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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Amend BCDA Law to Highlight LGU Wishes

BAGUIO CITY—A proposal is now being deliberated in the House of Representatives Committee on Bases Conversion to amend Republic Act 7227, or the Philippine Bases Conversion and Development Act, so that the interests of local government units where former American baselands were located would be included.

This was revealed by Baguio Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping Jr. who is a member of the committee for the administration as he rued the inability of Baguio City to collect some PHP800 million the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) has failed to remit since Camp John Hay was

privatized in 1996. According to Rep. Aliping, the city of Baguio appears helpless now that the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. (PDRCI) has ordered the government owned BCDA to return P1.42 billion to the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) in return for ceding the Camp John Hay economic zone back to it.

"The city of Baguio is the biggest loser in this entire drama," Aliping said, explaining that with the withdrawal of CJHDevCo, there is no assurance that the city can still collect what the BCDA owes the city as its percentage of the lease rentals of Camp John Hay.

"Under the 19 conditionalities, which were

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Dapat lang talaga na ma amend ang batas na mabibigayan ng proteksyon ang mga LGU!!!



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WHERE DID OUR RESPECT AND PATRIOTISM GO? - As the whole nation marks the National Flag Day last Thursday, national hero General Emilio Aguinaldo's grandson Emilio Aguinaldo Suntay III shows his dismay on how some insensitive members of today's generation desecrate and disrespect the shrine of national heroes including that of General Aguinaldo and other historic land marks in the city by defacing the markings and writing graffiti, to Secretary to the Mayor Rafael Tallocoy and City Police Director Rolando Miranda./Bong Cayabyab
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We are Implementing a New Industrial Policy; CAR Gets Ready to Draw Up Regional Industry Roadmaps

Baguio City – Industry Development Assistant Secretary Rafaelita Aldaba lauded the support and initiative of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to localize industry roadmaps. “In crafting your roadmaps and aligning this with our national strategies for growth and development, together we are building capacities to take advantage of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and tariff free entry of more than 6000 products in the European market,” she said.

More than 250 participants from various businesses and business organizations, government agencies, PEZA locators, Mayors, and owners of small and medium enterprises from CAR attended last week the “Industry Roadmaps and the AEC Game Plan: Regional Localization for Competitiveness” forum. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Board of Investments (BOI) organized the forum.

DTI CAR Regional Director Myrna P. Pablo urged local participants to strengthen private public partnerships. “The next step is clearly for us to formulate our own regional roadmaps to set the direction and vision of our industries. Today we are here to start formulating our regional roadmaps on Coffee and Processed Vegetables and Fruits,” she said.

Some 35 sectoral roadmaps have been crafted and submitted to the BOI. The crafting of industry roadmaps at national and regional levels is private-sector led while government acts as facilitator and enabler.

The DTI and the BOI have been conducting similar fora in the country to facilitate development of local roadmaps. “What has been highlighted as the forum moves from one region to another is the need for all of us government, industry associations, academe, civil society and other stakeholders to engage in industrial cooperation and partnership in order to equip us better to face the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities from AEC,” Pablo said.

The AEC seeks to create a single market and a single production base within the ASEAN region, and become fully integrated with the global market. Since January 2010, more than 99.65% of goods have been traded at zero tariff in ASEAN. Very few products remain protected by tariffs within ASEAN. In the Philippines, these are primarily agricultural products including rice, sugar, cassava and sweet potatoes, maize, chicken and swine. The AEC, in the medium- to long-

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GSIS Assures More Flexible and Transparent Loan Windows

BAGUIO CITY - Lesser interest, flexible terms and transparency windows. This is the assurance of Government Service Insurance System President and General Manager Robert Vergara to the System's members and pensioners.

In a recent stakeholders dialogue here, Vergara announced that from the previous eight (8) percent interest rate per annum, loan interest is now down to 6%, the 1% service fee is waived, and grace period for the payment of the first amortization is extended to three months.

He also assured a more flexible emergency loan assistance to members during time of disaster or calamities as what GSIS did in typhoon Yolanda-affected areas.

Vergara informed that GSIS is working for a more transparent membership premiums and loan account that will soon address the perennial issues of un-posted premium payments and discrepancy in loan application and balances.

“We are working to institutionalize the regular issuance of statement of loan accounts to members to improve the transparency on loan payments and balances. As one of Cont. on page 9

LGU Intervention in HIV Spread Needed

BAGUIO CITY - The rise in number of recorded cases of human immunodeficiency virus or HIV in the country has been described by the Department of Health as “fast and furious”.

With increasing number of recorded cases of HIV in Baguio since 1984, dealing with what Philippine NGO Council on Population Health and Welfare (PNGOC) Executive Director Dr. Eden Divingracia calls a “more a social development concern rather than a disease”, requires the strong presence of local government units (LGUs) in intervening with the spread of HIV.

During a workshop for civil society organizations and media practitioners, Divingracia shared one model of innovation in HIV prevention in Quezon City. PNGOC and the Quezon City LGU teamed up for a social hygiene clinic called Klinika Bernardo in Cubao. It has become a model for clinics dealing with HIV for in the daytime, Divingracia said, the clinic delivers services such as testing, counseling, distribution of antiretroviral drugs to persons living with HIV (PLHIV).

In the daytime the clinic caters to sex workers at the “population at large”, but from 5:00-11:00 PM the clinic caters to gays and transgenders who prefer to avail of services away from the public eye. Such a set up values the importance of confidentiality in the issue of HIV/AIDS.

Divingracia further said that in the clinic, peer educators motivate vulnerable groups (i.e. men

having sex with men or MSMs and transgenders) to go the clinic and take the test.

The clinic also has a case management system in place wherein a service delivery network gives patients referral systems when going to hospitals. Also taking into consideration the socioeconomic conditions of patients, PNGOC has enrolled them in PhilHealth to avail of Cont. on page 9

PNP Shuts Down CJHDEVCo's Security for Operating Without a License, Another Hired Agency in Hot Water

The Philippine National Police (PNP) Civil Security Group has shut down the security agency of the Sobrepena-led CJH Development Corporation (CJHDevCo) in Camp John Hay after it was discovered to be operating for the past eight months with an expired license, the state-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) said.

The Sobrepena-led Warbird Security and Investigation Agency, Inc. was issued a Cease to Operate Order (COO) by the PNP Civil Security Group.

It was signed by Police Chief Superintendent Elmer Ragadio Soria, OIC of the Civil Security Group.

We are not surprised at this development. This just shows the kind of business that CJHDevCo has been conducting in Camp John Hay not to mention its total disregard for the rule of law,” BCDA President Arnel Paciano D. Casanova said.

For his part, BCDA head for security operations Gen. Carlos F. Quita (Ret) noted that Warbird Security and Investigation Agency was not only operating without a license for the past eight months, their guards were armed with guns making them liable to illegal possession of firearms.

Based on the Cease to Operate Order (COO) dated May 19, 2015, the License to Operate (LTO) of Warbird Security and Investigation

Agency, Inc. expired on September 30, 2014. Pursuant to Section 11

(c), Rule IV of the 2003 Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing RA5487, “LTO which has not been renewed sixty (60) days after the expiry date shall automatically be cancelled.”

The COO stated that “...Warbird Security and Investigation Agency, Inc. ...is hereby DI-

RECTED to cease its operation effective immediately.”.

The COO also directed Warbird Security to turn-over all its firearms for safekeeping to the Storage Branch, Firearms and Explosives Office, Civil Security Group, in Camp Crame, Quezon city or nearest Police

Regional Office within 15 days upon receipt of the COO.

