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Public asked to report on “suspicious individuals”

BAGUIO CITY – We are all stakeholders in ensuring the safety of our families and communities.

In Monday's flag-raising ceremonies at city hall, Mayor Mauricio Domogan is asking the public to report to the Baguio City Police Office if they observe any “suspicious individuals” in their respective barangays who they have never seen before or are wary of.

Domogan explained that this will allow the police to do proper monitoring on said individuals to know the reason for their visit to the Summer Capital and other pertinent information.

He stressed that this is not to discriminate against anyone but to prevent the occurrence of any untoward incidents that will compromise the safety and security of local residents.

The Mayor met earlier with leaders and representatives of the local Muslim community and appealed for their help by coordinating with the **Cont. on page 3**



Baguio City Police Office personnel perform a clean up drive along a main thoroughfare of the the city. (PIA CAR)

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BAGUIO CITY – “We in government should lead by example in following the city’s laws, rules and regulations.”

This was emphasized by Mayor Mauricio Domogan in Monday’s flag-raising ceremonies at city hall where he reminded city government officials and employees about the city’s “Smoke-Free Baguio” ordinance that was passed recently.

Health Services Office chief Rowena Galpo said that the smoke-free task force that will oversee the measure’s implementing rules and regulations is currently being formed.

Domogan pointed out the need for concerned city government offices and other agencies to coordinate with local police in strictly implementing the ordinance’s provisions.

The Mayor met earlier with department heads led by city administrator Carlos Canilao, city health office head Rowena Galpo, city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias, city accountant Tony Tabin, city human resource management head Agustin

Laban, medical officer Donabelle Tubera, a Baguio City Police Office representative and others at the SP session hall, city hall.

Ordinance number 34 series of 2017 prohibits the use, sale, distribution and advertisement of cigarettes and other tobacco products in certain places, imposing penalties for violations thereof and providing funds therefor, and for other purposes.

The measure’s purpose is to safeguard public health and ensure the wellbeing of all its constituents by protecting them from the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption.

“It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or allow smoking in public utility vehicles, government-owned vehicles or any other means of public transport for passengers, accommodation and entertainment establishments, public building, public place, enclosed public place, or any enclosed area outside of one’s private residence or private place of work, except in duly designated smoking areas,” the

ordinance states.

The measure shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and in all places, found within the territorial jurisdiction of the city government of Baguio.

It also lists the prohibited acts, penalties to be imposed on violators, where the funds will go and creates a smoke free task force chaired by the Mayor whose members include various heads of government offices and other concerned agencies.

The task force will aid in the implementation, enforcement and monitoring of the ordinance and protect the same from tobacco industry interference at all times, as well as to conduct educational awareness campaigns, information dissemination and capacity building programs that will inform constituents and train enforcement officers.

For further information about the ordinance, the public can contact CESU at (074) 442-9829; 300-6588; Sanitation at (074) 444-9217; 300-3895; and HEPO at 300-3953. / *Gaby Keith*

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan requested the hauler of the city’s residual waste from its transfer station in Lamtang, Puguio, La Trinidad to already relocate its existing waste transfer station to his property to avoid complaints from residents on the alleged nuisance that it poses to them.

The city chief executive said the local government should not have been included in the case filed by residents against MA Camilo Freight Services because it is the primary obligation of the hauler to provide his own transfer station prior to the hauling of the residual waste to the Capas landfill.

“We were informed that Camilo has a 4,500-square meter property in the same barangay which was set for inspection by the technical personnel of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources if it passes the guidelines for a waste transfer station so that he can relocate the questioned transfer station to the said place and avoid complaints from

residents,” Domogan stressed.

One of the terms of reference when the local government bid out the hauling of the city’s residual waste to the Capas landfill was that the hauler must have his own transfer station compliant with the stringent rules of the DENR.

Despite the prayer for the issuance of the required temporary restraining order to stop the utilization of the Lamtang waste transfer station by the hauler, a local court failed to issue the prayed restraining order and instead set the hearing on the case on June 27.

Domogan suggested that what the hauler could do is to bargain with the La Trinidad municipal government to give him time to relocate the questioned Lamtang waste transfer station to an area that has passed the requirements of the agency.

The city’s garbage trucks bring the collected waste from the barangays to the waste transfer station where the same shall be sorted and the residual

waste is the one hauled to the Capas landfill.

Domogan admitted the closure of the waste transfer station without the identification of a new transfer site will be detrimental to the city’s garbage disposal, thus, the need for the hauler to make the appropriate representations with the concerned government agencies and the La Trinidad municipal government to find solutions to the existing concern.

He explained that the Lamtang waste transfer station was able to pass the standards of the DENR for the purpose that it will serve that is why he is wondering why residents continue to protest the existence of activities within the station that create nuisance in their neighbourhood.

Aside from the 4,500-square meter property, the mayor urged the management of Camilo Freight Services to continue looking for other areas which could be used for the purpose so that he will have other alternatives in the future once his property will not be

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BLISTT not affected by conflicting policies of LGUs

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the realization of the Baguio-La Trinidad-Iitogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) growth corridor will not be affected by conflicting policies of the involved local govern-

ments and the personal interests of concerned local officials.

