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Mayor given 10 days to choose BCPO chief

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera office of the Police Regional Office (Pro-COR) has given city Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ten days to select from the list of qualified senior officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP) on who will be the next City Director of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO).

Chief Superintendent Ulysses J. Abellera, PRO-COR

regional director, officially endorsed to Mayor Domogan Resolution No. 2016-303 of the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) which contained the five qualified applicants for BCPO chief last June 10, 2016.

Under the said NAPOLCONM resolution which was approved last May 11, 2016, the qualified senior police officers for BCPO chief

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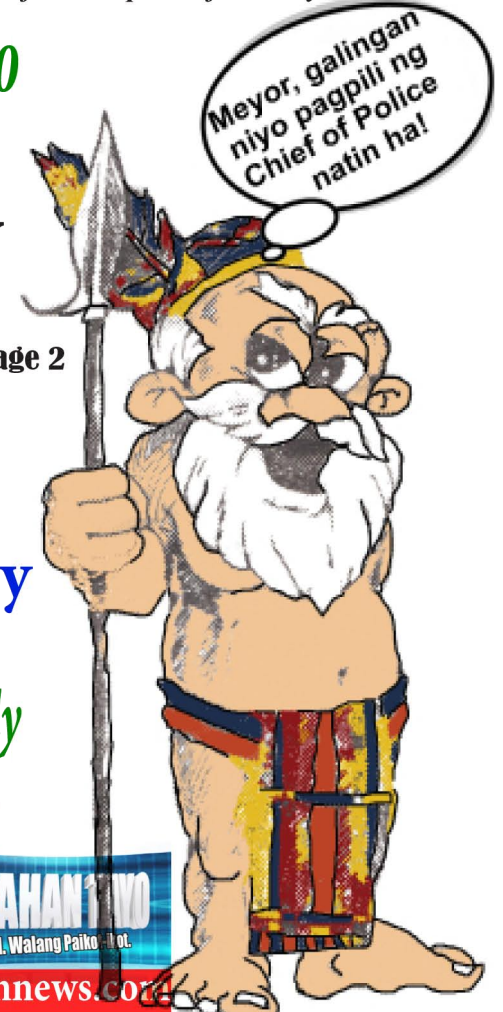
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Ombudsman junks administrative charges versus Baguio mayor

BAGUIO CITY – The Office of the Ombudsman recommended the dismissal of the administrative charges it earlier filed against Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan for violation of the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 7613 or the Code of Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees on the ground of condonation or the so-called Aguinaldo doctrine.

In a 3-page order, Graft Investigation and Prosecution Officer II Regina C. Anniban-Navarro upon the approval of Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales, granted the motion for reconsideration filed by Mayor Domogan considering that the administrative charges filed by the Ombudsman has been mooted by his re-election as City Mayor of Baguio City during the May 2013 mid-term elections following the ruling of the Supreme Court (SC) in Aguinaldo versus Santos, which provided that the public officer's re-election to the same position operates as a condonation of his past administrative offenses committed during his immediate previous term in office.

Earlier, a decision dated 14 February 2013 which was approved on 15 September 2015, the Ombudsman found the city mayor guilty of violation of Section 5(a) of RA 6713 and was meted the penalty of reprimand pursuant to Section 10, Rule III, of Administrative Order No. 07, as amended by Administrative Order No. 17 in relation to RA 6770.

The Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) was directed to implement the assailed decision upon receipt pursuant to Section 7, Rule III of Administrative Order No. 17 or the Ombudsman Rules of Procedure in relation to Memorandum Circular No., series of 2006 dated 11 April 2006 and to promptly inform the Ombudsman on the action taken.

The case stemmed from the complaint filed by a certain Odel Aquino against Mayor Domogan on his alleged failure to act on numerous letter complaints he submitted to him regarding the proliferation of illegal gambling in the city.

However, the Ombudsman found that Mayor Domogan immediately acted on such letter complaints by issuing the appropriate memoranda for the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to check on the matter and submit their corresponding reports relative to the actions they have taken to address such complaints.

The Ombudsman also found out that such directives of the City Mayor were also publicly announced during his regular press briefings and announced in the media although the complainant was not appraised on the actions taken against the proliferation of illegal gambling in the city.

In seeking reconsideration of the earlier decision, Mayor Domogan contended that he was re-elected as City Mayor of Baguio City during the May 2013

mid-term elections, thus, the Aguinaldo doctrine will apply in his case that will translate to the subsequent condonation of the administrative charges against him following his re-election.

The decision was favorably reviewed by Joaquin F. Salazar, Director, Evaluation and Investigation Office – Bureau A of the Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Northern Luzon. In a related interview with the Linis Gobyerno, an anti graft, corruption and prevention NGO, it was learned that Odell Aquino was expelled from the said group on the year 2011 for his involvement in alleged extortion activities./Dexter A. See

City backs efficient environmentally friendly transport

BAGUIO CITY – The city government supports the aggressive promotion of the use of proven, efficient and environmentally-friendly transport in the city once all the issues and concerns relative to maintenance and their effects of the existing mode of transport shall have been addressed by the proponents.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the local government will lead in the replacement of gas and diesel-powered service vehicles to solar-powered vehicles once pertinent issues and concerns on the expected effect of the solar-powered vehicles to the source of income of jeepney and taxi drivers who are currently operating gas and diesel-fed motor vehicles.

"We have to satisfactorily address the issues and concerns raised by various sectors in relation to the operation of alternative modes of transportation in our city because we really need to individually and collectively work

courtesy of the Glad to Be Green program of businesswoman Gladys Vergara-de Vera is now being tested in the city to promote the use of alternative modes of transportation that will significantly contribute in improving the city's air quality.

The local chief executive said that issues on maintenance and the purchase cost of the vehicle will have to be addressed by the proponents to show our people that it would be much cheaper and beneficial in the long run to both motorists and commuters, as well as the environment, once the green bus will be used for private and public transport.

Furthermore, he added that proponents must also be able to show that using the solar-powered bus will be much cheaper to motorists upon the expiration of the 60-day experimental period so that local residents will be convinced to patronize the use of efficient and environmentally-friendly modes of transportation.

On the other hand, Mayor Domogan said that the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) Governing Council supported the conduct of a full blown feasibility study for the use of an unmanned Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) system in Baguio and La Trinidad.

According to him, the results of the feasi-

Crime volume drops to 40 cases per week – BCPO

BAGUIO CITY - The leadership of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) declared that the crime volume in the city dropped by 56 percent over the past four weeks from a high of ninety one cases per week to only forty cases per week.

Senior Superintendent George D. Daskeo, BCPO acting city director, said that before the implementation of Oplan Lambat Sibab of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the average crime volume in the city was 91 for the period January 2014 to October 13, 2015 or a period of 93 weeks.

However, the police official reported that from October 14, 2015 to June 14, 2016, the average crime volume dropped to 76 for a duration of 35 weeks.

"With the cooperation of local residents and visitors, we were able to control and continuously reduce the crimes in the city as shown by the decreased average crime volume over the past four weeks from May 11 to June 14, 2016. From 40, it lowered down to 45," Daskeo stressed.

It was learned that for the four weeks between May 11 to June 7, 2016, the average crime volume in the city was 44, while for the week of June 8 to June 14, 2016, crime volume dropped to 41.

The 5.2-kilometer La Trinidad line from the Provincial Capitol to the Slaughterhouse Compound will have a total project cost of at least P4 billion while the Baguio line from the Bonifacio Rutonda up to Luneta Hill will cost the project proponents at least P3 billion.

