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CDA-CAR Issues Public Advisory vs. Fraudulent Group Enticing Investors

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Cooperative Development Authority – Cordillera(CDA-CAR) issued a public advisory against a group of people introducing themselves as cooperative and recruiting individuals to become members and collecting deposits or investments promising high returns.

CDA Director Franco Bawang, Jr issued the call to caution unassuming individuals people being victimized by this fraudulent group going around Baguio City to entice investors for easy money and larger returns.

According to CDA Senior Cooperative Development Specialist Martin Manodon, complaints that reached their office indicate that the group who claims to be from Laguna, entices individuals to invest in its so called venture promising tenfold of their investment or in the guise of a surety fund program.

Bawang said this happened several times in the past and those involved coops are no longer existing today or their whereabouts unknown depriving investor-members of their hard earned investments.



The three (3) soon to be detained Philippine Senators accused of Plunder and Graft and Corrupt Practices./Photo- mb.com.ph

Kaawaawa talaga tayong Mga Pilipino, tignan mo ang tatlong mga Senator na yan, akusado na nga ng plunder at malapit ng makulong, aba eh, nagtatawanan pa!!! Kaya tuloy tayo pinagtatawanan at hindi ginagalang sa buong mundo!!!

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Social Media Campaign for Climate Change Advocacy Launched

BAGUIO CITY - In line with the national campaign of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Philippine Information Agency for climate change advocacy, an initiative in the Cordillera region is making its way in the social media.

"iCapture, iChange" allows netizens to share their photos or write ups (news or feature articles, essays, short stories, or poems) or a combination of both that creatively capture the impact of climate change on their community or what their community does to address climate change with the theme "Nagbabago Na Ang Panahon, Panahon Na Para Magbago".

Posts may be shared through Twitter or Facebook by using #iCaptureiChange and tag @PIA_Cordillera on Twitter or Philippine Information Agency-Cordillera on Facebook.

This is open to the public. The best works will be judged based partly on the total number of likes, favorites, retweets, and shares on Facebook and Twitter and on the ratings of judges (yet to be identified). This will run from June to December 2014./Pryce Quintos, PIA-CAR

The Shoe is in the Other Foot for Family of Social Worker

The constant pressure - emotional and financial - on end-stage kidney ailment patients and their families is as debilitating and draining as the illness itself that today afflicts thousands of Filipinos.

The analogy here is that of being chained to a treadmill that keeps on gaining velocity until one can no longer stay in-step, inevitably spinning out of control and hurtling into oblivion.

Locally, individual cases are being featured in this space almost weekly, as the number of cases just keeps on rising, as does the number of families also seeking space for them to thank Samaritans, many of whom they'll never know or meet, but still reached out to them.

The pressure on Nora Mangusan (nee Bolong), a social worker at the

Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, must be most trying than most who have to deal with kidney ailment. As such, she has her hands full counseling patients and their families, recommending them eligible as charity cases, to ease their load of mounting medical and hospital bills.

She knows too well, however, that the cost of hemodialysis treatment can not be waived for any of the patients who, as of the last count by the newly formed BGHMC Dialysis Patients and Supporters Association, numbered 192.

For her, the shoe is on the other foot. Her 57-year old husband, Delfin, is one of them. Since February last year, he has been on thrice-a-week hemodialysis treatment at the BGHMC. At P2,200 per session, he needs P6,600 a

Road Pedestrianization Studied - Mayor

BAGUIO CITY - The pedestrianization of Session road is under thorough study, as to business and traffic concerns, Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified last week during the regular media Ugnayan at city hall.

Responding to a query, the mayor said the city's main road's pedestrianization has long been proposed at the council due to environmental, particularly air pollution issues, but opposed by the business community in the area.

The move was initiated in the city council sometime in the 90s and again in 2009 but was brushed aside due to "cleanliness, sewerage, security and safety," issues.

If pedestrianization pushes through, the city's main street shall be "vehicle-less," it was known, with coffee tables and chairs interspersed with ornamental and green areas. Session road as a walking park is also being considered. Another suggestion is its being car-less during holidays and weekdays, it was known.

Alternative routes including the circumferential road are being considered, however, with studies being done by the Transport and Traffic Management Committee (TTMC) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for tramline and monorail system. The routes are seen to skip the central business district (CBD), travel towards the outskirts of the city; but to tourist destinations within Benguet province and beyond.

The proposed pedestrianization is been pushed due to a World Health Organization (WHO) report which earlier tagged the city as having the "most polluted air in the country."

We are doing everything and working with different agencies, the Roadside Testing and Monitoring Team (RTMT), anti-smoking ordinance, the National Greening Program (NGP) to ensure the decrease of air pollution in the city, the mayor earlier said.

Less exhaust is expected with properly-maintained vehicles, while more trees planted as to the NGP assures us of purer air, the mayor has said during the Alay Sa Kalinisan (ASK) meetings.

The city has also conducted meetings with the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itoyon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) airshed committee for programs to minimize air pollution in the area./juliegfianza

week or P26,400 a month, excluding medications, occasional blood transfusions and other costs of maintaining his illness induced by diabetes.

Born and raised at Balsigan, Baguio, Delfin traces his roots to Tetep-an, Sagada, Mt. Province. In April, 1996, he was diagnosed for diabetes, a metabolic disease marked by high blood sugar levels that, over a long period, leads to leads to complications such as heart and kidney diseases and

blindness.

The fourth in a brood of five, Delfin lost his mother to complications of diabetes in 1993 and his father in 2012. He studied at the Baguio City National High School and dropped out of Criminology in his third year at the University of Baguio when he went on training to become a police officer.

His medical problems began in 1996 when he was diagnosed for diabetes, which, for years now, he tried to control with regular insulin injection. In August, 2008, he suffered a mild stroke and was hospitalized for three weeks. Later, he underwent two eye operations to clear his vision of cataract. Early last year, he began hemodialysis treatment.

His wife, Nora, a native of Natublung, Buguias, Benguet is now the sole breadwinner. As social worker, she grosses over P25,718 a month but gets a take-home net of P5,000 due to loans from the Government Service Insurance System, the

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Lawmaker Calls on the Supreme Court to Allow a Live Coverage of the PDAF Cases

I am writing a letter to the Supreme Court, asking them to study well and consider very respectfully the allowing of the live coverage of the Sandiganbayan hearings on the PDAF scam. Alam natin na dalawa ang kailangan ng ating bansa - katarungan at ang mabilis na paglilitis. We need swift justice but precisely, it should be fair. Justice means mabilis, pero fair.

At makikita po natin, kalian ba ang tao ay on their best behavior, hindi ba kapag sila ay binabantayan at kapag sila ay nanliligaw? Ang korte ay nililigawan ang tao at sinasabing "this is the justice system, professional kami, we will decide on the merits;" Ang prosecution, nililigawan ang tao, na sinasabing "ito ang ebidensya namin, mabigat;" Ang defense, nililigawan ang tao, sinasabing "hindi totoo yan, mapapawalang sala sila."

Kung tingnan natin, all over the world, kapag nagkaroon ng live coverage, nagiging part ang komunidad sa panghuhusga at mas madaling tanggapin ang desisyon at tumataas ang tiwala ng tao. Tumataas ang tiwala sa institusyon at gobyerno.

Tingnan niyo po ang nangyari kay Rodney King noon. Ang verdict lang ang ni-live nila at hindi tinanggap ng mga kababayan nila. Kaya anong nangyari? Riots. Maraming namatay, maraming nasaktan.

Kung gusto natin maging example at maging landmark itong kaso na ito, ito na ang magbabago sa image ng Pilipinas na kapag may korapsyon, masasakdal ka, magkakaroon ka ng day in court pero fair, I think the live coverage will answer many of the questions we have. One of the questions is, will it take ten years, will it take five years? The other question is, paano kung ang manalo [in 2016] ay kaalyado nila? Ang live coverage will answer all of this kasi bibilis ang paglilitis and all sides will make sure na fair ang paglilitis.

EVERYONE WILL AGREE NA DAPAT FAST TRIAL AS LONG AS FAIR. ANG PAGIGING FAIR AY MABABANTAYAN PAG MAY LIVE COVERAGE TAYO.

Well, mismong American justice nagsabi na justice delayed is justice denied. Sa Amerika, pag kriminal case araw-araw Monday to Thursday naghe-hearing then Friday it's motion day. Tayo kung mag two to three days tayo during Monday to Thursday tapos maghihigpit tayo, eh di before 2016 makakatapos tayo. Walang normal na tagal o bagal but everyone will agree na dapat fast as long as fair. Fair ibig sabihin lahat ng sides, lahat ng dokumento i-produce. Ang mangyayari lang dyan maghihigpit ang judge na hindi pwede sa mga abogado na postpone ng postpone. Hindi rin pwede na yung witnesses sasabihin wala dito, ayaw, etc. Yan ay mababantayan pag may live coverage tayo.