The local chief executive pointed out the members of the BLISTT Governing Council where he is the chairman will not allow personal interests of concerned local officials

and the implementation of conflicting policies by the involved local governments to ruin the gains of the council which had been achieved over the past several decades.

“We will not allow the gains of the BLISTT Governing Council to

be simply derailed by the mistakes of some officials in some local governments in the implementation of policies which they believe to be applicable in their places

but are contrary to the policies being imposed by other local governments within the BLISTT. We can easily talk things over among ourselves to settle problems that will arise in our efforts to improve the situation in our areas of jurisdiction,” Domogan stressed.

The implementation of the new truck ban in the city is now being questioned by provincial and municipal officials of Benguet and officers of truckers associations because it has significantly affected the local vegetable industry, the primary economic driver of Benguet over the past several decades.

According to him, local officials in Baguio and Benguet have probably achieved the degree of maturity that enables them to differentiate their own personal interests from the greater interest

of the majority of their constituents that is why he sees no compelling reason why the realization of the establishment of the BLISTT will be derailed simply because of certain misunderstandings on the implementation of conflicting policies which could be immediately corrected anytime.

He explained local officials are just human beings who commit mistakes in the discharge of their official duties and responsibilities and can rectify mistakes they may have committed to prevent the negative impact of their actions to the general welfare of their constituents.

He claimed meetings are always organized where they can tackle various issues that tend to affect the interest of the populace living within the BLISTT communities and it will be a remote possi-

bility for the BLISTT to be disbanded because of misunderstandings on the policies being implemented by the involved local governments, thus, the need for them to thresh out the problems and make the necessary adjustments the soonest for the benefit of the general public.

The Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera is the secretariat of the BLISTT Governing Council pending the enactment of a law that will mandate the creation of the BLISTT Development Authority to administer the affairs of the Council and to guarantee its realization considering that the BLISTT was envisioned by European urban planners as the mechanism to will guarantee the development of Baguio and the neighboring towns of Benguet. /By Dexter A. See



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Council to study proposed rescission of electronic bingo resolutions

BAGUIO CITY – The City Council decided to convene as a committee of the whole to study a proposed resolution rescinding two approved resolutions that inter-

posed no objection to the operation of electronic and traditional bingo outlets in the Albergo Hotel, SM City Baguio, and the Baguio Center Mall.

The local legislative body designated Councilor Elaine D. Sembrano to be the chairperson of the committee of the whole to study the proposed resolution after Councilor Faustino A.

Olowan, chairperson of the committee on laws, inhibited himself from studying the proposed resolution because it was his committee that recommended approval of the two assailed resolutions.

Earlier, the Council approved Resolutions 176 and 176-A that inter-

posed no objection to the operation of an electronic and traditional bingo outlet in the Albergo Hotel by Bingo Palace Corporation and the renewal of the operation of the electronic and traditional bingo outlets in SM City Baguio and Baguio Center Mall by Highland

Gaming Corporation during its May 22, 2017 regular session.

In her proposed resolution rescinding the two resolutions, Councilor Maria Victoria Mylen G. Yaranon argued her colleagues failed to consider the merit of the petitions and position papers

submitted by the various religious groups and concerned sectors when it approved the two resolutions, citing that there was a total disregard of the sentiments of the residents against the existence of gambling joints in the different parts of the city.

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Market building owners given deadline to sign contracts

BAGUIO CITY – The local government has given building owners in the city public market and other city-owned properties in the central business district area 90 days to sign the renewal of their final 15-year contract for the continuous operation of their businesses.

City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias informed members of the local legislative body that Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan already gave final notice to the concerned building owners that they have 90 days from May 28, 2017, to renew their contracts for their leased premises for the final 15 years or else the building owners must vacate the premises and remove their structures.

He explained the decision of the local government to impose the deadline was an offshoot of the findings of the Commission on Audit (COA) on the alleged disadvantageous contracts entered into by the local government regarding the utilization of city-owned lands and that the rentals being paid by the building owners are way below the prevailing rentals in similarly situated structures privately owned within the central business district area.

Of the 127 building owners having lease contracts with the local government, Cabarrubias revealed 81 building owners decided to renew their contracts with the local government with the condition that after the lapse of the 15-year agreement, the buildings and all other improvements in the areas that they currently occupy will automatically become the properties of the city, while 46 building owners refuse to renew their contracts since they want the assailed provision of the contract to be removed, particularly the one that provides that the city will own all the improvements after the lapse of 15 years.

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propped up by his aggressive propaganda campaign on social media and elsewhere. This PR machine – plus the survey ratings that show him still enjoying public support – may lull him into a false sense of complacency. Past surveys show, though, that presidents usually get good ratings in their first year in office as the populace unites behind them.