Domogan claimed the multi-billion AGT system project will surely be undertaken through the government's public-private partnership (PPP) for the immediate realization of the use of the alternative mode of transportation aimed at improving the state of the city's environment./By Dexter A. See

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Installation of CCTV cameras completed

BAGUIO CITY – Seventy closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras have been installed at the central business district as part of the citywide CCTV surveillance system project of the city government.

City budget officer Leticia Clemente said this is part of the first phase of the project which Mayor Mauricio Domogan approved with an initial funding of P12 million in line with the

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City to takeover Asin hot spring resort

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the city general services office and the city legal office to institute the appropriate legal remedies for the city government to takeover the operation of the city-owned Asin hot spring resort the soonest.

The local chief executive said that included in the supposed resort takeover will be the utilization of the building that was constructed by the city government during the time of former Mayor Bernardo M. Vergara but which is currently being occupied by the long-time operator of the resort.

“The concerned offices must undertake the necessary legal steps so that the city government will now takeover the operation of the Asin hot spring resort and the

building that will serve as a source of additional revenue for the local government,” Domogan stressed.

The city mayor elaborated that the long-time operator of the city-owned resort already lost in the legal battle and was ordered by the court to pay the local government a reasonable amount for the use of the public property.

According to him, the local government must already takeover the administration and operation of Asin hot spring resort and other government structures within it so that the necessary improvements could be introduced to make the property useful, especially during various planning activities of the city.

He emphasized that the Asin hot spring resort, including the Asin hydro power plants, are properties of the city government pursuant to its City Charter which was approved by the Philippine Commission on September 1, 1909, even if such properties are located within the territorial jurisdiction of Tuba, Benguet.

The city mayor said that it is high time for the local government to operate what it rightfully owns so that the resources that will be generated will augment the available revenues needed to implement priority development projects and enhance the delivery of basic services to the people and improve the general welfare of the city populace.

The city govern-

ment and the long-time operator of the resort have been engaged in a prolonged legal battle over the past two decades that allowed the latter the continuous operation of the resort up to the present.

The city mayor disclosed the local government must already assert its right over the property and subsequently takeover the operation of the hot spring resort so that the city can decide what to do with the facility.

The Asin hot spring resort is one of the premier tourist destinations in Tuba, Benguet and that the area is flourishing with the influx of investors wanting to maximize the development of resorts within the surrounding areas of the city-owned property./Dexter A. See

Anti-mendicancy drive stepped up

BAGUIO CITY - The city government in coordination with other regional line agencies and law enforcement agencies will step up the anti-mendicancy campaign to curb the proliferation of beggars in the different parts of the city.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the anti-mendicancy campaign will be applicable to all beggars who will be found in the city's central business district so that there will be no complaints from some tribes that they are being singled out in the said efforts to curb the proliferation of beggars around the Summer Capital.

The intensified anti-mendicancy campaign was reached by city officials and representatives from regional line agencies and law enforcement agencies during an inter-agency meeting held at the mayor's office Thursday afternoon to address the concerns in relation to the increasing number of Badjao beggars in the city.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan said that

it seems that some influential people are behind the sudden increase in the number of Badjao beggars in the city considering that the minors that they have rounded up were fetched by able-bodied individuals who represented themselves as their relatives.

Aside from the Badjaos who had been rounded up in the central business district over the past several days, social workers and law enforcers will also apprehend the young children serving as taxi barkers along major streets in the city and the beggars roaming around the city in order to help reduce the number of beggars who have made begging as a lucrative trade.

The local chief executive ordered concerned government agencies and law enforcement units to heighten the campaign to apprehend the beggars and children being used as taxi barkers in order to reduce the number of beggars around the city and improve its image as a premier tourist destination that does not allow begging.

Moreover, personnel of the involved agencies should prioritize the rescue of children being used by their family members and relatives or syndicates to beg as a livelihood. These should then be immediately brought back to their places of origin.

For his part, Senior Superintendent George D. Daskeo, acting city director of the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), said law enforcers will continue to apprehend

beggars around the city to be brought back to their families and such cycle will continue in order to help the city government curb the proliferation of mendicants.

The police official said that the operations of the police against beggars will be part of their duties and responsibilities.

Daskeo expressed confidence that the regularizing the arrests of mendicants roaming around the city will deter them from continuing with their modus operandi./Dexter A. See



BAGUIO'S WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S WELFARE - Mayor Mauricio Domogan briefs Kalinga Ministry guests from the United States on how the city government provide child protection and livelihood program among the poorest among the poor families during a brief courtesy call by the latter at the Mayor's Office June 14. - by Bong Cayabyab

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DepEd reports smooth, orderly school opening in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - School opening for School Year 2016-2017 went smoothly and orderly in Baguio City and the rest of the Cordillera Region last Monday, June 13.

The Department of Education Undersecretary Alberto Muyot said that school opening went well and as per feedback of the DepEd Superintendents in the provinces.

Muyot led the welcoming of the more than 7,000 high school students at the Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) on Monday. He also welcomed the incoming senior high school students and newly hired senior high school teachers of the BCHS during an orientation at the school auditorium.

BCHS, which is the celebrating its centennial this

year, is the largest (in terms of population) high school in the Cordillera.

In a press briefing, Muyot said that they prepared for the school opening to ensure that it would be smooth and orderly for the more than 300,000 students both for the elementary and high school including the senior high school which is implemented for the first time this school year in the Cordillera region.

Muyot inspected the newly completed 4-storey building of the BCHS which will be used by the incoming senior high

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Tribunal ruling on sea row known on July 7

The Philippines will know the verdict of an international arbitral tribunal on the complaint it filed against China on July 7, a source said on Wednesday.

Senior diplomats and foreign policy experts are holding marathon meetings at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to map out Manila's strategy once the ruling has been handed down, the source, who participated in the private meetings, said.

The Philippines filed the memorial before The Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in 2013 after Chinese ships refused to withdraw from the Panatag (Scarborough) shoal, which is being claimed by China and the Philippines. The shoal is within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

The government argued that China's nine-dash-line claim over almost the entire West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) should be declared invalid because these are contrary to the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos).

While the decision is widely expected to favor the Philippines, there are some questions on how Manila will implement the ruling because Beijing had repeatedly said that it will not honor the tribunal's ruling.

Lauro Baja, former Foreign Affairs undersecretary for policy and Philippine permanent representative to the United Nations, said the country should be prepared for different post-arbitration scenarios.

"Even before the decision is out, we should have plans already in case we win, in case we lose, and in case we win some and lose some," said Baja, who had been visiting the DFA lately.

"I believe what will occur will not be a zero sum decision. If this happens, it may open some windows for talks," he said.

EDITORIAL The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) on Tuesday finished a two-day crucial meeting aimed at easing tensions in the disputed waters.

Four members of Asean have overlapping claims — the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei.

Meanwhile, China said it has the support of over 40 countries.

China has been roundly slammed in the international community for its supposed

militarization and bullying in the disputed waters.

"Some friendly countries that care about China come to seek truth from us. After knowing the merits and demerits of the relevant issue, many countries including Sierra Leone and Kenya...make their voices heard to uphold justice," Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lu Kang said in a news briefing in Beijing late Tuesday.

"This also tells us that a just cause gains great support and people with a sense of justice can tell right from wrong," he added.

Lu warned "a handful of countries which attempt to sling mud at China" to quit labeling themselves as "the international community." He said these countries are covering up the facts by manipulating public opinion.

"Particular countries insist on launching negative publicity campaigns or even creating tensions in this region for selfish gains and in disregard of the well-being of regional countries and people," he said.