I am making the appeal to the media ngayon at sana yung mga kapatid natin sa media na naniniwalang tama ito, ay sumangayon din. Remember, we're not asking the Supreme Court to make this a general rule. Pwedeng gawin ito na eksperimento ng Supreme Court. Pwedeng sa kaso na'to, umpisahan natin and then i-assess nila pagkatapos./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano



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Cordillera Solons file House Bill on Autonomy

Staying true to their word during the Regional Summit, all of the seven Cordillera representatives have finally signed and filed the House Bill 4649, An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region, on June 11, just in time before the session in Congress goes on recess.

HB 4649 was drafted by a technical working group (TWG), composed of the chiefs-of-staff of the Cordillera Solons, representatives of the Regional Development Council (RDC), and provincial and city government units, in a technical writeshop coordinated by NEDA-CAR on June 2-5 in Baguio City.

Suggestions brought up during the RDC-led provincial, city and sectoral pre-summit consultation were reviewed and integrated into the working draft, the previously filed HB 5595. The TWG agreed that as long as a proposed provision is not controversial, such recommendation must be accommodated in the working draft.

The Congressmen evaluated the output of the technical writeshop and finalized the draft bill before submitting it in the Committee on Local Government.

The RDC requested to participate in the Committee deliberations for the said Bill, which will be held once the Congress resumes its session in July.

Moreover, NEDA-CAR is currently preparing to intensify the advocacy for autonomy. A workshop on Enhanced Provincial IEC for Cordillera Autonomy will be conducted on June 19. The said workshop intends to generate action plans that are contextualized with politico-social organizations' interest in the provinces for the remaining months of the year, and to unite key autonomy players in the provinces and cities where Information, Education, communication (IEC) and Alliance Building campaigns could be focused on./NEDA-CAR-MEDIA RELEASE

Mayor: SC Decision Did not Authorize Jadewell's Return

BAGUIO CITY – The Supreme Court's April 23, 2014 decision invalidating the city council's rescission of the city government-Jadewell Parking Systems Corporation contract did not authorize the parking firm to resume operation in the city, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said on Wednesday.

"It's true that the decision affirmed the validity of our contract with them but it did not mention that Jadewell can reoperate in our city," the mayor said.

The mayor said he received a letter from the legal counsel of Jadewell seeking talks with the city government presumably on the resumption of their operations.

"But we will answer them to clarify that there was no mention of their reoperation in the decision," the mayor said.

The mayor said he expects Jadewell to file a motion with the Court for clarification of the ruling on this end.

Acting city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes on Monday also opined that what the Court nullified was only the first act of rescission by the city council done on February 19, 2002 as the five-year guarantee against rescission stipulated in the contract had not lapsed yet at that time but the second act of rescission done in 2006 was considered valid because it was beyond the guarantee period.

Rabanes told the department heads' meeting that in the recent decision, the Court dismissed the contempt charges filed against him, acting city mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and the members of the city council by Jadewell as a result of the said second act of rescission.

"So that means that the second rescission was valid and that means that we are free to use Ganza parking, all roads and areas subject of the Jadewell contract but we still have to wait for the entry of judgement," Rabanes said.

BWD Report: Gap Between Water Supply, Demand to Worsen in 8 Years

BAGUIO CITY – The ballooning gap between the water need of the populace vis-à-vis the production capability of the water sources in the city is expected to worsen in eight years.

This was based on the water supply and demand projection presented to the city council last Monday by Baguio Water District (BWD) general manager Salvador Royeca.

Based on the figures presented, the disparity between the supply and demand will increase from the estimated 17,000 cubic meter per day difference for 2014 to 28,000 cubic meter per day in 2022.

Royeca pointed out that water production capability of the city is beset with challenges foremost of which the declining pumping water levels due to depleting recharge areas of water sources as almost 70 percent of the city's land area is already developed and only 30 percent have old grown pine trees, production pine stands and brush lands. Another cause of the decline is the proliferation of private deepwells.

Other challenges being faced are the increase in the demand due to population growth and influx of transients and climate change.

One immediate problem that emerged is the destruction of water sources at Amliang, Sto. Tomas due to the massive road construction in the area which he said is being addressed at present.

Royeca was invited by the body to shed light on reports of water shortage in the city as per request of Councilor Peter Fianza.

BWD serves 122 of the 129 barangays in the city with a total of 36,949 connections as of April 2014. It has a total of 65 pumping stations, 57 deepwells and five spring sources.

Royeca said the district will pursue the bulk water project to address the water shortage problem in the city./A Refuerzo

In a decision dated April 23, Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes P. A. Sereno affirmed the Court of Appeals ruling dated July 7, 2003 invalidating the city council's rescission of the memorandum of agreement that authorized Jadewell's operation in the city in 2001.

But the Court did not award any damage in favor of the parking firm noting that there was not enough evidence on the extent of Jadewell's violations of the contract to prove whether or not the unilateral rescission of the contract was in order.

"While Jadewell prays for damages against the public respondent, and while ordinarily we could grant the same, the context of this case prevents us

from giving any form of recompense to Jadewell even if the rescission of the MOA did not follow the required legal procedure. This is because it would be appalling to grant Jadewell any award of damages, considering (1) it installed only 14 out of the apparently 100 contemplated parking meters; (2) its employees, private citizens who did not possess any authority from the LTO (Land Transportation Office), were manually collecting parking fees from the public, and (3) it did not, apparently properly remit any significant amount of money to

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BORN FREE - A baby girl with a Philippine Flag on her stroller joins her parents to celebrate the 116th Philippine Independence Day held at the Baguio Convention Center June 12./ By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor Convenes Local Inter-Agency Committee, Status Quo Ordered on Proclaimed Lands

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor

Mauricio Domogan Wednesday convened the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) to expedite the disposal of proclaimed lands to qualified beneficiaries in this mountain resort.

The LIAC chaired by the mayor is created for the primary function of formulating and adopting rules and policy guidelines on the disposition of proclaimed lands within the jurisdiction of Baguio City.

Committee on Urban Planning, Lands, Housing and Relocation Sites chairman and Councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr. will serve as co-chair and action officer and the City Planning Office as secretariat.

The members are the Regional Director of the DENR, Regional Director of HUDCCAR, City Administrator, City Planning and Development Officer, City Social Welfare and Development Officer, City Engineer, DILG City Director, representatives from the Mayor's Office, NHA, PCUP, Administrator of the proclaimed land, homeowners and the Punong Barangays of the land subject for disposition.

The barangays covered include Cabinet Hill-Teachers Camp, Marcoville, Southdrive, Engineers Hill, DPS Compound, San Luis, San Roque, PMA Fort Del Pilar, North Sanitary Camp, East Quirino Hill, M. Roxas, BGH Compound, Pinget, Loakan Proper, East Bayan Park, Ambiong and Brookpoint.

Domogan also created subcommittees for the barangays in question which is tasked to recommend actions to be under-

taken.

The mayor said the committees other functions will include the drafting of a plan for expeditious disposition of lands, identify and mobilize fund resources, approve the master list of qualified beneficiaries, formulate measures to maintain peaceful possession of the land.

"This should not be a license for anyone to enter any forest reserve and squat, it would be our policy to demolish any new structure which will be constructed without any building permit in any of this proclaimed lands," he said.

Domogan also stressed pending complaints will continue to be processed under the rules including pending demolitions.

Domogan also appealed to homeowners not to renovate or extend their present structures except if it is necessary or it will be construed as a new structure and will be subject for demolition.

"We should be consistent in our stand in protecting the remaining forest reserves and this status quo order will hamper would be settlers in constructing new structures," he said.

The mayor also noted that part of the requirements in order for a proclaimed reservation to be disposed to actual occupants is the consent of the reservee.

"We will get the recommendations of the reservee on this proclaimed lands, they should also give their consent or opposition to the same," he

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Wishbone—or backbone?

Applause is the end and aim of “weak minds,” parliamentarian Edmund Burke once wrote. But it also spurs “noble minds.” That’s tailor-fit for Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales.

She didn’t dally for the standing ovation that erupted after she hauled, into the antigrift court, Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada, Bong Revilla and associates for plunder. Instead, she lodged an urgent petition with the Supreme Court: Please create two special divisions, in the antigrift court, to conduct, without break, trial of the pork barrel scam.

Morales cited four compelling reasons: “national magnitude of these cases, complexities of the issues, multiple number of accused, and ‘far-reaching consequences.’”

The Constitution, precedent, plus the Sandiganbayan’s own rules, underpin swift action. In January 2002, the high court crafted a special division, in the Sandiganbayan, to tackle plunder charges against President Joseph Estrada and coaccused. It convicted Erap with dispatch.

