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WHAT have been filling the needs of whatever yields remain for agriculture-dependent rural Philippines come from the sea.

As agriculture officials just announced the lowest growth rate for the entire agriculture sector in nine years at 0.12 percent, remittances from overseas Filipinos continued to rise albeit slowly.

But there's a bigger story, says a policy brief by the nonprofit Institute for Migration and Development Issues (IMDI): place becomes a livelihood, and Filipinos in overseas countries —though not farmers— have been plowing hard-earned incomes for families and

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Maraming salamat sa mga OFW, sila ang mga tunay na bayani. Kung wala sila, matagal ng lubog na lubog ang Pinas !!!

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Upland Development Project Benefits 7000 Families In CAR

BAGUIO CITY — The Upland Development Project (UDP) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is benefitting 7,000 poor families in the region.

This was bared by DENR Regional Director Clarence Baguilat during radio interview over

DZEQ Radyo ng Baya. He said a total of 7,000 farmer-beneficiaries were able to avail of the financial assistance extended under the UDP in support of the government's hunger mitigation program.

Under the UDP the government provides farm inputs including tree seedlings, organic fertiliz-

ers and other implements. The farmers' contribution is labour, for which they are paid. This strategy enables people in the uplands to devote their time and energies wholly to the rehabilitation of the environment

while earning in the process.

The UNP was

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Lawmaker Wants LGUs Audited for Compliance with Disaster Risk Management Plan

Senator Chiz Escudero wants an immediate audit of all local government units (LGUs) on their compliance with the mandated disaster risk management plan as the onslaught of La Niña continues to inflict damage on different parts of the country.

Escudero, chairman of the Senate national defense committee, has put to task the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to check all LGUs if they have established possible evacuation centers and if they keep a map of the danger and risk areas in their localities.

"The amount of water that strange torrential rains bring to different parts of the country is already alarmingly dangerous. Rains have been wreaking havoc even to provinces that are usually spared by typhoons," Escudero said. "All localities must brace them-

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DENR Pushes for Agreement on Harmonization of Laws Affecting IPs

BAGUIO CITY — The top official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources here is pushing for the immediate signing of the agreement among concerned agencies for the harmonization of laws affecting the rights of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs).

DENR Cordillera Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat

said in a radio interview that they are still awaiting a signed agreement between DENR Secretary and the Chairman of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples regarding harmonization of the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) and Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) laws and policies.

Baguilat is hoping that said agreement to har-

monize conflicting laws on the environment and indigenous people among concerned agencies will be signed in order to address the issues affecting ICCs/IPs and to have a better coordination.

Baguilat cited as example of the conflict the City of Baguio who is having a difficulty in identifying the NCIP boundaries and how the city is having problems

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Kennon To Start Rehab

BAGUIO CITY - Department Public Works and Highways Secretary Rogelio Singson has recently ordered the immediate rehabilitation of Kennon Road to make it an all-weather road.

Singson has tasked and instructed the department's planning and design bureau to seriously study the proposal to make Kennon Road a major all-weather road. He also informed that he will take up the matter with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency for possible foreign funding support.

The rehab of Kennon is fast tracked after a dialogue by House Committee on Public Works and Highways Chairman. Rep. Ronald Cosalan of Benguet and vice chair Rep. Bernardo Vergara of Baguio City with Singson.

The dialogue came up after Vicar Apostolic of the Baguio-Benguet Vicariate Bishop Carlito Cenzone relayed to the two solons the desire of President Benigno Aquino III to "transform Kennon Road into an all-weather highway as a starting point to restore Baguio's old glory and fast-track the long-delayed development of the Cordillera region."

It could be recalled that Bishop Cenzone had a private meeting with the President during his New Year vacation in the city.

In their meeting, the President was said to have voiced out the need to initiate and implement Kennon Road's modernization, even pointing out specific engineering works like tunneling as a strategic way to divert vehicular passage away from landslide-prone sections of the road.

Vergara noted that of the three access roads to Baguio, Kennon Road has remained vulnerable to immediate road closure due to its steep mountain cliffs and ridges along its 34-kilometer route.

In 1995, Quirino Highway (Naguillan Road) was made into an all-weather road at a cost of P650 million. Three years later, Marcos Highway was modernized from a JICA-funded loan agreement costing about P2.1 billion.

Vergara and Cosalan both agree that it is about time that Kennon Road be modernized into an all-weather highway open to vehicular passage at all times the whole year-round. They even cited the importance of road infrastructure in tourism growth and the upsurge of major economic activities.

Kennon Road was formerly known as Benguet Road and has served as the nation's historic gateway into Baguio City, Benguet province and the entire Cordillera region of six highland provinces and two cities.

Since its completion as a major road route into the Cordilleras in 1905, Kennon Road has served as the primary access road into Baguio City and the Cordilleras. But harsh weather conditions during the rainy months, including the killer-quake of 1990 and subsequent strong typhoons, have shut down the mountain highway several times. Rehabilitation works then have been undertaken by the DPWH through locally funded projects.

The lawmakers emphasized the historic and positive role that Kennon Road serves. There is much to gain from the socio-economic windfall that a modernized Kennon Road can stimulate, not only for Baguio and Benguet, but for the entire Cordilleras.

They also stressed how a modernized Kennon Road can quicken the pace and quality of speedier transport and conveyance, providing year-round access and availability of goods, services, and people at decisively lower travelling costs.

The legislators also projected an envisioned super-express travel in 2013 when a modernized Kennon Road is eventually linked up with the Rosario, La Union terminal point of the extended North Luzon Expressway now undergoing initial construction planning. /Redjie Cawis/ PIA



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Mayor: No Let-up on Forbes Park Lot Fight

BAGUIO CITY—Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday assured that there will be no let-up in the city's fight to recover the Forbes Park lots erroneously awarded to private individuals.

"We will continue to fight for the nullification of the spurious titles issued for these lots to reclaim and maintain them as part of our forest reservation," the mayor said.

The mayor said that as a result of his appeal to President Benigno Aquino III recently, the city has received commitment from the Office of the Solicitor General to fast-track the filing of

the petition for the nullification of the Certificates of Ancestral Land Title (CALTs) issued by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) over the lots.

He said the city will continue coordinating with the OSG to ensure that said petition will be filed at the soonest possible time.

The mayor said the OSG has the sole authority to initiate proceedings for the cancellation of the CALTs.

He expressed hopes that the law on said procedures will be amended to include the private offended parties in the proceedings.

The mayor also assured that the city will also continue to guard the area to ensure that no land developments and constructions will take place.

The mayor said the structures recently built at the disputed site were demolished last week on account that these are not covered by building and fencing permit.

He warned that any structure that will be constructed in the area will suffer the same fate.

He also appealed to the people to refrain from buying said lots to avoid being dragged into the problem.

"We main-

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DFA Reminds Filipino to Secure Contract Before Working Abroad, Warns them of being used as Drug Couriers

BAGUIO CITY -- The Department of Foreign Affairs Baguio Office (DFA-Baguio) is reiterating the advisory to Filipinos who plan to work abroad to secure contract first before deployment for their own protection.

Regional Director Grace Clavesillas stressed that this should be done for the safety of Filipinos. She bared that almost half of the 61 Assistance to Nationals (ATN) the DFA-Baguio handled in 2010 were Filipinos deployed using a tourist visa and were promised by the recruitment agencies that their work contracts will be processed abroad.

"Usually kasi the recruitment agency promises them work abroad and tell them to secure a passport first tapos saka na ang contract at kadalasan dito nahihirapan ang DFA na magbigay sa kanila ng assistance kapag nagkaproblema dahil tourist ang visa nila," Clavesillas said.

"Kadalasan kasi applicants are rushing for their passport dahil naka-schedule na umano silang umalis, pero wala pa pala silang kontrata. Kapag kumpleto na ang mga papeles nila, including the contract we can schedule them for bio-metrics immediately," Clavesillas stressed.

Clavesillas also explained that it is the recruitment agency that should be responsible in drawing up a contract to be signed by an employer abroad. Then the contract must be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy on the host country or the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA). Before the applicant signs, he or she must be amenable to the content of the contract.

Clavesillas also warned of OCWs on contracts for Middle East. "Kadalasan may English at Arabic version ang contract para sa trabaho sa Middle East, pero kapag pinabasa mo sa isang interpreter ang Arabic contract minsan different ito from its English counterpart, so we also insist that they should let the Philippine Embassy or POEA study the contract.

