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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

La Trinidad Women's Brigade, partner in maintaining peace and order

La Trinidad, Benguet - - This group of women volunteers in La Trinidad, Benguet make change by helping in the upkeep of peace and order in their respective communities in the municipality.

Mayor Romeo Salda said the women's brigade here made an impact in maintaining peace and order and in curbing illegal activities in the communities. They help in effecting the liquor ordinance, ward off minors in bars, look after minors loitering during curfew hours, and check out students in computer shops during school days.

Recently, their tasks have been expanded. They are now deputized in carrying out the anti-smoking program of the local government and the regulation of the "momma" or chewing of betel nut.

They have contributed in effecting the anti-smoking ordinance which earned the town the Red Orchid Award for two consecutive years (2017 and 2018) for promoting smoke-free environment, said Salda.

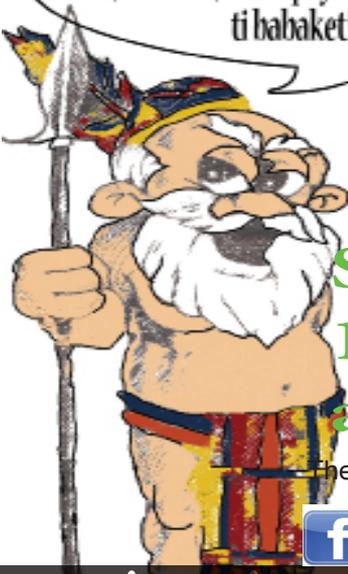
Because of their dedication and performance doing volunteer work, the local government through the Sangguniang Bayan, crafted an ordinance institutionalizing their existence as one of their partners in maintaining peace and order particularly in the implementation of local ordinances.

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BAGUIO PULSE CHECK - Congressional candidates of Baguio City showing sportsmanship and cooperation as they face the public during the Baguio Pulse Check 2019 Candidates Forum at the Peoples Park in Baguio City over the weekend. Present were (L - R) incumbent Congressman Mark Go of the Nacionalista Party, former city mayor Peter Rey Bautista of the Lakas CMD, Mayor Mauricio Domogan of the United Nationalist Alliance, independent candidate Rafael Wasan and former Congressman Nicasio Aliping of the Liberal Party./RMC PIA-CAR

Aye, bilibak met piman kadagitoy babaket. Isuda pay ti naanus ken natured nga nga agbantay it umili iti rabii. Idi panawen mi ket trabahun ti babaru daytoy. Tatta, awanen, isuda pay en ti bantayan ti babaket!



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Honoring and caring for the veterans

Who are the veterans?

BAGUIO CITY - Every April 9 is declared as "Araw ng Kagitingan" or Day of Valor when the nation commemorates the heroism of Filipino and American soldiers who fought the Japanese World War II.

In many areas of the country such as Bontoc, Mountain Province, the day is marked by parade, wreath laying and program paying tribute to the war veterans who fought courageously the foreign invaders to gain freedom for the country that is being enjoyed by the present generation.

The celebration in the province is being led by the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP)-Mountain Province District.

Reflecting on the theme of this year's Araw ng Kagitingan celebration, "Sakripisyo ng Beterano ay Gunitain, Gawing Tanglaw ng Kabataan Tungo sa Kaunlaran," Police Provincial Director Col. Clarence C. Casillo stressed that the youth of today should let this event serve as constant reminder and as a challenge that the liberty, the freedom we are experiencing now was paid off by the precious blood and tears of our heroes, the veterans.

VFP - Mountain Province District president Paulo P. Pagteilan said veterans, as defined in amended Republic Act No. 6948, are those who rendered honorable military service in the land, sea, or air forces of the Philippines during the revolution against Spain and World War II; those who fought in Korea during the Korean war called the PEFTOK (Philippine Expeditionary Force to Korea), and those who fought in Vietnam War in the late 1950's and early 1960's called the PHILCAG (Philippine Civic Action Group).

Retired personnel of the AFP who reached the retirement age and those that were discharged and left the service honorably are called the post war veterans.

The Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) is mandated to look after the care and treatment of veterans and keeping their patriotic services ever fresh in the memory of the Filipino people particularly the young.

Based on the records of the PVAO, there are still seven surviving WWII veterans in the province. Of the seven, two each are in the municipalities

of Bontoc who are 93 and 94 years old and in Tadian

who are 94 and 95 years old. The municipalities of Sagada, Sadanga and Paracelis have one each aged 90, 98 and 100 years old, respectively.

Veteran Andres Baglinit Wanason of Butigue, Paracelis turned 100 in March 3, 2019.

For all their sacrifices, what are the benefits for veterans?

Wilma Chao-angan Padngara, Head of the Field Extension Service Office of Philippine Veterans Affairs Office in the Cordillera Region provided updates on the programs and benefits for the veterans.

She shared the good news that long awaited old-age pension increase was approved by President Rodrigo Duterte on December 20, 2018 under Republic Act No. 11164 or "An Act Increasing the Pension of Senior Veterans."

Surviving WWII veterans including PEFTOK and PHILCAG who do not have any other pension from the AFP shall receive P20, 000.00 age-old pension from the P5, 000.00 effective January 2019. The pension though is not transferrable to any family member or dependent when they die.

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RIZAL PARK CONSTRUCTION - Motorists and pedestrians endure the mud and water from the construction along the Rizal Park area to rehabilitate the gutters and drainages./RMC PIA-CAR

CHR commends candidates' forums

BAGUIO CITY - Without naming who they were, Commission on Human Rights (CHR) regional director Romel Dagumol praised the different organizations that conducted several candidates' forums which gave voters the chance to know the advocacies, programs and platforms of governance of those running for elective positions in the Summer Capital.

With the national and local midterm elections fast approaching, he stressed the importance of elections since it is one way to change or shift the country's course of history. He added that without the constitutional right of suffrage, there will

be those who would rule the nation in perpetuity. Dagumol gave his remarks during a voters seminar conducted by his office Tuesday in separate venues here with representatives of various sectors in the city as participants.