Sen. Bong Revilla—charged with repeatedly slurping into the pork barrel for bogus nongovernment organizations—scurried to the Sandiganbayan Saturday with motions for suspension of proceedings. If granted, that would stave off the arresting posses for now. But what if denied? Then, his lawyers would lodge a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court. “If you are in his shoes, you will not also want to be jailed,” the senator’s counsel said.

Sure. But “never grow a wishbone where your backbone should be,” columnist Dorothy Parker would josh friends in New York’s Lower East Side. And backbone is what this Ombudsman always had.

As a Supreme Court justice, Morales penned the 8-7 decision that scrubbed President

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Islamic Liberation Front on ancestral domain. “The biggest joke to hit the century,” she bristled at the Corona Court majority allowing Eduardo Cojuangco to dip into levies extorted from indigent coconut farmers. The tycoon pocketed 16.2 million San Miguel shares.

“Our fears are shaped by past betrayals,” Viewpoint noted (Opinion, 3/23/10). “A Supreme Court that grovels... whistles up a gross image (of) a Chief Justice trotting behind Imelda Marcos, as parasol bearer.”

The lady Ombudsman’s petition will be heard Tuesday by a court led by a lady chief justice: Maria Lourdes Sereno. “Ing mayap a babai, maiguit ya karing rubi,” a Pampango proverb says. “A good woman is worth more than rubies.”

Shattered hopes in constitutional institutions are reviving—thanks to Filipino women of “burnished steel.” That includes Gabriela Silang, executed in 1763 for rebelling against colonizers and “housewife” Corazon Aquino who sent a dictator packing.

“Women are only good for the bedroom,” Ferdinand Marcos sneered when told that Cory reluctantly agreed to a draft. “Walang alam ‘yan.” And Cory snapped back: “True. I don’t know how to steal, cheat, lie or murder.”

“People Power 1” installed Aquino as the 11th—and first woman—president. She reestablished constitutional government, served with integrity, oversaw peaceful transition of power and returned to her modest Times Street home. Marcos’ corpse molders in a mausoleum as his heirs badger for denied Libingan ng mga Bayani honors.

People respect women who hew to principles and refuse to be cowed. That includes today’s Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, Commission on Audit’s Grace Pulido Tan and Heidi Mendoza, Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman and Internal Revenue Commissioner Kim Henares.

They’re cut from the same bolt as Cecilia Muñoz Palma’s (1913-2006). The first woman Supreme Court justice didn’t buckle when male colleagues surrendered to Marcos the 12th-century prerogative of courts to rule on habeas corpus pleas. She flayed, in January 1975, the farcical “Citizens Assemblies.” “A referendum under martial rule can be of no far-reaching significance,” Palma wrote with Justice Claudio Teehankee. “It is accomplished under a climate of fear.”

When the Presidential Commission on Good Government was under the watch of Haydee Yorac, the treasury recovered \$683 million from Marcos’ Swiss bank accounts. That same feistiness showed in Yorac’s work, from peace negotiator to Commission on Elections official.

“Yorac knows she will not complete the task herself,” the 2004 Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation citation noted. “Others will rise to it. No one is indispensable, she reminds us all. Making a difference is enough.”

Then senior vice president of Equitable-PCI Bank Clarissa Ocampo made a difference when she witnessed, from “a foot away,” President Joseph Estrada sign a P500-million loan as “Jose Velarde.” “I refused to certify it,” Ocampo said. She later received threats on her life and for some years lived abroad. She is now a senior broadcast executive.

Heidi Mendoza audited the comptroller’s office of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and documented that, under Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, the office plundered AFP funds. That included a P200-million reimbursement check from the United Nations for Filipino peacekeepers.

Mendoza left an Asian Development Bank job to testify after her report on an almost P510-million AFP loss had been refrigerated. Her congressional testimony led to action. Garcia landed in the clink. A stacked Commission on Appointments, meanwhile, keeps Mendoza’s confirmation in the freezer.

“Who shall find a valiant woman?” asks the Book of Proverbs. “Far, and from the uttermost coasts, is the price of her... and her works praise her in the gates.”/Juan L. Mercado/E-mail: juanlmercado@gmail.com



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DUTERTE: I WILL ABOLISH CONGRESS

BY: JESUS DUREZA



“Kami lahat DUTERTE dito kung tatakbo sya pagka presidente. Kaso ayaw yata. Kaya BINAY kami sa ngayon.” (“We will all be for Duterte here if he runs for president. Problem is he seems not interested. So we are for Binay for now”.)

This was my golf caddy at the Intramuros golf links in downtown Manila, not someone from Davao, talking. I was trying to divert his attention from my bad golf swing so I started talking politics. When he spoke of Duterte, he did not even know yet that I was from Davao. Caddies usually try to make their players feel good especially when the going in the fairways gets rough — or should I say — going to the “rough” of the fairways literally, which was actually happening! I haven’t played golf for months but JCI Senate Foundation President TONY CERILLES (also governor of Zambo Sur) would not take “no” for an answer. So my caddy and I watched helplessly as my whacked golf ball, flawlessly off-target, soared over the centuries-old adobe brick walls towards the Manila BULLETIN building on the other side beyond the fairways. “OB sir!”, he shouted. (OB stands for “out of bounds” with a 2-stroke penalty). Never mind, I was interested in what he had to say about Davao Mayor RODY DUTERTE.

NONE FROM MINDANAO — During the same week, my Ateneo college classmate CESAR “Osting” LAPID from Cagayan de Oro called and asked whether the DUTERTE FOR PRESIDENT movement was going to his place in CDO because his friends there were already asking, knowing that Osting originally came from Davao. Then just within days, during the culmination of the Press Freedom Week in Cagayan de Oro, media man Ruffy Magbanua emailed me a situationer where he reported that the three (3) Mindanao stalwarts, Reuben Canoy, Homobono Adaza and Aquilino “Nene” Pimentel who were honorees during the media event had spontaneously agreed to help convince Mayor Duterte to consider running for the presidency to install a Mindanaoan in Malacanang —there being none in recent memory. Very significant is that all three are FEDERALISTS, whose pre-historic dreams for Mindanao was to go federal. Then, in no time I read a report that Mr. Canoy, formerly assemblyman and a pre-martial law advocate of Mindanao independence, immediately flew to Davao and promptly met with the mayor behind closed door at Marco Polo Hotel. The details of the meeting were not known except to say that again, expectedly, Duterte told him to look somewhere else.

“I DON’T WANT ...” —Then I opened the Manila TIMES newspaper a few days ago and saw a front page story entitled: “DUTERTE: DON’T MESS UP WITH ME; I DON’T WANT TO BE PRESIDENT”. At the lead paragraph, he categorically declared he was not interested to run before an assembly of the Philippine Army in Davao where he was guest speaker. But then if you read further on he said something to the effect that if, yes IF, he were given a mandate to be president, he would abolish Congress, call for a revolutionary government and focus on reforming the country. Without admitting it, he seems to have given it some good thought too. Who wouldn’t?

“DON’T F__K HERE” — I may be getting it all wrong wrong but the temperature for Duterte is fast rising. After his much publicized “I’ll kill you” statement in the Senate during the rice smuggling controversy, he quietly secured a few days ago, the safe release from the NPAs in COMVAL area, which is outside the city, the mem-

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*116 years after, RP
still not independent*

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LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts..." (Psalm 119:45, the Holy Bible).

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116 YEARS AFTER, RP STILL NOT INDEPENDENT: As the nation celebrated its 116th year of independence on June 12, 2014, many perceptive citizens are questioning whether there is real independence in the Philippines today. The general consensus is that there is nothing to celebrate really, simply because the Filipino people, more than ever, never became independent, even as they remain in bondage to slavery in its many forms.

First, we are definitely still slaves and therefore are not free from foreign domination on economic matters—it is the foreigners among us that continue to control big businesses not only in Metro Manila, but in every part of the archipelago. Filipinos do not have any businesses at all, and if they happen to be in business in any way, they deal only with small buks.

Second, foreigners or Filipinos with clear and strong foreign lineage or descent are the ones in control of government—from national to local governments. In fact, there is an admission that even the president of this country, President Aquino, and much of his Cabinet secretaries, are either Chinese or Spanish or American. Local officials have family names that contain only two or three letters, or four, at most.

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RP STILL UNDER FOREIGN CONTROL: Third, Filipinos still have no freedom to work gainfully in this country, as they are still compelled to go and find employment abroad—where they are usually subjected to physical or emotional abuse by their employers or by the foreign community where they live in—because there is no real opportunity for them to decently earn in the country.

