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# Use of Bayong Pushed

**ANOTHER WAITING SHED MOA WITH LOVE? This waiting shed at Engineer's Hill Barangay near the Victory Liner Terminal is included among the waiting sheds adopted by SITEL in their MOA with Mayor Domogan BUT why is this shed painted and advertised with LOVE RADIO's logo and company color? Has SITEL sub-leased this to Love Radio without the Mayor's knowledge or has the Barangay rented it out to this company?/ Grace Bandy**



BAGUIO CITY – Residents should patronize the use of “bayong” instead of plastic bags in their daily activities.

Councilor Edgardo Bilog, in a proposed resolution, said the city government should encourage this as a measure to help in the worldwide campaign to reduce toxic wastes and mitigate the impact of climate change.

Bilog said that since plastic bags are “waste materials that can add to the upshot of climate change,” residents should learn to avoid their use and instead turn to bayongs.

“Bayong is an old fashioned bag usually made of bamboo strips, pandan leaves and other raw materials that are in abundance in some parts of the nation. Nowadays they are not only being used just for market purposes and for harvesting crops such as fruits and vegetables but could also

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**TRASHY WAITING SHED BY SITEL? This waiting shed near the Panagbenga Park is surrounded with litters of garbage and doesn't seem to have been cleaned for quite a while. Is this how SITEL plans to maintain and keep the waiting sheds supposedly under their care accord-**

**ing to the MOA they signed with Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan?/Grace Bandy**

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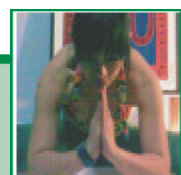
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BY: GRACE BANDY



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## Itoyon Passes Measure Penalizing People Causing Forest Fires

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The rampant forest fires damaging agro and reforestation plantations and watersheds in Itoyon prompted local officials to pass a measure penalizing those who cause fires and damages to forests.

The measure refers particularly agro and reforestation plantations within the town particularly the Community Based Forest Management Areas (CBFMA), those covered by the Itoyon Integrated Watershed Management Project (IIWMP), forest zones, protected areas and watershed areas.

It also considers the promotion and protection of the biodiversity of the areas covered.

The purpose of the ordinance is to pre-empt and defer people from acts of recklessness, negligence and apathy to the detriment of the environment and prejudice to the well-being of the people.

Slash and burning of grasses, dry leaves, twigs and trees to clear and clean up rice fields and farm areas are not also allowed.

Itoyon Ordinance No. 22 was referred to the Provincial Board Committee on Peace and Order and Public Safety.

The report of the committee chaired by Board Member Nardo Cayat finds the ordinance as one among the many ways of protecting the environment based on Section 447 of the Local Government Code. But the penalty provision on the production of seedlings and replanting cost is not prescribed in the LGC, commented the Provincial Legal Office.

The committee report also finds it proper the requirement of posting and publication of ordinances with penal provisions at prominent places.

The ordinance penalizes all persons who cause fire and damages to forest zones, protected areas, watershed areas,

## Lawmaker: Stronger Anti-Perjury Law Will Lead to Resolution of Bigger Crimes

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano called on the government to strengthen the law against perjury to act as a precursor in resolving bigger crimes such as graft and corruption.

"Let's start punishing people who lie under oath. Kung kailangan palitan natin ang batas, palitan natin ang batas," he said.

The senator made this suggestion as he noted that as relatively smaller

crimes like perjury and obstruction of justice tend to go unpunished, so do bigger crimes such as plunder.

He cited the recent slew of corruption cases being dealt with by the government particularly the developing investigations into the alleged 2004 and 2007 electoral fraud, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) scam and the questionable PNP helicopter purchase that are all being linked to the Arroyo administration as

prime examples of this sad fact.

He bemoaned that the country's perjury laws in comparison to those of the United States and other European countries are unmistakably weaker leading to the country's lack of control in garnering credible testimonies from witnesses.

"In other countries, when you are caught lying in court or in Congress, you go to jail. But here in the Philippines, the witnesses are on guard to protect

## Pnoy Leads Switch on of Burnham Park Public Lighting

BAGUIO CITY — The city's premier park will soon be very bright at night but taxpayers need not worry of mounting electric bills as the lighting is energy saving using efficient lighting technologies for public lighting.

Today, August 19 at 7:00 PM, President Benigno S. Aquino III and Department of Energy (DOE) officials will lead the switch on ceremony of the Burnham Park public lighting at the skating area.

This project under the Public Lighting Retrofit Program of the Philippine Energy Efficiency Project (PEEP), aims to demonstrate the attainment of energy savings through the adoption of efficient lighting technologies for public lighting.

First to be retrofitted are the Melvin Jones Football area, Igorot Park, Picnic Groove, Lake area, skating rink, Rose garden and

themselves and would rather not tell the truth," he said.

"Dahil sabi nga nila sa Pilipinas, walang nakukulong sa perjury," he added.

The minority leader expressed his belief that stronger laws against lying under oath will lead to potential witnesses being more

Children's playgrounds in Burnham Park and the horseback riding area at Wright Park.

The public lighting retrofit program is implemented in Baguio City and Cagayan de Oro.

According to the DOE, the project in Baguio City covering Burnham Park and Wright Park, involves the replacement of 250-watt and 150 watt mercury vapor lamps with 70-watt high pressure sodium (HPS) vapor lamps for street lighting, and the replacement of 754 watt decorative lamps with 15-watt bollard type compact fluorescent lamp.

As the sodium lights are more efficient in terms of cost and power outage, this could have energy saving of 293,446 kilowatt hour per year and save the city government up to P 2.93 million a year in power bills.

With a project cost of P5million, payback period could be in 1.7 to two years, the DOE

concerned about going to jail as a consequence of perjury than displeasing their bosses or losing their jobs.

He pointed out that the strengthened law can also be used to bring perpetrators of big crimes to justice as they can be sent to prison by their merely lying under oath citing the

project brief stated.

This demonstration lighting project of Burnham Park is a big boost to the ongoing development of this premier park to boost the tourism industry in the city.

For the realization of this project, a Memorandum of Agreement was forged last year between the DOE and the city government.

Under the MOA, DOE provides funding for materials and labor costs of the Burnham Park lighting project, and facilitates the bidding and awarding to a qualified electrical contractor while the city government provides assistance in the implementation of the project.

Contractor for this project is FUMACO Incorporated.

Funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the PEEP also covers retrofitting of government office buildings and traffic lighting in local government units./ JDP/PIA CAR

standing perjury case of former Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano as an example.

The lawmaker explained that the perjury case was filed in 2006 by Senator Ping Lacson, now-TESDA Secretary Joel Villanueva,

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## Used Celfone Sale Regulation Sought

BAGUIO CITY - Councilor Edison Bilog sought the adoption of rules to regulate the sale and purchase of second hand or used cellular phones in the city.

In a proposed ordinance, Bilog sought to declare it "unlawful for any person to purchase and/or sell any second hand or used cellular phones without the accompanying original receipt of the original purchase."

Bilog proposed that in the absence of an original receipt, a certificate of warranty, manual of usage that bears the same serial number of the cellular phone and other certificate of original purchase from the manufacturer may substitute for the original receipt required in the sale and purchase of the cellular phone.

"In the absence of the foregoing requirements, the seller shall be required to produce an Affidavit of Loss that shall state the name of the seller or distributor of the company and serial number of the cellular phone and shall submit the same to the subsequent buyer," Bilog further proposed.

Bilog said the regulations are needed to stem the illegal sale of cell phones associated with thievery.

"Commerce for second-hand mobile phones is in now becoming in unison with snatching and stealing of such. Snatched or stolen cellular phones are surreptitiously being sold by lawless elements to cellular phone dealers/retailers/resellers or being pawned to pawnshops," Bilog said.