With the theme, "Panahon na para maging WOKE Ka", the activity was held in cooperation with the city human rights action team led by city administrator Carlos Canilao and Kilusan, a civil society organization.

The whole-day event's morning session was held at the City hall multi-purpose hall with SK officers, student leaders and barangay kagawads as participants while those who joined the afternoon session at Eco-Lodge, Lower Magsaysay, were

those belonging to the senior citizen, persons with disabilities (PWD), LGBT and other sectors.

Lecturers included Jhay de Jesus of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates and Jade Leung of YOUWIN, both civil society organizations. They talked about the human rights situation in the country, issues affecting human rights, its importance and how everybody can become stakeholders in protecting and respecting human rights.

Workshops were also done to gather inputs of participants that will be collated and distributed to local candidates for their information and guidance on what programs or advocacies that need to be prioritized./Gaby Keith

71 rebels, supporters receive aid through E-CLIP program

BAGUIO CITY -- A total of 71 former rebels and Militia ng Bayan (MB) members

received financial assistance during the mass awarding of Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) benefits on Tuesday, Ifugao Governor Pedro Mayam-o has said.

"Each of the former rebels received PHP65,000 as immediate cash and livelihood assistance," Governor Mayam-o said on Wednesday.

The Militia ng Bayan members on the other hand received

PHP15,000 each.

Those who surrendered with their firearms also received Firearms Remuneration ranging from PHP45K to PHP100K.

The governor said the assistance is in line with President Rodrigo Duterte's advocacy in reintegrating former rebels, Indigenous Peoples (IPs), and other special clients back to society.

Meanwhile, in a press release from the 5th Infantry Division on Tuesday, Lieutenant Colonel Narciso

Nabulneg, commander of the 54th Infantry Battalion (54IB), lauded the former rebels for getting back to the society's mainstream.

He urged them to continue convincing active rebels to stop the futile war they are waging.

"They have made the best decision of joining us in the mainstream society. We should continue to convince the still active NPA rebels to once and for all stop the futile war they are waging," he said.

"The government has all the best programs to

offer like peace and enjoy progressive lives for the former rebels, we have the Localized Peace-Talk and the Enhanced-Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) which actually offers a complete package of integration, livelihood and education program," Nabulneg said.

The CPP-NPA is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, European Union, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines./ Pamela Mariz Geminiano (PNA)

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7 dead, 15 hurt as truck falls off ravine

BAGUIO CITY— At least seven people died while 15 others were injured after a dump truck they were riding fell off a ravine in Tabuk City, Kalinga, police said on Saturday.

In a text message to members of the Baguio media, Police Maj. Carolina Lacuata, Police Regional Office Cordillera information officer, said Rufina Limto Dawagon, 49; Edmund Lagwington Mangagom; Ghelyn Khim Gallema, 13; Jules Mangagom Alvester, 7; were all declared dead on arrival at Kalinga Provincial Hospital, Cagayan Valley Medical

Center and Almora General Hospital.

Meanwhile, Crisanta Casirayan, Lucita Mangagom, and Doming Matalang, died while undergoing treatment, Lacuata said.

Injured were Luming Gallamoy, 48; Gaspar Edoc; Willy Salida; Cecilia Balangui; Purinomo Galamto; Divine Mangagom, 18; Elvira Otal Simangon, 27; Aprilyn Otal, 25; Basilio Baydon; Dominador Casirayan, 52; Corazon Matalang, 54; Nelia Malawis Sabaway, 50; Stallon Mangagom; Jeniffer Malawis Sabaway, 13; and Kiefer Gallamoy

Simangan.

Lacuata said the victims, all residents of New Tanglag, Tabuk City, Kalinga, were on board a dump truck going to Barangay Balaway when it experienced a mechanical problem and fell off a five-meter ravine at Sitio Binongsay, Malin-awa, Tabuk City, Kalinga at around 10 a.m.

"According to the investigation, victims were heading to Barangay Balawag to attend a Kalinga customary practice. Upon reaching the ascending portion of the road, the driver failed to shift to lower gear," Lacuata said.

The victims were supposed to attend a ritual called "pusipos", a tradition wherein relatives visit and enliven a sick elder.

On Sept. 11, 2018, 14 persons, mostly senior citizens, died when a jeepney carrying 40 passengers fell off a 200-meter ravine in Balbalan, Kalinga. (PNA)



La Trinidad Women's...

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"We see the value of women doing the roving due to the respect accorded to them," said Salda.

Former Mayor Edna Tabanda narrated how the women's brigade evolved. It used to be a civic group organization (CVO) adopting the principle of neighborhood watch.

Organized during her term, the idea was akin to the Koban system in Japan which is deep-rooted in local communities with policemen going around the neighborhood, said Tabanda.

In its early years, the women's group in the town which used to be under the supervision of the Mayor's Office was organized only in the big barangays namely Balili and Pico with two groups for each per barangays. Back then, Tabanda noted the enthusiasm of the women volunteers.

When Tabanda came back as the town's chief executive in 2013, the women volunteer group was under the Office of the Municipal Police Station headed by Police Chief Inspector Byron Allatog.

It was now more cohesive. Taking inspiration from the highly successful women's brigade of Bontoc, Mountain Province whom they had a chance to visit, observe, and be immersed with, the La Trinidad women volunteers reinvigorated themselves.