In a similar chain of events, another security agency hired by the Sobrepena-led CJHDevCo is now in hot water for operating within Camp John Hay without permit and for entering into contract with any client whose property has an existing conflict with another party without the written permission of the police.

Eagle Corinthian Integrated Security, Inc. is now the subject of investigation by the PNP Civil Security Group. The CJHDevCo-hired security agency is in violation of sub-para A5 of paragraph 2, Section VIII of Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) No. 007-08 which states: “No PSA [Private Security Agency] shall enter into contract with any client whose property/establishment has an existing conflict of claim, ownership, management or administration of properties/establishment with another party, without written permission from the police that has jurisdiction of the property/establishment...”

Quita said the uncalled for unauthorized deployment of Eagle Corinthian Integrated Security, Inc. within Camp John Hay demonstrates CJHDevCo's strengthening of its security forces in contravention to intent and spirit of SOP No. 007-08.

“Eagle Security may have been deployed to avert the Baguio Sheriff in implementing the Writ of Execution issued by the Regional Trial Court

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Solons Say BBL can Help Cordillera's Pursuit of Regional Autonomy

BAGUIO CITY - While the draft Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) intends to establish the Bangsamoro political entity with the goal of bringing peace and development in Mindanao, it can also be beneficial to Cordillera's pursuit of regional autonomy.

This was the position of Baguio City congressman Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Ifugao Representative Teodoro Baguilat during the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP)-led BBL forum for Baguio media practitioners and bloggers at El Cielito Inn here on Friday.

Aliping said the BBL and Cordillera's pursuit for regional autonomy are similar as both aim to push for progress and development in the area.

If the BBL is passed into law, some of its provisions can be adopted in the draft Cordillera autonomy bill or House Bill 4649 now pending in Congress, the lawmakers said adding that the BBL can be a template to bring in provisions that will be beneficial to Cordillera.

The Cordillera Region is on its third attempt of pursuing a Cordillera autonomous region. The creation of autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao and in the Cordillera is provided for under the 1987 Constitution.

Baguilat, in the same forum, affirmed the support of Cordillera congressmen to BBL for the achievement of peace and bringing in progress in the Bangsamoro region. But he assured that they will be actively participating in the discussions to ensure that BBL will be for the good of the people and country.

He said there is no "railroading" of the BBL in the House of Representatives as it passes through intensive and comprehensive hearing, discussions and debates. At the end of the day, it will be the whole Congress that will decide on it.

Passing BBL within the term of President Benigno Aquino III will be the best time to bring in peace and development in Mindanao because the president himself started the ceasefire with the MILF, Baguilat added.

In the said forum, OPAPP legal team member, Atty. Sittie Amirah Pendatun gave an orientation on the salient points of the BBL and answered questions on BBL issues and concerns.

On June 10, another OPAPP-led BBL forum is set at the Baguio Convention Center./JDP/CCD - PLA CAR

City Strengthens Anti-Smoking Campaign

BAGUIO CITY - the City Government here is slated to amend the Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance also known as City Ordinance Number 8 series of 2008 to make it more effective in its implementation.

The proposed amendatory ordinance introduced by Councilors Richard Carino, Elmer Datuin and Fred Bagbagen will be known as the "New Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance of Baguio City."

According to Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Stakeholders Meeting held Wednesday, the city's Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance still has loopholes in certain portions of the ordinance such as prohibited acts, designation of smoking areas and definition of public places which need improvement and amendments for its implementation to be effective.

Domogan said, "a stumbling block for the ordinance has been decided in court which said that the definition of a public place was not appropriately indicated in the ordinance, hence the needed

Mayor Condemns Attack on POSD Enforcer

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan presser strongly condemned the attack on one of its enforcers in this mountain resort tasked in maintaining peace and order in the public market.

A still unidentified assailant treacherously stabbed Francisco Galletes, a Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) City Mayor's Office along Magsaysay Avenue in broad daylight.

Domogan said, "the attack on Galletes was uncalled for and his assailant will face the full force of the law."

"We have to make them answer for what they did to our enforcer who was just doing his job," he said.

Galletes was implementing anti-peddling operations in the city's public market when the incident happened.

Domogan said, "the city government will be extending financial assistance."

The amendatory ordinance presently with the Sanggunian Panglungsod Committee on Health and Sanitation, Ecology and Environmental Protection cures this defect by enumerating in detail places where it is prohibited to smoke.

The amendatory ordinance further strengthens Republic Act 9211 or the Tobacco Regulation Act which empowers city and municipal mayors, building officials and the police with the responsibility of ensuring full compliance of the law.

Section 5 of the RA 9211 specifically prohibits Smoking in the following public places; a. Centers of youth activity such as play schools, preparatory schools, elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities, youth hostels, and recreational facilities for persons under eighteen (18) years old; b. Elevator and stairwells; c. Location in which fire hazards are present, including gas stations and storage ar-

tance to Galletes who is presently confined but already in stable condition at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC)."

Domogan said, "POSD personnel will be briefed again on maximum tolerance, buddy-buddy system, values during operations and protection of self to avoid a repeat of the incident."

The mayor also said team up with the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) during operations will also be strengthened to ensure safety of its personnel.

POSD Chief Policarpio Cambod also condemned the stabbing of Galletes but stood firm that anti-peddling operations will continue."

Cambod said, "the incident will not deter his men in implementing anti-peddling operations but instead bolster their resolve to go after lawless elements."/Paul Rillorta

eas for flammable liquids, gas, explosives or combustible materials; d. Within the buildings and premises of public and private hospitals, medical, dental, and optical clinics, health centers, nursing homes, dispensaries and laboratories; e. Public conveyance and public facilities including airport and ship terminals and train and bus stations, restaurant and conference halls, except for separate smoking areas; and f. Food preparation areas.

The law also designates Non-Smoking Areas in all enclosed places that are open to the general public, private workplaces, and other places not covered under the preceding section, where smoking may expose a person to the other than the smoker to tobacco smoke, the owner, proprietor, possessor, manager or administrator of such places shall establish smoking areas.

Such areas may include a designated smoking area within the



UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE TO THE CORDILLERA REGION - Mayor Mauricio Domogan is flanked by (from right to left) Department of Health assistant secretary for policy and health systems Dr. Gerardo Bayugo, DOH-CAR director III officer-in-charge Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, City Health Officer Rowena Galpo, Governor Leonardo Mayaen of Mountain Province and DILG-CAR John Castaneda sit down together for a commitment for the implementation of High Impact Five Program of the Department of health (DOH's Hi-5) to achieve universal health or Millennium Development Goals in the Cordillera region last Wednesday, May 27.

Solon Says National ID System to Speed Business Transaction

BAGUIO CITY - House Bill No. 5060 or the "Filipino Identification System Act" will speed up government and other official transactions in lieu of other government Identification (ID) cards, so said Baguio Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr.

Aliping, co-author of the bill, said that the National ID System aims to integrate all government-issued IDs into one national information card to "streamline government transactions, and help promote a progressive society through an efficient delivery of basic services."

There are many Filipinos who have no official IDs and it is a hindrance in doing official transactions, he said.

The House of Representatives passed said bill on second reading last week and is now up for third reading deliberation.

If the bill becomes a law, all Filipinos residing in the country or abroad, will be required to register their personal information into the national ID system. The ID would be non-transferable and valid for life.

The Philippine Statistics Authority and the Department of Foreign Affairs are the identified implementing agencies under the bill to create and maintain a Filipino Citizen Registry.

George dela Cruz, a laborer, said he welcomes the national ID system because everytime, he transacts business in government or private office, they look for an ID./JDP/JBZ- PLA CAR

building, which may be in an open space or separate area with proper ventilation, but shall not be located within the same room that has been designated as a non-smoking area.