In providing assistance to troubled OFWs, Clavesillas said cases are requested or forwarded to them, as they have direct access to the embassies, then they forward the case to the Office of Migrant Workers Affairs. The resolution would still depends on the rules or law of the host country.

"If they are not documented or TNT, mas mahirap magprovide ng assistance," Clavesillas said as she appealed for prospective workers to follow the procedure even how tedious it is because it is for their own protection."

Meanwhile, Clavesillas also warned Filipinos against smuggling illegal or dangerous drugs abroad,

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SIMPLE JOY SIMPLE LIFE - Burnham Park Photographers, dwindling in number due to their vanishing trade, find time to celebrate a "late" Christmas party to bond together despite the hardship and continue to survive earning a meager income./By Bong Cayabyab

NSO Reiterates its Improved Services for Faster Processing of Documents

BAGUIO CITY — With school enrolment and a number of board examinations lined up in the coming months, the National Statistics Office (NSO) is flooded with clients securing birth certificates in security paper.

Engr. Olivia Gulla, Regional Director of NSO Cordillera said that in order to better facilitate the processing of documents, patrons should fill up form properly and bring necessary identification (ID) cards.

For guardians or representatives who are getting documents, they should present authorization letter, personal identification card, said Gulla.

NSO is issuing security papers on all documents like birth and marriage certificates, certificate of

clients can go the business center SM to access the Batch Request Entry Query System for their documents.

Meanwhile, Gulla reminded clients in the provinces that they need not travel to the NSO regional office for their needed documents. They can go to their respective municipalities as the needed documents can already be secured there.

It will take three to four days for them to get their papers but they are also free from the hassles and expenses in traveling and in queuing.

The NSO has also entered into a partnership with various ShoeMart malls including SM Baguio City, where

clients can go the business center SM to access the Batch Request Entry Query System for their documents.

Gulla also reiterated that NSO is also on line allowing clients to enjoy nationwide door-to-door delivery of copy of birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, and CENOMAR.

There's no need to fall in line, just give us a call and we'll take care of the rest. You can even chat with us. Birth certificate application is open 24 hours, 7 days a week, even on Sundays and holidays. With just a click or a phone call you can enjoy world class service through NSO Birth Certificate Delivery. Gulla added./Joseph B. Zambrano/PIA CAR

Benguet Top Cop Prioritizes Environmental Protection

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet — Newly installed chief of the Benguet Police Office, Sr Superintendent Benjamin Macli-ing Lusad is making environmental preservation a priority of his command side by side with fighting criminality.

Lusad said Benguet is known for its pine trees and rich in natural resources, "so must

safeguard our ecosystem from further destruction."

Street crimes should be address properly, everyone should be safe when we walk going home especially our students, he stressed.

He encouraged everyone to continue programs and projects pertaining to the maintenance of peace and order in the locality.

To further en-

sure peace and security in the area,

he plans further training for the police. "As a practical shooter, we will have a well equip and well trained Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) as crises response team and to be our front liner in counter terrorism", he added.

According to Lusad, Benguet farmers are being victimized by drug lords using them to plant

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Ignored Counsel

President Aquino will clamp a total log ban as non-stop rains pummeled 24 largely denuded provinces. Over 1.34 million persons are affected. And the toll on crops and homes is still climbing. "There must be a long-term intervention," PNoy cautions.

"Bans constitute a highly-visible political response," says the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission study: Forest Out of Bounds. "Born from crises, after long periods of passive tolerance or neglect, (bans) tend to deal with immediate problems...(But) bans alone are insufficient...to correct underlying problems of misuse".

The 2001 report is anchored to case studies of six countries: New Zealand, China, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam Floods to loss of whole forest ecosystems

ratchet pressure, in Asia and the Pacific, for "swift and major changes". To work, bans require complementary reforms and firm hands.

"We're not optimistic that another log ban will solve...continued forest rape," the Save Sierra Madre Network told Inquirer. In March 2005, then-President Gloria Arroyo lifted the ban she imposed after Typhoons "Unding" and "Violeta" savaged Aurora and Quezon provinces "It's been business as usual at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources."

Flash back to the 2004 killer flash floods. In nasty weather, a tricycle brought Fr. Charlito "Cha" Colendres to Infanta Carmel," a cloistered Carmelite nun Lorenz Teresa Bautista recalls. Viewpoint Dec 28/04). He couldn't believe what he saw: 548,000 board feet of "hot" lumber, waiting for release...He was restless in his homily...

By 11:30 pm, the town is flooded "up to the waist." The lights go out...Soon, 30 evacuees bang at the monastery door. Sister Lenie opens the chapel to stunned grown ups, crying children, clothes torn, wet, muddied, unshod...More follow..."There was little time to run."

"We turn the monastery inside out for clothes, bedding, medicines, etc. Everything we can give, we give: food, program costumes, finally our own clothes. Non-stop cooking, non stop treatment --- and non stop stories of grief.

"While trying to save stranded children, a log hit Father Chia and swept him to his death...Lucy tells of 9-year old daughter Therese, torn from her by floodwaters. Huge logs mix with corpses...Will our eyes see tomorrow?

The storm swerved and spared Carmel. But "there are reasons to get mad...This calamity was man-made. There were good people who helped. Perhaps, their stories will see light someday.

"Danny who kissed the body of his four-year old daughter Casai, before burying her in a mass grave, composes songs. He might capture these events better in song. He said he'd try."

Greater numbers of people today raze tree cover to plow the thin marginal soil. Over, 11 million huddle within official forest lands. Temperatures, meanwhile, surge as glaciers melt. Meteorological Organization reports 2001 through 2010 as the "warmest decade ever."

The combination is lethal even as La Nina weighs in. Amuck weather savaged wide swaths from Agusan del Norte to Sri Lanka. The human cost has been extortionate. Over 564 died in Brazil's mudslides and refrigerated trucks for fish were converted into morgues.

To look ahead, it may be useful to look back. "Tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it," an African axiom says.

In 1595, forests blanketed 27.5 million hectares here. A bare quarter (7.17 million has.) is now left. The only natural forests standing are in Samar. Not for long. Juan Ponce Enrile's firm, San Jose Timber, logs there.

"The Philippines was effectively the first Asia-Pacific country, in the post World War II era, to extensively

liquidate it's forest wealth," "FAO

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THE PEACE COMBATANT

Lozano and Evangelista: more than carnapping

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



It is very irregular that the Lozano and Evangelista murders are being projected by the police as cases of carnapping.

The charred body of Venison Evangelista was found January 14 in Nueva Ecija beside an irrigation canal. Venison Evangelista was a car dealer who went missing January 12 after meeting a prospective dealer in Cubao, Quezon City. Meanwhile, the charred body of Emerson Losano was also found beside an anti-lahar mega dyke in Pampanga. Lozano and driver were kidnapped at a gas station along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City where they were supposed to meet a buyer of a 2008 Khia carnival.

Police said that there are strange coincidences in both cases.

First, both of them were shot in the head and burned using kerosene. Second, the victims were car dealers. And third, their bodies were found within the same area and were killed at most almost the same time.

However, what seems stranger is that the police are attributing the motive of the murders to simple carnapping.

Take the case of Lozano, why will kidnapers take the trouble of taking him up at gunpoint from Quezon City, shooting him and his driver, and then burn the victims' bodies in Pampanga? It can take several hours to cook a few kilos of beef, more so in burning of half-burning a human body! Will not that take too much time if the motive was simply to take Lozano's car?

Why take the trouble of involving a driver? Will not carnapping be easier if a lone driver driving an expensive car the target instead? Why take the trouble of taking two men at gunpoint for a car and then burning them when it is probably much easier to take a car in a parking lot or pounced a lone motorist?

Further, although I cannot say now to whom this applies, police report also said that in one of the cases, the car was also burned. A theory that is also being projected in the media is that the bodies were burned to destroy DNA materials left by the perpetrators of the crime. It takes more than a criminal to have this mind-set!

The car was supposed to be the target was also burned to destroy the DNA materials that can link perpetrators to the murders. Still carnapping? This is now becoming to be unbelievable. The car was supposed to be the target and yet it was burned?