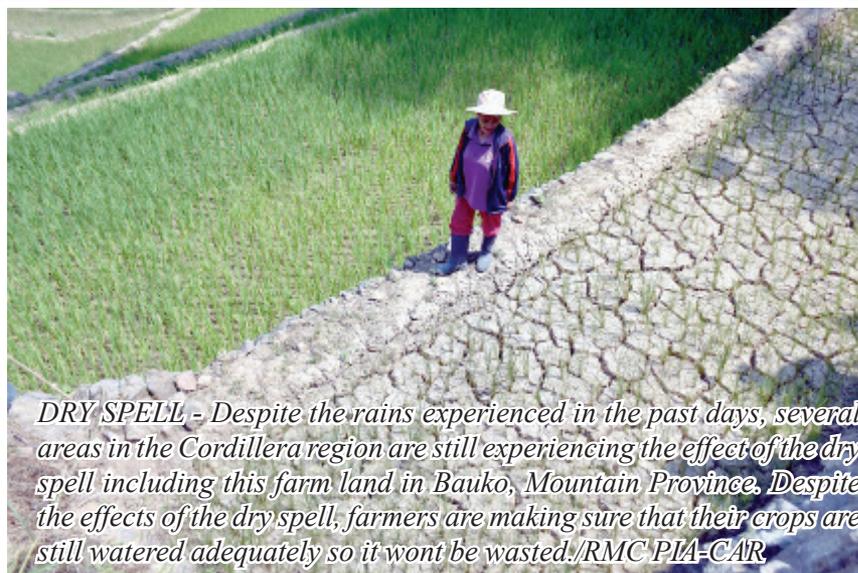
Former Chief of Police Radino Belly said that during his term, he witnessed the passion and eagerness of

the women brigade especially in the dealing with those involved in the liquor business and those apprehended under the liquor ban ordinance of the municipality.

To date there are around 174 members of the La Trinidad Women's Brigade but only 115 are actively doing patrol around the locality. Barangays Balili, Pico, Betag, Poblacion, Puguis, Wangal, Lubas, and Tawang have organized their respective brigade.

Sharing her experiences during their night rounds, Women's Brigade federation president Mila Bingcola said, "When we do our rounds in the bars with the police, the customers sometimes have apprehensions towards uniformed personnel. But

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DRY SPELL - Despite the rains experienced in the past days, several areas in the Cordillera region are still experiencing the effect of the dry spell including this farm land in Bauko, Mountain Province. Despite the effects of the dry spell, farmers are making sure that their crops are still watered adequately so it won't be wasted./RMC PIA-CAR

DENR, LGUs do 'ridge-to-reef' river cleanup

BAGUIO CITY -- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-CENRO), in collaboration with local government units (LGUs), has initiated a river cleanup to help prevent garbage from reaching the seas.

"We're starting the cleanup of rivers from the very top or the head water since we know that this directly goes to larger waters, which not only affects aquatic creatures but also us, humans," DENR-CENRO Environmental Management Bureau Administra-

tive Assistant II, Jerome Costales, said during the cleanup activity on Tuesday.

The activity, conducted by the department once a month, will be carried out more often if the situation calls for more cleaning activities.

Costales said the present cleanup is centered on the tributaries of the Bued River, which drains towards La Union straight to the seas.

Aside from the riverbed, the ridges are also included in the cleaning activity to add to the maintenance of nature's beauty.

He said filtration

traps are being installed on small canals to filter non-biodegradable wastes, which are collected and converted into useful recycled items.

In an advisory, the DENR-CENRO called on the public to properly manage their wastes and not to dump them on the rivers.

Costales said cleaning the rivers minimize, if not prevent, the growth of coliform bacteria, and averts foul smells.

Once the ridges are cleaned, the water could be used for different purposes, he added. (Krystelle Luken Pangpangdeo, OJT/PNA)

SNAP-Benguet plants 145k trees in Ambuklao and Binga watersheds

After planting 2,200 seedlings in 2018, Benguet-based renewable energy company SN Aboitiz Power (SNAP-Benguet) has brought its total number of seedlings planted to 145,000 since 2009. This is part of the company's sustainability program, and in support of the AboitizPower's Aboitiz Passion to Agroforestry and Reforestation to Keep (AparK) Program.

Since 2009, SNAP-Benguet has continuously partnered with its host communities, peoples organizations (PO), and indigenous peoples orga-

nizations (IPO) for the preservation, conservation, and protection of the Ambuklao and Binga Watersheds, including its natural resources.

The tree planting activities engage volunteers from within and outside SNAP-Benguet to plant endemic seedlings such as bamboo, Benguet pine, cypress, Arabica and Robusta coffee, among others, in protected areas. SNAP-Benguet also provides support funds for the seedling production program of the Baguio Regreening Movement.

Meanwhile, through

a Technical Cooperation Agreement, SNAP-Benguet and the National Power Corporation also established a community-based forest fire protection team and implemented protection activities within the 2.5-kilometer radius from the high-water mark of the Ambuklao and Binga reservoirs. In partnership with the Ambuklao Coffee Growers Association, Tinongdan IPO, and Shakila ni Ikulos IPO, SNAP-Benguet cares, maintains and protects adjacent areas of the reservoir and various

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Walang tubig, kuryente, pera – penitensya ngayong Kuwaresma

Paaano ba tayo sasampalataya, magiging Kristiyano, at higit sa lahat, magiging tao sa panahon ni Rodrigo Duterte?

Kung maikli ang kumot, matutong mamaluktot – iyan ang sabi ng matatanda. Ilang pamamaluktot ba ang kailangan nating gawin upang maka-survive?

Walang tubig, walang kuryente, walang pera – ito ang drama ng buhay natin ngayon, at matapos magreklamo sa social media, kusa na tayong namamaluktot.

Ito’y sa kabila ng pagmamalaki ng gobyerno na bumuti ang buhay ng Pinoy. Ayon sa Philippine poverty incidence bumaba raw ang kahirapan nitong first half ng 2018.

Nasaanay pa lang tayo sa halos 10-12 oras na walang tubig matapos ang kapalpakan ng Manila Water, tumambad naman ang walang kuryente. Inilagay sa rotational brownouts ang halos lahat ng lugar sa Metro Manila.

At hindi ito magtatapos sa panakanakang brownout. Ayon sa chairman ng Meralco na si Manny Pangilinan, tanging pagtatayo ng dagdag na power plants lamang ang solusyon sa problema ng shortage sa harap ng El Niño na magdudulot ng matinding init at tagtuyot. Ibig sabihin, hindi iyon trabaho ng Meralco na tanging distributor lamang.