"They go all out to instigate certain country in the region to go back on its own words, break rules and undermine international rule of law under the excuse of ostensibly 'upholding the rule,' confound right and wrong and manipulate public opinions to smear China," he added. / MICHAEL JOE T. DELIZO,



KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

No, Leni won't be disqualified

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming..." (Colossians 3:5-6, the Holy Bible).

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NO, LENI WON'T BE DISQUALIFIED: No, I don't think Leni Robredo will be barred by the Commission on Elections from assuming the vice presidency, even if, at this point, she and the Liberal Party failed to submit the statement of contributions and expenses which Republic Act 7166 requires to be submitted by candidates and their parties within 30 days after an election.

The reason is that, under the law, the prohibition against her assuming the position she won applies only while she and her party are unable to file the desired statement. Once Robredo and the Liberal Party are able to file that statement, even after the 30-day period from the elections, she can already start being vice president.

The law is clear. Let us reproduce a part of it, which is self-explanatory: "No person elected to any public office shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has filed the statement of contributions and expenditures herein required. The same prohibition shall apply if the political party which nominated the winning candidate fails to file the statement required herein within the period prescribed by this Act."

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BUT, DID LENI FILE HER SOCE IN 2013? The operative phrase here is this: "until he has filed the statement of contributions and expenditures herein required." The evident intent of the law is to compel the winning candidate to submit the statement, so that the prohibition from assuming the position applies only while the statement has not been filed yet.

But, once the statement is filed, even beyond the deadline set by the law, the reason for the prohibition is removed. There would then be no legal obstacle to the candidate to assume office. I am sure that Leni Robredo and the Liberal Party will find time to submit the desired statement before June 30, 2016.

However, her detractors and the political foes of the Liberal Party may want to look into her past compliance with the law. The fact is that, Robredo is an incumbent congresswoman of Camarines Sur, having been elected to that position in 2013, largely on account of the plane crash that killed her husband in 2012, then incumbent Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo.

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PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM OFFICE: Why would Leni's opponents want to look into whether or not she filed her statement in 2013? Because under RA 7166, when a candidate shall have failed to file the desired statement of contributions and expenditures more than once, he or she would then be perpetually disqualified from holding any elective position.

Here is what the law says about this: "For the commission of a second or subsequent offense under this section, the administrative fine shall be from Two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) to Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00), in the discretion of the Commission. In addition, the offender shall be subject to perpetual disqualification to hold public office."

Note must be taken of the fact that the perpetual disqualification mentioned by the law is couched in the word "shall", which signifies that such disqualification is mandatory in nature. If Leni's foes can prove that she also did not file her statement in 2013, then, she is not only disqualified to assume the vice presi-

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"Let's all stay the course!"

BY: JESUS DUREZA



OSLO, NORWAY -- Four (4) years after its breakdown and collapse, we are now on the threshold of a resumption of the stalled peace talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF. Our yesterday's signing of the Joint Statement in Oslo, Norway will usher in the formal re-start next month of what could be another renewed effort to end conflict and bring about that long elusive but cherished peace in the land.

Our recent Oslo "encounter" was a reunion of sorts of old friends on both sides of the negotiating table but whose efforts in various times and climes in the past proved futile. Now, new sparks of the dawning Rodrigo Duterte presidency are re-igniting the peace landscape.

After our 2-day Oslo parley, there is now evident optimism and trust. There is mutual enthusiasm and hope, not only amongst us negotiators across the table, but most significantly, among us all Filipinos, in whose behalf all these efforts are being done in the first place. Yet, the road ahead to trek is not that always smooth and easy. There will expectedly be humps and bumps along the way. But there is a destination that we must all inevitably reach.

Our new President is taking the decisive lead and has shown us the way. Let us all stay the course./ ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)/Follow us at Twitter: /AMFI_Mindano/Email us: info@advocacymindano.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindano.org

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Panaglalayus manen!

BY: LEONARDO R. AGUNOY



Wen, daytoy ti permi a pagdandanagan manen dagiti kakailiantayo. Bassit laeng a tudo, aglayus manen! Adu ti barado nga irrigation canal. Nangruna iti ciudad ken poblacion. Aniada dagiti banag a nai-balagbag wenna naiserra iti pagruaran ti danum? Papel, cellophane, kdp. Ti makaigapu iti daytoy: kurang ti disiplin dagiti umili. Di ngamin maiparbeng iti pagibelbellenganda ti basura.

Idiay surong, iti adayo a kabambantayan, agraira ti illegal logging activities. Agdadata daytoy a kinapudno. Saan nga agkikidem wenna matmaturag dagiti autoridad. Kasta met dagiti agtuturay, ngem, ania ngarud ti maaramidantayo ita? Dagiti taklin ken namnamaentayo nga agipatpatungpal kadagiti paglintegan, tin sa met laeng mabatogan ti mumukatanda ti makitkitada? Adda pay ngamin kadagiti agtuturay ti maipagarup a protector kadagiti illegal logger.

Ita, agsidir ti nakaparsuaan no aglayus. Maysa a nabileg a linteg ti narigat a supringen ti kaadda ti danum a mabalin a mangbales kadayo a sangapada. Adun a lugar ti nadadael gapu laeng iti nakana a layus. Adayo ngata a mapasaran dagitoy no di unay maab-abuso dagiti muyong iti aglawlaw a mabalin a manglapped iti nadaras a panagpababa ti danum. Mareggaay pay ti bakras dagiti bantay. Maisurot ti daga a maigabur iti lansad dagiti karayan. Rumabaw ti karayan. No adda danum a napigsa, alistona laeng a layusen dagiti nababa a paset. Madadael dagiti pagtatalonan. Madadael ti apitento koma dagiti mannalon.

Nabayagen ken arapaap ti kaaduan: makabkab-ban koma ti lansad dagiti karayantayo. No nasken a maaramid ti nalagda a tambak iti agsumbangir ti karayan, maaramid. Ngem, **Cont. on page 7**

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- *Inauguration Ni Dudirty & Manang Leni!!!*
- *Solar bus sa Baguio-kinokontra ni Vice?!*

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Inauguration Ni Dudirty & Manang Leni – Malapit na ang inauguration ni President Dudirty. Ayon sa komentaryo sa media ay ayaw daw ni Dudirty na ipagsabay ang kanyang inauguration kay Manang Leni para sa ganoon ay mas makapag imbita si Manang Leni ng mas maraming bisita sapagkat ang inauguration ni Dudirty ay gaganapin sa Malacanang at mahigit 500 plus guests lamang ang imbitado. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Ayon ang istilo ng ating magiging unifying president?!

Tunay na unifying ang istilo nitong si Dudirty sa kanyang VP na Manang Leni kung saan hindi pa nga niya bibigyan ng kahit na anong puwesto sa kanyang cabinet. Ano marahil kaya ang posibleng mga kadhilanan nito? Sa aking pananaw ng mga posibleng dahilan ay: [1] Hindi papayag itong si Manang Leni na basta-basta na lang siya cha-chansingan o hahalik-halikan ni Dudirty (alam naman natin na istilo ni Dudirty yan). Aba eh may tulog si Dudirty kung gawin niya iyan kay Manang Lenis. Ang mga mababastos na mga biro ni Dudirty hindi yan oobra at palalampasin ni Manang Leni. [2] Pangalawa ay itong si Manang Leni ay matindi rin ang istilo sa masa at baka masapawan si Dudirty at ma-outshine ni Manang Leni si Dudirty. [3] Masyadong concerned si Dudirty sa feelings ni BBM at ayon sa kanya na mismo ay ayaw niyang ma-offend o ma-hurt ang feelings ni BBM. Hi! Hi! Hi! Kaya kung ma-atake ka Dudirty, patay kang bata ka at pati na rin mga alipores mong mga nakapaligid sa iyo.