"Linkage between cellular phone snatching and the proliferation of buying, selling and pawning of cellular phones is undeniable, thus, the need to purchase a unit with accompanying an official receipt is substantially helpful.

As proposed, violators will be meted a 1-30-day imprisonment or a fine of P2,000 or both.

"If the violator or offender is a firm, company, association, corporation, or partnership, its manager, president or chairman of its board of directors, or managing partner shall suffer the penalty or penalties provided for herein as the case may be and the business or firm shall be summarily closed," the proposal noted.

Bilog's proposal was approved on first reading and referred to the council committee on trade and commerce for study and recommendation./A Refuerzo

## City-BENECO resolves row over Asin Hydro ops, Beneco to Pay P8.7-M

BAGUIO CITY - A flicker of sunbeam finally cleared up the row over paperless deal Baguio-Benguet Electric Cooperative (Beneco) has with the Baguio government over the Asin Mini-hydroelectric Plants (AMP) operations.

Thus revealed mayor Mauricio Domogan during the weekly Ugnayan forum with media hosted by DZRH 'Radio ng Bayan,' August 20.

Domogan said the parties' joint technical team (JTT) finally came up with a logical way to divide the "money pie" over city-led operations of the AMP after a meeting, August 16.

The mayor earlier opined the deduction of 18.5-percent systems loss in the payment of purchased power by Beneco to the local government.

He expressed hope some adjustments could be made in the billing computations to squeeze out a bit more doe from the 86-year old AMP.

Thus, Beneco and the City Government agreed that a JTT should conduct "joint audit to determine just compensation for both parties."

Domogan revealed, "During the August 16 meeting, Beneco General Manager Gerardo Versoza accepted reduction of systems loss from 18.5-percent to 8.5-percent."

The reduction, the mayor said, translates into P8.7-million in payables arising from the baseless over-deduction of 18.5-percent systems loss discounted from the amount Beneco was supposed to pay the city had the same been pegged to 8.5-percent.

The P8.7-million shall be paid within a period of 27-months - the same length of time Beneco used the 18.5-percent systems loss as a way of discounting its payables to the city.

Domogan had been adamant, Even the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) provides ceiling in the deduction of systems loss at a much lower percentage."

"I don't understand why Beneco even deducts as much as 18-percent [which could translate to bigger income for the city] when it is merely a buyer of the power we produce."



**VOICE OF CITY HALL EMPLOYEES - Association of City Employees (ACE) vice president Gudiz Gonzales stresses a point on the welfare of all city hall employees during the ACE regular monthly meeting which was headed by president Bonifacio de Vera. The employees will elect the new set of ACE officers this coming month.**  
— By Bong Cayabyab

## Tañada calls on Councilors to Support 'Depensa' Bill

BAGUIO CITY - House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Congressman Lorenzo 'Erin' Tañada called on members of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) to support the passage of House Bill 3528 or the 'Depensa Bill', stressing that the said bill will be the country's primary defense against climate change.

"My personal appeal is to include in your resolution the urgent passage of the Depensa Bill and endorse such resolution through your respective Congressman, as this will send a strong message to the House of Representatives that the different Local Government Units are already preparing for Climate Change", Tañada said in his keynote address before councilors during the PCL Summit at the Baguio Convention Center last Friday which focused on the challenge of urbanization amidst climate change.

Tañada pointed out that there is a need to address the chaos in climate finance governance in the country because money is flowing not into the right priorities and not benefitting the LGUs who are already in the position to adapt (climate change). Thus to address the problem, he and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile filed a twin-bill both in the Senate and the House of Representatives, for the establishment of People's Survival Fund, which is also known as the Depensa Bill.

He explained that the 'Depensa Bill' aims to give incentives to LGUs early climate change action by providing financing stream for locally identified programs and projects that would address local climate change vulnerabilities.

The congressman stressed that a law is only good as how much the people know, understand and own it, which is why he also

appealed to the councilors that as much as he asks for their support, he also calls on them to help let their constituents understand.

According to Tañada, there are challenges that Climate Change brings to highly urbanized municipalities and cities around the country, though with their more developed economies there are also some silver linings or advantages which they can utilize not only for their locality to adapt and mitigate the effect of climate change but also to help other communities and the whole country as a whole, as well.

Tañada stressed the importance of councilors in crafting relevant and appropriate local policy's which are also supportive to the country's Climate Change Act of 2009 and the national government's climate change action plan being pushed by the National Climate Change Commission./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

Beneco and the City Government, nil written agreement, likewise consented to an electric power exchange rate using National Power Corporation standard power tariff at P4.80 per KWH sometime in 2007.

"But records show us otherwise," Domogan claimed adding, "I don't see Beneco using NPC rates as basis of their computations."

"More," he added, "Why are we paying

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## Amnesia Prescription

How does one bag a slot in local history, even if tawdry? Former elections commissioner Virgilio Garcillano prescribes a hefty dose of amnesia.

Garcillano clamped hands-on-oversight of fraud-ridden elections in two crucial areas: the 2004 presidential elections in Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, plus the 2007 senatorial shut-out in Maguindanao. Both set new records of sleaze...

Juan Miguel Zubiri conceded ballot rigging by a unprecedented surrender of a Senate seat. New witnesses prodded Justice Department and Commission of Elections to revisit these festering issues.

Former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, whose term straddles those two elections, battles a rare spine infection.

## EDITORIAL

All hope she recovers soon. Knock on wood.

Still, this lady knew "talent" wherever she stumbled across it, from Comelec to the Supreme Court. Her midnight "Hello Garci" call, to "confirm" a one-million vote lead in Mindanao, demonstrated that skill.

At a Bukidnon interview, Garcillano couldn't resist tooting his horn. "We're talking about elections—which I am known for", bragged "Garci". Given his "expertise", would he testify before Comelec-Justice Department probers? He begged off.

"Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in memory than the wish to forget it." So, Garci prescribed instead a double dose of amnesia "It's time to forget the issue of 2004 election fraud," he said. "Let's move on."

Forget Edsa Two, then President Arroyo urged at 2008 People Power rites. Amnesia "would heal wounds", inflicted by People Power, that ousted her scandal-tainted predecessor, asserted GMA.

GMA was jittery then about a possible Edsa Three chatter. That had been stoked by back-to-back scandals, from ZTE broadband scam to looting of Pagcor coffers. But was the lady being original?

Hit the rewind button for President Joseph Estrada's Latin American state visit. Erap and party touched down in Santiago September 1999. Half a world away, Filipinos marked the 13th anniversary of People Power One. Chile was grappling, at that time, with remnants of caudillo dictatorship. The Chilean press played up reports on "People Power" rites.

"Why do we commemorate dark spots in our history?", an irritated Erap griped. Dapat, ang mga pangit at nakalapis (ugly parts of our past), like martial law, ought to be forgotten. Why dwell over the unpleasant. "We should move on."

Erap would indeed move on. An aborted impeachment and People Power Two swept him away. He became the first Philippine president to be convicted—for plunder. Protracted luxury house arrest followed. Was pardon, by Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, destiny?

"It would be destiny if I am elected as Manila mayor," Estrada declared on a TV talkgab. "I started as a mayor, I may end up as a mayor. That's destiny."

But isn't this the same shabby tune local communists bleated when asked about over 1,400 slaughtered in paranoid pogroms late 1980 to early 1990s. A "Cannibal Revolution" devoured it's own children, noted Inquirer (Jan. 2, 2004) editorial.

Innocent comrades were killed without even pretense of trials. Their remains moulder in unmarked graves, reminiscent of Stalin's massacre Polish officers in Katyn forest or Cambodia's killing fields. Some executioners today are aging button-down bourgeois executives in air-conditioned Metro Manila offices".