Ngayon namang weekend, napuno na ang maraming tao dahil sa kawalan ng access sa perang pinaghirapan nila. Nagkaproblema daw ang sistema ng Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Paaano ba tayo sasampalataya, magiging Kristiyano, at higit sa lahat **EDITORIAL** magiging tao sa panahon ni Rodrigo Duterte, kung napaparalisa ang buhay natin ng utilities breakdowns?

Mag-adjust. Parang kawayan sa hanging yumuyuko at bumabaluktot ang Pilipino. Parang paslit na kulang sa kumot at namamaluktot.

Pero hindi lang gobyerno ang pinag-uusapan ngayon. Dalawang kompanya ay pagmamay-ari ng mga Ayala – ang Manila Water at BPI. Kailangan natin ng higit na transparency at accountability mula sa pribadong sektor na hawak ang pang-araw-araw na katinuan ng ating buhay.

Mabalik tayo sa Meralco, na nagsabing kailangan ng power plants at kulang ang 2 taon upang maisakatuparan ito. Tulad ng Manila Water na nagsabing kailangan ng dam, tumatawid ang mga problemang ito sa publikong sektor.

Nasaan ang tunay na forward planning, hindi lang pagsweldo ng limpak-limpak sa mga nakaupo sa mga board ng mga regulatory bodies? Tulad ng MWSS, ano ang accountability ng Department of Energy na nagreregulate ng mga power plant? Kung hindi kaya ng regulatory bodies, dapat umakyat sa liderato ang problema.

Ano ang ginagawa ng nakaupo sa Malacañang upang tiyaking walang shortage ng kuryente at tubig sa kinabukasan, imbes na magyabang tungkol sa laki ng kanyang pagkalalaki?

Habang nanganganib tayong mabaon sa utang sa Beijing, pagdagsa sa ating bayan ng mga negosyante at manggagawang Intsik na nirereklamo ng real estate community, pagpatay sa mga adik at makakaliwa, dinagdagan pa ang hagupit bunga ng mismanaged utilities ngayong Kuwaresma.

Sana’y huwag gawing habambuhay na penitensya ng mga higanteng kompanya at mga regulatory bodies ang mamuhay nang disente sa Pilipinas.

May hangganan ang pamamaluktot, at may puntong mababalin ang kawayan sa hangin at unos. –Rappler.com



KAKAMPIMO ANGBATAS

Bakit may US warships na may nuclear weapons sa WPS?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: “...Kapag hindi kayo nakinig sa Diyos ninyong si Yahweh at hindi sumunod sa kanyang mga utos... magaganap sa inyo ang lahat ng mga sumpang ito hanggang kayo’y lubusang mapuksa... Ipapalusbob kayo ni Yahweh sa isang bansang mula pa sa kabilang panig ng daigdig. Hindi ninyo alam ang kanilang wika. Simbilis ng agila na sasalakayin nila kayo...” (Deuteronomio 28:45, 49 Bibliya).

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BAKIT MAY MGA US WARSHIPS NA MAY NUCLEAR WEAPONS SA WPS? Mayroon bang dapat ikatakot, ikapangamba, o ika-alarma man lang, ang mga Pilipino sa kasalukuyang mga nagaganap sa West Philippine Sea na dati ng tinatawag na South China Sea mula noong bata pa ako? Kailangang itanong ko ito kasi nakunan ko ng litrato ang dalawang malalaking diumano’y mga warships sa may Baloy Beach sa Subic Bay sa Olongapo City noong Martes, Abril 09, 2019, na pag-aari diumano ng US.

Sa mga nais makakita ng mga US warships na nalitrato ko, puntahan lamang po ang aking Facebook page, www.facebook.com/attybatas (Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr.). Makikita po sa mga litratong ito na magkatabi ang dalawang warships, at nakaposisyon sa bunganga ng Subic Ba, papasok (o papalabas) sa Olongapo City.

Batay sa kuwento ng mga taga Baloy Beach, matagal-tagal na ding nakahimpil ang mga barkong ito. Noong ilang araw ang nakaraan, may kasama pa diumanong aircraft carrier ang mga warships, kung saan nakikitang nagte-take off at lumalanding ang mga eroplanong maliwanag ding pandigma. Sabi nga sa akin, ang dalawang warships ay kilalang may dalang mga nuclear ammunition, habangang aircraft carrier ay nandoodon na ngayon sa may Annawangin Cove sa San Antonio, Zambales.

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SALIGANG BATAS, NALALABAG NG MGA WARSHIPS NA MAY NUCLEAR ARMS: Ano nga ba ang nangyayari na **Cont. on page 5**

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Kakampi mo ang batas**...from page 4**

sa karagatan natin sa West Philippine Sea? Bakit may mga warships na may nuclear weapons sa ating karagatan? Ganoon na ba talaga kadelikado ang sitwasyon sa kanluran ng Pilipinas? Bakit walang nagpapahayag kung ano na ba talaga ang katayuan ng ating bansa sa ngayon?

Ang mga US warships bang ito, na malamang sa hindi ay may dala ngang mga nuclear missiles, ay nakaposisyon upang labanan ang puwersang militar ng China na ngayon ay nakapagtayo na ng military base sa West Philippine Sea/South China Sea? Ano ang utos sa mga pinuno ng mga warships na ito?

At di ba may pagbabawal sa mga armas-nyuklear (o nuclear arms) sa anumang panig ng Pilipinas sa ating Saligang Batas ng 1987? Sabi kasi sa Section 8, Art. II ng nasabing Konstitusyon, itinatalaga ng Pilipinas ang pagbabawal sa anumang armas-nyuklear (nuclear weapons). Kung totoong may dalang nuclear missiles ang mga warships ng US na nasa West Philippine Sea/South China Sea sa ngayon, di ba paglabag ito sa Konstitusyon?

