proper forum as the DENR is not the authority that will resolve the cause but the duly constituted authorities.

"We do not even know if the usurpation charges were filed in the first place. We are wondering why such charges are being floated in the media and not the proper forum so that we can present our arguments that will dispute such unfounded and unfair allegations," Domogan stressed.

He explained that the emergency tree-cutting permits issued by his office passed through stringent investigation by personnel from the concerned offices

ascertaining whether or not the trees subject for the issuance of tree cutting permits are dead or those that pose eminent danger to life and limb.

According to him, he even issued an administrative order sometime in 2012 that required the conduct of a joint inspection of the trees being applied for the issuance of tree-cutting permits by the personnel of the concerned offices of the local government and representatives from the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) but such arrangement did not push through because CENRO officers often reasoned out that they have no personnel to do so when requested to conduct inspections on trees being applied for cutting permits.

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Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Special Power of Attorney and Waiver of Rights

Notice is hereby given to the Estate of the deceased Primo A. Tinipac, resident of Holy Ghost, Baguio City who died on April 28, 2019 in Davao has been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous SPA and Waiver of Rights executed by the heirs of said deceased on May 17, 2019 in Baguio city and registered and docketed as Doc. 345 Page. 69; Book 25; Series of 2019 of the Notarial Register of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of the City of Baguio, Philippines.

May 18, 25 and June 1, 2019

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Baguio City

SHERWIN PAUL MAWANAY
Applicant
CASE No. 2012-CAR-1093
NOTICE OF HEARING

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

City steps in to help BWD...

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(NWRB) to give the BWD "direct involvement" in the approval of water permits particularly in the investigation and studies process and in the monitoring and regulation of water extraction of private deep wells in the city.

The Board said that the at the moment, BWD can only file protests and opposition against some applications for private deep wells as allowed under Presidential Decree No. 198 or the Provincial Water Utilities Act of 1973 and for deep wells that operate without permits, the office merely reports them to the NWRB for its appropriate action./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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NANDO AM-MARAN
Applicant
CASE No. 2015-CAR-154
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A message to the enlightened Filipinos

By: Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV (www.rappler.com)

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

These are the words uttered by Jesus Christ as he faced the angry mob who cursed, jeered, and then called for his execution via crucifixion, as though he was the worst criminal alive. Fast forward to the present – where the opposition just got subjected to an electoral bloodbath – not a few members from different anti-Duterte groups understandably, unlike the Divine and the All-Merciful, started cursing and blaming the wholesale carnage on the so-called "bobotantes" or the Filipino masses. They've had it. The masses are stupid, they say. But are they, really? I don't think so. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

During the People Power Revolution in 1986, it was the same masses who flocked to EDSA that eventually led to the ouster of the Marcoses. The same masses again showed up in 2007 and 2010, through their votes this time, as they resoundingly rejected the corrupt Arroyo administration. In short, the Filipino masses that the enlightened class so easily blame have, historically, delivered time and again. Contrary to the elitist misconception, as far as politics is concerned, they are as smart, sensitive, and patriotic as everyone else. But if so, it begs the question: Despite what's going on in our country, why do they still support Duterte and his allies? Well, the simple answer is, they don't know what you know and they haven't seen what you've seen. In other words, the Filipino masses are not stupid and blind; they are just not as enlightened as you are.

The information interplay

In today's social media age, the enlightened class tends to assume two things: (1) that everybody else is on Facebook or social media; and (2) that the information they see on their newsfeeds are basically the same as what everybody else sees. Well, sad to say, both are inaccurate assumptions.

Based on various statistics, active Facebook or other social media platform users in the Philippines range from 35 million to 45 million. But a significant number of these users are below 18 years old and are, therefore, non-voters. So, if we have around 60 million registered voters, it is safe to say that at least half of the voting population are not on social media at all. For those who aren't on social media, TV is still king. From the evening news to advertisements, to the teleserye, Ang Probinsyano (which helped a party-list group win

EDITORIAL two seats in Congress!), it is very evident that TV still has a strong influence on the general public's political views. If you watched free TV programs during the last two weeks of the campaign then you'd have an idea of who are going to seriously contend for the top 12 in the Senate race.

Now, with regard to having the same information on newsfeeds, as what we recently learned from the Cambridge Analytica controversy, there are algorithms used by social media platforms to determine the preferences of each individual user. What you "like" is what you'll see. Since most Filipino users are on social media primarily for socialization purposes, then they are likely oblivious to the political information that the enlightened class is seeing and absorbing. Further compounding this problem of information disparity are the fake news and trolls.