Here is another unbelievable story from the police: there was a carnapping attempt on relatives of Mar Roxas. Motive: the carnapping was supposed to be a diversionary tactic of the kidnappers to draw the police focus on the cases? Wow! This is cheap DVD! This is tantamount to saying that the kidnappers are able to think macro. This is tantamount to saying that the kidnappers are sophisticated enough and are able to think through the political dynamics of the situation. I can imagine that drug or jueteng syndicates can be that sophisticated because the volume of transactions require political patrons. But for carnapping? This will be a first if true and should deserve the world record.

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X-POSEY NGAYON

Mga Opisyal Na Balasubas

By: "KA PETER" VALENCIA



Totoo kaya ang ibinulong sa akin na itong mga barangay tanod daw sa Ferdinand barangay ng happy homes Campo Sioco ay laging lasing kahit sa buong maghapon? Ang siste nito, sa kalsada pa raw na lantad sa publiko sila nag-iinuman? Totoo po ba ito kapten EMMANUEL CABE ng Ferdinand Barangay? Aba, Pakitingnan mo naman kung totoo itong inirereklamong mga barangay tangad.... Este tanod mo!, Dahil ayaw kong isipin na kayo mismo ang pasimuno dito, INTIYENDE? Pwee!!!

Bakit kaya may mga taong hindi maalis alis ang kanilang pagiging balasubas? Marami kaming mga naging karanasan sa mga hinayupak na ito, katulad na lamang sa mga nangakong mag-papa "advertize" sila sa pahayagang ito noong pang anibersaryo pero ni singkong duling eh wala man lang malabot? Isipin na lamang na pinapabalik-balik kami ng mga lintek na walang palabra-de-honor, kunsan, pudpud na ang aming mga sapatos at bulsa eh, makapal pa rin ang pagmumukha ng mga animal na balasubas? Katulad na lamang itong isang kupitan..... Este kapitan na sumasakop sa dating rabbit sinkhole, at isa na rin dito ang isang hepe ng "law enforcement agency" na ang opisina ay malapit sa BENECO! Sa susunod, amin pang ilalahad ang mga iba pang balasubas na nag-uunggoy sa amin! ABANGAN!

Sino kaya ang dapat sisihin sa pagguho ng isang ginagawang gusali sa lote na pinagitnaan ng Bonifacio Street at T. Alonzo St. siguradong tikwasan na naman ng mga daliri sa pagtuturuan ang mga damuhong mahihilig magpalusot. Makikita sa ibaba ang larawan ng gumuhong "under construction" At kayo na ang bahalang humusga kung sino ang dapat sisihin, ang pribadong inhinyero na siyang nagbabantay o mga pampublikong inhinyero sa gobyerno na taga- bantay at nagpapatupad gusali? Ano sey nyu kayo diyan sa CBAO, mukha yatang tutulog-tulog kayo, hoy gisinging!!!



After Cloud Catching, DOT Moves To Develop 'Frost' Tourism

BAGUIO CITY – After 'cloud catching', the Department of Tourism (DOT) regional office here is considering to promote 'frost' tourism with the cold temperature in Baguio, Benguet and some other highlands of Cordillera getting bigger attention from tourists.

According to DOT-CAR Regional Director Pura Molintas, beyond the clouds that can be touched by hand while passing the Cordillera highlands, there is also the 'frost' which can only be seen and experienced in the region.

'We do not have snow here in the country and frost is the closest thing that we can have, to experience frost and feel it with our hands, and only here in Cordillera where they can enjoy it, along with cloud catching,' Molintas said.

According to Molintas, the most viable part to develop frost tourism in Cordillera starts from Atok, to Buguias, Benguet part of the Halsema Highway up to Sagada, Mountain Province, where temperatures may go lower than Baguio during the cold months.

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BY : KENSHI



ROLLING COFFINS - Ilan beses na natin nakita ang mga ibat ibang uri ng aksidente sa kalsada at sa lansangan . Ilan beses na rin natin nakita ang mga pasahero ng ga pampublong sasakyan na nalalagay sa alanganin. Ang pasahero na kung maging isang biktima ng aksidente o ang kanilang iniwan na mga mahal sa buhay ng sila ay ma disgrasya at ma dedo ay ni walang nakukuha mula sa insurance at pati na rin ang mga ibang karapatan o benepisyo na dapat ma ma kamtan ng isang pampublikong pasahero. Una rito ay ang sinasabi na third party liability insurance [TPL] , kung minsan kung walang prangkisa ang isang pam publikong sasakyan ay hindi na rin pinapansin ng isruance company ang pagbigay ng benepisyo sag a biktima ng aksidente, yuon ay kung mayroon insurance policy [TPL] ang nasabing sasakyan. Pangalawa dito ay nag mumukhang inutil an gating mga korte at mga kinaukulan ahensya katulad ng LTFRB, DOTC, HPG at iba pang mga alagad ng butas este batas kapag na involve sa isang aksidente ang isang di umano ay isang public transportation vehicle o isa ba siyang private vehicle sapagkat ang ilan sa mga ito ay lumalakad at nag –ooperate ng walang kinaukulan prangkisa o di kaya ay expired na ang kanilang mga prangkisa. Kaya sa pagkakataon na magkaroon ng isang aksidente ay walang magawa ang mga nasabing alagad ng butas sapagkat hindi naman pala rehistrado ang mga nasabing sasakyan. Kadalasan pa ang mga operator ng mga ilegal na public transportation ay hindi rin sumusunod sa patakaran ng DOLE pagdating sa wages, sa SSS, at hindi rin nag sasagawa ng kinaukulan motor vehicle maintenance kaya para kang nakasakay sa isang rolling coffin kung saan pa-tsamba tsamba ang iyong kaligtasan o di kaya ay para kang naglalaro ng Russian roulette kung saan anytime pwedeng puutok yun baril na nakaumang sa iyong ulo. Kaya sa puntong ito ay atin munang aalamun mula sa mga kinaukulan alagad ng butas este alagad ng batas kung ano ba talaga ang estado ng ating mga pampublikong transportasyon.

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BINGO TENG or JUETENG NA BINGO KUNWARI – ayon sa isa natin impormante [DPA as in Deep Penetrating Angel], kasalukuyan raw ay niluluto ang muling paglulunsad ng bingo-teng . Alam ninyo mga dear readers ang bingo teng ay supposed to be isang fund raising activities for the barangay concerned, ito ang pinayagan ni the **VERY GOOD AND TALENTED Judge Antonio Esteves**. Ang layunin ng pag apruba nito ay para maka tulong sa kinaukulan barangay para sa kanilang fund raising activities. Ang problema nga lang ay, dahil sa sobrang galing natin mga Pilipino sa pag papa ikot ng butas este batas, ang isa dapat na maging fund raising for the barangay ay isinasagawa na parehong-pareho ng istail JUETENG, at pag katapos ay ipagpipilitan pa ng mga mastermind na operator na mga Barangay Kupitan este Kapitan with the blessing of some other HIGHER OFFICIALS na ang kanilang isinasagawa ay purely fund raising for the Barangay, same style as Jueteng. Kayo nga ang mag-isip mga dear readers kung ang sinasabing bingo teng na parehong pareho sa jueteng ay ligal o ilegal .**SINO BA ANG NILOLOKO NINYO, HINDI AKO. BASTA LOKOHIN NYO LELONG NYONG PANOT. MGA KAPAL MUKS KAYO !!!**

For now what they can do is plan and prepare for the development of frost tourism for next year's cold season, she disclosed.

Meanwhile, Molintas reiterated that DOT is into promoting the region thru the agricultural-cultural circuit and adventure circuit. The major route of promotion for the adventure circuit is the Manila-Banawe-Sagada-Baguio and from this route tourists can also go on shorter routes, like going to Lubuagan, Tinglayan and extend all the way to Tabuk, Kalinga for a white water rafting.

In the Baguio-La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay (BLISTT) area, we are also developing quick tours, for an overnight to two-days stay when they come to Baguio. There are short routes like going to Mt. Santo Tomas for biking or trekking, hot tub adventure in Asin Hot springs, camping and cayakking in the Ambuclao Dam area or short trek in Itogon.