Why recall those purges, groused the Communist Party of the Philippines in an Inquirer Opinion Page (Feb. 1, 2004) article. The Party condemned the abuses, wrote Anne Buenaventura of the party's information bureau. "It rectified this mistake.

"They didn't bother to notify us, answered relatives in an Inquirer open letter: Instead, the party shredded names of the victims and location of their graves "We should not stop remembering and reminding".

"Forgetting is never an option," Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Weisel wrote in "Hope, Despair and Memory" "An immoral society betrays because it betrays the basis for humanity—which is memory.

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## Botohan ng konseho

## THE PEACE COMBATANT

### On the Sitel Waiting Sheds

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



On arrival from Malaysia and Turtle Islands, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines, I am delighted to know that my Junction and Linis Gobyerno Colleague, Ms. Grace Bandoy has filed a complaint before the Ombudsman against Mayor Mauricio Domogan for allegedly violating Republic Act 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act. More specifically, my courageous colleague charged the good Mayor for allegedly granting unwarranted benefits, advantage or preference to SITEL in the course of his discharge of his official administrative function. The act is expressly prohibited under the Law on Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices.

I hereby salute my esteem colleague, Ms. Bandoy, for this rare act of public service and exercise of patriotism! May her tribe increase! Mayor Mauricio Domogan may or may not be guilty under the law (in general, laws have loopholes which the powerful and the rich can exploit) but I firmly believe that the good Mayor should take the cue from Ms. Bandoy. The act of surrendering the provision of waiting to SITEL gives SITEL an advantage because SITEL or any firm granted the privilege could use the same to promote a corporate image that can influence the public to patronize their services or products.

In effect, this is corporate PR at the expense of city and the expense of other firms who may be interested in doing the same. This is also at the expense of the citizens: do the citizens of Baguio want to be associated in any way with SITEL? Is Baguio City SITEL or SITEL Baguio City? Of course, they are distinct entities and Baguio citizens have the right to disassociate themselves from SITEL.

It is actually okay for any firm, provided they secure the appropriate clearances, to construct waiting sheds for the city. However, for that firm to use the waiting shed for its public relations offensive and advertising are something else. It has the effect of providing a SITEL monopoly over the waiting shed for advertising and PR purposes. Unfortunately for SITEL, her use of the waiting shed for advertising can boomerang ultimately against SITEL herself. An acknowledgement in small fonts for SITEL's assistance in constructing the watershed may be acceptable but for SITEL to cover the entire waiting shed with advertisements and PR statements can ultimately work against SITEL. Sheer public indignation over the situation, regardless of SITEL's motives, will come into play.

Thus, my suggestion: SITEL, please remove your advertising and please just write in small fonts that you are a fund donor for the waiting shed. Do not let public anger, protest, or indignation snowball so much and overtake the current situation because in a little while, your PR repair can become so difficult. This can appear similar to a Baguio City's version of the ZTE scandal regardless of the personal or corporate motivations for the waiting sheds.

My unsolicited advice to Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the City Council: please formulate an ordi- Cont. on page 11

## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

## TOKYO MEETING—AGAIN

BY: JESUS DUREZA



TRANSPARENCY? — Although the best course of action by us who were not directly involved in that Tokyo meeting with the MILF, and hence not privy to what really transpired, is to allow things to settle down first and let the next steps unfold, I am tempted however to mention some points, with everyone's indulgence.

First of all, let's not demand or ask the President to disclose publicly what had been discussed behind closed doors. For one party to make public the details of the meeting that had been previously and mutually agreed as confidential is a total breach of decency. To claim transparency as a reason is stretching it a bit too far.

Come on guys! Negotiations as a process and while in progress are not intended to be that transparent. Yes, the stakeholders have the right to demand that they should be informed of some parameters, but while that negotiation is still in progress it is best that the negotiators of both sides be allowed the necessary leeway to do their own thing, with the least kibitzers getting in the way. Getting the job done alone is difficult in itself. The least we can do to help is to hold our peace when things go rough. Trust that at the end of the day, any settlement will be for a higher objective, irrespective of whether some will be unhappy with the results. There are political costs no doubt.

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NOT EASY — Let us not forget this: rebel groups have grievances and demands that are not easy to grant. In fact, that's the very reason why they have taken up arms. Although we should not give premium to getting or giving in to demands at the point of the gun, that is the very essence of their armed struggle. Government and the mainstream must take the high moral ground and must be ready to give concessions for a higher cause of peace. We should not quibble about the ghosts or phantoms that usually haunt us during negotiations like issues of status of beligerency, parity or the like. Let the scholars and academicians tackle them.

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NO SECRET DEAL! — To even speculate that there was a "secret deal" cut in that Tokyo meeting is preposterous. There was NONE! Those who say otherwise do not understand the nature of the issues that are on the table. Let me simply say this: the unresolved issues had been there for so long a time and so complicated that even a presidential intervention (for 2 hours) would not resolve them.

Take it from me. Fact is: there was no deal. There were no agreements. There were no consensus points forged. There was no giving or taking of concessions. At best, there was a tacit understanding that both parties will work for a final settlement. For sure, it provided an occasion for clarification of issues. Or an opportunity to clarify or validate positions. For the President, it was also a "getting to know you" event. And so it was also for MILF's Al Haj Murad. The two had never met before and connecting personally would be helpful in the future. Who knows, a simple phone call at some later stage of the negotiations between the two may work wonders. We can never tell!

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"NEW KID IN THE BLOCK"—I would imagine the President being briefed by his officials about the MILF pending issues and being new in the game, we should expect that he wanted to validate for himself those sticky points by hearing them directly from Kagi Murad no less. Or checking out directly from the MILF the bottom line issues that needed resolution. Let us not forget that President Aquino cannot be compared with former Presidents FVR or GMA who had previous dealings with the MILF or had previous exposure with the rudiments of the peace process and the issues pending. President Aquino is a new kid in the block, so to speak. He wanted to personally "make pulso" as we say it in local lingo. Although it was a gamble for the presidency for him to do the unexpected and the unconventional, events later will tell us whether it paid off or it was a mistake. But that was his judgment call and let's leave it at that.

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Manipulations in the fight vs. dengue?*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...But, 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.' For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends..." (2 Corinthians 10:17-18, the Holy Bible).

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MANIPULATIONS IN THE FIGHT VS. DENGUE? Does the name "Dr. Metodio A. Palaypay, M.D." sound familiar to you? If you will tell me no, it is not familiar to you, I would not take it against you for that name is not familiar to me too, but then, he has an explosive disclosure about supposed manipulations in the country's fight against the fatal disease, dengue.

In an informal talk with me last Wednesday, August 17, 2011, in the presence of Dr. Ponciano Aberin, a current consultant on ecology of the University of the Philippines, Dr. Palaypay told me and alternative medicine doctor, Hilda Ong, that the campaign against dengue here is skewed, and is aimed not really at eliminating the disease, but in allowing multinational companies to profit immensely.

Dr. Palaypay is right now the executive director of the National Committee on Urban Pest Control (NCUPC), a government-private sector partnership aimed at putting "pest control in the center of all efforts of food safety, public health and property protection", and which is holding the "Imagine Food Safety, Public Health and Property Protection Without Pest Control" seminar on September 22, 2011 in Manila.

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DISINFORMATION IN THE DENGUE CAMPAIGN: Dr. Palaypay's thesis was this: there is a lot of disinformation in the fight against dengue right now. For example, authorities are insisting that dengue-carrying mosquitoes thrive in dirty surroundings and dirty water so that, as a counter-measure against the insects, a drive to promote cleanliness is being pushed nationwide.

But, Dr. Palaypay noted, this kind of an information campaign is wrong, because the mosquito dengue carriers, known as *Aedes aegypti*, cannot live in dirty water. The truth is that, Dr. Palaypay clarified, they live and multiply in clean and clear waters and in clean surroundings.