Will this last? It will be largely up to the President and the people./ Marites Dañguilan Vitug/Rappler.com

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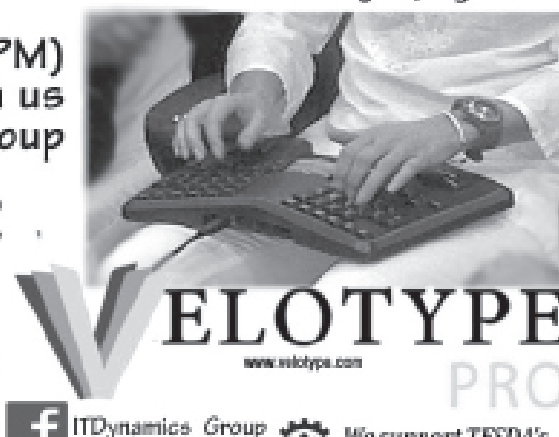
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The year of living with autocracy and incompetence

Duterte's experience as mayor is out of proportion to the demands of the presidency. It ill-prepared him for checks and balances central to a democracy.

In April, during a visit to the Armed Forces Western Command (WesCom) in Palawan, the province closest to the disputed islands, President Rodrigo Duterte was briefed on the contentious state of affairs in the South China Sea, including which islands and reefs were occupied by the Philippines, China, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

In a conference room in the new WesCom headquarters, he was shown slides of maps and the islands, color-coded depending on the country that controlled them, as well as the structures and military installations on each of them. Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenza, among other top security officials, accompanied the President.

After emerging from what looked like a straightforward briefing, Duterte, in a meeting with the press, announced that he had ordered the military to occupy areas in the South China Sea: "I have ordered the Armed Forces to occupy all the so many islands, I think 9 or 10. Lagyan ng structures (Build structures)

and the Philippine flag."

What happened here? It is hard to find any explanation other than that Duterte didn't get it.

Apparently, the fact that 9 islands had been under Philippine control, 8 of them since the 1970s, and the last one since 1999, escaped the mind of the President. Each of the features hoists a Philippine flag and various structures have been erected, the most extensive of which are in Pag-asa, a municipality of Palawan.

This appears to be a simple case of lack of comprehension. But, in the first year of his presidency, this is the most benign instance of Duterte's limited mental capacity. There are other examples where he shows that he is either under-informed or that new information slides off his mind, resulting in decision-making that is without rigor.

Overall, it's been a year of living with an incapable leader who has cloaked himself in autocracy. His incompetence is masked by lots of bravado, using violent language, threats, and stinging curses. He fuels his rule with fear, a cover for his inadequacies. These distract us from his true worth as a leader.

Foreign commentators have criticized Duterte's splintered attention, zeroing in on drugs at the expense of terrorism, and his seeming lack of coherence on two vital fronts, the war on drugs and the diplomatic battle against China, "leaving the country deeply confused and divided." They are not far off the mark.

What institutions?

His first year in office shows that Duterte's experience as mayor is vastly out of proportion to the demands of the presidency. And it has ill-prepared him for the checks and balances that are central to a democracy.

Shaped by decades of ruling Davao as the uncontested mayor, he has little regard for co-equal bodies. Remember that he threatened to declare martial law when the Supreme Court chief justice, Maria Lourdes Sereno, cautioned him on his unrelenting drug war.

And woe to any institution or person who challenges his views. He fired the head of the Dangerous Drugs Board for sticking to a lower figure of drug users, 1.8 million, which is based on a 2016 scientific survey, in contrast to Duterte's 4 million, taken out of thin air. He calls his critics names and is unable to engage in a civilized debate – "Daldal ng daldal...wala namang ginawa..." (He keeps yakking but he hasn't done anything)" is how he responded to Justice Antonio Carpio's push to assert Philippine sovereignty over islands in our exclusive economic zone.

What is most disturbing, so far, is that he has used the power of the state to send a critic to jail on feeble charges. It's been about 4 months since Senator Leila de Lima has been detained.

Duterte believes he is often right, disregarding consulting with his Cabinet members on vital issues ranging from the declaration of martial law – he made the decision without meeting with his defense secretary – to mining policy. The President did not convene his socio-economic team to provide strategic direction in this crucial sector. It was only after Environment Secretary Gina Lopez suspended operations of several mining companies, creating an uproar in the industry, did the Cabinet meet to clarify the policy.

Drugs and disputed islands

Simple solutions are his responses to complex problems, like the magic wand of martial law and killing of drug users, thinking that these will make the problems go away. He still hasn't caught up **Cont. on page 6**

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Who really started the Marawi City siege?



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "...Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves..." (Romans 13:2, the Holy Bible).

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WHO REALLY STARTED THE MARAWI CITY SIEGE? An intriguing issue that is being thrown against the declaration by President Duterte of martial law in Mindanao is the claim that it was the government itself that started the firefight in Marawi City, forcing terror groups led by Isnilon Hapilon to simply fight back.

In other words, the claim was that it was the fault of the government itself that caused the siege. Solicitor General Jose Calida and his lawyers at the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) believe otherwise.

In their comment to the Supreme Court petitions questioning the declaration of martial law in the South, Calida and company presented proof that Hapilon and his followers, who have since shifted their loyalty away from the Republic of the Philippines in favor of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), prepared for the siege of Marawi City as a necessary ingredient for turning over the whole of Mindanao to the ISIS.