'What we only need to do now is to systematize the tours, come out with a system, enhanced the procedure and the capabilities of the LGUs for such tourism endeavors,' Molintas stressed./Lito Dar/PIA CAR

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FILIPINOS are divided on the issue regarding President Aquino's purchase of a third-hand Porsche sports car (or as a car magazine describes as "supercar") worth P4.5 million. Take note, third-hand car for P4.5M? Isn't it grand? Some say there's nothing wrong with P-Noy buying it especially with his own money while others say the action leaves a bad taste in the mouth at this time when more than 4.5 million Filipinos are starving. Even with his own money, many people say P-Noy should not have brought that car, yes, even with his own money at this time millions of Filipinos are wallowing in poverty. More importantly, they are claiming this would send a wrong signal/impression to Filipinos who are looking up to him to lead by example. An online poll indicated that almost 30 percent of Filipinos believe that P-Noy's newest toy for a big boy should not even be raised and used as an issue against him. Majority of them say P-Noy still has a right to privacy and his personal transactions should be left alone. But I doubt. Designers of that online poll could be the handiwork of P-Noy's apologists, created mainly to soften the impact of that Porsche super buy. Would you think, the PSG would allow him to drive that Porsche in Metro Manila or to P-Noy's residence in Tarlac, Tarlac? Think of it. -000-More or less 20 percent favored P-Noy's move, saying the Porsche is not even brand new and he bought it with his own money unlike other corrupt officials. But 21 percent contradicted P-Noy, saying as the president, what he did was in bad taste, especially after his memorandum on luxury cars a month ago. Almost 18 percent questioned the President, stressing that how can he buy a Porsche when his countrymen are drowning in poverty? He should put the country first no matter what the situation. The remaining individuals who joined the survey said they don't care because Malacanang has bigger problems to deal with. -000-But for the record, 1st-APLUMA do not and cannot subscribe to P-Noy's move. To put it straight, it was a wrong move in chess parlance especially at this point in time where millions of Filipinos are experiencing hunger according to the Social Weather Stations (SWS). Malacanang cannot use the excuse or reason P-Noy only used his own money to buy the sports car, if at all. Malamang may padrino rin yan. The bottomline is, the purchase is inappropriate when millions of us Filipinos are wallowing in poverty! The nationwide survey conducted last Nov. 27-30 by SWS-BusinessWorld showed that of the 1,200 respondents, 18.1 percent or an estimated 3.4 million households claimed they experienced hunger at least once in the last three months. The measure of hunger refers to involuntary suffering because the respondents answer a survey question that specifies hunger due to lack of anything to eat. Survey questions about household hunger are directed to the household head, using the phrase "experienced hunger, and did not have anything to eat (nakaranas ng gutom at wala kayong makain)." SWS noted that the latest figure is higher by 400,000 families from the all-time low 3 million households (15.9 percent) last September, 2010. React to 1st-APLUMA via esns03@yahoo.com.

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BAGUIOCITY. - In order to encourage global competitiveness, strengthen data gathering, research on tourism and facilitate the promotion of establishments, primary tourism enterprises are periodically required to obtain accreditation from the Department of Tourism (DOT) as to the quality of their facilities and standard of services.

Regional Director Pura Molintas said that with the new law Tourism Act, the DOT shall evolve a system of standards for the accreditation of these enterprises in accordance with the relevant tourism development plan. These standards shall adhere insofar as practicable to those recognized internationally.

We need to professionalize the industry, the manpower

and the system to improve our tourism products, said Molintas.

The primary enterprise mandated to accredit with the DOT are hotels, travel agencies, tour operators, tour guides, event coordinators and provider for conventions.

Molintas also stressed that under the new law, local government units are mandated to provide a full time and perma-

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Rice over-importation a
heinous crime

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Matthew 16:26, the Holy Bible).

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CONGRATS, MANAY GINA DE VENECIA: Congratulations likewise to Pangasinan Rep. Gina De Venecia who was unanimously elected Wednesday, January 19, 2011 as president of the Association of Lady Legislators (ALL), a group of 64 women-members of the House of Representatives.

ALL, whose ranks include former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and former First Lady and now Ilocos Rep. Imelda Marcos, will pursue the putting up of "The Haven for the Disabled", a home for special children. Mabuhay, Manay Gina and the lady congressmen with her at ALL!

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OVER-IMPORTATION A HEINOUS CRIME: The real question in the rice importation brouhaha is this: did our countrymen consume all of the imported grain or not? If Filipinos used up all the imported rice, no matter how they were brought in here, and no matter how steep the price may have been, should we not rather be thankful that we satisfied the need of our countrymen in their hour of need?

If, on the other hand, these rice importations were not fully used and much of it were left merely to rot in the warehouses of the National Food Authority, this is a heinous crime of the highest order. Those responsible for it should be made to rot in jail post-haste.

The apparent greediness of it all should remind the perpetrators of the warning given by the Lord Jesus, quoted above, that even if you gain the whole world, that would not mean anything if you lose your soul in hell in the meantime.

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CRIMES PROLIFERATE, LIFE IS DIFFICULT: The current spate of kidnappings, killings, drug trafficking, and scams like those we receive through e-mails saying someone from Burkina Faso, Africa or from some other unheard of places will give us millions of dollars, are symptomatic of only thing.

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nent tourism officers. The DOT will provide training and other need so that they be better equip in handling tourism programs, she said.

The law also stated that the Philippine Convention and Visitors Bureau Corporation now will

be Tourism Promotions Board (TPB), the Philippine Tourism Authority will be known as Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (Tieza) and the Duty Free Philippines will become Duty Free Philippines Corp

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We are looking forward that the Tourism Act will gear the DOT with the necessary tools it needs to turn the country into a world-class tourist's destination, Molintas added. / Joseph b Zambrano/PIA CAR



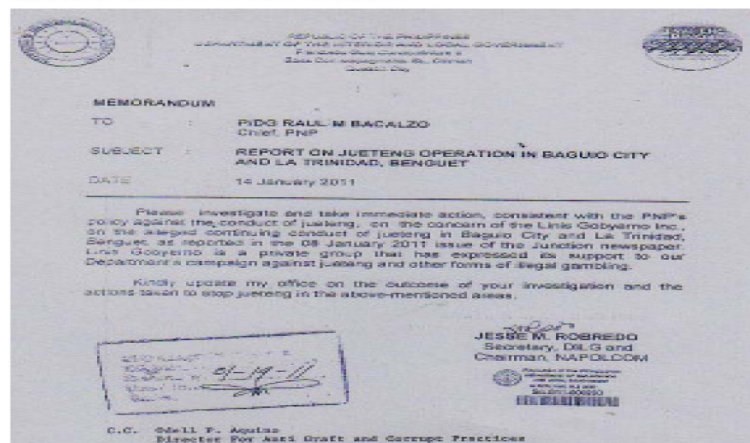
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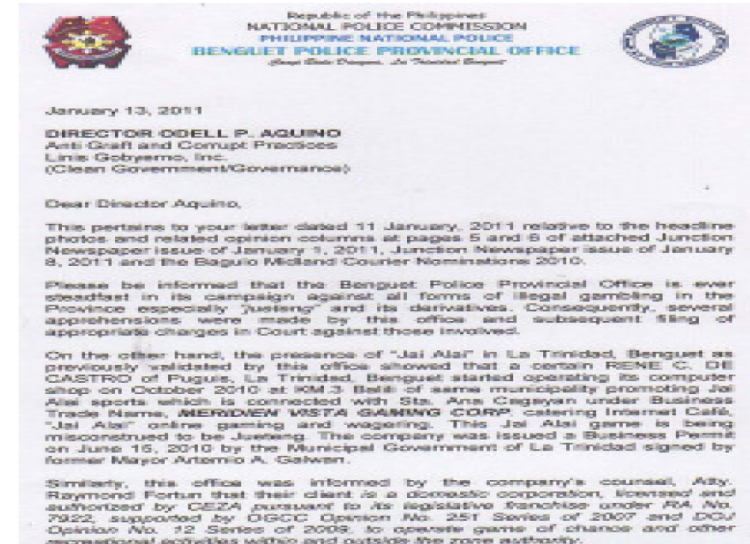


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Inyong mababasa ang tatlong liham mula kina DILG Secretary Jesse Robredo, P/Sr. Supt. Wilben Mayor at P/Sr. Supt. David Q. Lacdan . Ito ay isang halimbawa ng mga kinaukulan opisyales na isinasagawa ng agaran ang kanilang trabaho. Hindi katulad ng maraming mga kasalukuyan opisyales ng gobyerno kung saan simpleng mga katanungan which can be answered by straight forward answers hindi pa ma sagot o di kaya ay parating ded ma sa ating mga katanungan at madalas pa sila pa ang galit . Marami talagang mga hinayupak, balasubas at walang kwentang mga opisyales ng gobyerno na ganitong klaseAng na kakatawa pa nito ay may kapal pa sila ng mukha na tangapin na tawagin sila ng Honorable Public Servants.
KILABUTAN NGA KAYO!