Then, Dr. Palaypay added, it is very easy to kill *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, with the use of a small, black-painted wooden stick dipped into a glass of clear water left in dark corners of every home.

This "gadget" is intended to attract the mosquitoes, which will be enticed to lay their eggs in the stick. After two or three days of being left alone, the glass and the stick containing the eggs are then retrieved, with the stick and the water being thrown on a hot pavement or doused with boiling water.

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DENGUE FIGHT FAVORS MULTINATIONALS? But, why is this system not being used, even if it could be employed with ease and great success among the 28 million or so elementary, high school and college students across the country who can be required to employ the "wooden stick" approach as part of their curriculum?

The answer, Dr. Palaypay told us, is that, a process like this would give no profits to anyone, and would in fact contravene the business agenda of multinationals who sell expensive products and methodologies to us to fight the mosquitoes and, later, to cure dengue patients. This is the reason why Filipinos are not being given the main road map to fight dengue, the doctor added.

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MILF: NO DEAL — Listen closely also to what the MILF is saying. They telegraphed in their public statements that indeed there was no deal "cut" in that meeting. They simply said that they left the meeting with a feeling that there

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## 1st-APLUMA!

*A 1<sup>st</sup> for PH courtesy of Omni Aviation*

SUBIC Freeport – Unknown to many Filipinos, our country is in to be in step with other progressive ASEAN countries like Malaysia to owning or introduce top of the line US-made Redbird flight simulators.

And that is through the efforts of Omni Aviation Corporation (OAC), which is decidedly considered a Philippines' premier flight instruction and aviation service provider based in Clark Field.

OAC president and chairman Ret. Captain Ben Hur Gomez said the new "Redbird LD" Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) and supporting "Redbird TD" Glass Cockpit Simulator are of utmost importance to any flight school like Omni as it will enhance their students' aircraft training in line with global flight crew training expectations.

Now up and humming at Omni's flight school branch here, the US-made Redbird LD is only the second simulator of its type in Asia assembled in partnership with Global Training Solutions Provider Blackhawk Inc.

"We're very pleased that we partnered with Blackhawk because now we can offer our students this level of advanced simulator," said Capt. Gomez in a rare tete-a-tete over tea at their sprawling aviation school in Clark last week.

Omni's place used to be the flight club of American GI's of yesteryears.

"The use of Redbird simulators to train our students dramatically enhances the overall training experience. Incorporation of realistic scenarios enables students to develop a higher level of pilot decision-making thereby improving aviation safety. Our students will graduate better prepared to handle emergencies. The experience of flying these simulators will be of tremendous value to student pilots from day one in their training," Capt. Gomez added.

Omni's Redbird "LD" simulator has interchangeable cockpits and control force loading and allows for single engine training in a standard Cessna 172 configuration and multi-engine training in a Piper Seneca.

The supporting Redbird "TD" simulator replicates a Garmin G1000 equipped "Glass Cockpit" version of the Cessna 172, featuring a digital cockpit similar to what airline pilots experience when they transition to Airbus and Boeing aircraft, explained Blackhawk's Managing Director Trevor Evans, a former US military pilot.

The Redbird's full replica cockpit is lined with wraparound computer screens where a real plane's windscreen would be and houses a control panel with all the buttons and knobs normally found in a small aircraft.

Equipped with six monitors dedicated only to external views and two monitors for the instrument panel, this high-quality, wrap-around visual system helps pilots experience the sensation of flight and enhances training by allowing the pilot to practice procedures and maneuvers that are not possible with other flight training devices.

A computer program allows Omni's instructors to simulate different flight conditions due to turbulence, weather conditions and aircraft systems failure with the touch of a stylus on a large handheld screen, letting would-be pilots test their mettle before they are plunged into real in-air experiences.

The Redbird also includes an intercom system that is compatible with standard pilot headsets. This allows the instructor to act as Air Traffic Control so the student can build radio communication skills.

In addition to being realistic, the Redbird also offers students flexibility in their schedules.

The simulator can be used when flying outdoors is not possible due to bad weather perhaps even as it allows pilots to train in nighttime or daytime flying conditions regardless of the time of day.

The Redbird makes it possible to repeat, pause and analyze each maneuver, and to eliminate unproductive flight time to and from practice areas. The students acquire and maintain much more proficiency, in much less time and for much less money than traditional training methods.

"Simulators have been around for a long time, the military and

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## MOSH PIT

*Mga Sitel waiting sheds nila bakit nandiyan pa? And mga kalsadang maayos, sinira, inaayos..ano ba talaga kuya?!!!!*

**BY: GRACE BANDOLY**



Kalsada ng Baguio (noon) pinaganda  
Tapos eh (ngayon) sadyang sinisira  
Ang dahilan upang muling mapa bongga!?  
Congressman Vergara and DPWH ano ba talaga?!  
Pera ng Baguio wala na bang mapag lagyang iba?!

(photo by Regie Cawis)



Marami po sa atin ay nagtataka,  
Naiinis, nagagalit and naimbyerna!  
Kasi eto at nag umpisa na naman ang kanilang era,  
Era ng seek and destroy and fix ng magagandang kalsada!  
Si Vergara and DPWH muling nagsama,  
Kanilang pondo wala yatang mapag laanang iba?!  
Matitinong mga roads ng Baguio,  
Bigla na lang nabubutas sa laking gulat ng mga tao!  
Maya't maya ayan at tinatabunan din naman!!  
Bakit binutas pa? Mga utak nila ba ay may laman?!  
Hindi ba't ang dapat talagang ayusin ay mga sira?  
Na dito sa Baguio ay marami din naman ah!  
Si Vergara and DPWH mukha na lang yatang nangu -  
ngursunada

Ng mga kalsadang feel nilang dalawa,  
Na pondohan ng milyones na pera?  
Para ang mga taong bayan may masabing kanilang nagawa?!  
But my God kanilang gawain ay hindi nakakatuwa!  
Dapat itigil na ang ganyang kagag\*han di ba?!!!  
Obvious na ang kanilang kung ano - anong ginagawa!  
Para may masabi lang na "project" sa ating mga mamamayan  
nila!

Hindi kaya mga yan ay pinagnanakawan lang ng katakot takot na pera?!!!

Kanilang "Project" dulot sa atin ay traffic, stress, high blood!  
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Porke ba't kanila ng napintahan?

At mga sheds kanila ng napakinabangan?

Paglinis ng mga eto hindi na ba nila paninindigan?

Mga tao ng Baguio feeling ko talaga naisahan,

Si Mayor and Sitel sadyang nag - partneran,

Kaya po mga sheds na ito ating binigyang katanungan.

Bahala na po ang ating Ombudsman..

Kung maniniwala sa sumbong ng mumunting mamamayan..

Pero sana po sa kanilang pananaw - ating tanong ay may kadahilanan...



## LG KOMENTARYO ISANG PALAISIPAN WILL BE BACK NEXT ISSUE HINGIL SA P128 MILYON PISONG ERS MACHINES

### Lawmaker: Hate Campaign Threat By Bangsamoro Groups Baseless

Sen. Chiz Escudero said the supposed plan by Bangsamoro groups to declare him persona non-grata in Mindanao was well within their rights, but challenged them to first check the veracity of statements being falsely attributed to him.

Escudero was maliciously quoted in several reports as saying that the Bangsamoro could not govern on its own vis-à-vis plans by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) to include the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD) in the peace talks with government negotiators. The MOA-AD had been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 2008.

The erroneous quotes attributed to the senator had prompted a Moro youth group to hold a protest in Camp Amaypapak in Marami City and the Free Bangsamoro Movement to threaten the senator with a hate campaign in Moro provinces and cities.