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MAY PANLABAN BA TAYO KONTRA NUCLEAR WAR SA RP? Sa harap ng ganitong matinding banta ng digmaang nyuklear (o nuclear warfare) dito mismo sa ating bansa, sa West Philippine Sea/South China Sea, anong paghahanda ang maaaring gawin ng mga Pilipino? Oo naman, wala naman talagang magagawa tayong mga ordinaryong mamamayan kung sisiklab nga ang digmaang nyuklear dito sa atin, kasi, wala naman tayong panlaban sa ganoong klase ng mga digmaan.

Pero, may pupuwede tayong gawin, kahit ngayon na. Alalahanin natin na ang pagpasok ng mga dayuhang mananakop sa ating bansa ay ibinabala sa atin noon pa man ng Bibliya. Sa totoo lang, ilang beses ng nangyayari ito sa atin--mula sa mga Chinese, mga Europeo, mga taga-Middle East, mga Kastilla, mga Amerikano, mga Hapon. Alam natin kung papaano tayo pinahirapan ng mga dayuhang ito.

May panlaban ba tayo dito? Opo. Ang panlaban po natin ay ang ating pananampalataya sa Diyos. Paigtingin natin ang pananampalataya natin sa Diyos, sa pamamagitan ng pag-alam ng Kaniyang mga utos sa Bibliya, at pagsunod sa lahat ng mga utos na ito. Alamin natin mula sa Bibliya kung ano ang remedyo laban sa sumpa ng mga dayuhang sumasalakay sa atin. Meron po sa Bibliya ng remedyong ito at yun ang ating pagsikapang gawin!

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La Trinidad Women's...**...from page 3**

with us, there is respect for the mothers."

Lubas Coordinator Lydia Paatan shared that to help address the problem of pupils and students who skip school, they conducted daily "ronda" (rounds) around the schools last year.

Flora Tubal, Principal of the La Trinidad National High School, shared about students who skip class hop from one computer shop to another. She is grateful that the members of the women's brigade are there to help in bringing the stray students back to school.

Betty Pediten from barangay Tawang, said an added task is to check the permits of stores selling cigarettes and liquor.

Tabanda also shared her experiences with them in the early years. They entered in one of the bars with a mix of people including the youth. A member of the brigade sat down and talked to them and approached them in a nice way giving piece of advice to one of the drunken youth who outpoured her family problems.

"Sometimes they say it pays if there are women because they listen and give motherly advice especially the youth," Tabanda quipped saying they are very effective in talking to people during the rounds. "Their roles in society should be recognized," she added.

The women volunteers are given lectures, workshops and briefings to keep them updated of their roles in peace and order. (JDP/SCA-PIA-CAR, Benguet)

Honoring and caring for...**...from page 2**

Padngara also informed that educational benefit for WWII, PEFTOK and PHILCAG beneficiaries had also increased from P36, 000.00 to P40, 000.00 per school year.

For the veterans hospitalization and health care benefits of veterans, aside from free health care services at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City, veterans and their dependents are entitled to a subsidy of P1, 500.00 per day of hospital confinement up to a maximum of 45 days per year. However, confinements to private hospitals are subject for reimbursement which shall be submitted to VMMC not later than 180 days upon discharged.

Other special services for veterans which are reimbursable in nature include hearing aid not to exceed P30,000.00 per device; cataract surgery not to exceed P14,000.00 per eye; dentures not to exceed P5,000.00 (P2,500 each for upper and lower dentures); orthopedic braces not to exceed P6,000.00 per device, and Cranial CT Scan not to exceed P4,000.00.

For hemodialysis treatment in excess of 90 treatments covered by PhilHealth, P2,500.00 per treatment will be reimbursed. For other C00T Scan and MRI procedures, amount will be based on the VMMC rate.

For Out Patient Department maintenance medicines for hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hypercholesterolemia, prostate, anti-psychotic drugs and oral antibiotics, and other Philippine National Drug Formulary, these shall also be reimbursed at cost but not to exceed its Philippine National Drug Reference Index ceiling price.

Other benefits include burial assistance and death pension for beneficiaries of deceased veterans.

Annual validation of veterans

A continuous program of PVAO is the annual validation/updating to verify, monitor and confirm the recent status of its pensioners. This is done through biometrics to pensioners who can personally appear at PVAO Baguio City.

For pensioners who cannot personally appear at PVAO, they are required to comply with the requirements for the Pensioner's Update Form.

Validation of pensioners is also conducted →

DISPATCH FROM CRAME**On the PNP's Manhunt of****"Bikoy"****BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA**

The suppression of the truth about the possible involvement of the Duterte family and associates in the illegal drug trade as revealed by "Bikoy" is now underway.

Instead of investigating the veracity of the allegations and documents relative to these deeply troubling exposé, PNP Chief Oscar Albayalde instead chose to turn the tables against the accuser "Bikoy", by ordering his manhunt, and threatening him and the uploaders of the "Ang Totoong Narcolist" video series with charges of violation of the Cybercrime Prevention Law.

Under the current political climate, it is fairly easy for those in power to escape the law. We just did not expect it from the present PNP Chief whose reputation for being a professional was well-known. Perhaps, if it were a critic or critics who were implicated in the "Bikoy" exposé, we can expect a totally different response from the authorities.

Of course, we do not expect Albayalde to treat Paolo Duterte, Mans Carpio, Honeylet Avanceña, and Bong Go the same way as the PNP has treated the thousands of victims of EJK who were executed on mere suspicion of involvement in the illegal drug trade, the same accusations now being raised against the presidential family. That would be a violation of their human rights. Not only do they have human rights, but also "divine rights" as "mga anak ng diyos". They are untouchables and above the law that is only intended for mere mortals like us.

As indicated in Episode 4 of the "Bikoy" exposé, there will be more revelations. "Bikoy" even hinted about his coming out in the open and tell us about Bong Go's tattoo.

Let's wait and see the completion of this exposé and listen to "Bikoy" with an open mind. And then, we act accordingly.