The law states; a fine of not less than five hundred pesos but not lower than one thousand pesos will be imposed on the first offense and a

fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) shall be imposed on the second offense while, in addition to a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) but not more than Ten Thousand pesos (Php10,000.00), the busi-

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An Asian Francis?

That echoes a March 2015 BBC "Hardtalk" interview of Tagle. Stephen Sackur asked: "There's never been an Asian pope. Your name is mentioned as a serious contender in a future conclave. You could be the first Asian pope. Has that crossed your mind?"

"No, it's a joke. In fact..." Tagle said, but could not finish as BBC interjected: "A lot of people did not raise the possibility as a joke. They think in the future the next pope could come from the global south."

"The holy father comes from Argentina. But me in that position? No, no, I laugh at it," Tagle protested. "That's a creation of some people with imagination. Here, I make a public confession I cannot even manage my life. How can I manage a worldwide community?"

"Well, you do a good line at self-deprecation," BBC noted.

Tagle emphasizes "the need for the church to listen, as much as it talks," Allen notes. "And he exudes a slow burn charisma."

Tagle served earlier as bishop of Imus (Cavite). Writes Allen: He did not own a car, preferring to walk or hop on a jeepney. He invited beggars outside his cathedral to dine with him.

"Many told me that I'm not strong, that I don't condemn enough," Tagle is quoted to have said. "Pope Francis' example helped resolve my doubts. Now I hear him say: 'I'm a son of the church. I know the teachings of the church. But

EDITORIAL why should I condemn anyone?"

Tagle opposed the Reproductive Health bill which requires government to make contraceptives available. He was criticized by some for not pushing harder.

"When a bishop threatened President Aquino with excommunication, Tagle did not join the fray. When Catholic activists labeled backers of the law 'Team Patay,' Tagle declined to put attack ad posters in Manila."

Tagle says he's open to allowing Catholics who divorce, then remarry to receive communion and other sacraments. Marriage is for life, he adds. "But openness comes in pastoral judgements, in concrete situations. No two cases are alike."

Indeed "parroting positions of the hierarchy" is not "thinking with the church, Pope Francis insists. Thus, many on the right says Francis is not 'their man.'" The daily *Il Foglio* had conservative commentators write: "Why We Don't Like This Pope."

"Francis determined not to use his 'bully pulpit primarily to fight political battles over sexual morality.' He has little patience with the 'smells and bells' of ornate rituals that conjure other worldliness of faith."

In a Washington Post article, Rachel Held Evans slammed church services "that are nothing but hoopla." Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life reports a quarter of Americans claim no religious affiliation. "When I left church at age 29, full of doubt, I wasn't looking for a better-produced Christianity but an authentic faith," Evans writes.

"We're not as shallow as you might think. You can get coffee anywhere. But the church is the only place you can get ashes smudged on your forehead as a reminder of your mortality. You can be dazzled by bands. But the church is the shared meal that brings us into the presence of God."

"What brought me back, after years of running away, wasn't lattes or skinny jeans, it was the sacraments. Baptism, confession, communion, anointing of the sick—rituals Christians have been practicing for 2,000 years now."

"At the Episcopal Church, every week I find myself, at age 33, kneeling next to a gray-haired lady to my left and a gay couple to my right as I confess my sins and recite the Lord's prayer."

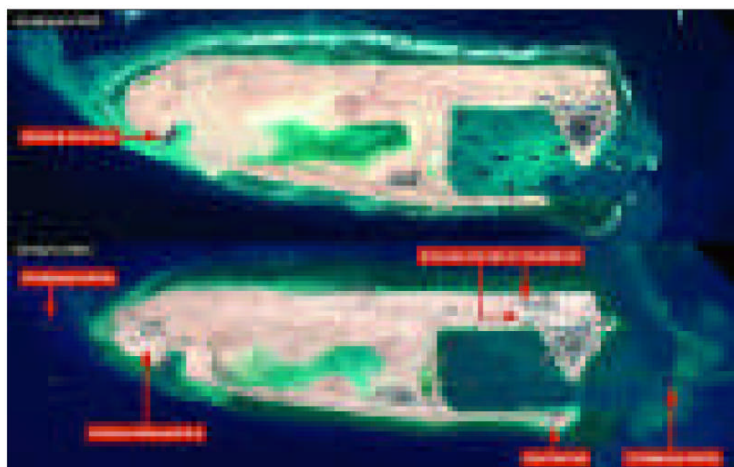
"No one's trying to sell me anything. Church attendance may be dipping," Evans adds. "God can survive the Internet age. After all, He knows a thing or two about resurrection."

Similar convictions "leave the Catholic middle as Francis' main constituency," Allen notes. These are people generally content with Catholic teaching but tend to be generous on how it is applied. They are capable of critical thought without being axiomatically hostile.

"They are hungry for reform but not for revolution. They long for leaders who can lift up the gamut of Catholic life rather than a selective version of church teaching tailored to advance theological or political agendas."

Evangelical Catholicism was the watchword of the St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI eras, Allen observes. "Moderate realism seems to be the new direction under Francis."

"It does not make for sweeping revolutions in doctrine. But at the level of application and tone, it has the potential to shape a very different kind of Catholic church."/Juan L. Mercado



MGA INUTIL NA MGA OPISYALES NG GOBYERNO, HINAYAAN UMABOT SA GANITONG KATINDING CONSTRUCTION SA SPRATLYS AT WALANG GINAWA, NGAYON PA AANGAL, EH MATATAPOS NA SA KATAPUSAN NG TAON !!!

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Colliding with China

BY: JESUS DUREZA



The Philippines is now on a collision course with China over disputed territories that can be an international flashpoint.

A few days ago, a US spy plane making a "fly-by" over disputed territories in the "Spratlys" was "challenged" over radio by Chinese military and told to "go away". Another commercial airplane flying overhead was similarly challenged. Earlier, Philippine vessels supplying provisions to Filipino soldiers stationed in the area were blockaded. Filipino fishermen were harassed, shooed away and fired upon with water cannons from Chinese vessels. Massive reclamation and building construction by the Chinese is on going with China now telling the world that all territories in the South China Sea, irrespective of whether they are within the "exclusive economic zones" (EEZs) of different countries, are considered Chinese territory.

No doubt, we are now on a "collision course" with China due to territorial disputes in the South China Sea. I have a few basic information that may help for a better understanding of what this is all about. A few days ago, I sat in a forum in Manila with fifteen (15) foreign journalists who were Jefferson Fellows under the auspices of Honolulu-based East-West Center. They were on a study tour principally to listen to some briefings and get information on our territorial dispute with China. With the Philippine Press Institute assisting in the visit, it was a good chance for me to take a good close look at what this territorial dispute is all about. The "claim" with giant China can be a flashpoint of a global crisis, given that other countries like our ally, the United States of America can be drawn into this due to geopolitical implications.

"NINE DASH LINE" — The conflicting claims amongst several neighboring countries over shoals, reefs or just rocks protruding from the sea during high tides had been in the "backburners" for some time now. It was there as a thorny issue but no one was really giving it special attention. Not until China unilaterally released recently a map with lines expanding its territorial borders. It is now what is famously known as "NINE DASH LINE". It draws an imaginary line with a bigger swathe, in effect proclaiming that it exercises sovereignty over a wider area in almost the whole of South China Sea by reason of history. It simply served notice to the whole world that territories found west of the Philippines, even though near other countries all belong to China. To counter this, we started calling it the "West Philippine Sea" instead and filed a case before the United Nations declaring that the new China map is not valid.

TWO AREAS — According to University of the Philippines PROF. CHITO STA. ROMANA, a former Beijing-based Filipino journalist and an expert on the issue, there are two disputed areas: first, the "Scarborough or Panatag Shoals" in Zambales province. Second, the area down south off Palawan called the "Spratlys or Kalayaan Island Group" where the claim involves other countries like Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and Taiwan.