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OSG: TERROR GROUPS INCREASED ATTACKS SINCE 2016: Let us reproduce here parts of the OSG's comment for a better understanding of this point: "After the ISIS appointment of Hapilon as emir, he and the ISIS-inspired local rebel groups committed multiple atrocities resulting in the wounding and killing of military and civilian personalities.

"These atrocities came in the wake of the consolidation of forces of around one hundred five (105) rebel members of the combined groups of the Abu Sayyaf, the Maute Group, the BIFF, and foreign terrorists.

"The government has noted the increased occurrences of military encounters with these ISIS-inspired local rebel groups. One of these battles occurred on 29 August 2016 when members of the ASG ambushed and killed fifteen (15) army soldiers in Patikul, Sulu. Moreover, there was a notable increase in terror attacks against the civilian population..."

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"STATE OF LAWLESSNESS" DECLARED IN MINDANAO IN 2016: Here's more from Calida's comment: "On the night of 2 September 2016, Davao City was rocked with a fatal bombing incident in a populous night market. Fifteen (15) civilians were killed and sixty-seven (67) others were injured. According to military intelligence reports, the ASG perpetrated the Davao bombing.

"Due to the then-increasing concerted attacks against the military and the populace... President Duterte issued Proclamation No. 55 entitled, 'Declaring a State of National Emergency on Account of Lawless Violence

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police to ensure the city's peace and order situation.

Domogan said that in view of the on-going armed conflict between government forces and the Maute rebel group in Marawi City, he is asking "our Muslim brothers and sisters" to report to the police if they have any visitors, especially coming from that area, who they do not truly know or are suspicious of.

He emphasized, however, that the request does not in any way target or discriminate against Muslims whom he said "are respected members of Baguio's community", but is due to the on-going armed conflict in Marawi City that has moved Pres. Duterte to declare Martial Law in Mindanao.

Domogan points out that he does not tolerate discrimination of any kind and that, "everybody is treated equally in the city regardless of religion or ethnic background".

As a melting pot of various cultures, the Mayor has often extolled the importance of Baguio residents being "united in diversity" for the city's progress. /Gaby Keith

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able to pass the standards of the DENR during the inspection that will be scheduled to ascertain its viability as a potential waste transfer station.

Camilo was able to qualify as the city's hauler of the residual waste generated by the households primarily because he was the one that was able to present a waste transfer station that was approved by the DENR. /By Dexter A. See

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She added under the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) Gaming Site Regulatory Manual, specifically Section on site location distance requirements, it provides that the electronic and traditional bingo site must comply with the distance requirements, not less than 300 meters from schools, places of worship or churches, public markets among others.

According to her, the St. Joseph Church and Little Flower Retreat House, a church and a place of worship, Dr. Jose P. Rizal Elementary School, a public school, the Pacdal satellite market, which form part of the Baguio City market, are located within 300 meters from the Albergo Hotel, which is the proposed site of the Bingo Palace Corporation for its electronic and traditional bingo games.

On the other hand, The Church of the Our Lady of Atonement Cathedral, a church, is located within 300 meters from SM City Baguio while the Baguio City public market, the Baguio Central University, the University of Baguio and the St. Louis University are located within 300 meters from the Baguio Center Mall, the existing gaming site of Highland Gaming Corporation.

The resolution stated electronic and traditional bingo are games which involve money, thus, they are considered games of chance thereby making it addictive to some individuals.

It claimed problems arise when an addicted gambler acquires debts from numerous loan sharks or financial institutions, and personal and real properties are lost because of gambling addiction that results to bankruptcy and broken families.

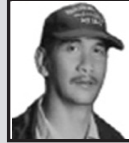
She added as a Character City, the local government should promote the well-being of a family being the basic social institution, thus, residents must be guided to spend their time productively and/or to spend their time with their families and not for vices. /By Dexter A. See

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Speaker Alvarez dinuro ang Court of Appeals at Ipaabolish Daw!

Reprint from last week

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Astig talaga itong si Speaker Alvarez na ito! Ibang klase talaga ang mga nasa poder ng kapangyarihan ngayon, hindi ko lang lubos na maisip kung saan populutin ang mga ito kapag nawala na ang kanilang Bosing Digong?

Kamakailan lang ay lumabas sa balita, ayon sa Inquirer na sinabi ni Speaker Alvarez na ipapaabolish daw niya ang Court of Appeals! Basahin ang kabuuan ng report:

"Speaker Alvarez threatens to dissolve Court of Appeals"

"By: DJ Yap - Reporter / @deejaya-*/pINQ, Philippine Daily Inquirer / 02:13 PM June 16, 2017

"Congress can at any time 'dissolve' the Court of Appeals, Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez warned on Friday, insisting that the appellate court had no power to compel the House of Representatives to release the six Ilocos Norte officials in its custody.

"They are not even our co-equal branch... They are merely a creation of Congress—that Court of Appeals. They only exist because they were created by Congress. Any time, we can dissolve them. So they better start thinking," he told a radio interview.