"I never said that and will not say anything like that. I do not belittle and will never belittle the capabilities of the Bangsamoro people. I have even fought for their right to vote and choose their leader without the dictates of Manila, the Christians and Luzon who claim to know what the Bangsamoro people need," Escudero said.

Escudero has voted against the postponement of the election in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), originally scheduled for Aug. 8, because of conflicting provisions and the absence of mechanism on the selection of officers-in-charge, whose appointments rest solely on the Executive Department.

The senator strongly believed that Malacanang should give Mindanao, particularly the ARMM, the free hand to choose its own leaders and without military intervention.

"If they are going to launch a hate campaign or a persona-non-grata campaign against me based on imagined and manufactured quotes from the spokesman of the MILF... that's their decision and that is their right, but please get the facts straight and don't try to put words in my mouth," Escudero said.

The senator's comment that President Benigno Aquino III's recent meeting in Japan with MILF chief Al Haj Murad to jump-start the peace talks while kinks had yet to be ironed out by his peace negotiators was ill-advised, did not sit well with the MILF.

"The President's gesture to personally tackle and find solution to the peace problem in Mindanao is a grand and magnanimous gesture coming from the highest leader of the land," Escudero said.

"That act itself, however, now begs the question whether his chosen pillars for peace initiatives are doing their jobs. How come the President already took it upon himself to oversee the details that should have been under his advisers watch? These advisers have pawned the President too early in the process that if and when hitches happen along the way, the buck stops with the President," he pointed out.

The MILF has directly challenged the President to show sincerity in his quest for peace and demanded the creation of a substate in Mindanao using the junked MOA-AD ahead of the resumption of the peace negotiation in Kuala Lumpur next week.

According to the senator, sensitive issues in Mindanao should not be debated on the basis of lies, but rather on their merits, inclusivity and constitutionality. "Pointing out rooms for improvements in the peace process do not equate to being anti-Muslim," he said.

"The advice to the President's peace advisers is to hopefully find the right approach. For one, it could be undertaken between and among local and religious leaders, tribes and clans. This will allow direct participations of all Mindanao stakeholders where real pulse of the people can be felt and genuine consensus can be reached. Again, we all seek peace but it is in the approach on how to get it where the difference lies," Escudero said./Office Of Senator Chiz Escudero

### Search for 2011 Model OFW Family Opens

**T A B U K**, Kalinga - As way of giving recognition to outstanding Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) families, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) opens the nomination to its annual search for 2011 Most Outstanding OFW Family of the Year Award (MOFYA).

OWWA Cordillera Assistant Regional Director Evelyn Laranang said there are two categories in the search - from the sea-based and land based.

Laranang explained nominations should be supported with comprehensive documentation showing how the OFW family has become successful through the earnings of the OFW breadwinner.

L a r a n a n g hinted that nominations with attached

success stories would find more consideration in the screening of entries.

As qualifying criteria, the nominated family should be headed by an OFW who is presently or formerly working abroad with work permit and proof of OWWA membership; the OFW head is a holder of valid Philippine passport and does not have an immigrant status; the OFW, married or single has at least four years work experience abroad; the family demonstrates financial stability and is known as solid or stable family in the place.

For the selection criteria, the nominated OFW family should be exemplary wholesome; that the OFW head or members of his family are involved in civic organizations; success is

seen in the education or profession of the OFW or his family members and in managing family finances.

The nomination should come from any non-government organization, people's organizations, religious groups, community-based socio-civic organizations and local government units (LGUs).

Laranang said deadline of submission of nominations is September 16, while screening starts September 17.

For the search more than P2M in cash and prizes await the national, regional and special awards winners given by OWWA and its corporate partners.

In 2008, the family of OFW Prisco Laranang from Kalinga was among the national finalists./JDP/LL-PIA CAR,Kalinga

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the airlines have used them for years. You would think that most flight schools would use simulators in ways that are similar to how they are used by the professionals, but that has not been the case until recently," Evans said.

"With the introduction of glass panel technology, the US FAA and the CAAP has been encouraging more use of simulators in general aviation and since the aircraft manufacturers are choosing to include glass panels as a standard, many flight schools need to rethink their current policies," Evans added.

"It shows great insight that Omni chose to pioneer the use of these simulators in the Philippines, what's more, CAAP regulations now allow flights in the simulators to be credited towards the hour building requirements for pilot licenses, which lowers the cost of flight training for the student."

Evans and Capt. Gomez also pointed out that there are many things that you can do in a simulator that you would never even try in an aircraft.

For example, for instrument flight training, you could simulate one half-mile visibility in a severe thunderstorm and low oil pressure.

For VFR (Visual Flight Rule) pilots, you can set the student up for low visibility and bad weather cross-country scenarios that a flight school or flight instructor would never want that pilot to try on a real cross-country.

The US FAA and the CAAP, by emphasizing scenario-based training and cockpit resource management training, are inherently encouraging a change in perspective between flight schools and the use of simulators.

"There's much less stress and fear of the unknown when students perform the maneuvers in the simulator," Capt. Gomez said. "They're more relaxed the first time they attempt the maneuvers in an airplane because they've already seen or experienced them in the simulator."

But Capt. Gomez explained that simulators can never be considered as actual substitute for performing the maneuvers in the air. But, he said, a student's performance in the airplane is greatly enhanced because they're not encountering the maneuvers for the first time."

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**BERNARDO DE CASTRO**  
Applicants

Case No:92-CAR-168

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - NANGALISAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 16, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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 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 18th day of August 2011.

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

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
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**IMELDA SONI**  
Applicants

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-988

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - WANGAL via BUYAGAN and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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**FE T. ALEJANDRO**  
Applicants

Case No:2001-BC-161

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BGH - CAMPO SIOCO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 9, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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 11th day of August 2011.

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

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

**CAROL MADONGIT**  
Applicants

Case No:2002-BC-294

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BOGANG and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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

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Baguio City

**MARCELINO C. LACAY** - Vendor  
**EULOGIO M. BUSTAMANTE** - Vendee  
Applicants

Case No: 2003-CAR-1125/2011-CAR-474

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 18th day of August 2011. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
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**ROBERT GALANG**  
Applicants

Case No: 2006-CAR-0345

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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Attorney IV

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

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Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 59  
Baguio City  
[ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT OF BAGUIO]

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR PETER DARREN ANCHETA MATEL

SPOUSES PETER PAUL A. MATEL AND MARIA ELENA A. MATEL,  
*Petitioner,*

SPL PROC CASE NO. 381-A  
FOR : ADOPTION

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF S A B L A N , BENGUET,

*Respondent,*

X—X

ORDER

The petitioner-spouses filed this verified petition praying of this Honorable Court that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered.

1. That minor Peter Darren Ancheta Matel be declared for all legal intents and purposes as the legitimate child of herein Petitioners;

2. That the details pertaining to the fact of his birth as indicated in his certificate of live birth be ratified;

3. That the annotation of the certificate of live birth stating that the fact of birth of Darren was registered in accordance with Republic Act 9255 be deleted;

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on October 13, 2011 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall

prove their case if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in Th Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City Of Baguio and in Benguet Province once a week for three [3] consecutive weeks.

The petitioners are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor Peter Darren Ancheta Matel. The court social worker is required to submit to the court the case study not later than October 10, 2011.

**SO ORDERED.**

DONE IN CHAMBERS, this 27th day of July, 2011, at Baguio City, Philippines.