Fourth, the nation as a whole is not really free because it is still taken advantage of, pushed around, and bullied relentlessly, by stronger and mightier countries, just like what the United States of America and China are doing. Indeed, because of our weakness, the US can easily get concessions like defense agreements that clearly contravene our Constitution, and China can just go in and out of our territorial waters.

Fifth, many Filipinos remain at the mercy of greedy and corrupt political leaders whose only concern in getting themselves elected or appointed in government is to amass great, even if illegal, wealth to lay the foundation for their political dynasties, so they could continue rapping the coffers of this country for their, and their families', benefit.

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THE ROAD TO REAL INDEPENDENCE: What has caused this continuing slavery of the Filipino people? There would be many factors and reasons for this. But we should not forget that this kind of slavery, this kind of suffering and difficult and cursed life, had all been warned about and promised by the Bible to happen to a people who no longer listen to God and who no longer obey Him.

Many will refuse to even consider this Biblical basis for our continuing lack of freedom from want and poverty and our continuing domination by foreigners, saying there are more important things to consider if we are to free our people from the clutches of foreign control and domination.

But it would not harm anyone of us if our government leaders in general, and our people in particular, would try to listen to, and obey, what the Bible is saying to reverse this unfortunate condition of our nation. The time has come, and that time is now, to listen to God and obey His commands, because that is now the only viable alternative so our people can have real independence.

PUJ Step Board Resolution Tracking Done

BAGUIO CITY – A council resolution done in 2012 for the installation of appropriate or additional step board in public utility jeepneys (PUJs) needs a more detailed study, as to the legislative tracking analysis done by the city's Sangguniang Panlungsod staff.

The resolution earlier requested Baguio City jeepney drivers and operators to install appropriate or additional step board for the safety and convenience of senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and pregnant women.

The recommendations after a letter was sent to PUJ associations, and interviews with personnel from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB-CAR) and Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC-CAR) were conducted, includes;

The need to confirm from the LTFRB-CAR and DOTC-CAR the maximum width and height of a stepboard, both, as 25 centimeters;

For jeepneys needing additional step board, its height and width needs to be determined, as it has been observed that there were narrow additional stepboards. These pose danger to passengers, rather than convenience, it was known.

The council resolution should be an ordinance instead, for jeepney drivers and operators to take the matter seriously as the safety of passengers is of concern.

The tracking staff of the SP also took note of a suggestion that the terrain in some areas of Baguio having a high stepboard would require an additional stepboard, which may be disassembled, as needed.

The respondents of the study numbering about a hundred, include those from the red, blue, green and yellow trunklines; drivers and operators, all members of jeepney associations plying the city's jeepney routes./juliegianza

DepEd, Police Report Smooth and Peaceful Opening of Classes in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY — The Department of Education Baguio Division Office and the Baguio City Police Office reported a smooth, orderly and peaceful class opening in the city during the nationwide start of classes on June 2.

DepEd Baguio Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Francis Bringas reported that the class opening went smoothly in the elementary and high school despite the reported usual problems in most of the schools in the city like lack of classrooms, teachers and other school facilities.

Bringas during the weekly Kapihan sa Baguio media forum last week said that most of the public schools reported an increase number of enrollees from the primary to the secondary level. He explained that the increase of tuition fee and other fees in the private schools

forced more parents to enroll their children in public schools.

But Bringas made clear that even if there have been minor problem namely the lack of rooms and facilities, the public schools will still continue to accept enrollees in their schools until the second week of June.

The DepEd is mandated to accept all students in their institution despite the problem on the number of students per class, he said.

At the Baguio City National High School, the largest public high school in the region, almost 7000 came to class on Monday, with ratio of student to a room pegged at 1:70 particularly in the fourth year level.

BCNHS Principal Dr. Elma Donaal said that despite the 1:45 ideal ratio of

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Panagbenga Dialogue up – Mayor

BAGUIO CITY – A dialogue between and among concerned agencies and personalities as to the management of the Baguio Flower Festival or Panagbenga shall be arranged as soon as the audited statement is ready, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said during the media Ugnayan last week.

This is an offshoot of the privilege speech given by Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr., alleging that the flower festival needs to be given back to the city for management as it has "metamorphosed from a cultural event to a commercial endeavor, from a community affair to a profit-driven show." He also said locals and handicraft producers were not given appropriate chances to promote their products during the Market Encounter of Panagbenga 2014 last February. There was even a call for a resolution to convene a team for the preparation of Panagbenga 2015, on its 20th staging; to generate fund for social services, and other city programs and projects.

However the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Inc. (BFFFI) held its own press conference at the Baguio Country Club last June 5 to refute said claims.

"The Panagbenga belongs to the people of Baguio City," BFFFI with member-directors; hotelier Frederico Alquiros, Dr. Julie Cabato, Atty. Damaso Bangaoet, Jr., Schools Superintendent Dr. Francis Cesar Bringas, Mayor Mauricio Domogan, and Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr., said. They also urged public and private entities to work together for the next Panagbenga, or offer alternatives instead of criticizing the activity's flaws, real or imagined.

The father of Panagbenga, Atty. Bangaoet, Jr., said the flower festival would always emerge developed with inputs from those working for its improvement.

Physician and environmentalist Dr. Cabato, encouraged the application of family values for those working for Panagbenga; as we "take things to heart." There should be no "unpeace" in this endeavor, she gently said.

In his privilege speech, Councilor Yangot said that the school and barangay landscape contests were scrapped as there are "not money-making" activities. It has been clarified by BFFFI directors, however that said contests were now year-long clean and green activities, not just for the Panagbenga month.

As to what has been alleged as the flower festival funds being unaudited, Mayor Domogan clarified that every flower festival "has been duly audited, as a "mandatory requirement," except for the 2005 edition, he said. That was during former Brulio Yaranon's term, he added.

Mayor Domogan also gave out data on the increase

of business tax collections before and during the festival's growth through the years. Business tax was then P13M to P15 M in 1992 before the flower festival, P50M when Panagbenga started and now at P200M annually. The increase is credited to

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

FLORENCIO A. FANGONILLO Represented
by: RUDY BUMILAC
Applicant

Case No: 2000-01-2358

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SCOUT BARRIOI and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Poadal, 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 3rd day of June 2014.

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

REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
LA TRINIDAD
BENGUET

IN THE MATTER
OF PETITION
FOR EXTRA-
JUDICIAL FORE-
CLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER
ACT NO. 3135 AS
AMENDED

CONCEPCION
B. TAJUDEEN,
*Petitioner/Mort-
gagee,*

-versus-

SPS. MARTIN G.
CARIAS and
ERMELINDA H.
CARIAS, herein
Represented by
MARTIN G.
CARIAS

*Respondent/
Mortgagors,*

X.....X

CASE NO. 14-EXF-
1776

NOTICE OF
EXTRA-JUDICIAL
SALE

Upon Extra-Judi-
cial Petition for sale
under Act 3135 filed
by CONCEPCION B.
TAJUDEN, of legal age
married, Filipino
Citizen and with
present residence and
postal address located
at no. 24, Torres
Bugallon, Aurora
Hill, Baguio City,
Philippines, herein
after referred to as the MORTGAGEE,
against SPOUSES
MARTIN G. CARIAS
and ERMELINDA H.
CARIAS, of legal
ages, Filipino
Citizens, and with
present residence and
postal address at JD
235 Bayabas, Pico La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, herein
referred to us the

Mortgagors, to satisfy
the mortgage indebt-
edness which as of
May 31, 2012
amounted to TWO
HUNDRED SEVEN-
TEEN THOUSAND
(P217,000.00) PESOS
ONLY, Philippine
currency, excluding
interest, charges, and
other charges, ten
percent (10%) of the
total indebtedness as
attorney's fees and
other incidental ex-
penses for the foreclo-
sure proceedings, the
undersigned deputy
sheriff will sell at
public auction on July
8, 2014, 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 and in Philip-
pine currency, the fol-
lowing described real
property including all
the improvements
thereon, to wit:

**Transfer Certificate
of Title no. T-58682**

"A parcel of land
(Lot H-27, of the sub-
division plan (LRC)
Psd-64889, being a
portion of Lot H, de-
scribed on plan (LRC)
Psd-30137, LRC
(GLRO) Record
no. 13894), situated in
the Barrio of Irisan,
Municipality of Tuba,
Province of Benguet,
Island of Luzon,
Bounded on the NE.,
points 2 to 3 by prop-
erty of Bisgwey (F-
26421) on the SE.,
points 3 to 4 by Lot H-
1; on the SW., points
to 1 by Lot H-26; and
on the NW., points 1-
to 2 by Lot H-25, all
of the subdivision
plan. Beginning at a
point marked "1" on
the plan being N.82
Deg. 48', w. 2727.10M.
From Triangulation
Station "Limestone",
Baguio Townsite;

Containing an
area of EIGHT HUN-
DRED ONE (801)
Square meters, more
or less, and is covered
by Transfer Certifi-
cate of Title No. T-
58682 of the records
of the Register of
Deeds for the Prov-

ince of Benguet
xxxxx."