"The leader of the House also threatened to disbar the three justices from the CA Special Fourth Division, Stephen Cruz, Edwin Sorongon and Nina Antonino-Valenzuela, for granting the habeas corpus petition of the six and issuing a release order allowing them to post bail.

"He called them 'gago' (idiot) in a text message to reporters on Wednesday. He added two more epithets: 'bugok' (rotten) and 'buwang' (crazy) in the early Friday interview on dzMM, a transcript of which was sent to House reporters by the Speaker's office.

"For me, they have no jurisdiction over us. Who are they to dictate Congress what to do? We have rights that have been upheld by the Supreme Court a number of times," Alvarez said.

"That's really gross ignorance of the law. That is why I will not honor their order to [allow the six] to post bail. I will claim responsibility, let's see, because they are too much," he said.

"The Court of Appeals, the second highest court of the land, was created with the passage of Commonwealth Act No. 3 in December 1935 in what was then supposed to be a transition from US rule to an independent Philippine government.

"This week, the CA attempted three times to serve the order at the Batasang Pambansa but was prevented from doing so, on Alvarez' directive.

"The so-called 'Ilocos Six' were held in contempt by the House good government and public accountability committee and later ordered detained by Alvarez for allegedly refusing to answer questions during an inquiry into the alleged irregular procurement of P66.45-million worth of vehicles by the provincial government.

"Pedro Agcaoili, chair of the bids and awards committee and provincial planning and development officer; provincial budget officer Evangeline Tabulog; provincial treasurer Josephine Calajate; accountant Eden Battulayan, and treasury office staff Genedine Jambaro and Encarnacion Gaor, have been detained since May 29.

"Alvarez said Antonino-Valenzuela was married to a former associate of Estelito Mendoza, the counsel of the Ilocos Six, and should have inhibited herself —>

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The Old Days are Better



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

Oh how I miss the old days. The old days are better. Long time ago, we do it better than what you do today. During our time things are far better than today. A sentiment you always hear from the youth of yesterday. They always say the old days are far better than today. Well, let's try to take a look at the old days if it is really that good as they claim to be.

"Children long ago are more polite than the children of today," one elder said. "Long time ago when we are scolded we keep quiet and listen to our old folk." He added. If we look at it closer one can't help but ask, is it really respect that keep those youth obey and do thing society expect them to do or is it the fear of the harshness of punishment that kept them at bay. If you are a kid in the old days you are not allowed to question authority which kids of today can freely do, which I think is okay as this is their constitutional right. Disciplining today might be a lot different. You got to explain everything in a nice way. You have to let the child see the effect of things they are about to do on them and to other people. It is quite laborious but it creates an atmosphere of mutual respect and not a rod induced fear mistakenly referred to as respect.

According to my older friends, the old days is a lot better for you've had to work hard for everything and if you got what you're aiming for in a hard way, it'll give you a higher sense of achievement. They say that kids nowadays take things for granted as everything is being done with just the touch on screen or with a press of the button. While this is true, the way I see it, it's just part of moving forward and I wouldn't say the old days is better. Long time ago, everything you do must be done with a huge effort. Things we take for granted today like saying "Hi" to your family abroad, sending important information to places just 10 kilometers away, researching for a report, or even watching a movie for entertainment is difficult and would take a long time. Those huge cuts in our time to achieve one task is not making us productive in the old days. By the looks of it, it is never better than today.

The old days and today are two different times that offers different challenges, struggles and happiness. It is so wrong to compare them. What we must do is to use them. Let's reflect on the memories of the old days and use it to make the present better. Let us embrace the new challenges that the present is presenting to us and live at the moment. Let us be at the moment. If we think something is not right in it, then let's make a move to make it right. We cannot do that by comparing it to what was gone we can only do that by using what is in our grasp. So the old days are still better? Well, it had its time but it is not now.

'out of delicadeza.'

"He also said the discussion of the case should be restricted to its merits, and not the political feud between the Marcoses and Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas in Ilocos Norte.

"It was Fariñas, a representative of the province's first district, who first called for an inquiry into the alleged irregular purchases. He has pointed to Ilocos Norte Gov. Imee Marcos as being directly involved in the alleged anomaly. By: DJ Yap - Reporter / @deejayapINQ, Philippine Daily Inquirer / 02:13 PM June 16, 2017"

Ayan mga dear readers. Tama ba na yang si Speaker Alvarez ay mag sasalita ng ganyan? Patay tayong mga Pinoy sa mga nangyayari!!!