Ultimately, the glue that binds all this information and spreads it to the rest of the populace is the so-called word-of-mouth communication. It is where the interplay of facts, news, fake news, advertisements, urban legends, myths, and rumors get chewed on and chewed out.

Duterte, the master propagandist

Unfortunately for us, Duterte and his allies are well aware of these dynamics too. As a policy, they have constantly distorted information and disrupted the information flow to deceive and manipulate the minds of the general public. Duterte himself, as mayor of Davao City for almost 3 decades, has mastered this propaganda game as an essential element to his hold on power.

After winning as mayor in the 1987 elections, Duterte unleashed the Davao Death Squad on the depressed communities in Davao City. He justified the killings as a means to purge and purify the city, much like what Pol Pot had in mind. This shock and awe tactic helped create a climate of fear that cowed his political friends and foes, confused civil society, silenced the church, and both terrified and impressed his constituents. Duterte then courted, coopted, coerced, harassed and intimidated the local media into submission. For the few recalcitrant radio broadcasters, who reported on the corrupt activities committed by Duterte, he had them killed.

With the media abdicating its role as the city watchdog, it eventually became a propaganda tool to project the image he wanted for himself. Duterte then pervaded such urban legends as riding his Harley at night to patrol the streets of Davao to promote his anti-crime image, or that tale where he allegedly asked a foreign tourist to chew on a cigarette butt to stress his supposed toughness in enforcing policy. (Well, more likely, what the people of Davao saw was, since Duterte was an insomniac, probably, he was just bar-hopping late at night with a girlfriend in tow, along with a retinue of heavily armed bodyguards. As to the poor tourist, probably, he just glanced at Duterte's girlfriend of the day and Duterte, being jealous and insecure, made him chew on the cigarette to prove his machismo but only after making sure his bodyguards are close by. Possible, right?)

Thereafter, having absolute control of the whole information apparatus, Duterte was able to turn the people of Davao City, including early critics and doubters, into believers and fanatics. To help explain how this is possible, just picture Kim Jong-un and the people of North Korea.

The Original Lie

As a prospective candidate for president, despite vehement denials early on, Duterte had his PR handlers design and surreptitiously launch in early 2015, a social media-based propaganda campaign to subtly promote him. Do you recall the online article, which reported that Davao City is the 4th safest city in the world? That online article was based solely on an online survey for those who visited the website and not on any extensive academic research by reputable institutions. But it came out at a time when people still believed everything that came out of the internet. So, when Duterte's PR handlers fed this article to the mainstream media, it was naively swallowed as factual. Just a cursory check would've shown that Davao City isn't even on the list of the top 1,000 safest cities in the world. →



DISPATCH FROM CRAME

*On the Electoral Loss of the
Opposition Slate*

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

I have been asked how I feel witnessing the results of the May 2019 Senatorial poll unfold. By now, the results are clear: not a single opposition senatorial aspirant made

it to the top 12.

The results may be clear, ostensibly, but to be honest, it makes it no easier for me to put my emotions into words. I have always put reason above emotions; finding the why and the how always came first before giving in to the thrall of feelings. But this time, my very attempt to search for reason merely heightened how lost I feel. I could not understand how the objectively undeserving – those who are known to have committed crimes against the nation, who presented no concrete plans of action, who could show no accomplishment except their "loyalty" to one man, and those who are fencesitters – could win the votes of the Filipino people. Especially when these results – the consolidation of power and control in one man – are precisely what history has taught us to avoid, and what our laws and constitutional set-up were designed to prevent. I thought, surely the Filipinos knew better.

The confusion I felt eventually gave way to a deep and acute sense of disappointment. That, too, is a confusing feeling because it is hard to fathom who I am disappointed with. Definitely not the members of the Opposition Slate.

The Otso Diretso offered themselves up to serve the interests of the Filipino people – above all and with no reservations. They may have won no seats, but that is not their loss. It is our loss. We had a chance to elect brave, competent, independent-minded and compassionate people, who understood and were committed to the true meaning of "public service", but we, as a nation, turned their offer down. To me and the millions who voted for Otso Diretso, it seemed like an obvious choice, but apparently not.