Memo circular from DILG Sec. Jesse Robredo to PDG Raul Bacalzo, Chief PNP



Meanwhile, the present administration under Hon Mayor Gregorio Abalos approved the Business Permit of the Meriden Vista Gaming Corporation for CY 2010. On January 11, 2011, the Municipal Mayor issued an Order to Cease and Desist operation within the municipality of La Trinidad. (Photocopy of said Order hereto attached for your perusal).

Immediately on the same day, personnel of the Municipal Legal Office, Licensing Section of La Trinidad LGU secured by personnel this office enforced the closure of said establishment at KM3 Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet. The enforcement of said Order was witnessed by elected Barangay Council of Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet. Hence, this office is presently conducting monitoring for any presence of any forms of illegal gambling and initiate arrest if warranted.

Rest assured that continuous operations will be conducted by this office against this illegal activity.

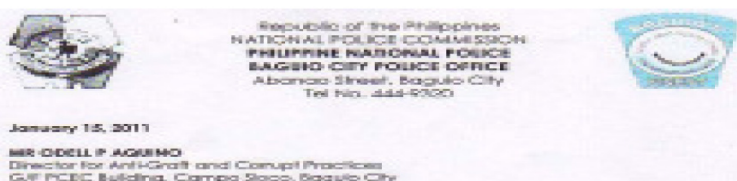
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ATTY. WILBEN M MAYOR, CEO VI
Police Senior Superintendent
Provincial Director

By:

MARIO LOKINGAN MAYAMES JR.
Police Superintendent
Intelligence Officer

Letter reply from P/Sr.Supt. Wilben Mayor, Provincial Director Benguet Province



Dear Mr. Aquino:

Greetings!

This pertains to your letter dated January 11, 2011 in relation to the alleged illegal gambling activities in Baguio City.

Please be informed that the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) is not tolerating any illegal gambling activities in the city. This office has been continuously conducting serious and sustained police-operation against all forms of illegal number games. This inherent task given to the BCPO has the end-view of containing the possible social menace illegal gambling may bring to our beloved Baguio City and its constituents.

Task Force "Jupiter" which was created by virtue of Administrative Order No. 126, series of 2010 dated August 26, 2010 issued by Hon. City Mayor Maricela C. Domagan under the direct supervision of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), City Director Mr. Evelyn Trinidad, as Action and Operating Officer, has conducted successful anti-gambling operations that resulted in the arrest of eleven (11) illegal number game bet collectors.

On November 29, 2010 at about 4:00 PM, joint personnel of Task Force "Jupiter" under Director Evelyn Trinidad, Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) of the City Mayor's Office, and the BCPO Unit 7 conducted anti-gambling operation of the Central Business District (CBD) particularly of the Loden Bar and Bakery located along Jacinto Street, Baguio City and they were able to apprehend three (3) "Bingoleng" bet collectors while in the act of collecting money bets for illegal number game and confiscate from their possessions "bingoleng" paraphernalia and cash bets amounting to P54,358.00 in different denominations. Said arrested suspects were detained at the Baguio City Jail while a case of Violation of PD 1602 was transmitted to the City Prosecutor's Office.

However, On December 13, 2010, a Resolution issued by Hon. Emilio B. Bervies, presiding judge of RTC Branch 5, Baguio City stated therein that the case filed by the police officers and members of the POSD against the arrested Bingoleng bet collectors was dismissed as they were allegedly employees of the "Super Bingo sa Barangay sa Malolos Square" and were conducting a lawful fund raising activities at the time of their arrest. Also, the apprehending personnel were directed to return all the personal properties including the proceeds of the game confiscated from the operations of the Super Bingo sa Barangay sa Malolos Square to Purok Sangay William Dominguez.

Likewise, on December 01, 2010 from 4PM-730PM, members of the Intelligence Unit under PSUPT BENJAMIN SEMBRANO, CMG, and the Investigation Branch of the BCPO, conducted a sweeping anti-gambling operation in the Market area, Magsaysay Ave., Lakandula, Kalantiao streets, which resulted in the arrest of three (3) alleged bet collectors of Jueteng "bookies" but froning as Jal-alai employees cum collectors.

Further, on or about 11:30AM of December 2, 2010, another anti-gambling operation City Invest & Detection Management Unit (CIDMU) led by PSUPT LOUIS B. MERS conducted follow-up operation within the Central Business District (CBD) area particularly along Kalantiao Street-Kagilingan Barangay, Baguio City that resulted in the arrest of two (2) alleged jueteng bet collectors while in the act of collecting bets. Confiscated from the suspects were gambling paraphernalia and cash bets amounting to P3,780.00 in different denominations. Respondents were detained at the Baguio City Jail upon written order of Inquest Prosecutor Elmer S. Sagsaga.

However, the arresting officers were likewise charged by the suspects at the City Prosecutor's Office for a case of **Arbitrary Detention and Unlawful Arrest, Incriminating Innocent Persons or Violation of RA 7438** on December 3, 2010 docketed under IS No. 10-02729.

On or about 6:45 PM of December 14, 2010, composite team from Intelligence Unit, City Investigation & Detection Management Unit (CIDMU) and the CIDG-Carillera in coordination with the Task Force "Jupiter" led by PSUPT BENJAMIN DI SEMBRANO conducted anti-illegal gambling operation along Hilpot Road, Baguio City that resulted in the arrest of another three (3) Bingoleng bet collectors while in the act of collecting monays bets.

On or about 2:00 PM of January 6, 2011, an informant reported to this office regarding a group of persons who allegedly attempted to conduct Bingo sa Barangay at Queen of Peace Road Barangay, Baguio City. The undersigned immediately directed the personnel of the CD SOG and its Intelligence Unit to validate the said information and found out that they were preparing to conduct draw as a Barangay fund raising activity. The police operatives then requested them to show any permit to operate but they could not show any, thus, they were advised to secure first the necessary permits from the city government before they will proceed in their alleged fund raising activity.

To date, sustained police operations are continuously being undertaken by this office to eradicate all forms of illegal gambling activities in the city. Validation conducted however by Intel operatives, revealed that illegal number game particularly jueteng have been non-existent in the city.

Hoping this information will enlighten you on the real situation on the ground as far as the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) fights against all forms of illegal gambling operation in the city is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID QUITORIO LACDAN
Police Senior Superintendent DSC
City Director

Letter reply from P/Sr.Supt. David Q. Lacdan, PNP Baguio City Director

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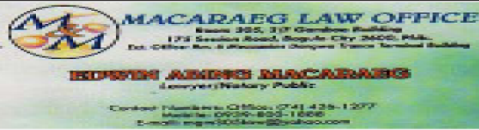
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DAGOYEN JR.,
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THE LOCAL CIVIL
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OF LA TRINIDAD
BENGUET,
Respondent.

SPECIAL
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CASE NO. 10-C-
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FOR:

CANCELLATION
OF THE FIRST
DELAYED
CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH

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ORDER

Petitioner,
Agosto Collado
Dagoyen, Jr., through
counsel, filed a verified
petition averring that;

1. Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino and a resident of Lot 4, Block 1, West Quirino Hill, Baguio City, Philippines where he may served with summons and other court processes;

2. The respondent, Office of the Local Civil Registry which is herein represented by its Local Civil Registrar and the Office of the National Statistics Office is hereto impleaded in its official capacity as the custodian of the records of the certificate of Live Birth of herein petitioner;

3. That petitioner was born on June 29, 1978 in Tubo, Abra and the facts of his birth have been duly registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Tubo, Abra;xxx;

4. When his parents transferred residence in La Trinidad, Benguet, they registered his facts of birth in La Trinidad, Benguet so that he will have a certificate of live birth to present;xxx;

5. However in order to correct the erroneous place of birth and facts of birth of herein petitioner, his birth was again registered with the Local Civil Registrar of Tubo, Abra where he was actually born. Such facts were the ones he had been using in all his records including his Certificate of Marriage, xxx passport, xxx, among others;

Petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, an order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of La Trinidad, Benguet and the National Statistics Office to cancel and expunge from their records the Certificate of Live Birth of Agosto Dagoyen, Jr., on file with their office.