"SCARBOROUGH" — "Scarborough or Panatag Shoals" in Zambales province is only a rock jutting out of the sea. During low tide, some seabed will appear. This was a favorite fishing grounds of local fishermen and named "Bajo de Masinloc", being part of Masinloc municipality. The shoal also served as a place for refuge from giant waves for

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

**RP to Suffer India's
48 Degrees Celsius
Heat**

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...However, if you no longer listen to the Lord your God and no longer obey His commands... all these curses will come upon you and overtake you... The Lord will strike you with... scorching heat and drought..." (Deuteronomy 28:15, 22, the Holy Bible).

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INDIA'S ROADS MELTING DUE TO EXTREME

HEAT: Did you see the pictures of asphalt roads in various cities in India melting due to extremely scorching heat, running up to about 48 degrees Celsius (or 118 degrees Fahrenheit), in that country? All I was able to say, when I saw those devastating pictures, was "wow"! Truly, what God warned in Deuteronomy 28:25, 22-23 of the Bible is now happening, virtually around the world.

As a result of that very hot temperature, some 1,118 people were killed mostly from heat strokes, dehydration, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion. Reports also say that tens of thousands of India citizens across the continent are suffering through powercuts from overloaded electrical grids. Please see <http://gizmodo.com/photos-of-indias-deadly-street-melting-heat-wave-1707186192>.

What is really scary about all these is the fact that we in the Philippines are starting to feel the heated temperature and atmosphere, almost everywhere in the country's 7,100 islands. I am sure it wouldn't be long before heat coming from 48 degrees Celsius temperatures will also afflict us. Antidote against this heat? Read the Bible and pray, earnestly, truthfully, and sincerely!

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SPIRITUAL ANGLE IN EXTREME HEAT:

I can only agree with the conclusion from the fora and summits, and meetings and conferences, that have been and are still being held in Metro Manila and in other parts of the country, which say that the Philippines must furiously prepare for the inevitable coming of natural calamities, and the death and destruction that they will bring, like the ones now happening in India.

Unfortunately though, nothing good ever came out from these meetings and conferences, even if millions and millions of government and private funds have already been spent and will still be sent for these meetings and conferences, and even for any and all supposed disaster management and risk reduction programs that will be drawn up.

The reason? Let me reiterate: there is something strategically missing from the present approaches to disaster management and risk reduction programs, both here and around the world. What is this something that is strategically missing? It is the consideration that natural calamities, arising from global warming and climate change, have a spiritual angle that cannot and must not be ignored.

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SPIRITUAL ANGLE ABOUT GLOBAL WARM-

ING: What is the spiritual angle about global warming? It is found in various parts of the Christian Bible, particularly in its Deuteronomy 28:15 and 22-24, and in Matthew 7:24-27. All of these Biblical passages are saying that global warming and climate change will come, as curses from God, all because man is no longer listening to God, and is no longer obeying Him.

Because man has turned his back on God—because he no longer reads God's Bible and because he is no longer obeying God—he has become capable of evil, becoming ever so greedy for money and power. And this greediness caused him

FAIR AND SQUARE

**Reasons Why Fixing
Activities Thrive in the
LTFRB-CAR (Part 1)**

BY: ATTY. JAMES VALEROS



The arrest of two (2) LTFRB fixers for Estafa last 25 May 2015 by elements of the CIDG in Baguio, by virtue of warrants issued by the Regional Trial Court in Baguio City supposedly should serve as a lesson or deterrence for other fixers in this agency to stop this pernicious and illegal practice. But bet you, it will not. Fixing has been so rampant and pervasive ever since, it will not see the end of day by mere arrests and prosecutions of a few fixers.

Why? Here are some of the causes why fixing thrives in the LTFRB-CAR and will surely continue to thrive notwithstanding Rep. Act. 9485 that threatens to punish fixers of up to six (6) years imprisonment or a fine of P200,000.00 or both (if caught!):

1. Foremost, the Regional Directors who keep on denying the existence of fixing activities in their turfs are either involve or are tolerating it or perhaps both, for different reasons of their own.

2. Fixing will continue to thrive as long as LTFRB personnel, save some, will remain fixing themselves or be in cahoots with outside fixers and lawyers cuddling the fixers.

3. Several lawyers practicing in the LTFRB have long been allowing themselves to be used by fixer as cover to lend legitimacy to their acts, by affixing their signatures as alleged counsel in the pleadings prepared by fixers and personnel for a minimal fee of from P300 to P500 and, by representing the clients of the fixers and personnel in the quasi judicial hearings of CPC applications without knowing or meeting the applicants who are sometimes the vendors and the vendees who are supposed to appear in the hearings.

4. Worst of all, the operators or associations of operators prefer to cater or engage the services of fixers rather than experience the trauma of dealing with government personnel's abuses.

5. In complaints for irregularities of government agencies and personnel file by aggrieved taxpayers, disciplining authorities instead of protecting the interest of the complainant people, would rather side or serve the interest of the bureaucracy thereby cleansing the abuses and anomalies committed therein and setting the culprits free in the process.

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to desecrate the very environment in which he is living—cutting trees wantonly, poisoning the air with carbon from his factories, destroying almost everything around him.

God saw all these. In fact, in Genesis 6:5-7 and in Romans 6:23, God recognized the evil in man. So He warned man about the result of man's evil, particularly in the verses that we cited here: death and destruction will come from global warming. Yet man is hard-headed, and has refused to give up his evil greediness. Indeed, there is hell to pay for being greedy.

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PLEASE LISTEN: "Ang Tanging Daan" (The Sole Way), a radio program that empowers Filipinos everyday and assures their salvation in the life hereafter with verses from the Bible, airs Mondays to Fridays, 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at DWAD 1098 kHz on the AM band. For replays, go to www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan or www.facebook.com/ANDKNK and scroll for "Ang Tanging Daan" broadcasts. Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0917 984 24 68. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

**Jennifer Laude's Murder
and Sexism in the Media**

To the editor:

I am a Legal Studies student and an advocate of gender rights; I would like to share information to the public about the death of 26 year old transgender woman Jennifer Laude who was murdered by Scott Pemberton, a United States Marine last October 11, 2014 in Olongapo City. This case has spawned protests in the Philippines most especially by transgender rights and leftist activists. It has come to my attention how sexism in the media had become rampant, especially Trans misogyny—the discrimination and hatred occurring to transgender people. Media is pulling out sensational headlines blaming Jennifer for her own death, easily captured in internet searches and written articles, misaddressing her as a 'he'. Her image lifeless, slumped in a toilet bowl is all over the news and internet as if it is something to gawk at while Pemberton's image is hardly vivid and yet to be seen by the public. Judging by the internet comments the society revictimizes Jennifer Laude by saying she was 'at the wrong place at the wrong time', blaming her promiscuity as the result of her murder. Some are even on the defense of Scott Pemberton eagerly cleansing the distorted image of US citizens in our country. We are stuck with the influential media sources who sees Laude as a man and who speculate that her death is a case of enacted revenge due to her "deception".

It has always been like this in the media. The images that saturate our magazines, movies, adverts and the internet are of women in varying stages of undressed, dolled up and presented for the male gaze. But if then the wheel turns and we become uneasy to look at, labelled as the victim and is no longer entertaining and desirable, we are immediately put on a pedestal. If by chance the spotlight catches on us, it is for the purpose of "indirect" victim blaming and "discreetly" dehumanizing us. We must erase the pervasiveness of sexism, regardless of gender. We will not stand by as the media is controlled primarily by the point of view of the men. We will not stand by as columnists, radio hosts and journalists damage women with misogynistic remarks. This is exactly what the media did to Jennifer Laude. It may come off as generalizing but how else should we see it, if the moment we had consciousness of this world, the media was there to dictate? And more often than not, it has obviously failed me.