All sealed bids
must be submitted to
the undersigned on
the above-stated time
and date. Nonethe-
less, in the event the
public auction should
not take place on the
said date, it shall be
held on July 29, 2014
at the same place and
time without further
notice.

Interested bid-
ders/buyers are
hereby enjoined to in-
vestigate for them-
selves the title of said
properties and the en-
cumbances thereon,
if any there be.

Let, therefore, a
copy of this Notice of
Extra-judicial Sale be
published at the THE
JUNCTION NEWSPA-
PER, a newspaper of
general circulation,

on June 15, 22 and
29, 2014;

Likewise, let a
copy of the same be
posted in three con-
spicuous places, one
each in the bulletin
boards of the Muni-
cipal Hall of Tuba,
Benguet, Regional
Trial Court-office of
the Clerk of Court
and at the Benguet
Provincial Lobby, all at
La Trinidad Benguet.

La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philip-
pines, this 10th day
of June, 2014
FOR THE EX-
OFFICIO PROVIN-
CIAL SHERIFF OF B
ENGUET
BY (SGD): JOHN
MARIE O. OCASLA
Sheriff IV

Publication Dates
June 14, 21 and 28,
2014

BWD: No Water Shortage in City

BAGUIO CITY – the
heavy downpour
sweeping across the
Cordilleras this month,
bringing soaking rain-
fall in the city is a wel-
come sign for the
Baguio Water District
(BWD) here.

Finally, this dra-
matic shift has sig-
nalled the end of the hot
summer month and the
city's watersheds will
be recharged until the
summer season next
year.

BWD General
Manager Salvador
Royeca speaking be-
fore the Council Mon-
day expressed relief
that the reduced yield
of water experienced
not only in the city but
the country especially
during summer season
is finally over.

This is in reply to
a council inquiry
penned by Councillor
Peter Fianza seeking
explanation on reports
of water shortage and
water supply rationing
in many urban cities
and local government
units in the country.

Royeca admitted
water rationing is being
done in the city espe-
cially during summer
but dismissed allega-
tions that there is a
looming water crisis.

Royeca said, "wa-
ter rationing in the city
is based on results of
evaluation being con-
ducted by the agency
and dependent on the
location of the barangay
they are servicing."

As per a report of
the BWD presented to
the Sangunian, it is cur-
rently serving a total of
122 barangays out of
the 128 existing
barangays in the city.

Kias and Fort Del
Pilar Barangays as re-
ported have their own
water system while
Scout Barrio Barangay
is being supplied by
Camp John Hay.

As per barangays
Apugan-Loakan, Atok
Trail, Lucnab and
Happy Hollow, the
BWD said it is deriving
its water supply from
spring sources and pri-
vate delivery trucks.

The BWD at
present has 65 pump-
ing stations, 57
deepwells and 5 spring
sources where it gets
the supply of water ra-
tioned to residential
homes, business estab-
lishments and govern-
ment facilities.

It has 36,949 active
water service connec-
tions comprising
27,019 residential A,
5,186 Residential B,
514 residential C, 230

TESDA Offers Special Training for Employment Program

BAGUIO CITY - The Special
Training for Employment Pro-
gram (STEP) for barangay-based
of the Technical Education and
Skills Development Authority
(TESDA) is accepting interested
applicants in the said program.

There are seven courses of-
fered which include 82 hours of
Tile Setting NC II, 164 hours of
Service Automotive Electrical
Components, 30 hours of Install
Electrical Protection System/In-
stall Wiring Services, 120 hours
of Manicure/Pedicure, 180 hours
of Hair Cutting Services, and 120
hours of Hilot NC II are offered
to 33 beneficiaries in every
course.

80 hours of Pastry Making/
Cake Making will be offered to

35 beneficiaries.

TESDA Provincial Director
Angela Gabriel stressed that the
training program will be based on
community/area skills require-
ments leading to employment.

Accordingly, TESDA will
provide starter tool kits to the
trainees and a training allowance
of 60 pesos per day.

Deadline for the submission
of applications will be on June 30
at the Office of the Congressmen,
City Hall, Baguio City.

The venue/area where the
training courses will be deter-
mined after the assessment
and evaluation of the applica-
tions.

Said training will start this
July./Jho Arranz

Bakun Passes Ordinance on Indigenous Wildlife Preservation

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Preserving the flora and fauna of
Bakun is a primary concern of officials of this town as they passed
an ordinance underscoring the conservation and protection of indig-
enous wildlife and their habitat.

Ordinance Number 04-2014 is now in the hands of the Benguet
Provincial Board for further deliberation.

Vice Mayor Edwin Bandao who authored the ordinance, said
some of the wildlife in the area are tagged as critically endangered and
endangered thus the need to preserve and protect these including
their habitat.

"We are indigenous peoples yet we cannot show any indigenous
wildlife in our area," said Bandao. "Our next generation will question
us on what have we done to preserve all those," he added.

Among the critically endangered flora are orchids, blackberry,
Benguet Lily, Almaciga tree while fauna include the Philippine brown
deer and bearded pig. Some endangered species are the cloud rat, wild
cat, wood pecker, and giant ferns.

Contributing to the annihilation of indigenous wildlife are illegal
acts such as killing and destruction, hunting, trapping, collecting, pos-
sessing, trading, and transporting such species.

Dumping of waste products detrimental to wildlife, squatting or
occupying portions of the critical habitat, mineral exploitation and/or
extraction, burning, logging and quarrying are identified as unlawful
acts in identified critical habitat.

If approved by the provincial board, a task force on wildlife
protection and conservation will be created for the implementation
and enforcement of the ordinance./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

national government facilities, 75
city government facilities, 704
commercial A, 3,140 commercial
B, 74 commercial C and 7 com-
mercial D as of April this year.

Royeca said, "the BWD aims
to improve the distribution of
water in the city reason why it
is in the process of exploring ad-
ditional sources of water and
even contemplating on entering
into a joint venture with private
investors for a bulk water
project."

"Interested investors for the
bulk water supply include Ma-
nila Water, Maynilad and Prime
Water which has already asked
for technical data to support

their feasibility study," he said.

The agency reported an an-
nual water production of
14,500,000 plus per cubic meter
but the supply is still lesser than
the demand due to the balloon-
ing city population.

Royeca said, "with a pro-
jected total city population of
332,137, it is serving 312,209 and
supplies 41,504 cubic meter per
day, lesser than the demand pro-
jected at 58,367 cubic meter per
day for this year alone."

It is estimated that the de-
mand for water will increase tre-
mendously over the next years.

Royeca said, "at present, the

Republic of the
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REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 8
La Trinidad,
Benguet

La Trinidad,
Benguet

EMILIO CAFIER rep-
resented by his
Atty-in-Fact
PATRICIA C.
MAYAMNES,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

SPOUSES VIDAL
ANG and LILIA G.
ANG
Defendants.

-versus-

x———x

SPS. VIDAL ANG
and LILIA ANG,
Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 14-
CV-3014

x———x

CIVIL CASE NO.
14-CV-3014

FOR: Revival of
Judgment of
Execution of
Judgment After
the Lapse of Five
(5) Years from
Date of Entry

FOR: REVIVAL OF
JUDGEMENT
etc.

SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION

ORDER

Plaintiff through
counsel filed a
Motion for Leave of
Court to Issue
Summons by
Publication as the
defendants have
moved to Canada.
Finding merit to the
motion, the court
grants the same.
WHEREFORE, let
Summons by
Publication issue on
defendant Spouses
Vidal Ang and Lilia
Ang to be published
in the Junction, a
newspaper of
general circulation
in Baguio City and
Benguet Province.
SO ORDERED.
Done in Chambers,
this 3rd day of June
2014, at La Trinidad,
Benguet.