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC
Lyman Ogilby
Centrum
358 Magsaysay Ave., Baguio City
BAGUIO CITY

KALANGED
KYLE MACDO S.
KANONGKONG,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

LUISA P. ESMABE,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

Case No. 17-35-NP
For: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by mortgagee KALANGED KYLE MACDO S. KANONGKONG, against the mortgagor Luisa P. Esmabe, Filipino citizen,

of legal, window, and with residence and postal address at No. 231 San Vicente, Baguio City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness in the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P1,600,000.00), Philippine currency representing the principal obligation and excluding interest, charges, penalties and other expenses as agreed upon in the real estate mortgage executed by the mortgagor in favor of the mortgagee on February 11, 2015, under Doc. No. 195, Page No. 40, Book No. 35, Series of 2015 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. May Labanet D. Soliba-Kiat-Ong, the undersigned Notary Public will sell at public auction on July 05, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the main lobby of Justice Hall, Baguio City, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency, the property registered in the name of the mortgagor which was the subject of the aforesaid Real Estate Mortgage consisting of Lot, covered by ARP 2014-03-004-150982 of the Assessor's Office of Baguio City, and more particularly described as follows:

UNDER ARP No. 2014-03-004-150982

"A residential land consisting an area of 1,000 square meters, more or less, with a market value of 420,000.00 and assessed value of 35,280.00. Bounded on the North by Ass. Lot No. 028 (Lourdes Property Brgy.), on the South by Dominican Hill Rd., on the East by Ass. Lot No. 002, and on the West by Dominican Hill Rd." The lot is bounded by visible monuments.

In case there will be failure of bidding on the said date, the same is rescheduled on July 12, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the resolution of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the tax declaration herein above-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, May 30, 2017.

(SGD) MAY LABANET D. SOLIBA-KIAT-ONG
Notary Public
Under December 31, 2017

Lifetime IBP Member
No. 02789

Roll No. 43211; May, 1998

PTR No. 2946096;
1/3/17;

Rm. 204 Lyman Ogilby Centrum
358 Magsaysay Ave.,

Baguio City
MCLE Compliance No. IV-0000146; 6/20/13
Tel. No. (074) 433-6040

Publication Dates: June 10, 17 and 24, 2017

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

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET) INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. AMADOR AND NORMA SEPAL,
Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 17-ExF-1996

FOR: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTIONS SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET) INC., with principal office and postal address at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of SPS. AMADOR AND NORMA SEPAL, with residence and postal address at Ambongdolan, Tublay, Benguet, herein referred as the Mortgagors, in real estate mortgage duly entered on 09 December 2009 and 8 October 2013. That as of 05 June 2017, the above-named mortgagors, SPS. AMADOR AND NORMA SEPAL, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00), Philippine Currency, excluding interest and penalties and other charges accruing thereon until fully paid; (b)

Attorneys' fee amounting to Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00); (c) all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceeding. That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 18 JULY 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan (Benguet Justice Hall), Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements, erected thereon to the following described properties to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. P-7885 REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

"Beginning at a point marked "1" of Lot No. 2546, Cad 888, Case 2, Tublay Cadastre, Ambongdolan, Tublay, Benguet being S. 45-08 W., 1185.66 m. from BLBM No. 1, Ambongdolan, Tublay, Benguet thence:

N. 46-44 E, 84.30 m. to point 2; S. 54-02 E, 23.40 m. to point 3;

N. 70-09 E, 20.99 m. to point 4; S. 6-36 E, 63.03 m. to point 5;

S. 53-16 W., 33.89 m. to point 6; N. 59-53 W., 24.47

m. to point 7;
S. 70-16 W., 9-97 m. to point 8; N. 65-18 W., 54.58 m. to point of beginning. Containing an area of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE (5,712) SQUARE METERS. xxx.

Interest/Prospective bidder/ buyers may investigate to the titles themselves the properties herein above-described encumbrances thereof, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned as above stated time and date. Nonetheless, in the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on 08 August 2017 at the same place and time without need of republication and/or further notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 20th day of JUNE 2017.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By: (SGD) JOSELITO E. SALES
Sheriff IV

CP No. 0947-600-1740/0997-524-9160
(074) 424-7200

Publication Dates: June 24, July 1 and 8, 2017

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

JOSE LO
Applicant

CASE No. 88-01-806

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 26, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GUISAD and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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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 to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 20th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

PANCHO ALINOS
Applicant

CASE No. 92-CAR-533

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 26, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - TAM-AWAN VIA QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

RODOLFO CASTILLO
Applicant

CASE No. 2003-CAR-905

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 26, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Editorial

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far from the "kanto-kanto" (his words) of Davao he used to patrol on motorbike at dark.

Take the drug war, his centerpiece program. Despite evidence showing that curbing drug abuse is not simply a matter of using force but is tied to social issues, Duterte has continued with his policy to exterminate users. He is unable to link drugs to poverty and the feeling of exclusion, poor governance, and unresponsive public health programs.

In foreign policy, he shows a similar limited understanding of the issues. For example, after

with the scale of ruling a country, unimaginably

the boost given by the country's overwhelming victory over China in July 2016, Duterte sees war with our giant neighbor as the only way to enforce the ruling. He has repeatedly said that the Philippines cannot afford to go to war with China, dismissing outright peaceful avenues.

As experts have pointed out, there are a number of diplomatic options in the President's arsenal, including strengthening alliances with claimant countries as well as allies to put pressure on China and creating a marine park in parts of the South China Sea to preserve the fishery resources and protect the environment.