SNAP-benguet plans...**...from page 3**

watershed areas through the establishment of fire lines and greenbelt areas.

"SNAP's reforestation, tree planting, and forest protection activities aim to maintain the integrity of the watersheds to supply our water needs, and help us in providing clean, reliable energy to the Luzon Grid. This year, SNAP-Benguet aims to plant at least 15,000 seedlings in Ambuklao and Binga areas," said SNAP Group's Vice President for Corporate Services Atty. Mike Hosillos.

SNAP-Benguet is a joint venture between SN Power of Norway and AboitizPower. It operates the 105-MW Ambuklao hydro; and the 140-MW Binga hydro both in the Benguet Province. /Karmina M. Alejandro

through PhilPost wherein its staff personally validates the status of pensioners specially the centenarian veterans through skype, and home visit or spot verification.

As the government continues to ensure the well being of the veterans, may they continue inspiring and guiding the present generation to defend and love the country and keep themselves away from twisted idealism, destructive devices and corrupt practices. (JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province)

Wilma Chao-angan Padngaran of PVAO-CAR with 93 year-old veteran Benito Yadao Miranda of Poblacion, Bontoc during this year's Veterans Week and 77th Araw Ng Kagitingan. PVAO records show there are seven surviving WWII veterans in the province, two each from the municipalities Bontoc and Tadian, and one each from the municipalities of Sagada, Sadanga and Paracelis. (JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province)

PAGASA records drop in Baguio temp due to rains

BAGUIO CITY -- The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) in this city has recorded a temperature of 14.2 degrees Celsius -- the lowest this month -- due to rain showers or thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening.

"Here in Baguio City and Benguet, isolated rain showers will be present for the whole week," Baguio weather synoptic station observer Efren Dalipog said on Wednesday.

He advised the public to bring umbrella when going out as rain showers are expected in the next few days, especially in the afternoon and evening.

The weather condition in the city is due to localized thunderstorms and the easterlies.

It has been raining since April 2 until April 15. The

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La Trinidad, Benguet

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG FUND),
-Mortgagee,

-versus-

JAYSON A. CALUMNAG,
-Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 19-EJF-2118
FOR:
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended, Filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG),

Hereinafter referred as the Mortgagee against JAYSON A. CALUMNAG, of legal age, single, Filipino Citizens, with postal address at Lot 2 Blk 16, Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet, hereinafter referred as the Mortgagor;

That by the terms of the Mortgage Agreement, the Mortgagor is indebted to the Mortgagee in total amount of THREE HUNDRED FORTY

THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO PESOS and 31/100

(343,382.31), inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of February 15, 2019; That likewise, in case of foreclosure proceedings, the Mortgagor shall

Pay the Mortgagee, Attorney's fees equivalent to Ten Percent (10%) of the Total indebtedness plus

the foreclosure expenses; That the undersigned or any duly authorized Sheriff will SELL at public Auction on MAY 7, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in

Front of the Benguet Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng Katarungan), Justice Hill, La

Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine currency, the hereunder described real property, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.016-2011001177 (Registry of Deeds-Benguet)

"A PARCEL OF LAND OF LOT 2, BLOCK 16, PCS-CAR-001256, BEING CONSOLIDATED AND SUBDIVIDED OF LOT 3 CCS-131113-000040, LOT 2826,

CAD-656-D, CASE 6, LOT 2739-A, PSD-131113-003133, LOT 2738-B,

PSD-131113-003209, LOT 2729-C, PSD-131113-003137, RURBAN CODE: 131113, BARANGAY TALOY SUR, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF

BENGUET, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2-3 BY

ROAD LOT 12(6.50 M. WIDE); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 3, BLOCK

16; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 17, BLOCK 16 BOTH OF THE SUBD.

PLAN; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-6 BY LOT 2726, CAD-656-D. TUBA CADASTRE; ALONG 6-1 BY LOT 1, BLOCK 16 OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING

AT THE POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 70 DEG. 19'W., 4,331-20 M.

FROM BLLM # 1-A, TUBA CADASTRE, CAD-656-D THENCE; 29 DEG.. 45'W.,

3.38 M. TO POINT 2; N. 24 DEG. 10'W., 6.14 M. TO POINT 3; N. 66 DEG. 51'E.,

13.42 M. TO POINT 4; S. 75 DEG. 52'E., 5.25 M. TO POINT 5; S. 14 DEG. 08'W., 6.73 M. TO POINT 6; S. 62 DEG. 39'W., 13.07 M. TO POINT OF

BEGINNING. CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT (138)

SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS. ALL CORNERS ARE PS CYL.

CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CMS. : BEARING: GRID: DATE OF SUBDIVISION SURVEY; JUNE 2-30, 2007. EXECUTED BY ENGINEER REMIGIO L. REYNANTE AND WAS APPROVED

ON MAY 9, 2008). All sealed bids be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated Place, time and date. Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In the event the Public Auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on MAY 27, 2019, without further notice and republication.

La Trinidad, Benguet, this 1st day of April, 2019.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF

EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) GREGORIO G. TADEO Sheriff IV C.P. No. 09958964226

April 6, 13 & 20, 2019

April 20, 27 & May 4, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late ERLINDA S. SALONGAN and LAURO I. SAL-ONGAN, who both died in Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet on April 13, 2004 and July 24, 2006, respectively, without will, consisting of an agricultural land located at Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-10041 had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER on 16 April 2019 as per Doc. No. 438, Page No. 088, book No. XLIV, Series of 2019, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City

April 20, 27 & May 4, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late HENRY F. MANANTAN who died intestate on January 15, 2000 at Baguio City, without leaving any last will and testament and without any outstanding debts, leaving a house and lot respectively covered by Tax Declaration of Real Property (Land) bearing ARP No. 2018-02-009-183850 and Tax Declaration of Real Property (Building) ARP No. 2016-02-009-168069, has been subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate as per Doc. No. 161; Page No.34; Book No. IX Series of 2019 dated March 21, 2019 in Baguio City, of the Notarial Registry of ATTY. VICENTE JOSE M. ANGELES.