By: (SDG) ILUMINADAP. CABATO  
Judge

Publication dates:  
Aug 13, 20 and 27, 2011

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION

Office of the Ex - Officio Sheriff of Benguet

Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet

BANCO NAKUN INC. [A Rural Bank] herein represented by its Manager, MARY ANN N. NADUNOP,

*Petitioner-Mortgagee,*

-versus-

ALICE H. LUMIWAN

*Respondent-Mortgagor,*

FILE NO. 11-Exf-1513

FOR : EXTRA-JUDICIAL

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

X—X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act. No. 3135, as amended, filed by the petitioner-mortgagee, BANCO BAKUN, INC. [A Rural Bank], a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with its business address at Antamok Tram, Ucab, Itogon Benguet and herein represented by its Manager MARY ANN N. NADUNOP, likewise of legal age, married, Filipino and with residence and postal address at No. 459 Ucab, Itogon, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgage, for the satisfaction of the obligation of respondent-mortgagor, ALICE H. LUMIWAN, of legal age, married, Filipino and resident of JB 068, Pico La Trinidad, Benguet hereinafter referred to as the mortgagor, in order to satisfy her obligation to the mortgage in the amount of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND THIRTY NINE PESOS AND SIXTY EIGHT CENTAVOS [P 1,296,039.68], Philippine Currency, as of August 9, 2011 which has been due and which amount stated excludes publication costs, sheriff's commission and other necessary fees and incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings estimated to be one or less P 50,000.00. The undersigned sheriff announces that he

will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on September 9, 2011 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, one [1] parcel of registered land, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-32860 with Tax Declaration No. 99-012-02182

" A parcel of land [Lot 3-B-3-A, Psd-1-02716, being a portion of Lot 3-B-3, Psd-1-01894, LRC Rec. No. \_\_\_\_\_], situated at Barrio of Pico, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon, Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 3-B-3-B Psd-1-02716; on the NE., along line 2-3 by property of Takio; on the E., along line 3-4 by Lot 4 [ LRC] Psd-175173; on the SE, along line 4-5 by Lot 3-B-1 and along lines 5-6-7 by Lot 3-B-2, both Psd-1-01894; and on the S., along lines 7-8-1 by Lot 3-B-3-B Psd-1-02716, Beginning at a point marked x x x to point beginning. Containing an area of SIX HUNDRED THIRTEEN [613] SQUARE METERS. x x x

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any. In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby re-scheduled on 10 October 2011 at the same time and place without need of re-publication.

Let the foregoing be published at THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation on August 13, 20 and 27, 2011.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philip-

ines, this 11th day of August, 2011.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF BENGUET

BY: (SDG) HENRY B. LONGAY, JR. Sheriff IV

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

**DOMINGO FAGYAN, SR.**

**Applicants**

**Case No: 2000-01-2037**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA- SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on September 16, 2011 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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.

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 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 18th day of August 2011. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

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ARSENIO D. CATAWE - Vendor  
MARVIN A. CATAWE - Vendee

**Applicants**

**Case No: 91-CAR-251/2011-CAR-473**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA- HOLY GHOST and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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**DANILO M. GAYO**

**Applicants**

**Case No: 92-CAR-347**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience and to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA- SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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# Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter S. Cayetano Kontra-SONA speech

## August 8, 2011 Full Transcript 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 parts

Third, we need a factual understanding of where we are today.

Fourth, we need a clear understanding of our past.

Fifth, we need a higher standard of performance and a system of feedback and monitoring.

Sixth, we also need an organized, pragmatic and systematic way of fighting graft and corruption.

And finally, as a people and a nation, we need to be united in purpose and direction to do all these with the aid of Almighty.

Let us take a picture of the true state of the nation. *Tingnan po natin ang mga realidad.* For the purposes of this presentation Mr. Senate President, I will just pick out a few sectors in order to make a point.

In the business sector of our economy, I would like to show you a list of the most problematic factors for doing business in the Philippines. Corruption, inefficient government bureaucracy, inadequate supply of infrastructure, policy instability o *pabagobago ng batas at ng polisiya*, tax regulations, etc.

**In the area of education**, Mr. President, out of 139 countries, sad to say, number 69 po ang Pilipinas, Number 1 ang Singapore, 23<sup>rd</sup> ang Malaysia, 40<sup>th</sup> ang Indonesia, 66<sup>th</sup> ang Thailand. Even the war-torn Vietnam, which is fast-rising, is number 61. Nilampasan na po tayo ng Vietnam. I'm comparing our country with our neighbors, and I will explain this later,

Mr. President, but we have to have a higher standard. *Huwag natin ikumpara ang sarili natin sa mga bumabagsak. Ikumpara natin ang mga sarili natin sa ating mga neighbors at 'yung mga nauna sa atin.*

Mr. President, in the quality of Math and Science education, out of 139 countries, we are number 112.

In terms of internet access of our schools, out of 139 countries, tayo po ay number 76. Muli, number 5 ang Singapore, pang-36 ang Malaysia, 43<sup>rd</sup> ang Thailand, 49<sup>th</sup> ang Vietnam, 50<sup>th</sup> ang Indonesia, tauo po number 76.

The state of our educational system, again, Mr. President, we must come back to figures. *Isa sa sampu na Pilipino never steps into the school. Or 10% of Filipinos never pong nagkakaroon ng access sa eskwelahan.*

*Sa isang daan po na pumapasok ng Grade 1, 86 lang po ang pumapasok ng Grade 2. 76 lang po ang natatapos ng Grade 3. 65 lang po ang natatapos ng Grade 6. 58 lang po ang tumutuloy sa high school. 43 lang po ang gumagradweyt ng high school. 23 na lang po ang pumapasok sa college. And only 14, labing-apat na lang po, sa isang daang Pilipino ang nakakatapos po ng kolehiyo.*

In the area of education innovation, out of the 9 countries of South East Asia, *pang-pito po tayo.* In the area of primary education, out of 138 countries, number 99 po tayo. In the area of higher education, number 68 po tayo out of 133.

Trends in Mathematics and Science, we rank 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 25 participating countries.

Yet, Mr. President, despite lack of facilities, low pay of our teachers, despite the lack of funding, despite all of the statistics I've given you, *tuloy-tuloy na nananalo ng gold medal at iba't ibang award ang mga estudyante natin sa mga international competitions.* Despite all of this, Mr. President, pinag-aagawan ang mga professionals ng Pilipino all around the world. Despite all of this, we have an excellent labor force.

But, Mr. President, ano ba ang philosophy natin sa education? What do we want to do? How do we solve the problems in education?

Mr. President, do you know where we're going to?

Mr. President, let's take a look at our shortages... *mga kakulangan.*

We lack 152 thousand classrooms. *Hindi pa kasama diyan 'yung dalawang school year na idadagdag natin sa K+12.* We are also short of 104 thousand teachers. *Kulang po tayo ng 13 million na silya. Kulang po tayo ng 96 million text books. Kulang po tayo ng 151 thousand sanitation facilities.*

*Ito po ang summary ng mga kakulangan natin. Sa chart po pinapakita na kapag po dinadagdag ng K+12, madadagdagan din ang pagkukulang.*

Mr. President, in classrooms alone, computed at the price of P685,000 per classroom, we lack P104 billion.

*Kung dadagdag po ng senior year ang atin pong high school sa K+12 program*, we need another P37 billion.

Kung titingnan ninyo, Mr. President, ang kulang po natin ngayon without the K+12 is P149,744,703,840. If we add the K+12 requirements, you'll need another P58 billion.

Question, saan natin kukunin ang additional pa na P58 bil-

lion, for a total of **P210 billion** to fund shortages alone?

The minimum budgetary requirement for education among the developing countries is at least 20% of the total budget. The UN recommends a GDP spending on education of 6%. The East Asia average GDP spending on education is 3.9%. The Philippine spending on education in GDP is only 2.29%. *Kulang na kulang po.*

This year, for the education budget, we had a 16% increase, 85% of which went to the salaries *na kailangan na kailangan naman ng teachers.* But the fact remains that you still need P210 billion.