Maute and Marawi

Duterte's narrow mindset came to the fore

again when he said the root of the crisis in Marawi, where Maute violently seized parts of the city, was the drug money boosting the criminal group. "...Ang puno't dulo diyan is droga kasi diyan ang hotbed ng shabu pati drug sa Mindanao (This is rooted in drugs because Mindanao is the hotbed of shabu)," he told soldiers in Sulu.

While this may be partly true, the problem is not one-dimensional. Systemic problems, such as weak governance, poverty, and dysfunctional courts and prisons, have made groups like Maute thrive.

Duterte's solution was to declare martial law in Mindanao. Again, this is only one tool in his kit. Will it fix the problem of terrorism? The country's experience - 14 years of martial law under President Ferdinand Marcos and one week of martial law in Maguindanao under President Gloria Arroyo - has shown that it will not. Till today, we're still living with a communist insurgency, a Muslim rebellion, terrorism, and lawlessness and feudal politics.

From the drug war to foreign policy to terrorism, Duterte wings it,

FAKE NEWS!

OF THE WEEK FAKE NEWS - BE FORWARDED

'WAG KANG TANGA! GAMITIN ANG COMMON SENSE! SENATOR TRILLANES TO SUE BBC FOR DEVASTATING INTERVIEW WITH STEPHEN SACKUR

MANILA, Philip-
pines (The Adobo
Chronicles, Manila
Bureau) - Philip-
pines Senator Antonio
Trillanes says he going
to file a lawsuit against
British Broadcasting
Corporation (BBC) for
a recent interview he had
with Stephen Sackur of

'Hardtalk.'

During that
live interview, a
video of which
has now gone
viral across the
globe, Sackur

pulverized every comment
and response Trillanes
made regarding questions
about the Philippines



and President Rodrigo
Duterte.

The wide-ranging
interview covered topics...

Fight fake news, bishops urge Catholics

As fake news takes over
social media feeds,
the country's Catholic
bishops on Wednesday
called on the faithful
to fight spread of false
information and online
deception.

For the first time, the
Catholic Bishops' Con-
ference of the Philippines
issued a pastoral exhor-
tation against fake news
which is "a sin against
charity" because it leads
the people to wrong
decisions.

"Our Catholic faith
obliges us to refrain from
patronizing, populariz-
ing and supporting iden-
tified sources of 'alterna-
tive facts' or 'fake news,'
the bishops said.

"Refuse to be them-
selves purveyors of
fake news and to desist

from disseminating this
whether on social media
or by word of mouth or
through any other form
of public expression," they
said.

Freedom of expression
is a bedrock of democracy
but its irresponsible
exercise, the bishops said,
is something that Chris-
tians cannot be part of.

"Sadly, we see this
happening today," they
said, lamenting that there
are people who have given
themselves to the service
of sharing lies and con-
cealing the truth.

The bishops, who
are often victimized by
fake news and deceptive
memes, stressed that
crucial decisions —
personal and social —
depend on the accurate
grasp of facts.

"Alternative facts and
fake news engender faulty
decisions many times with
disastrous long-term con-
sequences to persons and
to communities," they
added.

To help stop the spread
of "deceit and lies," they
encouraged the faithful "to
rebut falsehood whenever
they are in possession of
facts and of data."

The bishops also urged
the netizens to identify the
sources of fake news so
that other people may be
alerted and be informed
which media or sites to
shun.

"The active involvement
of citizens in creating a
nurturing society steeped
in justice depends on the
truth," they said. /By Roy
Lagarde, Jun 21, 2017/
CBCPNews



WORLD ENVIRONMENT MONTH - Councilor Elaine Sembrano calls on city officials, employees and Baguio residents to join in the observance of World Environment Month and to raise worldwide awareness on the urgent need to save "Mother Earth" during City Hall flag raising ceremonies. /By Bong Cayabyab

Owners given deadline...

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P0.75 per square meter
per day rental of the
occupied areas by the
building owners, Cabarru-
bias claimed the building
owners and the Mayor
agreed to increase the
rentals to P6 per square
meter per day for the final
15 years of the lease over
their occupied parcels of
the city-owned lands.

The renewed contracts

of the lessees of the city-
owned properties are now
pending confirmation
before the local legisla-
tive body so that the final
15-year agreement will be
in full force and effect.

It will be recalled that
the local government
invited the building
owners sometime in the
early 1970s to help develop
the city-owned properties

located within the vicinity
of the city public market
to help spur economic
growth and provide
adequate employment to
residents, and under the
first contract, the building
owners were required to
turn over to the city all
improvements after the
lapse of their contracts.

However, the 15-year
timeframe of the contract
was allegedly removed
from the second and third
renewal of the contract,
thus, city officials were
constrained to return
the said provision after
receiving the COA
findings and recommen-
dations.

Cabarrubias asserted
after the lapse of 15-years,
the building owners shall
have occupied the city-
owned lands for at least
60 years that would mean
that they were able to
already recover their
expenses in the put up
of their structures. /By
Dexter A. See

Kakampi mo ang Batas

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in Mindanao' on 4 September 2016.