The sexism in the media has been so normalized that we don't even realize it anymore but we have to unlearn the mindset instructed upon us. The way media perceives Jennifer Laude has an immense effect on every reader, listener's thoughts and actions. If I may say, Jennifer's image is very humanizing and provides no question of deceitfulness. Jennifer saw herself as a woman and that's whom she wanted others to perceive her. This is also for the media to

support LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) human rights, the right to self-determination. As quoted by Glenda T. Litong, a lawyer, a law reform specialist and also an advocate of human and gender rights: "The media should be gender-sensitive. Media work is far beyond litigating. They should help empower through information." And by this we like to believe and hope so on the proper **Cont. on page 8**

DIMENSIONAL ROAD

Anti-discrimination Laws Mandated: Human Rights' Vigilance

BY : MARVIN WACNAG LIDAWAN



"It is often easier to become outraged by injustice half a world away than by oppression and discrimination half a block from home." Carl T. Rowan

Discrimination happens because of age, disability, race, language, culture, beliefs/religious affiliations, ethnicity, sexual preferences, gender as well as the educational institutions where graduates earned their degrees. According to Dictionary.com, it is a treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor of or against, a person or thing based on the group, class, or category to which that person or thing belongs rather than on individual merit. Without statistical analysis for the emergence of figures to prove their occurrences, we hear multiple accounts encountered by countless individuals which elucidate bias incidents.

The discrimination-related experiences of fellow citizens reverberate for everyone's awareness not to mention multiple accounts of individuals who kept them in long-endured silence. But whether these forms of discrimination are told or not, the bottom line is they are all victims of unjustified prejudice who deserve restitution of citizen's legal rights. Despite the drawbacks of the governments' efforts in finding solutions for these impartiality, some of these discrimination-related problems are being addressed by the country's law-making bodies.

In the government service, the case on job search discrimination isn't much a piercing controversial issue. A republic act governs how applicants are absorbed into the Philippine Civil Service (PSC). According to Republic Act No. 7041, it is an act requiring regular publications of existing vacant positions in government offices. In here, Section 1 stipulates "that it shall be the policy of the government to promote efficiency in the allocation of personnel in the civil service, as well as transparency and equal opportunities in the recruitment and hiring of new personnel." It further specifically points out in its Section 2 that "The duty of all Chief Personnel or Administrative Officers of all branches, subdivisions, instrumentality and agencies of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters, and local government units, to post in three (3) conspicuous places of their offices for a period of ten (10) days a complete list of all existing vacant positions in their respective offices which are authorized to be filled, and to transmit a copy of such list and the corresponding qualification standards to the Civil Service Commission not later than the tenth day of every month." It further explains that "Vacant positions shall not be filled until after publication: provided, however, that vacant unfilled positions that are: primarily confidential; policy-determining; highly technical; coterminous with that of the appointing authority, or limited to the duration of a particular project shall be excluded from the list required under this Law." Furthermore, its Section 3 focuses on publication of vacancies which defines that "The Chairman and members of the Civil Service Commission shall publish once every quarter a complete list of all the existing vacant positions in the Government throughout the country, including the qualification standards required for each position and, thereafter, certify under oath to the completion of publication." It further reiterates that "The said publication shall be posted by the Chief Personnel or Administrative Officer of all local government units in at least three

Baguio Police Ready for June 1 School Opening

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) is ready with its "Oplan Balik Eskwela" for the opening of classes for public schools on Monday, June 1.

According to P/Sr Supt Rolly Miranda, BCPO city director, the PNP is prepared to give security to thousands of students who will be flocking to schools.

Miranda said a total of 350 police personnel will be deployed in the city to assist motorists and conduct traffic regulation and control for smooth traffic flow especially

with the various on-going road repair works.

The police will also increase their presence in transport terminals, restaurants, shopping centers, automated teller machines, and other areas frequented by students.

"We are closely coordinating with school officials to have the better if not the best groundwork for the school opening," Miranda said as he called on the public for their cooperation and involvement in making Baguio an orderly and peaceful place all year round. *JDP/JBZ- PLA CAR*

Stronger Economy Gives Phl Better Opportunities for AEC 2015, DTI Says

BAGUIO CITY - Given the current good standing and continuously growing economy of the country, the Philippines has a better opportunity to face the challenges of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

This was stressed by Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr in his message delivered by DTI Asec Rafaelita Aldaba during the Industry Road Map and AEC Game Plan: Regional Localization Competitiveness Roadshow at the Baguio Country Club here on Thursday.

Cristobal pointed-out that the Philippines is currently one of the fastest growing countries in the region with economic growth consistently growing since 2012. By 2014, it already reached 6.1 percent growth and with over \$6 billion dollar in for-

eign direct investments.

To boost the competitiveness to the AEC of industry stakeholders including Small and Medium Enterprises, DTI and its attached agency, the Bureau of Investments and other partners, are conducting the Industry Road mapping Project, Cristobal said.

The Baguio leg is the fourth of a nationwide roadshow for a roadmap localization activities with regional stakeholders for the crafting of local roadmaps that are aligned with the national strategies for the growth and development of local priority sectors and products.

Aside from the IRP, DTI is also spearheading a Manufacturing Resurgence Program and the formulation of Comprehensive National Industrial Strategy as well as the Shared Service Facility project to help boost productivity of SMEs.

In ensuring that national programs are relevant in the regions and are localized and

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(3) public and conspicuous places in their respective municipalities and provinces: provided, further, that any vacant position published therein shall be open to any qualified person who does not necessarily belong to the same office with the vacancy or who occupies a position next-in rank to the vacancy." It finally affirms that "The Civil Service Commission shall not act on any appointment to fill up a vacant position unless the same has been reported to and published by the Commission."

Republic Act No. 6725 which is an act strengthening the prohibition on discrimination against women with respect to terms and conditions of employment, amending Article 135. In its Section 1 on Discrimination Prohibited, it articulates that "It is unlawful for any employer to discriminate against any woman employee with respect to terms and conditions of employment solely on account of her sex." It has been specified that "The following are acts of discrimination: (a) Payment of a lesser compensation, including wage, salary or other form of remuneration and fringe benefits, to a female employee as against a male employee, for work of equal value; and (b) Favoring a male employee over a female employee

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JOSEPH DELOS SANTOS

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Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0256

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM/P.M. at the LTRB Office, Paddal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 14th day of May, 2015.

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LYNDON JOSE RIMORIN

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Case No: 2006-CAR-0129

NOTICE OF HEARING

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FRANCISCO RUNES

Applicant(s)

Case No: 98-BC-1223

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio Plaza-Trancoville and Vice Versa to any point in CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 11th day of May, 2015.

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those caught during typhoons at sea. However, recently the local fisher folks were shoed away from the area by Chinese vessels using water cannons. During the time of the US bases in the 1990s it was used as a target practice area by the American forces during war drills, being close to the former US bases in Subic and Clark.

Zambales Governor Hermogenes "Jun" Ebdane, a former colleague in the Arroyo cabinet, has recently installed a hi-tech surveillance system with the help of a Canadian company to monitor Chinese intrusions to protect his fisher folks who had been deprived of livelihood.