Para sa akin ay mali ang ganitong istilo ni Dudirty, "The unifying President" na ayaw niyang bigyan ng puwesto sa kanyang gabinete itong si Manang Leni. Kung ang mga nasa kaliwa etc., ay nabigyan niya ng puwesto, bakit mismo ang kanyang VP ay kanyang binabalewala???

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Solar bus sa Baguio-kinokontra ni Vice – Kamakailan sa balita, lumalabas na very vocal itong si VM Bilog sa kanyang opinyon hinggil sa solar bus ni Vergara (Gladys) na sa ngayon ay nag bibigay ng free rides sa lungsod nang sa ganoon ay masubukan kung tunay nga kakayanin nitong istilo ng sasakyan ang mag-bigay ng magandang serbisyon sa publiko. Sa aking panananaw ay hindi tayo dapat na maging negatibo pag-dating sa ganitong uri ng mga environment friendly motor vehicles etc..., at obserbahan muna natin ang resulta.

Bakit kaya negatibo itong si VM? Ano kaya marahil ang posibleng mga dahilan???

In fairness to VM Bilog, basahin ang kanyang mga punto: Ayon kay Vice Mayor Bilog: "I am not objecting to the test operation of the solar bus. May mga concerns lang ako about the solar transport system..1. Would the vehicle operate during rainy season or days na hindi nasilayan ng araw..alam nyo naman climate natin..pag umulan minsan isang buwan na hindi mo pa nakikita si haring araw..anong mangyayari sa transport system natin pag hindi makapag operate..2. What will happen to our present transport system..may mga franchise sila na hindi natin pwedeng itermine..3. Sabay bang byabyahe ang solar vehicle..jeeps and taxis..pagkaganon hindi ba tiyak matinding traffic idudulot nito..at kung matinding traffic tiyak matinding pollution ang bunga nito..4. Sinong mag cooperate ng transport system na ito..malalaking corporation? City govt of baguio? O sino...5. Hind kaya ito ng mga simpleng operators ng jeep at taxi anong mangyayari sa kanila..drivers at sa family nila..madami pang concerns na gusto ko answeran muna nila at kung maganda ang sagot susuporta tayo dyan.."

Kayo ang maghusga mga dear readers, kung ano kaya ang puno't dulo o motibo ni Vice? Hi Hi Hi. AGA AMO TAYON APO VM BILOG

FAIR AND SQUARE

Mandatory Appearance of Applicants in Hearings of LTFRB Franchises (Epilogue)

BY: ATTY. JAMES S. VALEROS



Appearing that Mr. Gregorio Retuta is unhappy over his designation again as Hearing Officer in the LTFRB-CAR since this time, it is an added duty without pay, as claimed by him in his Comment submitted to the Regional Director wherein he stated that:

"Personally, I could have declined the designation easily because we are undermanned at LTO registration and it is an additional work with no additional compensation but I understood the predicament of the office and the convenience that has been caused to the LTFRB stakeholders due to the absence of a hearing officer. But being a public servant guided by the existing rules, I accepted the concurrent capacity as the hearing officer,"

he should have been thankful or with the complaints I filed for him to be replaced, instead of calling them "baseless, malicious and bereft of merit," for which they are not.

Strictly speaking and to put things in their proper perspective, however, both my Complaints dated 4 May and 30 May 2016 were not intended as administrative complaints although the second one was in the form of Affidavit, otherwise, I would have preferred them to be filed with the Civil Service Commission or the Office of the Ombudsman, in which case, I could have included more allegations of serious infractions of the Rules and other omissions that I know were committed by Mr. Retuta during his tenure as Designated Hearing Officer in the first instance from 2007 to 2015. Rather, they were complaints intended merely for the cognizance and action of the Regional Director on a request for the replacement of Mr. Retuta as Hearing Officer, in view of his wrongful exercise of discretion of which he has none and clear deviation from the Rules, as my Letter of 9 June will show, thus:

"9 June 2016

FOR: Atty. Jose Eduardo L. Natividad
Regional Director, DOTC-CAR
Post Office Loop, Baguio City

Attn: Engr. Nurdy Plaza
ARD for Transportation
DOTC-CAR, Baguio City

Subj: **Urgent Request for Clarification on Memorandum dated 2 June 2016, Copy Is Hereto Attached.**

Dear Sirs:

On 4 May 2016, I submitted a request contained in my letter entitled Complaint: With a Request to Enjoin Acts in Violation of LTFRB Rules and Procedures, a copy of which is hereto attached for easy reference.

To this day, no reply whether written or verbal, has been made by your Office in response to the request contained in the said letter complaint, despite the lapse of the period required to reply under Sec. 5 (a) of Republic Act 6713.

In the Memorandum dated 2 June 2016, this Office directed Hearing **Cont. on page 7**

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
La Trinidad, Benguet

REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL
REGION
BRANCH 59
ADDITIONAL
FAMILY COURT
OF BAGUIO CITY

BARP MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,
-versus-
SPS. EDWIN B. ADAWI and ARSENIA B. ADAWI,
Respondent-Mortgagors.

CASE NO. 16-EXF-1911

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT NO. 3135 as AMENDED

O.R. No. 2203446C/
2203976C
Amount: PhP
1,000.00
Date: May 5, 2016

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the BARP MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE as represented by the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of BARP, FEDERICO A. BALANAG, Filipino citizen, of legal age, widower and with office address at Purok 1 Upper Cresencia Village, Baguio City, hereinafter referred to as petitioner-mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of spouses EDWIN B. ADAWI and ARSENIA B. ADAWI, both of legal age, Filipino citizens and with residence at No. 174 Atok Trail, Baguio City herein referred to as respondent-mortgagors, which as of March 15,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD NICOLE D. NAVARRO WITH APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE MINOR CHILD TO NICOLE ABEGAIL L. ALIMBUYAO

S P O U S E S
ABRAHAM P. ALIMBUYAO AND REBECCA MAE L. ALIMBUYAO,
Petitioners,
-vs-
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF QUEZON CITY

2016 amounted to TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE & 33/100 (PhP 274,333.33) PESOS, Philippine currency, inclusive of interest and attorney's fees but exclusive of other incidental expenses.

The undersigned announces that he will sell at Public Auction on June 21, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged property together with all the improvements thereon to wit:

DECLARATION OF
REAL PROPERTY
ARP No. 99-002-03070

A parcel of residential lot situated at Manganese, Ampucao, Itogon, Benguet covering an area of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (367) SQUARE METERS.

This Notice shall be posted for twenty (20) days in three (3) conspicuous places, viz.: Municipality of Itogon, Benguet; Capitol Build-

Respondent.

SPEC PRO No.
479-A

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ORDER

The petitioner-spouses Abraham P. Alimbuyao and Rebecca Mae Alimbuyao filed this verified third amended petition praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment be entered:

a. Adjudging that the minor child subject of this petition be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural parents; and

b. That she be declared for all legal intents and purposes, the child of herein petitioners and that her name be changed to conform to that of the petitioners and be registered as NICOLE ABEGAIL L. ALIMBUYAO.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be heard before the

ing, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet and Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet and shall likewise be published by the JUNCTION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Prospective buyer/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the real property herein above described and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 28, 2016 at the same time and place without further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, Mary 31, 2016.