Finding the Petition sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby given due course.

This case is set for hearing on 25 February 2011 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning at the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, at which time, date and place, the petitioner shall present evidence in support of his petition. Any person interested in the matter may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner for at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Benguet. The last publication shall not be later than February 13, 2011.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order and the Petition and its annexes be furnished the following: the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Office of the Civil Registrar of the Municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet; and, the National Statistics Office.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN
CHAMBERS, 12th
day of January 2011
at La Trinidad,
Benguet.

By: (SDG) DANILO
P. CAMACHO
Judge

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Money from Overseas saves PHL's Agri Sector, Rural areas from Slum.....from page 1

even for their rural birthplaces.

This does not come as a surprise, says the Institute's paper titled *Rural Folk: Hard Up, So Some Leave*, written by Ma. Cristina Gregorio and Jeremiaah Opiniano. Two-thirds of overseas Filipinos—either contract workers, permanent residents or irregular migrants—come from rural Philippines, areas largely disregarded as hubs of hope and development.

However, the Institute wrote that what seems to be happening is that overseas migration—a “new rurality,” authors say—“has made up for Philippine rural areas’ many shortcomings, even if not many residents from the countryside can afford to migrate overseas”.

For example, using estimates on incomes by overseas migrant families from government's 2006 income and expenditures survey, 60 of 77 provinces had more overseas remittance incomes compared to the total incomes of provincial local governments (the latter coming from the Bureau of Local Government Finance).

The income gap, which IMDI refers to as “an income buffer for rural areas,” is mind-boggling: P348.524 billion of migrant family incomes versus P50.482 billion for incomes by provincial LGUs in 2006.

Data from the Institute's policy brief also reveal:

That the growth rate of the overseas exodus of permanent and temporary migrants is better than the agricultural sector's performance; and

That the P348.524 billion of incomes by migrant families in 2006 are at least twice more than all the loans handed out for agriculture and fishing (P93.228 billion);

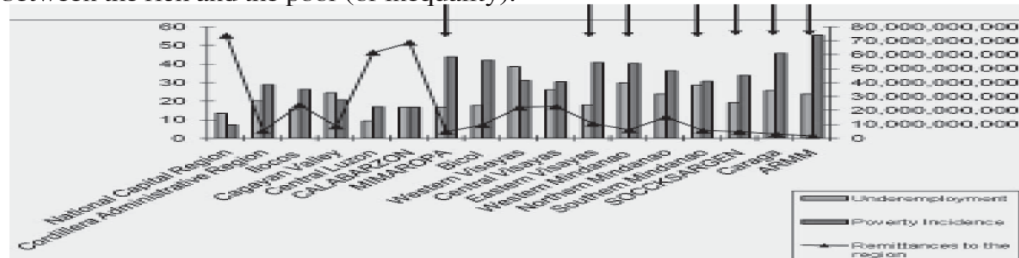
However, the Institute wrote that since developed rural regions—especially those near Metro Manila—had more overseas migrants and more overseas remittances, overseas migration's benefits have largely eased out poorer regions.

Rural regions with high underemployment and poverty incidence rates got lower money from abroad, government data which IMDI processed find (*see graph below*).

And since underemployment indicates low-paying, low quality jobs, the situation entraps many rural folk into poverty and makes these people unable to migrate overseas.

Graph: If the Philippine rural region is farther from Metro Manila and has high levels of underemployment and poverty incidence, overseas remittances to these regions are lower (*see arrows*).

The scenario, which many studies by economists have proven, also bolsters the gap between the rich and the poor (or inequality).



Some economists, like University of the Philippines School of Economics Dean Arsenio Balisacan, think that the poverty reduction feature of agriculture “had reached a dead end”.

At the same time, data from the *Rural Poverty Report 2011* of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) revealed the decades-old slump of Philippine agriculture: agriculture's gross value-added (GVA) as a percentage of the country's gross domestic product dropped from 23 percent in 1988 to 14.9 percent in 2008.

In a related IMDI policy paper, *Harvests Coming from the Sea*, the Institute wrote that while overseas migration can be a boon or a bane to agriculture, the links between the overseas exodus with farming and fishing “have yet to be fully explored”.

As well, the development potential from the migration-agriculture linkages “(was) not yet maximized as much,” the Institute wrote. *The Institute is now on its seventh year doing policy research, advocacy, databanking, and development journalism on international migration and development issues in the Philippines. Comments may be forwarded to ofw_philanthropy@yahoo.com and at president@ofwphilanthropy.org.*

The Peace Combatant

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the police to go deeper and not to condition the public's mind. The police will have credibility if they stick to scientific sleuthing and make press releases consistent with scientific sleuthing.

We have been witnessed to the injustice in the Vizconde massacre and police involvement in drugs whether it is the camp of Rosebud or the camp of Senator Ping Lacson who is the real guilty party. Now please, let not the police make implicit suggestions that they are muddling the case or some of the men in uniform are involved in the crime somehow.

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

FLORENCE A. TABANGIN

Applicant

Case No: 2001-01-419

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity a Certificate of Public Convenience 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.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on Feb 07, 2011 at 10:00AM/PM at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 10th day of January (SDG) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Bigger, better, authentic Panagbenga 2011 promised

BAGUIO CITY – A bigger, better and more authentic Panagbenga shall be seen this February with the concerted efforts and cooperation of all those involved, from the academic and business sectors, private and government sector and the community as a whole.

This was promised by panelists during the Panagbenga press conference at the Panagbenga park last Wednesday; with the Baguio Flower Festival Incorporated (BFFI) Executive Committee members present including Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Department of Tourism Regional Director Pura Molintas, Hotelier Anthony de Leon, Businessman Moises Cating, Urban planner Joseph Alabanza, Camp John Hay Chief Operations Officer Freddie Alquiroz, Father of Panagbenga Atty. Damaso Bangaoet, HOLCIM cement Philippines executive David and Police Chief David Lacdan.

It shall also be the cleanest and greenest, with efforts as to the theme, "The Environment and Community in Harmony," the panelists collectively agreed.

As announced by the mayor, the Panagbenga Park along Camp John Hay gate shall be the starting point of all Baguio Flower Festi-

val activities. It shall also be blessed and inaugurated an hour earlier than the opening and elimination parade on February 1. The park, in the first phase of development is being prepared with a butterfly sanctuary, coffee hut and other amenities. The second phase of development comes later, it was known.

Environment-saving efforts are also first in the flower festival agenda, so tree seedlings shall be distributed among the BFFI board of trustees, and later to barangay officials for planting on available spaces.

According to DOT Regional Director Molintas, the authenticity of the streetdances shall be seen this coming month, as dance trainers, school heads and choreographers have undergone synchronized enhancement seminars on provincial cultural dances since last year. Six teams representing the provinces of the Cordilleras shall showcase the use of costumes, dance steps, hand movements, and over-all choreography to the tune of the ethnicized Panagbenga hymn during the flower festival; and are certified to be authentic, she said. Purely cultural music such as the use of gongs and the solibao as incorpo-

rated in the Panagbenga hymn were authorized by Dean Macario Fronda of Saint Louis University (SLU), composer of the Panagbenga hymn, she added.

The government-led, community-based festival is also seen to be participated in by local artists with events such as the Ipitik (wine-brewing and tasting) and wood-carving contests.

A magazine for Panagbenga 2011 is already in the making, it was announced.

Businessmen are being encouraged to spruce up their façade, provide tourism attraction by having flower-inspired building motifs, and involve themselves in the cleanliness especially of the city's main road, Session road. Everybody is asked to be participants, and not merely spectators, including in keeping the city clean during the event, the mayor said.

It was also known that the "Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom" will be revived with Paint giant Boysen providing all materials including canvas for a family painting affair; on Feb. 12 at Melvin Jones, Burnham Park. The Pony Boys' day shall be on March 2 at the Baguio Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park. These two activities have been missed for the past years, thus a comeback.