That huge gap between what we in the Opposition perceived and understood, and what the majority of the voters decided in the polls, allowed disappointment to give way to sobriety. Yes, it is another setback. Yes, this is no ordinary loss. But with loss comes the opportunity to learn. And we won't learn anything if we let ourselves wallow in disappointment or give in to hopelessness.

This loss was hard. Painful. But we should not give up. Because this fight is perhaps the most important fight of our entire history as a nation. We are fighting for our future, our children's future. We are fighting for our soul as a nation.

Hope exists not when the going is easy. Hope exists precisely for times like this. Hope exists as our most important defensive and offensive weapon. There will be no playing the blame game. There will, nevertheless, be a lot of reflection, a heightened resolve and, above all, the opening up of avenues of communications.

We live to fight another day. A long tough fight it is. But we will not give up.

In fact, according to official statistics in December 2015, Davao City recorded the most murders and second most rapes of all the cities in the country, making it actually the most dangerous city to live in. Great spin, right? Sadly, the media was complicit and didn't even fact check it. Moreover, an army of fanatics from Davao and Mindanao were quickly all over social media validating and affirming it with their own testimonials. With this, fake news in the Philippines was born.

To their credit, this original lie was very effective as propaganda that it was deeply embedded in the voter psyche all throughout the campaign in 2016. This myth was never busted. Hence, it became the refuge of the Duterte apologists back then whenever he would commit a blunder. They would simply say, "Okay lang na bastos at palamura, basta gagawin niyang safest country ang Pilipinas the way na ginawa niya sa Davao (It's okay that he's rude and foul-mouthed, for as long as he makes the Philippines the safest country just as what he had done in Davao)." No matter how simplistic that sounds **Cont. on page 5**

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now but it worked then.

The totalitarian project

As a newly elected president, Duterte applied the Davao City template to the letter. He shocked and awed with his war on drugs speeches and the more than 30,000 EJKs that followed. This, plus the detention of Senator Leila de Lima on purely fabricated charges, created a climate of fear that cowed both his political allies and foes, intimidated the courts, confused civil society, silenced the church and both terrified and impressed the general public. They could end up in the constantly-updated narcolist, Duterte warned. As in Davao, he then courted, coopted, coerced, harassed, and intimidated the national media into submission. The “recalcitrant” few like Rappler, Vera Files and PCIJ, are continuously harassed and would end up in moronic out-Duterte matrices. The multiple cases filed against Rappler CEO Maria Ressa were done in case some other independent journalists missed the point.

Again, as in Davao, with the major media outfits abdicating their role as society’s watchdog, Duterte effectively transformed them into his own propaganda machine. He had them at his fingertips. Whenever he needs to inculcate an idea, float a proposal, deflect an issue, or simply just to entertain and connect with the general public, he simply calls for a press conference then rambles away. None of the mainstream media outfits would dare report anything negative about those speeches or anything negative about Duterte, period. As confided by some reporters and editors, the basic rule in news rooms right now is, absolutely, no negative news for Duterte, Bong Go, and the administration in general. Otherwise, the fearful or coopted media owners and editors would block them.

All the while that this is happening in mainstream media, the Duterte social media machine was in full swing too, with paid influencers or trolls utilized as peddlers of propaganda, myths, anecdotes, and fake news to expand and solidify their netizen base and trigger word-of-mouth circulation.

With the propaganda apparatus operating as designed, the totalitarian project is about to be taken to the next step. But then the 2019 elections happened and, now, things will change. In fact, it already did.

The 2019 elections silver lining

Believe it or not, despite the undeniably wholesale defeat of the opposition at the polls, there were so many positive takeaways that we, the enlightened Filipinos, can build on moving forward.

First, the Duterte cult image and following have been shattered. In the aftermath of the 2016 elections, the euphoria, optimism, and conviction of the Duterte voters were so contagious, that almost all the Roxas, Poe, and Binay voters were instantly converted. They hoped that Duterte, the so-called architect behind the “safest city in the world,” would indeed deliver on his promises. He is the One, his diehards claim. Well, that illusion is over now and it wasn’t even fun while it lasted. Regardless of what the faux surveys say about his approval rating, the way Filipinos regarded him in June 2016, is much different than the way they regard him now.