"SPRATLY'S" — Further down south in Palawan are located the Spratly's group of islands scattered with around 50 islands or reefs or areas that appear above water only during low tide. Several Asian countries are "claimants". It was said that in 1947, Filipino Thomas Cloma, an owner of a maritime academy in Manila (thus earning the moniker "Admiral") "discovered" these uninhabited islands and named the island cluster **FREEDOMLAND** which later became known as "Kalayaan Islands". A cement bust of discoverer Cloma still stands in the area. He "turned over" his rights to the Philippine government in 1974, making them part of Palawan province, being only about 100 miles away from Palawan shores and well within the internationally recognized 200-mile "exclusive economic zone" (EEZ). About 20 years later or in 1995, China started constructing fisherman's structures for Chinese fishermen. Today, China is building what looks like a military installation.

CLAIMANTS — The

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Philippines' territorial claims include five (5) islets, two (2) cays (small islands) and two reefs or a total of nine (9) features or areas. China is claiming seven (7) areas while Vietnam has twenty-two (22). Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and Taiwan also have their own claimed islets or areas near their own borders. The different countries' basis for their respective claims is that although these areas are beyond their 12-mile territorial limits, these territories are within their 200-mile exclusive economic zones (EEZ) from their continental shelf, as recognized by international protocols called United Nations Convention of the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS). Mainland China is geographically far from these areas. But with China's recent officially-issued "NINE DASH LINE" map, all these territories claimed by these countries were unilaterally declared as Chinese territory which the Philippines refused to recognize.

CHINESE MISCHIEFS — In one of our nine (9) claimed islets named "Mischief Reef" in the Kalayaan Islands, near Palawan, is where China started doing some "mischiefs" in 1983 when it called it Chungian Islands and in 1995 by putting up "fishermen's structures". To counter China's intrusion, the AFP intentionally "beached" or "parked" our old junk-bound "Sierra Madre" naval ship in the waters nearby that became the permanent floating home base of our few soldiers guarding the area. Today, Chinese massive dredging, reclamation and construction are on going in the different disputed shoals or reefs. In "Fiery Cross", massive reclamation is underway with an airstrip being built which will

be functional soon. In the so-called "Johnson" or Mabini Reef, multi-story structures are being constructed. It is in the Recto or "Reed Bank" area where oil deposits were reportedly found, reputedly bigger than our Malampaya reserves. "Pag-asa Island" also called Thitu Island is the 2nd biggest island. Another island is called 2nd Thomas Shoal. It was reported that Mischief Reef, also known as "Panganiban" shoal, from only 1,900 square meters in size is now more than 32,000 square meters or 3.2 hectares in size and still growing due to Chinese reclamation work. It may become a military installation.

RECOURSE — Feeling helpless and unable to stop these Chinese "mischiefs" and seeking redress, the Philippines filed in January 2013 a "Statement of Claim" before a United Nations agency but China "rejected" the claim and refused to participate in the proceedings. According to Associate Professor

JAY BATUNGBACAL of the UP Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea, the Philippine case is still pending before an "ad hoc tribunal" based in the Hague with five (5) member-nations sitting as a tribunal. With China's refusal to participate in the case, even a favorable decision in the future in favor of the Philippines cannot be enforced. Reports had been circulating that China was really furious when the Philippines filed for arbitration with the UN. From all indications, China will not agree to a legal settlement and has been sending signals that it prefers bilateral negotiations between the Philippines and China alone, one on one.

IMPLICATIONS — Aside from being a Philippine-China territorial dispute, the whole world will have to sit up and take action because this

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Case No: 95-CAR-167

NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 14th day of May, 2015.

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is now also developing into an "international maritime" issue where China, with its constructions and planned dominance, may claim control over the world's global sea lanes where about a third of the whole world's economic logistic system passes. ASEAN where the Philippines is a member is "consensus"-based and is described as not a good forum, given that some of the member countries are doing quiet "bilateral" talks with China. It is only the Philippines that sought "multilateral" help by going to the United Nations. It is opined that the Philippine move is being quietly watched by other claimant-nations as it can be a test-bed of how big allies like the US, Japan, Australia, etc. will react.

PHILIPPINE POSITION — Former Cabinet Secretary RAFAEL ALUNAN during the Cory Aquino and Ramos administrations recalled that it was in 1995 when he woke up one morning to realize for the first time that the country "lost" Mischief Reef. Today it is becoming a Chinese military installation. Now as president of the West Philippine Sea Coalition, Sec. Alunan stressed that the Philippine position must be a combination of prudence, self-reliance but forthright and to remain a strong, not weak, link in the chain of nation claimants against China.

USA AS ALLY — The United States so-called strategy called "Pivot of Asia" that will result to its more active presence in Asia may bring it also into a collision course with China with the US' declared pronouncement that its main interest in the South China Sea is "ensuring freedom of navigation". However, there are those who say (like party-list Akbayan leader WALDEN BELLO) that the US will not risk going to war with China just to uphold and protect the Philippine position. The situation can be volatile. The latest report of a US spy plane being challenged by the Chinese military during a "fly-by" over the Spratly's a few days ago, is an indication of the US concern and direction it will take. The latest events show that the US will not stand idly by and will challenge China when its intrusions are now clearly becoming an international maritime matter.

Too early yet to tell what will actually happen next but the recent incidents are instructive. They can be flashpoints. So, let's all watch closely. (jessdureza@gmail.com)/ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter:

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DULCE MONICA M. MARRERO - Vendee

Applicant(s)

Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-1510

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City to any point in CAR and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 15th day of May, 2015.

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AUREA A. ANGARA

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Case No: 2012-CAR-529

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Case No: 2011-CAR-892

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scholarship grants solely on account of their sexes. This is interlinked with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) advocating the National Machinery for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (NMGWE) that continuously focuses on the presence of Republic Act 9710 called Magna Carta of Women (MCW). The MCW is a comprehensive women's human rights law that seeks to eliminate discrimination through the recognition, protection, fulfillment and promotion of the rights of Filipino women, especially those belonging in the marginalized sectors of the society. It conveys a framework of rights for women based directly on international law.

Base from the information obtained from the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), Republic Act 7277 which was mandated on March 24, 1992 by the late President of the Philippines, Corazon C. Aquino, is an act providing for the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled person and their integration into the mainstream of society and for other purposes. "Title two focuses on the rights and privileges of disabled persons chapter One (1) specifically tackles on the legal rights for employment under Section 5 on equal opportunity for employment which affirms that "No disabled persons shall be denied access to opportunities for suitable employment. A qualified disabled employee shall be subject to the same terms and conditions of employment and the same compensation, privileges, benefits,

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fringe benefits, incentives or allowances as a qualified able-bodied person. Five percent (5%) of all casual, emergency and contractual positions in the Department of Social Welfare and Development; Health; Education, Culture and Sports; and other government agencies, offices or corporations engaged in social development shall be reserved for disabled persons."

The Sentrong Alternatibong Lingap Panlegal (SALIGAN) has supported Senate bills that included Bills 2001 and 2888; An Act Prohibiting Discrimination Against Persons on Account of Ethnic Origin and/or Religious Belief." The (SALIGAN), an alternative law group supported the proposed "Anti-Discrimination Act of 2008", or House Bill No. 3012, plus its counterpart versions known as Senate Bills 2001 and 2888. According to the SALIGAN, "There is a necessity of these laws due to the existence of the acts of discrimination based on ethnicity and religion" Based from their advocacy-manifested statements, "Historical injustices against the Moros and indigenous peoples have placed them in the bottom tier of the society. Conflict and displacement have excluded them from the benefits of whatever development the Philippines have been able to reap. Moros and indigenous peoples are confronted with the additional burden of fighting off biases that obstruct their way for good education, better employment, and access to goods and services. Furthermore, they

have asserted that biases against the Moro peoples have been the subject of the Pulse Asia study that was incorporated into the Philippine Human Development Report of 2005.