By: (SGD)
MARYBELLE L.
DEMOT MARIÑAS
Presiding Judge

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 8
2nd Floor Justice
Hall, Justice Hill

Plaintiff, through
counsel, filed a veri-
fied complaint with
this court on February
28, 2014, quoted as
follows:

COMPLAINT
WITH DUE RE-
SPECT TO THE HON-
ORABLE COURT:

Plaintiff through
counsel comes before
the Honorable Court
and respectfully al-
leges as follows:

1. Plaintiff, is
the atty-in-fact of Pe-
titioner, she is of le-
gal age, married to
Roberto D. Mayamnes
and with residence
and postal address at
AO 12, Tawang, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines while the
defendants are also of
legal ages, Filipino
citizens and with last
known address at KB
35 Cruz, La Trinidad,
Benguet, Philippines
where they may be
served with summons
and processes of the
Honorable Court.
Copy of the Special
Power of Attorney is
hereto attached as
Annex "A";

2. Petitioner was
the Plaintiff in a case
before the Regional
Trial Court Branch 8,

La Trinidad, Benguet
which was docketed as
Civil Case No. 90-CV-
0459 entitled SPS.
EMILIO CAFIER and
LOURDES CAFIER
versus SPS. VIDAL
ANG and LILIA G.
ANG

3. A DECISION
in the above-men-
tioned case was issued
by the Honorable
Court on October 6,
1992. The DECISION
was based on a Com-
promise Settlement
submitted by the par-
ties. This DECISION
has not been appealed
and an ENTRY OF
JUDGEMENT and
CERTIFICATE OF FI-
NALITY was issued on
November 17, 1992.
Copy of the DECI-
SION, ENTRY OF
JUDGEMENT and Cer-
tificate of Finality are
hereto attached as An-
nex "B", "C" and
"D";

4. A Writ of Exe-
cution was not issued
since no motion has
been filed for the exe-
cution of the DECI-
SION of the Honora-
ble Court. More than
five (5) years lapsed
since the finality of
the Decision of the
Honorable Court,
Branch 8, hence this
Complaint;

5. The DECI-
SION of the Honora-
ble Court quoted the
Compromise Settle-
ment as follows:

1. xxx xxx xxx

2. That the defen-
dants, for their part,
shall voluntarily sur-
render the owner's
copy of T.C.T No. 21579
and forthwith execute
a deed of sale in favor
of Patricia C.
Mayamnes, daughter-
heir of the plaintiffs
covering the property
subject of the above-
entitled case;

3. xxx xxx xxx

WHEREFORE, in
view of the foregoing,
judgment is hereby
rendered enjoining
the parties of faith-
fully comply with the
terms and conditions
of their compromise
agreement.

XXXXXXX

6. The defendants
in the above-men-
tioned case surren-
dered the title of the
property subject of the
case, however, the cor-
responding Absolute
Deed of Sale over the

property was not ex-
ecuted for the trans-
fer of the property to
Patricia C. Mayamnes;
7. Plaintiff had
been going back and
forth to the old resi-
dence of the defen-
dants at KB 35, Cruz,
La Trinidad, Benguet,
but they are nowhere
to be found;

8. The said judg-
ment is not barred by
the Statute of Limita-
tion. Plaintiff then
begs the indulgence of
the Honorable Court
for the Revival and Exe-
cution of the Judg-
ment in the above-
mentioned case. Plaintiff
further prays that the
corresponding Deed of
Absolute Sale of T.C.T
No. 21579 be executed
for and in favor of the
Patricia C. Mayamnes.

PRAYER

"WHEREFORE,
plaintiff respectfully
prays of this Honora-
ble Court that after
due notice and hear-
ing, the Judgment in
Civil Case No. 90-CV-
0459 entitled SPS.
EMILIO CAFIER and
LOURDES CAFIER
versus SPS. VIDAL
ANG and LILIA G.
ANG be revived and
executed so that an
Absolute Deed of Sale
of T.C.T. No. 21579 will
be executed in favor of
Patricia C. Mayamnes.
Plaintiff further
prays for such other
reliefs and/or reme-
dies just and equi-
table under the cir-
cumstances.

Respectfully sub-
mitted, this 26th day of
February 2014 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

(SGD) MATHEW L.
DATI

Counsel for Plain-
tiff PTR No. 3553956;
1-02-2014; Baguio
Benguet IBP No.
937814; 1-02-2014;
Baguio Benguet Roll
No. 50531; May 04,
2005 MCLE Compli-
ance IV No. 000203, 08-
04-2010 MCLE Compli-
ance V No. 0000136,
06-20-2013

DATI LAW OFFICE
ALS BLDG. CAPI-
TOL DRIVE KM. 6, LA
TRINIDAD, BENGUET
VERIFICATION
AND CERTIFICATION
I, PATRICIA C.
MAYAMNES, of legal
age, married, Filipino
Citizen with residence
and postal address at

AO-12 Tawang, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines atty-in-
fact of Emilio P. Cafier
under oath, hereby de-
pose and state that:

1. I am the atty-in-
fact for the petitioner/
plaintiff in the above-
entitled case. I have
caused the preparation
of the foregoing peti-
tion/complaint, read
all the allegations
therein the same are
true and correct of my
own knowledge and
belief and based on
authentic records;

2. I hereby certify
that, to the best of my
knowledge, there is no
other action or pro-
ceeding involving the
same issue or issues
filed with and/or pend-
ing in any other court
or agency of the gov-
ernment;

3. I hereby under-
take that if I should
learn at anytime in
the future of any case
or proceeding involv-
ing the same issues
pending before any
other court or agency
of the government I
will report the same to
the Honorable Court
not later than five (5)
days from knowledge
thereof.

IN WITNESS
WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand
this 26th day of Febru-
ary 2014 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

(SGD) PATRICIA
C. MAYAMNES
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND
SWORN to before me
this 26th day of Febru-
ary, 2014 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, affiant
exhibiting to me her
CTC No. indicated be-
low her name and sig-
nature.

(SGD) MATHEW L.
DATI Notary Public
Until December 31,
2014 PTR No. 3553956;
1-02-2014; Benguet
IBP No. 937814; 1-02-
2014; Baguio-Benguet
Roll No. 50531; 05-04-
05, Manila

WHEREAS, plain-
tiff through counsel
filed a Motion for
Leave to Serve Sum-
mons by Publication,
which motion was
granted in the Order
of this court dated
June 3, 2014.

NOW THERE-
FORE, you defendants

SPOUSES VIDAL ANG
and LILIA ANG, who
are residents of KB 35
Cruz, La Trinidad,
Benguet, are hereby
summoned through
this medium of publi-
cation and you are re-
quired to file with the
Office of the Clerk of
Court, Regional Trial
Court, Branch 8, La
Trinidad, Benguet,
your pleading and/or
answer to the above-
quoted complaint
within sixty (60) days
from the date of the
last publication, serv-
ing at the same time a
copy of your responsive
pleading and/or an-
swer upon plaintiff's
counsel Atty. Mathew
L. Dati, ALS Bldg.,
Capitol Drive, Km. 6,
La Trinidad, Benguet.
Your failure to do so
within the paid period
will enable the plain-
tiff to take judgment
against you for the
remedies and reliefs
prayed for in her com-
plaint.

Let summons be
published at the ex-
pense of the plaintiff,
once a week for three
(3) consecutive weeks
in The Junction, a
newspaper of general
circulation in Baguio
City and the Province
of Benguet, the first
publication to be made
not later than June 22,
2014.

WITNESS THE
HONORABLE L.
MARYBELLE L.
DEMOT MARIÑAS,
Presiding Judge of
this Court, this 11th day
of June 2014 at La
Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines.

By: (SGD)
M A R I B E L
B R I L L I A N T E S
MACARIO
Branch Clerk of
Court

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2014

the declining pumping water levels due
to the depleting recharge areas of water
sources.

Royeca said, "almost 70% of the
city's land area is already developed and
only 30% have old grown Pine trees,
production stands and brush lands which
has greatly affected the recharge rate of
underground sources."

Meantime, Fianza will be submit-
ting a detailed recommendation to the
BWD regarding water rationing in the
city in order to address the concern of
residents and for a possible legislation
on the same./paul rillorta

BWD...
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BWD is try-
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Royeca
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on a smaller
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BWD stated
the main
challenge of
the water
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Philex...

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bilitation works and cleanup activities along Balog Creek between September 29, 2012 and March 7, 2013, as shown in a report submitted by the EMB-CAR, which the PAB earlier directed to conduct a bi-monthly monitoring in coordination with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

"After a thorough review of the recommendation of the Board, applicable legal principles as well as the arguments advanced by Philex Mines in its motion for reconsideration, the undersigned deems it just to partially reconsider the original Order," the PAB said in a five-page order signed by its presiding officer, Environment Undersecretary Demetrio Ignacio, Jr.

PAB, a quasi-judicial body, extended indefinitely in its July 5, 2013 decision the lifting of a cease-and-desist order it served to Philex Mining's Padcal operations on Nov. 28, 2012.

Meanwhile in a statement from Philex Mining CEO and President Eulalio Austin, Jr., "We've always expressed our commitment to abide by government rules, including on environmental protection, for our smooth operations and continued service to our country and to all our other stakeholders."

On February 26, 2013, the MGB-DENR received payment amounting to P1.034 billion from Philex officials as payment for damages resulting from the mine tailings leakage.

The payment of the penalty imposed by the MGB gave the go signal to resume operations after the mining firm as it shares government's concern to protect the environment./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

Re-Live Filipino...