While the spin masters and the uninitiated would claim that the election results reflected the dominance of the Duterte brand, most of the winners in the Senate race are already established names in politics who would’ve won regardless of the sitting President they’re allied with. Also, Tolentino was the 13th placer in the 2016 race, so he is not really considered a newcomer. Therefore, only Bong Go and Bato dela Rosa can be considered Duterte creations and alter egos. Other candidates that he or daughter Sara personally endorsed for the Senate, like Dong Mangudadatu, Jinggoy Estrada, Jiggy Manicad, Freddie Aguilar, and Raffy Alunan, lost badly too. The same goes for close ally incumbent Senator JV Ejercito.

As to Bong Go, think about it: after pouring billions of pesos before and during the campaign; pressuring the LGUs to deliver their command votes; getting endorsements from major religious groups; and being personally campaigned for by a supposedly extremely popular incumbent president, he was only able to muster at most 44% of the vote.

Hypothetically, if the LGUs were neutral instead of delivering the command vote for the admin candidates, Bam Aquino would’ve easily ended up being in the top 6 and Mar Roxas in the top 12. Or, if you give the lesser known opposition candidates just a hundred million pesos each for their TV ads, they would’ve made it, too. Consider this, Gary Alejano, the Magdalo candidate, who was a relatively unknown name in national politics prior to the campaign, spent approximately P3 million pesos in TV ads and yet he garnered more than 4.5 million votes.

In sum, there was no Duterte factor in this elections, only the usual money politics in full display, plus the expected political pressure on the LGUs. →

Second, the enlightened Filipinos are not afraid anymore. The initial impact of the shock and awe strategy has been shaken off. Individuals, civil society groups and sectors, including most elements of the Catholic Church, have openly and actively campaigned for the opposition not only because they believe it is patriotic but also because they believe it is the moral thing to do. For most, it is now the quintessential battle of Good vs Evil.

Third, social media is not dominated by Duterte diehards anymore. Gone are the days when a netizen who would dare criticize Duterte would be swarmed, bullied, and threatened by his blind followers. Of course, the paid trolls and diehard supporters are still roaming the public pages, but the regular netizens who were just carried away by the Duterte bandwagon early on have either switched sides or have kept silent. As one former pro-Duterte netizen aptly said, “Nakakahiya at nakakapagod na kasi talaga siya depensahan (Defending him has really become shameful and tiresome).”

Fourth, regardless of the final outcome, Senator Bam Aquino still garnered more than 14 million votes. That is still quite an impressive number considering the circumstances. More importantly, it could be a base that the opposition could build on for the political battles ahead.

The way forward

At this point, the enlightened Filipinos would ask, what do we do next?

First, we lick our wounds then stand up as soon as we can, in order to prepare for the next political round. There is no benefit or wisdom to gain from sulking and blaming. The situation is still precarious. Don’t assume for a second that Duterte and his minions are satisfied with the fame, money, and power they have. No, they want more and, if possible, they want all. So, we have to remain vigilant. The threat of a nationwide Martial law/RevGov is always there. Then there are the likely moves for Cha-Cha/federalism; the continuing impunity and EJKs; the creeping invasion in the West Philippine Sea; the corruption of the Davao group, etc.

Second, we must unite and consolidate the opposition under Vice President Leni Robredo. She is not only a charismatic, intelligent, strong, and very capable leader, but also the polar opposite of the immoral and amoral Duterte.

We must also build on and be inspired by the positives of the last elections as enumerated above. We are not alone anymore. The ranks of the enlightened have grown so much bigger. It is also quite significant that the polls showed that, generally, the middle class has already turned its back on Duterte. It could now become the backbone of the enlightened movement.

Third, we must continue to shatter the Duterte myth by spreading the truth. Social media is not Duterte’s playground anymore. Call out your Facebook friends for posting or sharing fake news. Inform, educate, and enlighten your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and everyone else who would care to listen. For reasons stated above, we should not continue to expect the mainstream media to be society’s watchdog anymore. It is on us now.

Fighting a tyrant is, without a doubt, a formidable task. No one ever said that it would be easy. But, unfortunately, we don’t have a choice. Watching from the sidelines as Duterte destroys our country, is not an option.

Besides, right now, we have the motivation, the momentum, the time and, most importantly, we have the truth on our side. There’s one caveat, though: In our fight with the monster, we should not become monsters ourselves. Therefore, we should always take the high road and never be tempted to be like them. In doing so, all the killings and impunity, the oppression and persecution, the corruption and incompetence, the incivility and indecency, the deception and lies will stop with Duterte. This is the only way for us to redeem our national soul in 2022. — Rappler.com

Senator Antonio “Sonny” Trillanes IV is one of the most vocal critics of President Rodrigo Duterte. He is on his third term, which ends on June 30, 2019.