Meanwhile, according to age Discrimination. Info, Philippine Senator Pia Cayetano currently renews a call regarding the bill filed in the Senate that seeks to end discrimination in the hiring of employees on the basis of age which is now pending for the second reading at the Senate. Senate Bill No. 29, or the "Anti-Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 2013," aspires to penalize employers; labor contractors or organizations that make a person's age the basis for employment. Cayetano reiterated that "The measure is anchored on the constitutional provision that mandates the State to ensure equality of employment opportunities for all" She too, added that "The basis for employment should be a person's knowledge, skills and qualifications which are necessary to perform a job. A person's age should not be an issue." Cayetano's measures express that "Private and public employers are not allowed to: Print, publish, or cause the printing or publishing any notice of advertisement relating to employment suggesting preferences, limitations, specifications and discrimination based on age, Require the declaration of age or birth date during the application process, Decline any employment application because of the applicant's age, Discriminate against an individual on account of his or her age in terms of compensation, terms and

conditions, privileges, promotions and other opportunities and Forcibly lay-off an employee because of old age."

With hopes to continuously experience the implementation of this in the country, we owe much from steadfast government officials who earlier advocated the existence of this rights to be recognized in the Philippine society which currently continuous to benefit all country's citizens. Previously, according to the Sponsorship Speech on "Anti-Discrimination Act of 2011" Delivered at the Senate Floor by Senator Loren Legarda Chair, Senate Committee on Cultural Communities on its 16th congress, she emphatically stated that, "When we entered into an international commitment to end racial discrimination with the ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), we have also made this Convention a part of the law of the land. Our country is also a member of the United Nations General Assembly, which has passed: (1) the 1981 Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief; (2) the 1993 UN GA Resolution on Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance; and (3) The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - all of which provide for non-discrimination based on race, ethnicity, social origin or religious belief."

Jennifer Laude's... from page 5

resolvance of the Jennifer Laude issue, may it be basked in equal light without any other form of bias. As our society advances, we encounter lots of things and most of them are not to be brushed off. It's time all people see all sides of an issue, because when you attack one woman, you attack all woman.

(Please do inform me whether or not my article could be published. It would mean a lot. Thank you so much.)

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nation of All Forms of Religious Intolerance; and 3) The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - all of which provide for non-discrimination based on race, ethnicity, social origin or religious belief."

The Anti-Discrimination laws that were mandated by the legislative and executive administration of the country may not have addressed all

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Baguio City

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Case No: 2005-BENG-CAR-309

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: Baguio City-Happy Hallow via Kadalcan and Vice Versa to any point in CAR with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the 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) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 14th day of May, 2015.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

the forms of discrimination that are occurring in private and public administration but with the existence of these laws, they trigger the probable emergence of other strict laws that will yield favorable responses to these human behavior-created dilemmas. The government, considering the prejudices and experiences of actual discrimination, foresees urgent need to enact laws in order to address these spreading social cancer which defy the essence of equality in a country where nationalism is a priority. These laws may not come in spurts of seconds but will systematically thrive to dominate these overwhelming societal problems.
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City Celebrates...

The design adopted the mythical sun, the triangle of masonry, the eight rays represented the first eight provinces that revolted.

The first Philippine flag was sewn by Dona Marcela Marino de Agoncillo, her daughter, Lorenza Agoncillo, and Delfina Herbosa de Natividad, niece of Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal in Hongkong.

The celebration is in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 374 1965 which declares May 28 of each year as Philippine Flag Day issued by President Diosdado Macapagal to instill and perpetuate in the minds and hearts of the citizenry greater honor, respect and reverence for our flag.

Executive Order No.

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179 issued on May 23, 1994 by President Fidel V. Ramos also enjoins all government departments, agencies, offices, government owned and controlled corporations, instrumentalities and the local government units to prominently display the National Flag from May 28 June 12 in all public buildings, government institutions and official residences.

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, in coordination with the private sector, non-government organizations, and socio-civic groups is also enjoined to prominently display the National Flag in all public squares and, whenever practicable, in all private buildings and homes./ *Paul Rillorta*

LTO Heads... from page 10

forcers should not have penalized car owners who travel without the necessary license plates, provided they have shown proof of registration.

He said no fine should be imposed if the motorist can present an official receipt, since the LTO failed to issue the license plate, considering the current shortage.

"The public should not in any way be burdened by what is clearly a product of the LTO's and the plate contractor's failure to deliver and process plates on new vehicles," he said.

"Vehicle owners who have registered their vehicles promptly should not have been barred from using their vehicles nor penalized for government's inefficiency," he added./ *Office of Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano*

PNP Shuts... from page 2

(RTC) for CJHDevCo and all person claim right to them to vacate the properties in Camp John Hay," Quita said.

Eagle Corinthian Integrated Security, Inc. is also operating in Camp John Hay without a permit from the John Hay Management Corporation—the management arm of the BCDA in 625-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone and Reservation Area. If found guilty Eagle Corinthian Integrated Security, Inc. is facing penalties that include payment of fines and the revocation of its license.

"I would like to enjoin both CJHDevCo and its security providers Warbird Security and Eagle Security to respect and abide to the Cease to Operate Order and the Standing Operating Procedure issued by Civil Security Group of the PNP. This will play a significant role to preserve and promote peace and order in Camp John Hay," Quita said./ *BCDA-PR*

Stronger... from page 6

effectively implemented, Cristobal pointed out the need for proper coordination with the private sector and synergy with the academe and local industries.

"With the bright (economic) prospects of our country, we cannot miss these opportunities. By working together in identifying interventions and initiatives to upgrade our industries and MSMEs and boosting the competitiveness of our regional economies, particularly here in CAR, we can bring in a more sustainable and inclusive economic growth to the country", Cristobal said.

The forum was attended by regional line agency officials, local government representatives, members of the academe and local industry stakeholders.

Presentations were provided on the Local Convergence and Industry and Trade Roadmaps which include: Potential and Challenges in the region; Study on Processed Vegetables and Fruits; the DA National Coffee Industry Roadmap; the CAR Coffee Development Plan; Aerospace Industry Roadmap; Regional integration and the National Development Agenda; EU GSP+; the New Philippine Industry Policy for More Competitive Regional Economies and Greening the Industry Roadmaps./ *JDP/CCD - PLA CAR*

LGU Intervention... from page 2

health insurance and has also partnered with the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Divingracia said it is a "tried and tested" module that has been adapted in Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Parañaque City, Taguig City, and Mandaluyong City.

She said Baguio City can also adopt a similar facility through collaboration among advocates, the city government, and the local AIDS Watch Council./ *JDP/ Pryce E. Quintos- PLA-CAR*

Amend BCDA Law...

agreed with by the BCDA in 1996, the BCDA was supposed to remit 25% of the lease rentals yearly to Baguio but up to today the city still has to see a single centavo of this," Rep. Aliping added.

In response to this, Aliping said the committee on Bases Conversion is studying the possibility of amending the BCDA Law so that the interests of LGUs hosting former American bases or baselands would be protected and respected.

"It would probably be a special provision in the BCDA Law," he explained.

The provision would force BCDA officials to coordinate their development efforts with LGUs and to get the consent of local government officials and locals before additional development work would be introduced in the BCDA

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property, he added.

"For example, building permits inside any BCDA-owned property must be given by the host LGU so as to protect the citizens of the town or city and to ensure that there construction are up to national standards," Aliping explained.

As this developed, Aliping said another committee on Bases Conversion will be conducting a meeting within the month to determine how Baguio can collect the PHP 800 million due it.

"We have to find out and finally settle who has to pay this amount," Aliping stressed.