The mayor has also promised that mistakes committed in the past shall not be repeated, such as the delay in awarding of incentives and prizes. The budget has been approved, so there is "no reason for delay," the mayor said. / juliegfianza

Charter Change is Overdue- Jaraula

BAGUIO CITY – "My position is irrespective of whoever is in Malacanang, the timing of charter change is overdue. Let us not play around with it anymore."

This was the statement of former three-term Congressman and Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, Constantino G. Jaraula, as he stressed that there are lots of provisions in the present Constitution which needs amendments and this can only be done thru charter change.

He said it is necessary that the people should know what change in the Constitution is needed and likewise it is important to know how this change will be pursued, whether by constitutional assembly, by convention or by peoples' initiative.

"This is my own advocacy and I thought that I will be helping the country if I just go around and teach the various systems and the manner that it can be changed," Jaraula said.

"We have to adjust to the global trend in governance, a lot of people are complaining about corruption but corruption is inherent in our system. We cannot improve unless we change the system," Jaraula explained.

Jaraula was in the city for his first stop of advocacy campaign on charter change and at the same time for the launching of his book "Constitutions of the Philippines".

According to Jaraula, he chose Baguio as the venue of his book launching because he believes that if one hits the highest peak everything will go down. Therefore, if you hit one, a lot of areas will be covered and so he thought Baguio would be the best especially as Mayor Mauricio Domogan was his vice chairman on the Constitutional Amendments Committee in the 13th Congress.

Jaraula said he will devote his remaining years in life to propagating and teaching constitutional systems. /Mari Cruz/PIA-CAR

Editorial

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regional forestry officer Patrick Durst wrote. (That) experience offers a poignant lesson for still-forested countries from Cambodia to Vanuatu.

Loggers cut as if there was no tomorrow in concessions that blanketed a third of the country. That created timber barons. Few reinvested in wood-processing or in plantations. New Zealand, Australia and Korea did.

Log exports topped 11.1 million cubic meters in 1974, then slumped to a mere 841 thousand cubic meters a decade later. It never recovered. Our timber imports today, from New Zealand and Sabah, cost the country 10 times what we scrape to sell."

When 2003 flashfloods and mudslides swamped Ormoc and San Francisco-Liloan. In Leyte, forest cover had dropped far below the 30 percent safety benchmark. "Only 0.33 percent of reforested areas could be seen by satellite due to neglect and low survival rates".

What will we see in 2020?

Here are some educated guesses from the "Philippine Forestry Sector Outlook". It forms part of an FAO study for Asia and the Pacific.

Patchy achievements, sleaze, population surges, oil prices and OFW remittances, will radically alter the forestscape a decade hence. Over 90 percent of logs will be harvested from plantations, an increasing number by private firms.

Shreds of natural forests will be folded into today's 77 protected areas. Overdue rehabilitation of watersheds will help nudge forest cover upwards, ever so slightly. Jatropha and cocofuel plantations will rise.

"Sunset" industries, like saw mills and finishing plants, remain comatose. Biology will deny increases in global trade. Trees from plantations take 10 to 12 years before they can be tapped.

Affidavit of Self Adjudication

Notice is hereby given that the heir of the late Revino Garambas who died on August 10, 2009 at Sablan, Benguet have executed an affidavit of self adjudication over a motor vehicle and its franchise bearing plate number AYK 861 as per Affidavit executed before Notary Public Bartolome Baldas Jr., per Doc. No. 20; Page No. 04; Book No. 91, Series of 2010

Publication Dates :January 8, 15 and 22, 2011

Self Adjudication Of The Estate Of JUAN ANANAYO With Simultaneous Deed Of Absolute Sale

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late Juan Ananayo who died on June 27, 2004 at Baguio City have executed a self adjudication with simultaneous deed of absolute sale over a motor vehicle and its franchise bearing plate number AYR 348 as per deed executed before Notary Public Robles G. Calabias, per Doc. No. 202; Page No. 41; Book No. LVIII, Series of 2010

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Unland Development Project

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launched in February 2009 to cushion the impact of the global financial crisis on the Filipino people. It aims to improve incomes in upland areas and mitigate hunger, while enhancing the country's capacity to adapt to climate change.

"In previous years, we were able to get the highest budget in UDP that's why we got the very high target of 7,000 families wherein one hectare was allotted for every family."

For this year, expected budget is about P70M for UDP to cover more than 1,000 hectares of new plantation as well as about 500 hectares of bamboo plantation especially along our river banks, Baguilat said.

Meanwhile, Baguilat announced that other program which is also expected to be finished this year is the delineation of forest boundary lines.

The strategy of delineating forest line boundary is intended to reduce and ease the problem of dealing with resident population on public lands and other areas of the public domain.

He added that the delineation is the survey and demarcation on the ground of permanent forest boundary line marked with concrete monuments, while site assessment is conducted for reversion to forest lands and areas proposed for release to alienable and disposable lands. /Mari Cruz/PIA-CAR

Lawmaker wants LGUs

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selves for any eventualities. There must be no single local unit caught unprepared anymore."

The senator reminded local officials that under Republic Act No. 10121 or the Disaster Management Act of 2010, all LGUs were mandated to establish disaster management offices and maintain local disaster risk information such as danger and risk areas.

Escudero said the last time a report was submitted to him only 15 percent of the LGUs had complied with the law.

"It may have changed already because that was last year. If the audit finds a 100-percent compliance, that's good news and calming for us. Otherwise, the DILG should prod each single locality to institutionalize the policies and programs on disaster risk reduction than be sorry," Escudero said.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) warned that the country had already entered the La Niña period last October which would continue until May, bringing strong and frequent storms that may trigger flashfloods and landslides. /Office of Senator Chiz Escudero

DENR Pushes for Agreement

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with illegal settlers who are occupying previously declared forest areas and watersheds. He said that the DENR has no authority in the identification whether a certain area is covered by ancestral claims.

The issue on harmonization of conflicting laws affecting IPs is a long concern of the Regional Development Council such that in its continuing pursuit of autonomy, it has funded a project called 'Ancestral Lands and Domains Titling Project: Harmonizing Policy Differences on Land.' /Mari W. Cruz/PIA CAR

Mayor. No let-up on Forbes park

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tain that these lots are not alienable and part of our forest reservation and the titles issued to them are not valid so let us be wise and not allow our hard-earned money go to waste," he said.

The mayor maintained that Forbes Park is a protected area and is not one of the Igorot claims qualified for disposition as ancestral land as per section 78 of Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous People's Rights Act.

He said the CALTs issued over the reservation are invalid as it violates section 78 of the IPRA law.

The city government during the time of former mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. last year initiated the proceedings to reclaim the lots by asking the Solicitor General to file appropriate cases for the recovery of the subject lots.

The city through its city legal office headed by Melchor Carlos Rabanes in October last year filed a civil case for injunction with prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and writ of preliminary injunction to protect the city's interest on the lots to enjoin the Register of Deeds from processing transactions involving the CALTs after the ROD's denial of the annotation or registration of the city's adverse claim on the assailed NCIP titles.

The case is still pending before the Regional Trial Court here.

Apart from the civil case, the city also at the same time filed before the Office of the Ombudsman an administrative case against NCIP commissioners Atty. Eugenio Insigne, Rolando Rivera, Rizalino Segundo, Atty. Noel Felongco, Jannette Serrano-Reisland, Felecito Masagnay and Miguel Imbing Apostol who awarded the subject lots to the heirs of Lauro Carantes for issuing the title which is "highly irregular, anomalous and illegal in view of the fact that Forbes Forest Reservation is an inalienable forest reserve which was withdrawn from sale of settlement by virtue of Proclamation No. 10 issued on February 9, 1924."

The CALTs were issued through the NCIP over portions of Forbes Park Parcels I and II on November 12, 2008 and registered with the Register of Deeds, Baguio City on April 7, 2009 covering the following areas all in the name of the Heirs of Lauro Carantes represented by Antino Carantes married to Espenilla Carantes, with residence and postal address at Purok I, Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet: O-CALT-26 containing an area of 89,242 square meters; O-CALT-27 containing an area of 2,327 square meters; O-CALT-28 containing an area of 34,855 square meter; and O-CALT-29 containing an area of 112,603 square meters for a total aggregate area of 239,027 square meters. /A Refuerzo

Benguet top Cop

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and grown Marijuana. Because of this, he assured an all out war against illegal drugs.