Cordillera exports drop...

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Taiwan – 3.7 percent, Germany – 3.5 percent, United Kingdom or Great Britain and Ireland – 3.2 percent, and Malaysia – 2.3 percent.

Other countries or geographic entities, include Hong Kong – 2.6 percent, United Arab Emirates – 0.5 percent, Israel – 0.5 percent, Canada – 0.4 percent, Korea – 0.3 percent, Thailand – 0.2 percent, Poland, Italy and India – 0.1 percent./
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He said that it will take time for new structures to be programmed under the DepEd.

School head appeals for help

The Philippine Information Agency, in an →

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DOLORES L. DANIEL**Applicant****CASE No. 2014-CAR-1084****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on May 3, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA- TRANCOCVILLE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on June 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon 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 Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 17th day of May 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SPOUSES FRANCISCO E. MUGAL and CRISANTA E. MUGAL, who died without any will on May 26, 2005 and October 17, 2011, at Datakan, Kapangan, Benguet and No. 63 East Quirino, Hill Baguio City, respectively, consisting of a parcel of land under Townsite Sales Application situated in Res. “K”, Quirino Hill, Baguio City, Province of Benguet containing an area of 164 sq. m. and with a building standing thereon covered by ARP No. 2018-04-005-186861, have been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver of Rights by the surviving heirs as per Doc. No. 214; Page No. 43; Book No. 03; Series of 2018 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Renato B. Mana-a of Baguio City.

May 18, 25 and June 1, 2019

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DAISY P. BANAWAG**Applicant****CASE No. 2005-BENG-CAR-1356****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application filed on May 15, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on June 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon 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 Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 16th day of May 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

advisory, issued the appeal for help of Henry Tinaza, head teacher of the school.

In the Ilocano dialect, he said “please help us, the children have nothing to use for their schooling when classes start on June 3”.

Tinaza said that the school immediately needs construction materials to rebuild their school which is being used by more than 60 students and at least four teachers who are in-charge of the multi-grade level applied in the school.

The school's sole unburned building, a small structure which serves as storage and canteen, cannot accommodate the students during school days.

Initial report of the Tuba Fire station shows that the fire at the Indaoac Elementary School in Sitio Indaoac in Tabaan Sur started at the Principal’s room that spread to the adjacent rooms including the Kindergarten Room, the classroom of Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4, Grades 5 and 6 and the home economics room.

The BFP estimated the damage at PHP5 million. The school had been serving as a polling precinct in the past election, and would have served again for the May 13 polls had it not been burned two weeks prior to the election. (PNA)

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-Respondents.

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roof to protect the school children as classes starts in almost two weeks. (Photo courtesy of Henry Tinaza)

DepEd-Cordillera seeks help in rebuilding fire-hit school in Benguet

BAGUIO CITY -- The Department of Education (DepEd)-Cordillera is asking kind-hearted individuals or organizations to help in rebuilding the Indaoac Elementary School in Tuba, Benguet or at least provide temporary classrooms for its students, ahead of the opening of classes in public schools on June 3.

The school was burned down to ashes on the evening of May 1.

Georaloy Palao-ay, of the DepEd Cordillera Public Affairs division, said they have relayed the matter to the national office in Manila.

"Ang pwedeng gawin (What they can do), they can seek the help of the barangays (if ever temporary classroom can be provided by barangays). If they can use the barangay halls or portions of a house of good-hearted citizens as classrooms as temporary solution," Palao-ay said in an interview.

"Right now, there is an immediacy of the need to have even temporary classrooms, we are calling on the community to help," he said.

Palao-ay shared that just like what the people of Kalinga did when the school was washed out during typhoon 'Rosita' October last year, "the community there on their own way, helped each other to put up a temporary learning center".

He said that the Benguet division of the DepEd had asked help from the UNICEF to borrow the big tents they lent to schools in the province after Typhoon "Ompong" in September last year.

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Domogan emphasized the city government does not want a repeat of the incident inside Camp John Hay (CJH) where a bright 16-year old high school student died after he was hit by a dead tree that fell when the same was not actually cut.

He asserted that the tree-cutting permits issued by his office are properly documented and passed through the process as prescribed under existing law, rules and regulations.