*Mr. President, wala po dito sa figures na in Metro Manila alone, marami po tayong eskwelahan na naka-double o triple shifts. Ibig sabihin, may mga eskwelahan tayo na ang pasok 6-10, 10-2, at 2-6. Question: ano ba ang philosophy natin?*

*Ang sinasabi ba natin kaya natin kailangan ng K+12 dahil kulang ang oras ng pag-aaral ng bata? So if we add two years pero apat na oras lang naman pala nag-aaral dahil kulang na kulang ang classroom at teachers, we added two years of burden on the parents and the students, pero from Grade 1-6 and from 1<sup>st</sup> year to 4<sup>th</sup> year high school, hindi pa natin inaaddress na 'yung iba, apat-lima-anim na oras lang nag-aaral. Samantalang ang mga private schools ay from 8:00 hanggang 4:00 o 7:00 hanggang 3:00.*

Again, Mr. President, *sinusuportahan ko po ang K+12. Sinusuportahan ko ang ating butihing Secretary.* But please explain to us what the philosophy is. What is the strategy? Again, Mr. President, I'd like to ask, do you know where you know where we're going to? Do we know where we're going to?

Like on education, **we are also under-spending on the sector of health.** Compared to the other countries in Asia, the Philippines merely spends 3.8% of its GDP on health. Malaysia spends 4.8%, China, 4.5%, Vietnam 7.2%, Thailand spends 4.3%.

Sa mga pinapanganak sa Pilipinas, 62% are attended by healthcare professionals. *44% lang po, halos kalahati*, of total births are delivered in health care facilities.

Sa paggastos po sa health care, 54% po ang out of pocket expense, 26% shouldered by the government, 8.5% ang PhilHealth, 8% po ang sponsored by HMOs.

Paki-note po 54% ang out of pocket expense. This assumes *na may pera ang ating mga kababayan para sa gamot at iba pang gastusin sa kalusugan.* Only 17% of the poorest 20% of our population actually avail of PhilHealth benefits which turns out to be the main solution of our government to health care.

Another additional relevant statistic is that 32% of the richest use PhilHealth. *Bakit po ito nangyayari? Tatlo pong dahilan...*

The poor have little access to pay for the balance after PhilHealth coverage is deducted. *Ibig sabihin po kung P50,000 ang budget para ipagamot ang isang taong may operasyon at saguting ng PhilHealth ang P15,000, ang mahirap po walang pagkukunan ng P35,000. So hindi na gagamitin ang PhilHealth. Pero ang mayaman, hindi lang P50,000 kahit P100,000 ang gamitin sa pagpapagamot, magagamit ang P15,000 ng PhilHealth.*

*Pangalawa po, kahit na mababa lang ang gagastusin at kaya ng PhilHealth* there is an absence or inadequate number of PhilHealth-accredited facilities.

And also lastly, until now, there is a perceived cumbersome procedure for filing claims.

Out of the 409 municipalities and cities, 285 or 69.8% do not meet the DOH standard for doctor to population ratio which is 1:20,000. *Kulang na kulang po tayo sa doctor.*

237 out of 409 municipalities and cities or 57.9% do not meet the DOH standard for midwife to population ratio of 1:5,000.

234 out of 409 municipalities and cities or 57% do not meet the DOH standard for nurse to population ratio of 1:20,000.

Mr. President, do you know where we're going to? *Hanggang ngayon po mahal ang gamot. Hanggang ngayon hindi pinapagamot ang maraming may sakit dahil hindi alam kung saan kukunin ang pera. Hanggang ngayon ang mga mayayaman lang po ang kumpleto sa access.*

We have one of the best hospitals in Taguig. St. Luke's is said to be one of the best hospitals in Asia. *Kung may pera ka walang problema.* Even if they have a lot of projects for the poor, Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao, *ilan sa kababayan natin ang nakakatikim ng CT scan, ng MRI? Kung kailangan po nila ng transplant? Chemotherapy? Dialysis?*

*Lahat po itong mga ito hindi naabot ng ating mga kababayan. Ano po ang vision? Ano po ang plano? Paano*

**To be continued**

## Use of Bayong Pushed.....from page 1

be toted by students and professionals going to school or offices since weavers are now producing fashionable (ones)," Bilog noted.

He said bayongs could also be deemed as a "symbol of cognizant consumer and a memento of an exotic place or unique tradition for a tourist."

"Its use by people from the lower and upper social classes may be encouraged and if marketed will have an expected earnings of some P520 million per year as per Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) estimates," Bilog noted.

He said there are government agencies like the DTI, who are willing to help the local government units in training interested weavers to enhance their skills and knowledge and encourage industry production and make it a part of a government livelihood program and protect our domestic markets from the influx of imported fabric bags from China and other countries.

Bilog's proposal will be discussed by the city council soon./A Refuerzo

### Editorial

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"A moral society is committed to memory...Never be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Today, former First Gentleman Mike Arroyo has absolutely no memory of ever owning a fleet of helicopters. Rep Salvador Escudero authored House Resolution 1135 to bury remains of Ferdinand Marcos in Libingan Ng Mga Bayani. He can't recall any abuse by the dictatorship.

In his novel "1984", George Orwell depicted a country where citizens thrust into a "memory hole" anything that crossed the whim of rulers. As memory holes shredded remembrance, wrong became right. Lies replaced truth. And freedom turned into slavery. Like malign genies, blotted-out memories don't stay bottled up. They deform daily life.

The Philippines seems caught in a long nightmare between remembering and forgetting. Alfred McCoy told the Ateneo-Wisconsin Universities conference on "Memory, Truth-Telling and the Pursuit of Justice". Amnesia turns "cronies into statesmen, torturers into legislators and killers into generals" — and the likes of Virgilio Garcillano & Co...

Sue Garci for perjury, passport tampering and tax evasion, Inquirer suggests."The prospect of rotting inside might make him reconsider his omerta-like obstinacy." Fine. But first make sure he doesn't vanish, as Dinagat Island Rep. Ruben Ecleo did./Juan L. Mercado

### City - BENECO

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job order employees so much, it eats up a substantial chunk of what the city is getting from the [AMP]"

Domogan said the JTT will reconvene to audit and re-compute the basis for Beneco's purchase of power from the AMP which may yet again translate to cash for the coffers of Baguio./isl

## Lawmaker

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now-Senator TG Guingona and himself back when they were still serving as congressmen against Garcillano when the latter lied about not leaving the country as he went into hiding after being implicated in the Hello Garci scandal.

"Katawa-tawa na ang batas natin sa false testimonies, perjury and obstruction of justice. Kaya si Commissioner Garcillano, siya pa ang mayabang. Siya pa ang nagsasabi na walang dayaan ay hina-harass lang daw siya," he said.

Cayetano stressed that the most important effect of strengthening this law is the protection of private citizens and government officials from those witnesses whose desire is not to speak the truth — one that will never come into fruition as long as perjury laws in the country continue to remain weak.

"Habang ang perjury ay kalokohan lang sa ating bansa, we will continue to have false witnesses. We'll continue to have witnesses who refuse to go to the Senate or the House or will lie under oath," he said./Office Of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

### DTI

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SMEs, who are in need of additional funding, by linking or tying them up with micro-financing institutions.

"DTI also has a special program we call as Rural Micro-enterprise Program, which we can help SMEs, particularly in Abra, Ifugao and Kalinga, through micro-financing institutions", Pablo said.

She stressed that DTI programs have already helped so many SMEs in the region to improve their businesses which also resulted to generation of employment and increase in economic activity for their respective communities.

For the promotion of the products, Pablo also announced that they will again be featuring Cordillera products in a regional trade fair dubbed as 'Impakabsat', which will be held at the Festival Mall in Alabang, Muntinlupa on November 12 to 20.