FOR: THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
EX-OFFICIO OF
BENGUET

(SGD) CRISTOPHER
C. ORALLO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:
All parties concerned;
Junction Newspaper, Baguio City
Publication: June 4, 11, and 18, 2016

Regional Trial Court, Branch 59, Baguio City on August 15, 2016 at 10:15 o'clock in the morning, at which place, date and time, the petitioners shall prove their case. Any person interested may appear and show cause, 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 The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Baguio and Benguet province once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

The petitioners-spouses are directed to make an appointment with the Court Social Worker for the purpose of conducting the required case study on the minor NICOLE D. NAVARRO. The Court Social Worker is required to submit to the Court the case study not later than August 15, 2016.

SO ORDERED.
DONE IN
CHAMBERS, this
18th of April, 2016 at
Baguio City Philippines.

(SGD) IVAN KIM B.
MORALES
Judge

Publication Dates:
June 11, 18 and 25, 2016

Republic of the
Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF
Baguio City

BDO UNIBANK,
INC. (formerly
BANCO DE ORO
UNIBANK, INC.),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. NICK B.
DAGASUHAN
AND JACQUELINE
DAGASUHAN,
as represented by
their Attorney-in-
fact, AGUSTINE P.
DANIEL,
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE
CASE No. 16-658-S

EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
AS AMENDED

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by BDO UNIBANK, INC. (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.), hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of SPS. NICK B. DAGASUHAN AND JACQUELINE DAGASUHAN, as represented by their Attorney-in-Fact, AGUSTINE P. DANIEL, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS, which as of March 18, 2016, now amounts to P1,495,779.85, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties, and other charges, but excluding expenses incidental to the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on AUGUST 2, 2016, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following described mortgage property and all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. T-100094,
CITY OF BAGUIO

"A parcel of land (Lot 3-A-1-F, Psd-CAR-010426) being a portion of Lot 3-A-1 (LRC) Psd-228150 situated at rural code 131102, Brgy. Res. Sec. "L" City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW, along line 1-2 by Lot 3-B (LRC) Psd-66296; on the W., along line 2-3 by Lot 3-A-2 (LRC) Psd-228150, on the N., along line 3-4 by Lot 3-A-1-G of the subd. plan; on the E., along line 4-5 by Perpetual Road Right of Way portion of Lot 3-A-1-C of subd. plan; on the E., along line 5-6 by Perpetual Road Right of Way portion of

Lot 3-A-1-D of the subd. plan; on the E., along line 6-1 by Lot 3-A-1-E of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" x x x to point 1; containing an area of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (184) SQ. METERS, more or less."

Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards

to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City,
Philippines, this 15th
day of June, 2016.

(SGD) LINDA G.
MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court IV & Ex-
Officio Sheriff

(SGD) RUBEN L.
ATIJERA
Sheriff-in-Charge
June 18, 25, and July 2,
2016.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
FLORO CANTILLO,
Applicant
Case No. 92-CAR-027
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio Plaza-Kias & Vice Versa with the use of ONE (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard ny this Board on July 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City on 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same application/s and if they so desire, appear during the set hearing.
This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its record and the Documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless this Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD this 31st of May 2016.
ATTY ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
MARYLITH PAGADUAN
Applicant/a
Case No. 2012-CAR-1105
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio City to Any Point in CAR with the use of ONE (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard ny this Board on July 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City on 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same application/s and if they so desire, appear during the set hearing.
This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its record and the Documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless this Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD this 24th of May 2016.
ATTY ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
ALAN NORTE
Applicant
Case No. 2004-BAG-886
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ-Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: Baguio Plaza-San Luis Extension via San Roque/Cooyesan with the use of ONE (1) unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard ny this Board on July 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City on 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
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WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD this 31st of May 2016.
ATTY ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

Palsiit**...from page 5**

ania ti mapaspasamak? Mapataud ti tambak, narasi met! Saan met nga agsayaat ti tambak ti karayan. Ti met bolsa dagiti buaya a pinatanor ti panawen ti mairanud! Ala, puera de los buenos, kakabsat, ta adda met ngamin dagiti narasi a proyekto a mangipanekeke iti kinabarengbareng ti pannakaipatungpal-na. No smoke without fire, kunadan sa itay, di ngamin? Ti kayattayo a sawen, adu latta dagiti masasao a ghost project. Sapay la koma ta di umadu dagitoy a ghost project, a.

Dakkel a parikut dagiti umili ti layus. Adu ngamin

Fair and Square**...from page 5**

Officer Designate, Gregorio Retuta to continue conducting hearings of uncontested cases at the LTFRB-CAR. Unfortunately, nothing in the Memorandum suggested that my request to enjoin or restrain the acts of Mr. Retuta in hearing cases in violation of the procedures prescribed in the LTFRB Revised Rules of Practice and Procedures has been addressed.

In this respect, we should like to be clarified on **whether or not**:

1) On purpose, this Office has no intention to respond to our request to enjoin or restrain the violation of the Rules by Mr. Retuta;

2) The Office agrees or tolerates the violation of the rules in particular, Sec. 6 Rule 8 of the LTFRB Revised Rules requiring the mandatory and conjunctive appearance of applicants and counsels; and Sec. 7, Rule 8 requiring the resetting of cases in the failure of the applicants to appear in the initial hearing.

3) The Office supports the acts of Mr. Retuta in adopting, prescribing and following other procedures not consistent with the procedures mandated by the Rules, such as among others:

a) allowing counsels as Atty-in-Fact to appear in hearings in place of applicant or authorized representatives required by the Rules to appear in person.

b) requiring the mere submission of self-serving Explanation prepared by counsels indicating the reasons why the absent applicant / representative is unable to attend hearing which requirement, is in direct contradiction with and put to disrepute the mandate of the Rules in Sec. 6, Rule 8.

4) Moreover, whether or not, This Office does not mind approving applications granting CPCs "heard" by a non-lawyer in violation of the Rules; and

5) Whether or not, this Office is giving Mr. Retuta the privilege to exercise discretion to digress from the Rules of the Board, when such discretion is only given by law and the Board en banc or any two (2) of the Members of the Board.

Thank you for your immediate response to our concerns.

Respectfully,
Atty. James S. Valeros"

Unfortunately, in the failure of the Regional Director to address these urgent requests or complaints, the Hearing Officer, Mr. Gregorio Retuta who still is not a lawyer is free and able to continuously exempt himself from the Rules or adopt procedures not in accordance with the mandate of the Rules on quasi-judicial proceedings and selectively apply them conveniently as he sees fit.

Under these circumstances, what else can we do but hope that the next DOTC Regional Directors to be appointed by the new administration shall be different from all the past, that is: with political will to require all personnel to abide with the Rules, knowledgeable and competent in their jobs, with sense of urgency and mission, transparently incorruptible and above all, dedicated and loyal to public service.

ti madadael a saan laeng a ti pagbiagan, alikamen ken kangrunaan ti amin, ti biag ti tao. Adun kadagiti kakailantayo ti nagbalinen a biktima ti layus. Adu ti agladla-dingit agsipud ta iti layus, napukawda dagiti ipatpategda iti biag. Daytoy ti nakasaksakit la unay. Addatayo itan iti ngarab ti tanem no kasta nga adda layus. Kasla ditayo mabigatanen no kasta a kadawel ti layus. Karkarawaen nga agnanayon ti tengnged a kunada. Sapay koma, a, ta agtignay dagiti agtuturaytayo a mangirusat kadagiti banag a mangrisut kadagitoy a pakarikutantayo. Agbib-

innuligtayo amin, a. Aramidentayo ti akemtayo a mangsaluad iti aglawlaw-

tayo. Ditay' dangran ti aglawlaw.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: *The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself.* – FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (1882-1945).