Local executives are authorized by law to issue emergency tree-cutting permits on trees that are either dead or those that pose eminent danger to life and property based on the assessment of personnel and

Petitioner CAMILLE LEOJ DEWACSA CAMBOBO also known as CAMILLE LEOJ CAMBOBO BATTUNG, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the respondent Local Civil Registry Office of Mankayan, Benguet be ordered to cancel the registered and/or annotated Affidavit of Legitimation appearing in her Certificate of Live Birth bearing Reg. No. 9700945.

Petitioner further prays that after the cancellation of the said annotation, she will now be allowed to use the surname of her biological father, "Battung", pursuant to R.A. 9255.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on August 13, 2019 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, before this Court, at which date and time all concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not later than May 26, 2019.

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

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 21st day of May 2019.

(SGD) DANIEL DAZON MANGALLAY
Presiding Judge

May 25 & June 1 & 8,
2019

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE REGISTRATION AND ANNOTATION OF AFFIDAVIT OF LEGITIMATION IN THE RECORD OF BIRTH WITH PETITION FOR THE USE OF THE SURNAME OF FATHER,

CAMILLE LEOJ DEWACSA CAMBOBO also known as CAMILLE LEOJ CAMBOBO BATTUNG,
-Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANKAYAN, BENGUET, THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA); ELMA DEWACSA CXAMBOBO AND JOEL TAMONDONG BATTUNG,

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the THE JUNCTION, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not later than May 26, 2019.

Furnish copies hereof, together with the Petition and its annexes to the Hon. Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, The Local Civil Registrar of Bakun, Benguet, the Philippines Statistics Authority, Petitioners and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 14th day of May 2019.

(SGD) DANIEL DAZON MANGALLAY
Presiding Judge

May 25 & June 1 & 8,
2019

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME FROM ESTRELLA TO ESTRELITA AND HER FAMILY NAME FROM SELVESTRE TO ANONGOS,

ESTRELITA A. ANONGOS - CAYAT, also known as ESTRELLA SELVESTRE,

-Petitioner;

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRARS OF BAKUN, BENGUET AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA),
-Respondents.

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CASE NO.
16-C-298

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Petitioner ESTRELITA A. ANONGOS - CAYAT, also known as, ESTRELLA A. SELVESTRE, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, her name appearing in her Certificate of Live Birth on file with respondent Local Civil Registry Office be changed from Estrella to ESTRELITA (first name) and from Selvestre to ANONGOS (last name).

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on October 9, 2019 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, before this Court, at which date and time all concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

APPEAL FOR HELP.
The school building in Indaoac Elementary School in Tabaan Sur, Tuba, Benguet which was burned on May 1 needs the public's help for the setting up of temporary or make shift structures in time for the opening of classes on June 3. The Department of Education and the school administration have aired their plea for the public's support to the most needed

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MARIO J. RUDIO

Applicant

CASE No. 2002-BC-524

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on April 25, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on June 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon 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 Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 17th day of May 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

SPS. JULIO & CARMENCITA GUMANGAN

Applicant

CASE No. 97-01-292

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on April 11, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - DOMINICAN - LOURDES and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on June 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 17th day of May 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
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642 wanted persons...

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office of President Rodrigo Duterte which was the start of the aggressive campaign against the proliferation of illegal drugs in the different parts of the country, crime incidents started to drastically decline nationwide that resulted to the realization of decent peace and order scenarios in heavily populated urban areas considering that drugs was the root cause of all of the crimes that have been committed by individuals./Dexter A. See

certified by barangay officials who have jurisdiction on the areas where the tree subject to be cut are located.

He pointed out the supporting documents of the issued tree-cutting permits will speak for themselves that there was no usurpation committed in the first place considering that all issued tree cutting permits passed through the prescribed processes./Dexter A. See

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veteran athlete

BAGUIO CITY – The city government recognized veteran athlete, retired Police Maj. Erlinda Lavandia, for her fete in the recently concluded Southeast Asia Masters Athletics championship held in Singapore last May 3-5, 2019.

Lavandia was one the athletes representing the Philippines in the prestigious international competition where she was judged as the best female athlete after winning 4 gold medals in the field events of the competition.

Outgoing Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan underscored the achievement of Lavandia brought honor and pride to the people and officialdom of the city when the Baguio-based athlete grabbed the limelight in one of the prestigious international competitions for veteran athletes from different countries of Southeast Asia.

Lavandia won the gold medals in the javelin throw, discuss throw, shot put

and hammer throw accounted for 4 of the 6 gold medals

brought home by Filipino athletes placing the country second place in the said competition.