For this Impakabsat 2011, 70 exhibitors from various provinces and cities in the region will be showcasing a wide range or variety of unique Cordillera products. It will also feature cultural shows and product making demonstrations./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

### Advocacy mindanow

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was sincerity on the part of the President. But the issues remained unresolved. To them, Pnoy was an unknown entity — and vice versa. For sure that meeting brought the relationship to the next level. Moreover, for the president to take a gamble on meeting with them in an unusual way which somehow put at risk the presidency is something the MILF recognizes and appreciates. For that alone, there was tremendous goodwill generated.

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"DREAM"COMPLAN PLAN —But here's the best part. After the country woke up to discover that the meeting indeed took place, the bottom line issues are now up front and subject of lively discussions and debate. They now dominate the media and public discourse. Everybody is now

talking about the issues of a "substate" or secession or bangsamoro aspiration, self determination, constitutional amendments, etc. Wow, this was my "complan dream" before. If I were the negotiator now, I would rejoice over the communications plan that has suddenly been in place. No less than the President, intentionally or otherwise, launched a complan that will put on stream the critical stakeholders in the loop. Distilling and percolating the break-away points in the peace talks, discussing the pros and cons, may lead to some win-win solutions or consensus points on critical issues. This is what peace process is all about!

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**BIG PROBLEM** — But there's a BIG problem in all this: high expectations generated by that unusual Tokyo meeting must be met on both sides. For the President, he must see to it that any agreement forged later on hues closely to what the stakeholders and the constitutional laws demand. For Kagi Murad, he must deliver the dreamed "substate" to the bangsamoro people who must have all been mesmerized by that presidential gesture.

Anything short of these will be interpreted as a "sell-out". Anything short will not be acceptable to their respective constituencies. How to manage these divergent and high expectations is what the President and Kagi Murad must now attend to. More difficult is how to bridge the wide gaps that are now so clear for all to see. No doubt, both the two leaders have a big price to pay for that meeting. The consequences are heavy and grave. Not only for both of them but for all of us as well.

### The Peace Combatant

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nance governing mechanics and guidelines on how donors can provide financing for the waiting shed, adopt a set of waiting shed construction standards, and impose limits on how the donor may use the waiting shed for advertising and PR image creation. A better law, however, is to ban corporate advertising in the waiting shed entirely and simply acknowledge the donor in very small fonts. Please make sure that in granting the privilege to any organization in constructing waiting shed or any infrastructure, allow transparency and public biddings to take place. Treat the matter as a situation wherein a privilege would be granted to a corporate organization. The privilege can be granted to the public sector for a sum, of course, but it must be awarded in a manner the basic things are not surrendered: our own public image as a city and our identity that is distinct from SITEL or any other private firm. We can even use the waiting sheds to promote our city's values at the corporation's expense and not at our expense.

In formulating contracts for the private sector's use or construction of the city's assets (such as waiting sheds), the Office of the Mayor and The City Council must ensure absolute transparency. In fact, we have to do more than transparency and promote public participation in designing the contracts for public-private partnerships

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## Rainwater Harvesting Project

**BAGUIO CITY**—An experimental project for a rainwater catchment basin beside the Baguio Convention Center is being mulled over, Mayor Mauricio Domogan revealed last week during the weekly media forum at city hall.

The mayor is concerned with water shortage in the city during the summer months, but with over supply during the rainy season, thus the water reservoir experimental project.

As to records, the city receives a big volume of rainfall during the rainy months which overflows to bigger bodies of water. Said potential water source should be harnessed within available space, Mayor Domogan made known.

The project is in consonance with the city council's earlier resolution which is now for publication through posting. The resolution proposed for fund appropriation needed for rainwater harvesting system in public schools and barangays in the city. The said resolution also requested the Baguio Water District (BWD), City Environment Parks and Management Office (CEPMO) and City Building and Architecture Office (CBAO) to encourage other institutions and barangay households to "devise ways to do simple rainwater harvesting to minimize dependence on commercial water supply and to maximize the use of rainwater made available by nature."

The simple technique requires the construction of three principal components: the catchment area,

a collection device and the conveyance system. The catchment should be from the rooftop, where the rainwater would drop into the conveyance system down to a collection device. Impurities would be allowed to settle before the rainwater is directed to a storing device.

The stored water, not being potable, could be used for laundry, gardening and other cleaning purposes only.

Water harvesting, is considered as a mitigating measure being adopted to meet the demands of consumers, and as a response to the felt effects of climate change.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda has also proposed an ordinance for fund appropriation for the same purpose. The ordinance was approved and referred to the appropriate committee for study.

The details and the exact place of water reservoir project for implementation shall be looked over with concerned officials next week, the mayor assured. The water catchment basin is among priority projects such as drainage canals, sewerlines, flood protection, over passes and the proposed underpasses./juliegfianza

## DTI focuses on the overall development of SMEs in Cordillera

**BAGUIO CITY**—The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-CAR) is now focusing on the overall development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the region.

This was stressed by DTI-Cordillera Regional Director Myrna Pablo, in an interview over 'PIA Hour' radio program over radio station DZWT.

According to Pablo, DTI provides entrepreneurial skill trainings, technical and product devel-

opment assistance to SMEs in the region. All they have to do is to visit any of the DTI provincial offices or the regional office here, to know what and how they can avail of such programs.

"We have a range of programs and services for our SMEs that could help them better manage their businesses and to increase their products competitiveness or increase their businesses

perse", Pablo said.

The Cordillera is also one of only three regions in the country that was chosen for DTI's product development program which involves abroad trained product designers which will help our SMEs improve their products and make it market-driven, according to Pablo.

One designer is now in Abra helping Carlos Bamboo Craft to further improve ITS products and also to come out with other new market driven bamboo crafts and furniture, she added.

Pablo also informed that DTI assists the region's

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!



**FOLLOWING THE LEAD** -Classmates *Febie Liza Lacaben, Kristine Catabona, Dona Ann Torio, Dan Jun Anaper and Nathalie Dunuan* from the University of the Cordillera (UC) who happens to pass-by extend their helping hand to the members of the Burnham Park photographers who clean their place of work everyday. The Burnham Park photographers headed by president Carlos Cabillan will spearhead the general clean-up drive on Friday (August 19) with ambulant vendors, tourists and boat guides, Interlink Security guards, Compac2 and Tourist Police Force coinciding the visit of President Benigno "PNoy" Aquino III in the city./Bong Cayabyab

## Flood Control Structures Protect Balili River

**L** A TRINIDAD- Flood control structures along the Balili River are but some of the efforts being undertaken to protect and rehabilitate the river system which is now in its deteriorating state.

Department of Public of Works and Highways - Benguet Engineering District (DPWH-BED) Acting Assistant Regional Director Engr. Benedicta Mendoza said three flood control projects were programmed along the river system.

The flood control rehabilitation project along Pines Park in Barangay Balili here amounting to P2.3 million was already completed.

But for the

two projects located at Lower Balili River worth P21.9M and Upper Balili River worth P14.6M, only some portions were touched pending the issuance of a tree cutting permit, according to Mendoza.

Accomplishments for the two remaining projects were marked with negative slippage, meaning, these are beyond schedule already based on the work program Mendoza further said. Time frame for both projects is from April 26, 2011 to July 25, 2011.

Julio Lopez, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) for La Trinidad cluster said the tree cutting permit will be issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - CAR (DENR-CAR) for their action and

further evaluation.

More than a hundred trees were identified to be affected in the construction of the two flood control projects along the Balili River. The DPWH, CENRO - La Trinidad and the town's local government unit conducted the joint inventory.

Contractors are expected to replace the trees to be disturbed. For every tree cut, project contractors should replace it with 50 seedlings of trees to be planted in appropriate areas along the river, said Lopez.

Earth balling process utilizing a machine for transferring as recommended is one way of saving the young growing trees, according to Lopez./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

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