April 6, 13 & 20, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late JOSEPH B. MILO who died intestate on July 28, 2013 at Baguio City, without leaving any last will and testament and without any outstanding debts, leaving real estate properties as follows: Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-016-2017003332; Tax Declaration of Real Property (Building) ARP No. 2010-04-13-00443; Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-018-2010001219; Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-83307; Tax Declaration of Real Property (Land) ARP No. 2010-04-01-07500, have been subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate as per Doc. No. 172; Page No.36; Book No. IX Series of 2019 dated March 25, 2019 in Baguio City, of the Notarial Registry of ATTY. VICENTE JOSE M. ANGELES.

April 6, 13 & 20, 2019

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awarded certificate of recognition and cash gift were farmers Donald Mapangdol of Otucan Sur, Bauko (1st) and Joseph Dao-as of Sagada (2nd) for their accomplishments and contributions as productive farmers practicing diversified farming system as a way of promoting sustainable agriculture.

The provincial government also recognized Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council (MAFC) as outstanding MAFC, the Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Council (PAFC) as outstanding PAFC, Ramon B. Calde of Bauko as outstanding Local Farmer Technician, and St. Williams Multi-purpose Cooperative of Paracelis as outstanding small farmers organization. These were Gawad Saka provincial entries who won in the regional level and the region's entries to the national search in their respective categories.

The awards were handed by Governor Bonifacio C. Lacwasan, Jr. assisted by Provincial Agriculturist John T. Likigan, and Department of Trade and Industry Provincial Director Juliet P. Lucas.

Meanwhile, one of the highlights of anniversary celebration was the Lang-ay Festival Agro-Industrial Trade Fair from April 1 to 8. A search was launched for the most compliant and best booths.

Adjudged as the most compliant booths were the Katagowan Weaving and Souvenirs, and the Chowarey Handicrafts for no history of violations of trade fair rules, products are manufactured locally and have training practices on compliant of terms and conditions of the trade fair.

The best booth was awarded to Sagada Weaving and Souvenir Shop, and the Baladang Handicrafts for maintaining presentable display of local products, improving their local products continually, and rendering quality customers service. They also have training practices and sustaining sales growth reports. (JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province)

Baguio ready for Sumvac activities

2019 at the Multi-purpose Hall, Mt. Province Mission, St. Joseph Village is on April 28.

On May 4, the Grand Santacruzian with Reyna Elenas and consorts converge and parade down Session road, with a 2 PM mass at the Our Lady of Atonement Cathedral.

For sports lovers and marathoners, the Benguet Gold rush 100k run at Camp John Hay goes on May 11 and 12, with registration on May 10, 4 PM on-site. Interested individuals are urged to browse online for details and requirements.

On April 23, the summer arts and crafts workshop is hosted by the Forest house assessment and training center, while on-going up to June 2 is Summer Creatives at the Dominican Heritage Hill.

The SLU CCA sponsors the SLU orchestra concert on May 8.

The 9th Tam-awan international arts festival goes on at the village on May 25 while the CordeMayo will be on May 27-31 at the University of the Cordilleras.

Other events to look forward to are: Chalk Arts festival, fitness, Festival on June 9: freedom and Zumba marathon, Taraki Obstacle Race course challenge; and private events in malls.

Commemoration of Birth anniversaries of Horacio dela costa on May 9, Andres Bonifacio on May 10, Apolinario Mabini on May 13, Philippine-Australia Friendship day on May 22, Felipe Agoncillo on May 26, and National Flag day celebration on May 8 to 12; all at the Baguio City National High School gymnasium.

Inquiries for details could be coursed through the City Tourism Office, tel. no. (074) 446-2009./ **Julie G. Fianza**

community, the Ceramic Water Filter technology also provides livelihood for the locals.

“Uray haan kami mapan nga agbirok ti trabaho mi iti sabali nga ili ket adda met ditoy Bila mismo,” said Maribeth Popoten who is an employee of the ceramic water filter project.

A fourth class municipality, Bauko sees great potential in the project which is receiving orders not only around the region but from other parts of the country as well.

Oyang-o said DOST has recently purchased and distributed 990 pieces of ceramic water filter for their Empowering Communities Through Science and Technology Program in Paracelis, Mountain Province.

With orders in the pipeline, the municipality hopes for the sustainability of the ceramic water filter which helps create healthier and wealthier communities. **(JDP/JJM-PIA CAR)**



BANNED. Chewing and spitting momma, a mixture of betel nut, leaf, lime powder and sometimes tobacco, is a practice among Cordillerans. Last month, the DOTR issued a memorandum circular prohibiting PUV drivers in the Cordillera region from chewing betel nut while on duty. **(Hasreel Sandee Gano, OJT/PNA)**

Cordillera PUV drivers banned from chewing betel nut while on duty

BAGUIO CITY — The Department of Transportation in the Cordillera Administrative Region is imposing a fine of PHP6,000 if public utility vehicle drivers are found chewing “momma” (betel nut) while on duty.

The agency issued a memorandum circular prohibiting the chewing of betel nut on March 25, 2019. Its implementation will begin on April 22 in the six provinces and two cities of the region.

“During their operation or duty, they are restricted [to chew betel nut]. They can only chew momma if they are not on duty,” Engr. Robert Allan Santiago, DOTR-CAR Regional Director said

on Tuesday.

He said this is to preserve the image of professionalism among public utility drivers and ensure passenger safety and convenience.

Santiago said the memorandum was issued due to observation on the lack of discipline of public utility drivers, who chew betel nut while driving.

Chewing and spitting momma, a mixture of betel nut, leaf, lime powder and sometimes tobacco, is a practice among Cordillerans.

“They just chew momma and spit out their saliva anywhere and it’s very untidy especially [here] in Baguio which is a tourist attraction,” Santiago said.

Santiago said spitting momma does not only litter streets; it can also transmit contagious diseases.