The BCDA insists that the city should lay its claim on the PHP1.42 billion it returned to CJHDevCo which is now in an escrow account administered by the Regional Trial Court Branch 6./ *Carl C. Taawan*

City Strengthens...

ness permits and licenses to operate shall be cancelled or revoked in the third offense.

The proposed amendatory ordinance however imposes a fine of 500 for the first offense, 1,000.00 for the second offense and 2,500.00 for the third offense or imprisonment for a period of not less than one month but not exceeding six months or both and suspension or revocation of business permits for establishments.

Dr. Donnabel Tubera of the City Health Office said, "included in the amendatory ordinance is a Citation Ticket System

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(CTS) for violators which will be issued by the city treasurer to duly authorized enforcers."

An option for community service will also be put in place for violators who are unable to pay the fine.

Suggestions from the task force and other stakeholders will be submitted to the city for ratification and inclusion as new provisions of the regulation ordinance.

The passage of the amendatory ordinance also includes a provision of assistance to smokers who are willing to quit under its Smoking Cessation Program./ *Paul Rillorta*

We are Implementing...**from page 2**

term, promises vast opportunities and strong growth potentials for the country.

"In order for us to maximize the opportunities in AEC and the European Union, we should be constantly improving our efforts to enhance our competitiveness," Aldaba

added. "By identifying interventions and initiatives to upgrade our industries and MSMEs and strengthening the competitiveness of our regional economies, particularly here in CAR, we can make our country's economic growth more sustainable and inclusive."/ *DTI-PR*

GSIS Assures...**from page 2**

our major undertakings, we are pushing for transparency on members' loan accounts and we will do this systematically", he said.

Through such undertaking, the GSIS and the members themselves can reconcile their records. According to Vergara, they will start with the loan accounts of members who are 59 years old and above as they are nearing retirement. Around 127,000 GSIS members are set to benefit from this.

It will to soon include those 49 up to 58 years old members to cover around 347,000 members.

We will do this little by little until we eventually cover all the 1.4 million GSIS members. We already started the program in seven of our branches and now we are bringing it to 21 more branches and soon this will be applied in all the 58 GSIS branches, nationwide", Vergara said.

As for posting of membership premiums, Vergara informed that, through various policy and program reforms since 2010, GSIS posting efficiency is now at 95.28% in 2014./ *JDP/ CCD - PLA CAR*

BFAR to ... from page 10

the identified recipients will be provided with feeds and technical assistance.

Prior to the distribution, the BFAR, local government unit, and fisheries technicians in municipalities will conduct site validation of the identified beneficiaries to determine if their proposed site for fish production is feasible for rice-fish culture.

Rice-Fish culture is a technology where fish is integrated in the rice paddies and grown simultaneously. Pond preparation is done at least two weeks before the stocking of fingerlings. Fish stocks will then be monitored by the bureau on the first month to determine the growth performance and the daily feeding requirements until harvest.

According to BFAR, production of tilapia and catfish in the province is increasing and is a good sign of aquaculture development. Likewise, the number of registered fisherfolk in the province has increased to 2,553./ *BFAR-CAR*



"NO DISREGARD TO HISTORICAL SITES" – Mayor Mauricio Domogan explains to members of the media the on-going fencing and improvement of city hall grounds which is mainly for its protection, preservation and enhancement./ Photo by Rillorta

LTO Heeds Cayetano's Call, Suspends 'No Plate No Travel' Policy

After a series of hearings conducted at the Senate, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) finally heeded to the calls of Senate Majority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano and the public to suspend its 'No Plate, No Travel' policy.

"Ako'y natutuwa na nagka-solution... that LTO met with car dealers, and tried to solve the existing problems," Cayetano said in an interview on the sidelines of the Senate Committee on Public Services and Blue Ribbon Subcommittee's joint investigation on the alleged irregularities in the agency's license plate program.

"Pero kung kinonsulta siguro muna nila ang mga tao bago ipatupad ang polisiya, hindi na sana nangyari itong napakalaking problema," he added.

Admitting to the agency's problems as cited by Cayetano, and acknowledging the inconvenience it had brought to the public, LTO officials finally agreed to the senator's proposal to defer the implementation of

its policy.

Cayetano said he welcomes LTO's decision, but asserted that he will continue monitoring updates on the issue.

"While we commend LTO's suspension of its 'No Plate, No Travel' policy, it does not end here. We know that the DOTC, among other agencies in government, are still riddled with several problems that cause burden to the people. That is why we will continue to guard the public against any government inefficiency," Cayetano said.

The senator earlier blasted the LTO for imposing unjust penalties to car owners and drivers under its 'No Plate, No Travel' policy, while noting that it was in fact the agency's fault that there had been a delay in the issuance of plates for new vehicles.

He also cited LTO's failure to clarify the guidelines of its regulation to law enforcers on the ground, which he feared could have caused confusion and possible abuse of the public.

Cayetano said LTO en-

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City Celebrates National Flag Day

BAGUIO CITY – the city government here spearheaded the celebration of the national Flag Day which starts May 28 of every year.

The program started with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem spearheaded by the Baguio City Hall Choir, City officials, Police Personnel, barangay officials and students.

The simple program was held at the General Emilio F. Aguinaldo Shrine and Museum where the original Philippine Flag is kept and being taken cared-off by the hero's grandson Emilio Aguinaldo Suntay III.

During his short message, Suntay said, "the patriotism and bravery exemplified by our heroes during the Philippine Revolution should never be forgotten and should remain in the hearts of every Filipino."

The commemoration of the national flag day in the city is special as it holds the original Philippine Flag which was first displayed in battle on May 28, 1898.

It was formally unfurled during the Proclamation of Philippine Independence on June 12, 1898 by President Emilio Aguinaldo. Cont. on page 9

BFAR to Disperse 236,000 Fingerlings in Benguet

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in the Cordillera (BFAR-CAR) is set to distribute a total of 36,000 catfish and 200,000 tilapia fingerlings to the different municipalities of Benguet this May as part of its input assistance program.

BFAR under its Supply Services for Fish Productivity is consistent in giving assistance to fisherfolk in Cordillera through fingerlings dispersal and distribution with the aim of alleviating poverty and inclusive growth for sectors with high poverty incidence.

Dispersal will be done through cross-matching on the beneficiaries released by the BFAR Central Office to confirm if they are registered under the Municipal Fisherfolk Registration Program (FishR) and listed in the National Targeting System for Poverty Reduction of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Aside from the fingerlings, Cont. on page 9

The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!

Benguet Coop Council Lines up Trainings for COOP Officers, Staff

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Benguet Cooperative Provincial Development Council (BCPDC) pipelined series of trainings this year for cooperative officers and staff to boost their skills to ensure the successful operation of their respective cooperatives.

The BCPDC is a conduit of the Benguet Provincial Government Cooperative Development Services accredited in 2013 as cooperative training provider by the Cooperative Development Authority.

The provincial government is continuously assisting coops to avail of trainings to enhance their skills.

It is through these trainings that the provincial government extends assistance in coming up with a doable, workable, and result-achieving cooperative operation among coops across the province, according to Provincial Cooperative Development Specialist II Lilia Koh.

The CDA requires cooperative officers to acquire curricula of trainings from accredited training providers as mandatory requirement to develop their competencies in effectively performing their expected functions.

The training schedules are as follows: Basic Cooperative Course on May 28-29, 2015; Cooperative Management and Governance on June 9-11; Financial Management on July 1-3, all to be held at Palispis Hall, Provincial Capitol; and Records Management from July 23-24 at Abatan Municipal Social Hall in Abatan, Buguias.

For further details, visit the Benguet Provincial Government Coop Development Services or call (074) 442-2609 and look for Lilia Koh./JDP/SCA - PLA CAR, Benguet

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