Kakampi Mo Ang Batas**...from page 4**

dency. She would even be disqualified from running for the vice presidency, or for any position, for that matter!

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PLEASE LISTEN: "Ang Tanging Daan" (The Sole Way): a Bible study and prayer session online could now be heard, 24 HOURS a day, in the Philippines and the world at www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan or www.facebook.com/ANDKNK (and look for "Ang Tanging Daan" broadcasts). Phone: 0922 833 43 96, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

The Igorot Struggle... from page 9

their 350-year resistance to foreign aggression.

Source:

1. The Igorot struggle for independence: William Henry Scott, Malaya Books, Quezon City, 1972 (via the University of Michigan Digital Library, 2005)

2. Photo credit: Philippine Photographs Digital Archive, Special Collections Library, University of Michigan. Wikipedia Commons

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of **Santiago Olivo Acosta who died intestate on January 27, 2015 at the Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City was extrajudicially settled by his heirs on June 15, 2016 in an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE executed before Antoinette E. Reyes, Notary Public of Baguio City under Doc. No. 04, Page No. 02, Book No. 09, Series of 2016.**

June 18, 25, and July 2, 2016

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

JOSEPH LADINES**Applicant/s****Case No. 97-BC-497****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: Baguio-Plaza-Aurora Hill with the use of **ONE (1) unit/s**.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on July 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD this 2nd day of June 2016.

ATTY. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

ARTHUR D. CARLOS**Applicant/s****Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-291****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: Baguio-Plaza-San Carlos Heights and Vice Versa with the use of **ONE (1) unit**.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 28, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD - Regional Director 1st day of May 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETURA, JR.
Hearing Officer

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

ROGELIO CALABIAS -Vendor**TEOFILO CAYAPA - Vendee****Applicants****Case No. UV-CAR-062****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the Extension of Validity with Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate UV Express service for the transportation of freight and passengers on the line: La Trinidad - Buguias with the use of **ONE (1) unit/s**.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by this Board on July 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/ their evidences.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Regional Director JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD this 2nd day of June 2016.

ATTY. ROBERT B. BASCO
Hearing Officer

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

BERNARDO DE CASTRO**Applicant/s****Case No. 92-CAR-168****NOTICE OF HEARING**

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: Baguio-Plaza-Nangalisan (Tuba) and Vice Versa with the use of **ONE (1) unit**.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 28, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable, Atty. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD - Regional Director this 3rd day of June 2016.

GREGORIO R. RETURA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Mayor given 10 days... from page 1

are Senior Superintendent Jimmy Almora Catanes of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), Senior Superintendent Rolando Fernandez Miranda of the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations (DIPO) Western Mindanao, Senior Superintendent George Daculan Daskeo who is the current BCPO acting city director, Senior Superintendent Albert Erasquin Ocon of PRO III and Senior Superintendent Edwin Rey Butacan of the Highway Patrol Group in Region II.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan subsequently convened the Screening Committee which he institutionalized to conduct the screening of the qualified applicants for BCPO chief.

Under Administrative Order No. 052, series of 2016, the Screening Committee will be composed of Mayor Domogan as chairperson, City Prosecutor Elmer Manuel Sagsago, City Administrator Carlos M. Canilao, City DILG Director Evelyn B. Trinidad, OIC City Human Resource Management Officer Edith Dawaten and Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club (BCBC) president Ramon S. Dacawi.

The Screening Committee shall evaluate the qualified applicants pursuant to the following criteria: availability – 30 percent, program – 20 percent, performance – 20 percent, implementation – 20 percent and results of the interview – 10 percent.

Section 51(a)(1) and b(i)(4) of Republic Act 6975 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Law explicitly provides that the Provincial governors and City Mayors have the authority to choose the Pro-

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sible through the website www.peos.poea.gov.ph using any personal computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone with internet connection.

Applicants without internet access may use the facilities of the POEA's PEOS Online Hub, licensed recruitment agencies, POEA Regional Offices, Public Employment Service Offices, and POEA private partners.

Licensed recruitment agencies are also required to adhere to the full compliance and implementation of the memorandum circular by ensuring, primarily, that all their applicants have taken the mandatory PEOS online before accepting applications. They are also enjoined to offer their facilities for free for the applicants to take and complete the PEOS online.

Licensed recruitment agencies that will violate the POEA Memorandum Circular, as well as applicants who submit false information or documents, will be held liable based on the 2016 POEA rules and regulations governing the recruitment and employment of landbased workers. /DOLE/GSR/with a report from N. Gabito



OFWs in Hongkong on their Sunday day off./The Junction News Team

vincial Director and City Director within their respective jurisdictions from the list of eligible senior police officers recommended by the PNP chief and confirmed by the NAPOLCOM.

Subsequently, the NAPOLCOM passed Resolution No. 2016-303 endorsing the list of five qualified PNP senior officers for the position of city Director of BCPO.

Domogan said that in order to ensure that the selection for the position of BCPO City Director is in accordance to the principle of merit and fitness that will eventually facilitate the attainment of the mission and vision of the city, there is a need to create a Screening Committee to the said effect.

The Screening Committee will be mandated to conceptualize methods and strategies for the effective screening of the applicants, evaluate the qualifications of the applicants, act as panel during the interview and submit summary of qualifications of the applicants as to their performance, education, eligibility, trainings and other matters related to their application.

The Screening Committee will meet on Monday, 4 pm, at the City Mayor's office to conduct the screening process./Dexter A. See

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to network with force multipliers in order to be able to successfully implement the needed peacekeeping strategies in the city's 128 barangays to deter crimes that may affect tourism, a significant source of income for the city.

Daskeo said that the BCPO will also be training force multipliers to enhance their appropriate knowledge and skills that will help in discharging their assigned duties and responsibilities so that lasting peace will continue to reign in the city that will subsequently translate to the expected influx of more foreign and domestic visitors.

Daskeo appealed to local residents to be vigilant on what is happening in their neighborhood so that they could immediately report to the nearest police station any untoward incident that is happening or about to happen that will compromise the safety of persons so that law enforcers could immediately.

He said local residents are peace-loving people that is why it is not difficult for law enforcers to closely monitor the daily activities of the populace but those who are often caught committing crimes are those migrants, thus, the need for the intensified operation against criminals in the different barangays./Dexter A. See

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city's thrust to come up with a unified solution,

technology and strategy to improve surveillance and early warning system and facilitate the monitoring and ensure quick response to any type of situations including crimes and other forms of social disturbance in the city.

Clemente said that based on the report of Computer Maintenance Technologist II and assigned project manager Francis Castaneda, the other components of the first phase are also on track.

Castaneda said the other components are

the construction of the centralized command center which is now 85 percent complete and the fiber cable trenching or excavation covering 44.7 kilometers to install underground facilities which is now 55 percent complete.

He said initially, only 60 cameras were programmed for installation within the CBD but this was increased to 70 for wider coverage.

"We are making sure that the fiber network infrastructure being installed will be of high quality, efficiency, durability and reliability to accommodate succeeding expansions and to ensure long-term use," Castaneda said.

The project is envisioned to provide a "pro-active, aggressive and immediate" response to situations of public concern.