Based on the circular, the operator will be fined PHP5,000 and PHP1,000 for the driver. A suspension of the public conveyance certificate or franchise is also possible.

The memorandum also applies to employees of the DOTR-CAR, particularly in the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB-CAR) and Land Transportation Office (LTO-CAR).

The official also encouraged the public to report drivers who violate the memorandum. **(Hasreel Sandee Gano, OJT/PNA)**

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water then trickles down and passes through the ceramic water filter which is infused with Nanosilver.

Nanosilver is an antibacterial technology that kills microorganisms making the water safe for drinking.

With a capacity of two liters and filtration rate at two liters per hour, the ceramic water filter is easy to carry especially for those who work in gardens and farms.

The portable ceramic water filter is also useful during emergencies.

“This is very good for LGUs during disasters because our community will have potable water to drink,” Oyang-o recommended.

Towards healthier and wealthier communities Not only bringing healthier options for the

Mt. Province awards outstanding entrepreneurs, farmers

BONTOC, Mountain Province, (PIA) --The provincial government here recognized its local entrepreneurs who have taken leadership roles in their respective enterprises and farmers practicing diversified farming system as a way of promoting sustainable agriculture.

During the recent founding anniversary program of the province,

the Entrepreneurship Award was presented to Jennifer A. Rimando of the Ola Farms in Sagada. Other winners in the search for entrepreneur of the year were Evelyn G. Payacda of the Bila Rural Development Club in Bauko (2nd) and Concepcion G. Matias of the Majila Processed Foods in Tadian.

Aside from cash gift, each of them also

received a certificate for continuously improving and embracing changes in their business and sustaining the same despite the odds and adversity in the business.

The winners were chosen based on the following criteria- innovative business model, community impact and corporate responsibility, resiliency, the capacity for personal growth, personal integrity, sustainability of business and inclusive growth.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE FERDINAND J. MARCOS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Ferdinand J. Marcos who died on January 7, 2019 at Houston, Texas without any will, consisting of real properties and savings accounts as described in the document dated April 17, 2019 and docketed as per Doc No. 369; Page No. 74; Book No. XXIX; Series of 2019 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City has been the subject of an extrajudicial Settlement among the heirs

Weaving Demo - Ifugao weaver Emilia Alin-

dayao demonstrates how native Ifugao cloth are made thru weaving during the Mangan

Taku: Cordillera Food Fair at the Rose Garden in Burnham Park recently./RMC PIA-CAR



DTI Clarifies Issuance of Fair

Trade Violation Notices

The Department of Trade and Industry – Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (DTI-FTEB), assisted by DTI – Cordillera Regional and Provincial personnel, conducted a three-day enforcement sortie in Baguio City, Benguet and Ifugao from April 3 to 5, 2019. Three teams from the FTEB were joined by personnel from the DTI-CAR Consumer Protection Divisions of the said provinces, visiting a total of 29 firms, mostly selling products covered by mandatory certification.

According to the composite team, sixteen (16) of the firms were found to have violated trade and industry laws, specifically the Philippine

Standards Law (Republic Act 4109) and its implementing rules and regulations, Department Administrative Order No. 2, series of 2007 (DAO2:2007). All firms found to have violated trade laws were issued a Notice of Violation, which requires them to appear before the FTEB within 48 hours, with documents to prove that the products they were selling were compliant with the Standards Laws' requirements. The head of the FTEB enforcement team stated that most of the violations involved the selling of steel bars and angle bars, while several were cited for other product-related violations. The team reported

that at least two repair shops were issued notices for failing to obtain accreditation certificates from the agency. Put together, all products that were sealed and prohibited for sale had a market value of almost P3.1 Million. DTI-FTEB will conduct all administrative proceedings arising out of the enforcement. Retailers can expect to pay fines starting at P25,000.00 for each violation committed.

DTI conducts enforcement activities to ensure that only products that have passed the product certification requirements are available in the market. Apart from looking for the requisite markings, the agency's representatives conducted weighing, length and diameter measurements to

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establish prima facie evidence of violations. It also commits to provide consumers with information relative to products that are covered by mandatory Philippine National Standards. / DTI-CAR/Art Tibaldo

Feature: A story of culture and science

- Bauko's Ceramic Water Filter

Old and new, traditional and modern — these pair of words contradict each other but just as east meets west, one barangay in Bauko has found a way to bring culture and science together to benefit communities.

Looking back at tradition

Pottery in Bila, Bauko traces way back before the Spanish came looking for the Igorot gold.

"Bila is one of the early villages in the Cordillera that the Spanish recorded and pottery was already an economic activity," shared Bauko Tourism Officer Arsenia Addon.

Through the barter system, pottery products from Bila have reached the lowlands in exchange of tobacco and salt.

Addon added the pots originally used as "pananuman" (water storage) and "panengdangan" (for cooking),

are in some ways, a reflection of the way of life of the Kankanaey in Bila during the olden times.

Responding to modern-day challenges

Climate change, water shortage, and various health concerns – these are some realities of the modern world that the innovation inspired by the traditional pottery of Bila addresses.

Engr. Namar Gawaban of the Municipal Planning Development Office explained that waterborne diseases are among the top morbidities in the municipality.

Tests done in the 22 barangays of Bauko showed "water sources already contain coliform and is positive of E. coli bacteria," Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officer Jake Oyang-o said.

The presence of E.coli bacteria in the town's water sources poses risks especially on the health of residents.

Recognizing the issue, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Bauko and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) came up with the Ceramic Water Filter in 2013.

Minirva Songaben of DOST Mountain Province explained that the project is in line with DOST's thrust on water sanitation, one of the five entry points of science and technology.

Having been tested before, Bila's clay passed the requirements for the Ceramic Water Filter technology patented by the Industrial Development Institution of DOST.

Ceramic water filter — how it works?

The Ceramic Water Filtration System is made up of six parts – the cover, ceramic water filter, upper bucket, plastic hook, and the lower bucket.

Tap water is first put into the upper bucket.

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