To supplement the tourism program of Governor Nestor B. Fongwan, we are going to have mounted policemen on a horse patrol, Lusad added.

Aside from being environmentalists, policemen in Benguet will also be promoting tourism. "We are going to have mounted policemen on horse patrol," Lusad announced.

Lusad took over from P/Sr.Supt. Wilben Mayor who served the province for almost two years.

"I enjoyed serving the people of Benguet, they are peace loving, I did not encounter a major problem during my tour of duty as provincial director," Mayor said as he extended his gratitude to the people and officials of the province during the command turn over last Monday.

Lusad, who hails from Bontoc, Mountain Province, previously served as Chief of the Regional Operation and Plans Division (ROPD) and provincial director of Ilocos Norte. /Joseph B. Zambrano/PIA CAR

DFA Reminds Filipino

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According to Clavesillas, of the 61 ATN they received last year, six were drug smuggling cases and five of them were women. Five of the cases were in China and the other in Indonesia

"Two of the cases were sentenced with life imprisonment, two sentenced with death and one with seven years imprisonment. The single case in Indonesia involving a Filipina happened only last December. She is still detained and waiting for a sentence, Clavesillas said.

The DFA and PDEA are strengthening info campaign in efforts to arrest the rising incidence of Filipinos being used as drug mules by international drug syndicates. Last December, the two agencies in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency launched the anti drug courier campaign in Baguio.

Based on DFA and PDEA reports, as of 2010, there are 678 arrested Filipino drug couriers, mostly women, in various parts of the world. Most of the arrest are in China where 77 are sentenced with death penalty. /Lito Dar/PIA CAR

44 Cordillerans Join PDEA

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agents of the country's lead drug law enforcement agency last December 30.

The high turnout is attributed to PDEA - CAR's diligent public information campaigns and participation in job fairs with the steadfast collaboration of the mass media, and partner offices and institutions.

Another factor that have greatly inspired Cordilleran young men and women into becoming PDEA agent wannabes, is the performance of the region's drug law enforcer corps.

The 206 recruits are the only successful aspirants out of the 3,338 hopefuls from all over the country. They were selected thru PDEA Agents Admission Test, which is equivalent to 20 percent Neuro-psychological Exams and Initial Interview, 30 percent; Diagnostic Essay, 10 percent; Medical and Dental Exams, and Agility Test, 10 percent; and Panel Interview, 30 percent.

The first two stages represent the service provider, Maezelle Psycho Metier and Diagnostic Center's 60% Quantitative Part while the last three speak for the PDEA's 40% Qualitative Part.

The 206 new recruits will be joined at the PDEA Academy by 15 recruits originally belonging to the fourth batch but were remedially placed on on-the-job training at the national office due to limited accommodation capacity of the academy. They will compose the PDEA Academy's Drug Enforcement Officers Basic Course (DEOBC) Class 10-05 expected to graduate this June.

Even while they are on training, documents verification, record check and background investigation on them will actually continue, and still extends beyond their graduation and deployment as one way of eliminating unqualified agents. /PIA

Baguio Welcomes the year of the Rabbit

BAGUIOCITY-Members of the Filipino-Chinese community in the city were in the forefront for the Spring Lunar Celebration, during the press briefing last Wednesday night at the Supreme Hotel.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan who graced the event, spoke of the growing ties between the Filipino-Chinese business community and Baguioites in the midst of intermingled cultures. The city as a melting pot of cultures is richly blessed with peace-loving people, including the Filipino-Chinese, the mayor said.

The mayor also recognized the efforts of the Filipino-Chinese community in reaching out to less fortunate residents of the city; including the recent donation to a sick child. He encouraged the said community to continue building this "bridge of friendship" which should go down to the next generations.

The Chinese lunar year welcomes the year of the rabbit which embodies individuals born this year, and every

12 years before. "Rabbit" individuals are said to be wise, best-dressed, ambitious, calm, gentle, loving, cautious, reliable and are said to be good listeners.

A barangay gift-sharing was carried out Friday at Irisan barangay by members of the Filipino-Chinese community in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO); with the committee chaired by Mr. Paul Go and former Girl Scout executive Lolita Lee Demot.

A book-launching follows on January 25 at Hotel Supreme by Engineer Richard Cheng who flew in from out of the country to honor his commitments here.

On January 27, medical and dental services are offered to the general public at SM city.

The launching was done December last year, with other activities slated this month and the main event on Feb. 4.

On February 4, Friday, Chinese contingents shall assemble at upper Session road for the grand parade. Following a group of Chinese lion and dragon dancers clad in colorful costumes,

the assembly will go down the city's main thoroughfare, turn left to Harrison road to Melvin Jones grandstand for post-parade program and fireworks display.

Accordingly, the loud noise from the fireworks are expected to drive evil spirits away, thus the activity.

Awards night follows at the Supreme hotel, where city officials and Chinese dignitaries are expected to attend.

On February 5, mascots will be seen, as sponsored by the Fil-Chinese community, at the Melvin Jones grandstand, Burnham Park.

Participants in the executive committee are the Association for Philippine-China Understanding (APCU), Baguio-Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Filipino-Chinese Amity Club, Tiok Lim Grand Mason, Baguio Filipino Cantonese Association, Baguio Filipino-Chinese General Hospital, Baguio Patriotic High School, Bell Church, SM City and other businessmen in the city. Juliegfianza

44 Cordillerans Join PDEA Academy's 5th Batch of Recruits

BAGUIOCITY – Forty four or about 21 percent of the 206 fifth batch of recruits who will enter the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Academy at Silang, Cavite tentatively on January 24, are

from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

The National Capital Region comes second with 39 recruits followed by the Bicol Region with 18. Regions III, VIII and XII have 14 each while Re-

gion II has 11. Regions IV-A and XI with 10 each followed by Region VII with seven, Regions I and X with six each, Region VI with five and Region IV-B with only four.

Of the 44 Cordillerans, 31 are men while 13 are

female. They took their oaths as the newest

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Pahayagang Palaban!!!

DOTC Says Only Cabs With Recalibrated, Resealed Meters can Impose Approved Fare Hike

BAGUIOCITY – The Department of Transportation and Communication (DoTC) is advising taxi operators that they are not allowed to impose approved fare increases until the meters of their taxi units are recalibrated and resealed.

DoTC Cordillera Regional Director Celina Claver issued the pronouncement during the regular Talakayan sa Radyo ng Bayan to protect commuters against abusive taxi drivers who charge their passengers with the new rates that have been recently approved by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

She said that LTFRB in a memorandum circular published in a national paper recently granted a nationwide fare increase petition filed by various taxi organizations nationwide seeking an additional P10 on top of the P30 flag down and an increase of P1

from the current P2.50 to P3.50 for every succeeding 250-meters.

With the approved fare rate hike, the flag down will be P40 for the first 500 meters and P3.50 will be charged for every succeeding 350 meters.

The LTFRB memorandum stated that the petition shall be applicable to Metro Manila and provincial taxi operators. Said decision, however, 'shall not apply to Baguio City whose Taxi Operators filed a separate petition for increase of fare which is lower than the flag down rate in other provinces and cities.'

Claver clarified that the Baguio Taxi Operators have submitted petition for fare increase but before they move to act on it, there was already a memorandum issued by LTFRB Central office regarding the approved petition not only in Metro Manila but including provinces.

"So we will impose the petition as ordered by the LTFRB. We will not act yet on the Baguio City Taxi Operators petition. If they will push through with their petition, then we will treat it as a special fare rate petition," Claver explained.

According to Claver, the Baguio City Taxi Operators petition is actually higher than the nationwide uniform fare rate hike approved by the LTFRB. The group's petition is for P40 flag down rate for the first 500 meters and P1.50 for the succeeding 150 meters, she added.

"The new rates will take effect January 20 but as of now our office did not receive any order from our Central Office regarding the implementation of said fare increase", Claver said adding that they just came to know about said petition in an article published in a national paper. / Mari Cruz/PIA CAR

ROYAL TREATMENT - A senior citizen taxpayer receives a

"royal massage" treatment and free over flowing coffee while waiting for the processing of their documents. The city government is giving 20 percent tax deduction incentive for the early taxpayers and a chance to win major prizes in a raffle draw./ By Bong Cayabyab



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