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were sacrificed in order for the country to be free from foreign oppressors.

Along with this year's Independence Day theme, "Kalayaan 2014: Pagsunod sa Yapak ng mga Dakilang Pilipino Tungo sa Malawakan at Permanenteng Pagbabago", Domogan encouraged the people to do their best to follow our heroes' footsteps so that we can give meaning to the valor and the life sacrificed by those who died fighting for our country for our freedom.

"Mga kababayan sana ay patuloy nating sundan ang yapak ng mga dakilang Pilipino. Mga dakilang yapak ng Pilipinong masipag, mapagkakatiwalaan, matapat makatao at makadiyos at handing lumaban para sa katotohanan at magbuwis ng buhay para sa Inang Bayan. Mga Katangian na tiyak magdudulot sa atin ng malawakan at permanenteng pagbabago kapayapaan at kaunlaran" (Fellow Filipinos, I hope we continuously follow the footsteps of our heroes, the great footsteps of Filipinos that are hardworking, trustworthy, loyal, humane and God fearing who were always ready to fight for the truth and to sacrifice their lives for the best of country. Heroic traits that will surely bring the country a widespread and sustainable change, peace and development), Domogan said.

Though the parade was cancelled due to the inclement weather, the celebration was still successful with hundreds of city government officials/employees, personnel from various regional line agencies and law

enforcement offices, as well as civil society and barangay folks attending the program.

The city council headed by Vice Mayor Edison Bilog also played a role as each of the councilors spearheaded the reading of parts of the "Declaration" of Philippine Independence.

The Baguio City Hall Choir, Saint Louis University Center for Culture and the Arts Dance Troupe and the Baguio City National High School Special Program of the Arts, Marching Band and Chorale provided the entertainment and musical accompaniment during the program./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

DSWD -CAR...

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"For the regional office we have 2,600 family packs that are ready for distribution here in Baguio, the province of Benguet and the nearby municipalities of Mountain Province. We also have a standby response fund of around P168,000", Armas added.

On rehabilitation effort, Armas also reported that as of May of this year 1,250 core shelters were already constructed, 479 are on-going and 79 more are already approved for construction in the region.

These core shelter projects for the victims of the typhoons Ondoy, Pepeng and Santi as well as those whose houses are located in Mines and Geosciences Bureau-identified hazard areas, are under DSWD's Core Shelter Assistance program./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

Panagbenga...

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taxes from tourism-oriented businesses and services specially during Panagbenga season. He also called for the council's passage of a sales tax ordinance.

The running of Panagbenga entails sacrifices from the Baguioites, as there are admittedly inconveniences, the mayor said. The Panagbenga, however has been a product of partnership between the community and private entities, thus it should sustained that way, they said.

The mayor talked about agreement between and among the parties, thus the dialogue being scheduled./juliegfianza

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classrooms to students, they are still accepting enrollees. She said they are doing everything to accommodate all the students by converting more facilities as classrooms.

Baguio City Police Office OIC City Director PSSupt. Rolando Miranda said that there were no reported class opening-related incidents during the first days of class. He also bared that the BCPO had lesser crime reported during the first week of classes.

Miranda said that BCPO is on alert to maintain the peace and order situation as well as traffic situation. They are closely coordinating with school officials to ensure the safety of the stu-

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate of the late Juanito S. Bambalan Sr.

Notice is hereby given to the public that the heirs of the late JUANITO S. BAMBALAN SR., who died intestate on March 25, 2014 in Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City, has executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of his estate consisting of savings deposits: United Coconut Planters Bank account number 002171330692; United Coconut Planters Bank account number 002171100509 and Land Bank account number 00221-1111-76 on May 27, 2014 as per Doc. No. 127; page No. 26; Book No. CIV: Series of 2014, acknowledged before Atty. Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City

Publication dates: May 31, June 7 and 14, 2014

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

ESPEDITHA ZORDILLA
Applicant

Case No: 92-CAR-221
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity 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 CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Padcal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 3rd day of June 2014.

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

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

JEROME P. BANG-AG
Applicant

Case No: 2012-CAR-281
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ALVIN BRAVO
Applicant

Case No: 2011-CAR-328
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Baguio City

RUOLFALFRED XAVIER RETUYA
Applicant

Case No: 2011-CAR-804
NOTICE OF HEARING

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

FERNANDO GOLINGAY
Applicant

Case No: 99-01-1078
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - CAMP DANGWA and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

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Attorney IV

dents.

Meanwhile, Baguio City Councilor Robert Ortega has a proposed city ordinance that will mandate the presence of at least one po-

liceman in a school during school hours to ensure the safety and security of students./JDP/RMC & Michelle Guilemo- PIA-CA

CDA-CAR...**from page 1**

He further advised the public that prior to joining a certain organization, particularly a cooperative coming from outside the region, to verify first the status of the coop with the CDA Office to make sure if it is a legitimate organization.

Bawang further said it will also be more prudent to call directly the CDA Regional Office where they say they come from./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

Advocacy Mindanaw...**from page 4**

bers of the survey team of the DENR. Then, everyone could not forget how the main CM Recto Street in downtown Davao City got littered with dead bodies of armed kidnappers from Manila who thought they could collect their ransom from a victim in a Davao City bank. Duterte stood over the dead bodies and merely said: "Don't f__k here!" The woman victim was recovered safe. And just as I write this piece, the gruesome murder of a prominent businessman, Sonny "TY" Garcia in Davao City was solved even before the public woke up to learn about the brutal incident the following morning. I heard someone proclaim: there may be unsolved crimes all over the country, but not in DUTERTE COUNTRY! But no, that's not really accurate knowing that Duterte's turf is still in the human rights map for summary killings.

ENIGMA — Yes, Duterte with some of his unorthodox ways continue to be an enigma to many. Truth to tell, I had talked with Mayor Rody about the presidency many times over not so much about encouraging him to run, as I am also still tentative about it myself. I totally agree with him that THIS IS A LONG SHOT! But I did so upon requests of several well-meaning friends who were not from Davao and who thought I was that close to "Digong". (His closest, by the way, was my late bro-in-law Charlie "Paging" ALDEVERA whose advice he always sought and whose last word was: DON'T!) Rody had consistently and confidentially told me that yes, being president is destiny but he is not cut out for it. He confided to me of several groups and national personalities who also talked to him about it. He gave the same answer. "Baka nag kamali kayo kung ako e- presidente nyo.", was his standard answer. ("You might be committing a mistake if you make me president"). He told me of another group from Manila who came to ask his permission that they would organize for his candidacy. He cut them off immediately and told them firmly: NO! At the very least, however, they got his assurance that he would not publicly embarrass them after they said that they would still proceed with their plans "even without his blessings". When the group left, he told me later that he agreed to the latter arrangement

out of courtesy as they were prominent. I remember early this year, in the course of my Zambo City visits following the MNLF siege, an association of Zamboangueno taxpayers asked me to hand carry an invitation to Mayor Rody as their inducting officer, although they told me they wanted to launch a DUTERTE FOR PRESIDENT core group during the event. When Rody asked me, I truthfully told him. He declined the invitation.

WHAT IF? —But there is no question at all in my mind that he had seriously mulled this over. In fact, in one occasion, we had a freewheeling "WHAT IF" chat. What if you were president, I asked him once. Without thinking, he said: "I will first run without a congressional or senatorial slate because first thing I will do if I win will be to declare a revolutionary government and abolish Congress. Then I will initiate reforms." Under the present rules, he said, there is no way we can institute reforms. With all the big interests entrenched that are controlling all aspects of the country, he said he would only be gobbled up helplessly by the system and rendered inutile. "I may even end up in jail like all the presidents we know," he said seriously. But here's something interesting. While he seems not too confident about himself as a candidate, he is sure and certain about an agenda for the country. As a matter of fact, (and I risk getting his displeasure on this) he may be persuaded to instead campaigning for an advocacy, a plan of action, a program of government, a reform agenda. Whether it his him or someone else to carry it through is not yet an issue.

Usually, our chat about the presidency gets endless but Rody knows exactly how to cut it by merely telling me as he stands up to go: "Basta ikaw ES —executive secretary —ha?" We then would laugh together. He knows exactly my turn-off point, having told him before that the position in Malacanang that I would never accept nor aspire for, as far as I was concerned, was that of the ES, having seen it close and even having been, in fact, officially designated ES for several days when ES Ed ERMITA went abroad at one time. But that's another long story.

INCLUDE IN SURVEYS — Last week, my bosom friend, publisher and veteran journalist SERAFIN "Jun" LEDESMA, Jr. posted a blog which, among other things, asked why, with all the growing hoopla on the DUTERTE FOR PRESIDENT noise, the survey firms had EXCLUDED the name of Rody from their surveys. Someone even remarked: "They even had KRIS in the surveys, why not Digong?" Why oh why indeed?