The entire system, when completed, will serve as nerve center of all city offices and agencies where all real-time events and information relating to public safety, security and even disaster preparedness can be monitored by a centralized command center and acted upon with dispatch by concerned agencies.

To accomplish this, the city will also lay down the ground works including the executive and legislative foundation for the setting up of the command center to be housed at the Baguio City Police Office to operate the system.

Castaneda said the command center is envisioned to operate in a "coordinative approach method" manned by capable individuals that will implement a "systematic, pro-active, aggressive and immediate" response to any type of situations and emergencies.

He submitted the proposed standard operational framework or standard operations procedure for the proposed Baguio City Public Safety and Security Command Center of the CCTV surveillance system currently under review by Clemente as possible basis for the issuance of an administrative order by the mayor or of a legislative measure by the city council.

Meanwhile, the second phase of the project will involve the installation of more CCTV cameras at the parks and areas near schools and establishments to prepare for the third stage or the so-called "enterprise automation" that will make all the components work as one system by 2018.

With enterprise automation, the city expects to run and maintain all systems including the CCTV footage monitoring, communication, traffic management, disaster preparedness and even criminal intelligence.

Similar facilities are now in place in the cities of Davao, Makati, Mandaluyong, Pasig and Manila./Aileen P. Refuerzo

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school. He also checked the newly delivered desks, tables and other facilities of the building, and inspected another school building which is under construction.

He explained that while the schools and classrooms are being constructed, students are ensured to have classrooms in their respective schools using the unused school spaces and facilities such as administrative offices, laboratories and libraries for the meantime.

After BCNHS, Usec. Muyot together

with newly assigned DepEd-Cordillera Regional Director Beatriz Torno, new Assistant Regional Director Soraya Faculo, Baguio Schools Division OIC Superintendent Augustin Laban and School Governance Chief Dr. Elma Donaal also inspected the San Vicente High School, the Mil-an High School in Loakan and the Irisan High School.

The group also visited the Benguet National High School and other schools in La Trinidad, Benguet./JDP/RMC-PIA CAR

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exploitation of the mines for later."

These expeditions to the Igorot gold mines, however, were all so expensive and so unproductive that after the failure of the 1668 entry into Lepanto, the Spanish Government never attempted another one. By 1800, however, a new economic crisis arose with the Igorots. In 1780 the government instituted a monopoly on tobacco in the Philippines, and it was so successful that, for the first time in 200 years, the colony actually showed a profit for the home government. The monopoly promptly became an object of sabotage by the Igorots. They not only grew contraband tobacco themselves, but carried it all the way from Cagayan to sell illegally in the Ilocos. At first, this Igorot trade was winked at under a hopeful policy of trying to attract them, and under the illusion that not much money was involved. By 1836, however, it was discovered that tobacco taxes in Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur had dropped off by 66%. The government therefore sent Colonel Guillermo Galvey through Benguet, Lepanto, Bontoc and Ifugao in 1829-39 to put an end to the tobacco smuggling and Igorot independence. But still, even after their fields were burned, their villages levelled, and their population decimated by the smallpox carried by the soldiers, the Igorots continued to evade the monopoly. So the government agreed to exempt them on the understanding they would only sell their tobacco to a government station. But a Spanish official reported in 1842:

"Experience has shown the uselessness of this arrangement because the pagans carry ten bundles to the government and then sell a hundred as contraband, for the price they get from the lowlanders is always better than what they get from the government monopoly."

Galvey's decimation of Benguet, however, did make its miserable survivors the first tribe of Igorots to be officially listed as Spanish subjects. Lepanto soon followed, and Bontoc in 1859. But not until the 1890's under energetic Governor General Valeriano Weyler, the so-called "Butcher of Cuba," were troops permanently quartered in Kalinga or Ifugao. The last Spanish census of 1898 claimed 120,444 pagans recognizing vassalage to the King of Spain. It must have been a tenuous sort of vassalage, however, to judge from chance references by foreign travellers at the end of the Spanish regime—a detachment of 40 men wiped out on the march for example. Or two garrisons in the Saltan Valley massacred one Sunday morning during mass. Or the number of Spanish heads shown to German scientist Alexander Schadenberg. Or, for that matter, the Spanish jawbones still decorating heirloom gangsas in more remote parts of the mountain provinces even today.

Meanwhile, during those three centuries when

Overseas work applicants must undergo mandatory online PEOS

MANILA -- Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis Baldoz reiterated to overseas work applicants to undergo the mandatory online Pre-Employment Orientation Seminar (PEOS Online) required by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

"I enjoin all Filipino overseas work applicants to adhere to this mandatory PEOS Online policy issued by the POEA which took effect this month," said Baldoz, adding that this comprehensive, client specific, self-instructional, and computer-based education program seeks to provide prospective overseas Filipino workers with relevant, quality, and more accessible information about overseas employment.

The labor chief underscored the importance to overseas jobseekers the realities of working abroad. Spanish firearms never really conquered the lofty liberty of the Igorots, they were paying a heavy price for their independence. Moving off into more remote parts of the Cordillera, they had to pit their brawn and brains against raw nature and sterile soil. And while they learned to carve whole mountainsides into terraces to wring out a bare subsistence of living, their tribute-paying brethren in the lowlands were learning to farm like Spaniards and cook like Chinese.

While Graciano Lopez Jaena was ornamenting the Spanish press with his graceful prose, and Jose Rizal was hobnobbing with European scholars in a half dozen foreign languages, their illiterate Igorot compatriots were being exhibited in the Philippine Exposition along with the other native plants and animals. In their mountain province independence, the Igorots missed out on, all those convenient innovations enjoyed by their conquered brethren - the iron plows, the horses and cows, the pancit and pan-de-sal, the camisas de chino and barongs tagalog, the grade school primers and those prestigious blue eyes and curly, blond hair.

It was a heavy price to pay for liberty. And it is a price not yet fully paid. For even their descendants who are congressmen, professors or bishops must

send their children to government schools where they dutifully stare at textbooks which say they are different from all other Filipinos because their ancestors came in the wrong wave of migration. But never a word about

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which will help them in making a decision on whether or not to pursue overseas employment.

The online PEOS is also designed as an anti-illegal recruitment and human trafficking strategy. It bridges the community based PEOS and the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar for overseas work-bound Filipinos.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has already issued Memorandum Circular No. 2, Series of 2016 requiring all Filipinos seeking overseas jobs for the first time to undergo and complete the mandatory online pre-employment orientation seminar (PEOS Online).

In his report to Secretary Baldoz, Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said the online PEOS is now a pre-qualification requirement for new overseas job applicants as mandated by Section 23, Rule VI of the Omnibus Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 8042, as amended by Republic Act No. 10022, the POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 6, Series of 2016, and the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Land-based Overseas Filipino Workers of 2016.

"The mandatory PEOS also covers newly hired workers who have no prior record of deployment in the POEA database," Cacdac said.

The POEA administrator informed that the online PEOS was developed separately for the skilled and professional workers category and the household or domestic workers category.

"New applicants should take the PEOS Online prior to submission of his application to a licensed recruitment agency. Likewise, the recruitment agency should submit for POEA processing only documents of workers who have completed the online PEOS," Cacdac said.

Cacdac said the online PEOS is free of charge and applicants should report to the POEA any person, entity or recruitment agency charging any fee for its use.

The PEOS Online is acces-

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Igorot rice terraces

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The Igorot Struggle for Independence

(A paper read before the Cordillera Congress for National Liberation, Mt. Prov. Provincial High School, Bontoc, Dec. 26, 1971.)