She was one of the veteran athletes in the country's delegation from the National Masters and Seniors Athletics Association of the Philippines.

The international event was the showcase for track and field championships for thousands of veteran athletes from the different parts of Southeast Asia.

Lavandia will be receiving from the local government a total of P120,000 or P30,000 for each of the gold medals that she garnered from the international athletics competition as her cash incentive pursuant to the updated sports incentives ordinance of the city.

Domogan urged the 67-year old Lavandia to continue serving as an inspiration to the city's athletes for them to continue representing Baguio City and bring honor and pride to the

country's Summer Capital and making it one of the sources of future athletes that

can represent the country in local, regional, national and international competitions.

Under the city's sports incentives ordinance, local athletes representing the city in local, regional, national and international sports competitions will receive incentives corresponding to the medals they won.

Lavandia has been a consistent medal hauler not only for the city but also the country in previous local, regional and international athletic competitions, especially in her specialized field events, mastering the same even when she was in the active service as a member of the Baguio city Police Office.

Domogan encouraged Lavandia to share her expertise in the field events to upcoming athletes for them to replicate her achievements being a bemedalled athlete even as a senior citizen as the active participation of the youth in sports can help the youth in avoiding possible involvement in illegal activ-



CASH INCENTIVES FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA'S BEST FEMALE ATHLETE - City officials headed by outgoing City Mayor Mauricio Domogan and City Administrator Carlos Canilao honor bemedalled retired Police Major Erlinda Lavandia during City hall flag raising ceremonies for winning four gold medals in javeline throw, discuss throw, shot put and hammer throw events during the just concluded SEA Athletic Championships. (female senior event categories). P/MAJ Lavandia will receive a total amount of Php 120 thousand cash incentive from the city government of Baguio. Also in photo are outgoing City Councilors Edgar Avila, Leandro Yangot Jr and Elmer Datuin, and re-elected City Councilor Benny Bomogao, Elaine Sembrano, Lilia Farinas and Mylen Yaranon./Bong Cayabyab

ities that may compromise their future.

He challenged the city's youth, especially the sports enthusiasts, to emulate the achievements of bemedalled athletes from the city for them to succeed in their endeavours to become one of the top athletes in their chosen fields./Dexter A. See

Cordillera exports drop by 53.8 percent

the total volume of 181,646 kilograms

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera office of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA-CAR) reported that the recorded free-on-board value of export goods of the region in November last year was at \$59,242,211, much lower by 53.8 percent compared to the same period the previous year where exports were recorded at \$128,109,113.

The PSA-CAR stated that the exports value in November 2017 to October 2018 decreased by 13.5 percent.

In November last year, the region's total volume of production was recorded at 178,184 kilograms wherein exports volume declined by 2.1 percent as compared to

export the previous year which increased by 7.4 percent from the volume of exports in October 2018.

Among the export commodities, electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers and parts and accessories of such articles were largely produced for November 2018, accounting for 43.2 percent of export goods wherein the same were valued at \$25,590,137.

Aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof ranked as second with 41.65 percent share in the total exports of the region in November last year wherein the same were

valued at \$24,678,498 in export sales while commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere ranked as third highest produced commodity with 12.4 percent share in the total exports of the region amounting to \$7,328,037.

Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin ranked fourth with 1 percent share in the regional export which was valued at \$565,522.

Further, optical photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories placed fifth with a share amounting to \$443,118 or 0.8 percent

articles thereof shared 0.08 percent, tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal had only 0.07 percent and articles of iron and steel shared 0.05 percent. Where the same had total contributions of 0.9 percent to the export sales in the region.

The countries where the region exported the most in November last year were the United States with total exports value of \$14,128,012 followed by Netherlands with \$9,433,075 export receipts, sharing 15.9 percent of the total export sales of the region.

The region also exported to various countries: Singapore – 13.1 percent, France – 11.8 percent, Japan – 8.8 percent, Peoples Republic of China – 7.8 percent,

in the total export sales of the region.

The PSA-CAR stipulated that commodities such as articles of leather, saddler and harness; travel goods and handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut contributed 0.7 percent while plastics and articles thereof also shared 0.27 percent; aluminum and

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PERLITO M. DULATRE

Applicant

CASE No. 97-01-1512

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on April 4, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on June 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Paddal Baguio City in which date and time applicant 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

This application shall be acted upon 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 Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 17th day of May 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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