From the looks of it, the DUTERTE ENIGMA is still an enigma. Is he for real? Is it really true that he is getting traction nation-wide as an "alternative"? Is the general public buying his line about radical reforms? Or is this just a passing fancy fanned momentarily by the Naples scandal? Perhaps, including his name in the succeeding surveys by pollsters like SWS, Pulse Asia and others can give us a good read. Then and only then can we validate what that golf caddy in Intramuros told me about Duterte's winnability? But most important of all, we will get some indication

whether the public is prepared to accept and adopt the unorthodoxes that the Duterte enigma represents. Then perhaps, this can be a signal for that momentous step for Mindanao, or the whole country for that matter, to go FEDERAL!/ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: AMFI_Mindanow/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

The Shoe...**from page 2**

hospital cooperative and other sources to be able to cope with her husband's medical needs.

The couple has three sons and a daughter. Joseph, 17, is in second year college. Jan Rondel, 15, just finished high school while Jason, 12, is in high school. Daughter Jessica, 11, is in the sixth grade.

Samaritans out there can visit Delfin during his four-hour dialysis treatment scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 11 a.m. on Thursday and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at the BGHMC. Delfin can be reached through cellphone number 09274988848, while Nora can be contacted through cellphone number 09984651939./Ramon Dacawi.

Mayor Convenes...**from page 3**

said.

The sub-committees formed were given 90 days to give its report which covers the possibility of recommending for the titling in favor of the beneficiaries the proclaimed lands, consent or opposition of the agency where subject lands are located and a report on the previous actions undertaken on said lands. /paul rillorta

Mayor: SC...**from page 3**

the City of Baguio," the Court said.

"These three facts are uncontested, these omissions are offensive to the concept of public service that the residents of Baguio were promised through Jadewell. From its ambiguous responses..., it is clear that Jadewell does not appear to be an investor who has lost in its investments in the Baguio City project. Thus, we do not award any damages to Jadewell."

In the same ruling, the Court also dismissed Jadewell's petitions to cite former mayors Braulio Yaranon, Bernardo Vergara and Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr., former vice mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda, members of the then city council and Judge Fernando Vil Pamintuan for indirect contempt and to disbar city officials who are lawyers by profession.

The Court also denied the petition of Jadewell for certiorari, prohibition and madamus as well as its prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and/or writ of preliminary injunction.

Yaranon's petition for review on certiorari relative to his suspension from office in 2006 was also denied for being moot and academic.

Jadewell's operations in the city which was assailed for a long time was stopped in November, 2006 after the city council repealed Ordinance No. 003-2000 for the privatization and administration of on-

street parking in the city and rescinded the MOA that authorized its operation in 2001.

This resulted to Jadewell's filing of the case against the city government questioning the validity of the rescission.

The Regional Trial Court on October 8, 2002 declared the city council's move as unlawful and this was sustained by the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2003.

The main case spawned a bevy of cases, one of which resulted to the suspension of former mayor Yaranon in 2006.

Jadewell's contract with the city government expired in 2012./A Refuerzo

National Artist...**from page 10**

EDC has already rescued 85 premium endangered tree species out of the 96 target priority species with the help of its BINHI partners nationwide.

BINHI is a nationwide reforestation and biodiversity preservation project initiated and being implemented by EDC to arrest forest degradation, contribute to climate change mitigation, and provide sustainable livelihood for forest communities.

Launched in 2008 using EDC's three decades of experience in integrated social forestry as platform, BINHI has become a model for corporate-led reforestation programs among Philippine businesses.

What sets it apart from other reforestation efforts is its focus on bringing back high-value but fast-dwindling native trees such as yakal, tindalo, kamagong, mangkono and ipil.

The ceremony was capped by a tree planting activity of indigenous trees with Bencab together with Lopez Museum President Cedio Lopez-Vargas and Lopez Group Foundation Operations Head Angela Lopez, planting 100 seedlings consisting of 18 premium native endangered tree species at Bencab's eco-trail.

They were joined by University of the Philippines-Baguio and the Philippine Society for the Study of Nature in the tree planting activity, which was also part of the Philippine Environment Month and the World Environment Month celebration.

Medrano said the tree planting activity will be enrolled as part of the National Greening Program of the DENR in the Cordillera.

Meanwhile, in an interview, Bencab expressed gladness of the project being undertaken in his own backyard as he stressed that he loves trees and he always attributes the partnership of art and nature.

"Aside from art, the museum is very interested in the environment and we are happy with collaboration with EDC to bring back endangered trees in their natural habitat. I am pleased that we are working together with the EDC in a project to make the eco-trail and the forest the heart of this community," said Bencab.

Vargas, on the other hand, said that the museum compound is the best spot for the BINHI project since it is an area which is protected and it is assured that trees planted would survive and be protected until it is ready to be reproduced. She stressed that they are lucky for having a partner such as Bencab who is not only a great Filipino artist but also a nature lover and environmentalist./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

National Artist Bencab Partners with Geothermal Company for Reforestation Efforts

Tuba, Benguet — The Bencab Arts Foundation Inc. (BAFI) has partnered with a leading geothermal company, the Energy Development Corporation (EDC), to save and propagate endangered premium native trees.

Last week, renowned artist Ben Cabrera popularly known as Bencab and EDC Corporate Social Responsibility Manager Rei Medrano signed a memorandum of commitment for the BINHI Tree for the Future Tree Project which aims to propagate endangered premium Philippine trees in the Tadiangan, Tuba and would- be mother plants in the reforestation efforts in the future.

Medrano said that the EDC has sourced the few remaining seedlings of endangered premium native trees and grow them into mother trees in planting sites where they can be best protected and nurtured such as the private property of the Bencab Museum. He said the mother trees will be used to propagate more seedlings for transplant all over the country.

Medrano explained that to ensure the sound implementation and sustainability of BINHI and the project, EDC entered into a long-term agreement with BINHI hosts and monitor them through a databank and GIS-generated map.

Ultimately, BINHI seeks to empower the Filipino people so they may take it upon themselves to regenerate these tree species that would have otherwise been lost to us forever.

“BAFI is EDC’s 97th partner for the BINHI Tree for the Future project. As a BINHI partner, BAFI will host the permanent planting area within the eco trail of the Bencab museum and share in the responsibility of implementing the long-term protection, monitoring and maintenance of the planted trees until these have grown into mother trees,” said Medrano.

He added BAFI will also provide yearly updates on the status of the seedlings for the EDC-DENR BINHI website and database.

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DSWD – CAR Assures Readiness to Respond to Rainy Day Disasters

BAGUIO CITY - With the summer season officially ending, the Department of Social Welfare and Development Cordillera Regional Office (DSWD - CAR) assures readiness to respond to any rainy season - related disaster or calamities.

DSWD – CAR OIC Regional Director Janet Armas assured this in a Kapihan sa Baguio media forum.

Armas reported that they are in close coordination with the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC) chaired by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

“Our Quick Response Team in the region is already

activated and we have trained personnel that are already closely working with DRRM councils in the provincial level. Our task is to become bolder and faster in responding to disaster or calamities", Armas stressed.

Armas also reported that for relief goods, 1,600 family packs consisting of rice, canned sardines and veggie noodles bought from Benguet State University are already prepositioned in the provinces, capital towns and to identified clustered municipalities that usually suffer road closures due to landslides such as Calanasan in Apayao, and Tinoc, Aguinaldo and Mayoyao in Ifugao.

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Philex Mines pays P188.6 M Environmental Fines

TUBA, Benguet—The Philex Mining Corporation may soon be resuming its full operations after the mining firm paid P188.6 million to the Pollution Adjudication Board (PAB) as part of its environmental obligation to the government in line with 2012 tailings dam leak accident at its Padcal mine site in Benguet.

Philex officials led by its chairman, businessman Manue Pangilinan, paid on June 6 the full amount to the PAB which are fines covering violations of Republic Act 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 for the discharge of nontoxic water and sediment from Padcal's Tailings Storage Facility

No. 3 to several bodies of water particularly to the Ballog Creek and Agno River.

In a five-page resolution, the PAB stressed that all the effluent and water samples collected from Balog Creek and Agno River on March 14-15, 2013 by the Joint Multipartite Monitoring Team (JMMT), were analyzed for heavy metals and total suspended solids were within the water quality criteria required by government.

This also confirmed the testing conducted on October 18, 2012 by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) - Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) in Baguio City.

The resolution also noted that Philex Mining had implemented reha-

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Domogan pointed out that as people treat this day as another holiday where they can go on with their usual daily routine or chores, there is a need to reflect on the sanctity of the June 12, 1898 (Philippine Independence Day) and understand, know and appreciate what

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