By William Henry Scott

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Part 2

The traditional Igorot arsenal consisted of wooden shields, bamboo lances and highly effective stakes planted in the grassy trails to strike their enemies in the ankle or foot. Bows and arrows were only rarely used, and iron weapons like spears, bolos and head-axes only appeared later. Their defensive tactics included blockades of trees and branches in mountain passes where they could roll down big stones and treetrunks. They often pretended to retreat until the invaders lowered their guard, or even pretended -to surrender and then wiped out the supposed victors by ambush on their way home. More especially, they tried to keep all their trails and villages secret, and killed their fellow Igorots who acted as guides for the enemy. A Spanish friar in 1789 wrote: "Those who come down to trade in the lowlands are only men or chieftains in whom they have confidence, never women or children or slaves. If you ask them for information about their land or mines, they just act dumb, and if they say anything at all, it is just lies or nonsense, and only leaves you all the more confused".

But whether the Igorots were better fighters than the Spaniards or not does not answer the question why they remained independent and their lowland brother submitted to Spanish conquest-because the Spaniards were always so few in number the lowlanders could surely have overcome them if they really tried to do so. Between 1572 and 1872, the Filipino population paying tribute increased from 500,000 to 5 million-yet there were never more than 2,000 Spanish soldiers in the whole archipelago! Jose Rizal explained this phenomenon by saying, "The people were accustomed to bondage and would not defend themselves against the invader and would not fight-for them, it was just a change of masters." And Professor Teodoro Agoncillo said it was because the natives would blindly follow anything the friars, their spiritual advisers, told them to do. Certainly this was not true of the Igorots. They were satisfied with their form of government, and they were satisfied with their kind of religion.

The pagans of Tonglo, for example, told the idol-smashing friar who came to convert them, "It's no easier for the people to give up their ancient practices for the word of a priest, than for him to give up what he believes." And their pagan priestess told him, "If you're the priest of the Christians, so am I of the- Igorots, and if you have your God, I have mine." In 1857, a Spanish priest in Ifugao told the following story: "When I was in Bunhian, I wanted to catechize a 12-year-old-boy who was very ill, in order to baptize him. But when I told him he would go to heaven if he died, his mother turned to me angrily and told me she didn't want her son to go to heaven; why not give him some medicine and cure him and leave him in this world?" And when a priest tried to persuade an old Igorot of Sumadel it was unsanitary to bury the- dead under the-house, he replied, "But don't you understand that if we bury our dead out there in the cemetery on the mountain, they will come back at night, take up their bodies and eat up all our camotes?" The whole Igorot attitude toward their religion may be nicely summarized in an 18th century statement they made to some lowlanders:

"The fiestas of the Christians aren't worth anything because it's all just a lot of noise-making with bells and drums and muskets, and then everybody just goes home to his own house and eats what little he has. But the fiestas of our leaders are not like that. They are good-tast-

ing and satisfying, and they don't have all that racket. They kill animals by the dozens and everybody drinks until he passes out. Among you anybody is mayor or headman, but our leaders are never changed. No matter how much they spend, they always have more."

Some Spaniards themselves understood the Igorot pride in their own way of life. Father Francisco Antolin, a Dominican friar stationed in Aritao, spent 18 years trying to learn as much as he could about the Igorots and their way of life, and he wrote a long book about them in 1789. The following is a quotation from his description of the Igorots almost 200 years ago:

"The small population of the Filipinos is usually attributed to smallpox, venereal disease and leprosy; or to wars, deforestation, tribute, division of land, migrations, and similar things. But the Igorots have practically none of these. They take sufficient care of the mountain passes to prevent the entrance of smallpox and other epidemics from the Christians. They don't navigate seas or rivers, nor do they leave their own country. They have nobody to order them to row, act as cargadors, or cut wood. They work, eat and drink as they wish and when they like. They have few long-range wars. The very fact of having maintained themselves as an independent republic this long, exploiting their mines, without the Christians or other pagans having been able to seize their mineral wealth, implies a great population. If they were few and not disposed to cooperate among themselves, they would not have been able to resist becoming Christians and obedient vassals until now.

"Although their agriculture is most primitive, they do not have those duties, sometimes enforced, which the Christians havelike government service, running messages, making roads, attending church, and various tasks incompatible with working and cultivating their fields. Those who live by working in the gold, copper and iron mines care little about making fields. And why should they wear themselves out in agriculture when the gold, knives and pots they produce suffice for everything? But from this it is not to be concluded that their land is completely barren and miserable, for it abounds in precious materials.

The fact is that the Igorots are contented with it, and that it costs the missionaries much battling, strife and diligence to get them out of their lands and make them live among Christians. They give many reasons for not coming down. They say that the towns of the Christians are very hot, that there is much smallpox and many epidemics, that there are crimes, robberies and conflicts between people, and that there are many to give orders and make the poor people work. Much less are the tribute, monopoly, and government officials hidden from them. And even though they also have to be subject to the whims of their leaders up there, these are lighter

and they can evade them. In short, they do not envy the products and conveniences of the Christians, and only seek free trade in blankets, G-strings and animals for their gold. And with this alone they keep themselves perfectly happy in their mountains."

This independent attitude would not have been so objectionable if it had been kept in aloof isolation on the heights of the Cordillera. But the fact was that the Igorots came and went to the lowlands as they pleased. It was galling enough that they raided tribute-paying Spanish subjects and carried off lowland heads-or even whole lowlanders as slaves or objects of ransom. But what was worse was that these depredations did not interrupt 350 years of lowland commercial cooperation with them.

In Pangasinan and Ilocos they traded gold, copper utensils and counterfeit coins, wax, and rattan for rice, pigs and cattle. The Ifugaos made their purchases with rice in the Cagayan and Magat valleys, and with iron tools they made from broken iron pots, they got from the Ilocos, which the people of Nueva Vizcaya considered superior to Manila bolos. Lowland merchants travelled around buying up carnelian beads to sell them at a peso a piece. Igorot G-strings were woven on Ilocano looms in the 18th century as in the 20th. Igorot miners refreshed themselves with basi carried up from lowlands and molasses cakes. And Igorot traders themselves moved freely back and forth across the Cordillera. They sold Ilocano iron tools in Nueva Vizcaya as early as 1690, and in 1780 a missionary in Aritao sent a letter to a fellow friar in Bauang by some Ifugao traders from Tinok. Nor were these Igorot traders completely ignorant of lowland politics, either: a native of Kayapa told a Spanish friar who was trying to convert him in 1785, "So what about these Englishmen who captured Manila-they were white men and Christians, weren't they?"

This untaxed trade was especially objectionable in the case of the Igorot gold monopoly. Neither the king nor the missionaries could put the gold out of their minds for, very Aong. Priests called it a "magnet to men's hearts" and preached that God had hidden the gold in the most remote parts of the pagan world to attract greedy Christians there so the Gospel would be spread. When King Phillip III foolishly took Spain into the Thirty Year's War, he wrote the Archbishop of Manila:

"With your experience in the islands, you well know the importance of maintaining them not only because of the Christian faith, which is the main reason, but also because of the condition of our Royal treasury, and so, because it is necessary above everything else to have the necessary treasure or money for it, it is deemed that the only and chief solution must be to exploit those mines of the Igorots."

When Governor Salcedo sent out the 1668 expedition to Mankayan, he ordered them, "Even if you come across the gold mines, make no show of esteeming them, nor look for them, because it should not seem that you, have any other aim than to reduce their souls to God; save the

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Igorot group in Buguias Benguet, 1901. Copper kettle is made by Igorots mined and smelted by them.

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