"He acted pursuant to Section 18, Article VII of
the Constitution which authorized him to call out the
armed forces to prevent or suppress lawless violence.

Notwithstanding the issuance of Proclamation No.
55, the ISIS-inspired local rebel groups continued to
wreak havoc in Mindanao..." There is more of this
next issue, God willing.

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9058. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

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

MA. ARLYN OCAMPO

Applicant

CASE No. 2008-CAR-0063

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 31, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - QUEZON HILL and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 20th day of June 2017, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

ANITA INTING

Applicant

CASE No. 88-01-1427

NOTICE OF HEARING

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE

NOTICE is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late JOSEPH GAYMAN, who died on 01 OCTOBER 2012, at BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL 9BGH, BAGUIO CITY, Philippines, consisting of Motor Vehicle, which motor vehicle is more particularly described as an ISUZU JITNEY bearing Plate No. AYP-325, including its Certificate of Public Convenience (PCP) / Franchise granted under LTRFB Case No. 93-CAR-598, has been the subject of an AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING CPC/FRANCHISE dated 31 MAY 2017, executed by his WIFE/SPOUSE and compulsory legal heir, ROSE D. GAYMAN, which instrument was duly entered as Doc. No. 230; Page No. 46; Book No. XLIV; Series of 2017, of the Notarial Register of Atty. JUN FRED V. PARADO, a Notary Public for and in BAGUIO CITY, Philippines.

June 24, July 1 and 8, 2017

City prepares for the celeb of Philippine Civil Service anniversary

BAGUIO CITY - The city government here getting ready for the celebration of this year's 117th anniversary of the Philippines Civil Service this coming September.

As a continuing challenge to public servants and with this year's theme, "Tugon sa Hamon ng Pagbabago: Malasakit ng Lingkod Bayani", this year's activities are meant to remind public servants of manifesting "malasakit" in public service.

Highlighting the month long celebration is the recognition and awarding of city employees being public servants.

Loyalty awardees, outstanding employees of the year, outstanding employees of the semester, retirees, employees who have finished their masteral and doctoral at their own expense will be recognized and awarded.

As a gesture of appreciation for their hard work and dedication,

26 employees who have served the government for ten years, 76 employees who have served the government for 15 years, 22 employees who have served the government for 20 years, 70 employees who have served the government for 25 years, 28 employees who have served the government for 30 years, 16 employees who have served the government for 35 years, and six employees who have served the government for 40 years will be awarded this year.

Kicking off the celebration will be a Fun Run which is open to all government employees. This aims to promote healthy lifestyle and social consciousness.

The health and services office will conduct a two-day health and wellness activity.

To sustain and promote care for environment, a tree planting will be participated by the human resource management

personnel.

Apart from the community service at the barangays, city employees will also have a clean-up drive along the Balili River.

There will be cash prizes through raffle draw during the flag raising ceremony for the whole month of September.

Retired and former city treasurer Alicia Onoza will be the guest of honor and speaker during the awards and dinner program on September 29 as the Hotel Supreme.

The anniversary celebration observes the enactment of Public Law No. 5, "an Act for the Establishment and Maintenance of Our Efficient and Honest Civil Servant in the Philippine Islands" on September 19, 1900.

Hence, the Civil Service Commission has been leading the way in molding a credible, competent, and motivated workforce who will uphold public service excellence. /Jho Arranz

Baguio hotel group strengthens awareness on global terrorism and radical groups

BAGUIO CITY - The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) hosted a seminar on global terrorism and radical groups at the Baguio Country Club(BCC) last June 16 to promote awareness and prepare hotel and restaurant stakeholders against threats..

The seminar with the theme, "Awareness is the

best deterrence" had three learning sessions. These were on Islamic Radicalization by Turkish Terrorism expert Dr. Cihangir Arslan; Global Terrorism by former FBI Legal Attaché of the US Embassy in the Philippines, Dr. Stephen Cutler; and on Police Counter Terrorism by Police Chief Supt. Rene Pamuspusan.

HRAB President and

activity for the hospital-ity sector especially with what are happening nowadays such as the Resort World Manila incident and the Marawi crisis.

Hotels and restaurant stakeholders must be aware and prepared against any form of threat. They must be responsible for their own safety. They should come up with policies, safety and security procedures tailored in such a way that they can be prepared to address any sort of emergency relative to an active shooting incident or terrorism, De Leon said.

Baguio Country Club media relations officer Andrew Pinero also outlined the impor-



MORE DANGEROUS - This accident prone area fronting the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries at Easter Road became more dangerous to all types of vehicles due to the damaged cross drainage steel gratings along the road. The DPWH-Baguio Field Office is working on widening the bridge in the same area, but, the immediate repair of the damaged cross drainage steel gratings is not included in the project, endangering the lives and limbs of motorists and passengers. / By Bong Cayabyab

BPOC search committee formed

BAGUIO CITY - With the continuing assessment and evaluation for the search for best performing barangay in the city of Baguio, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently formed a search committee to select the outstanding Barangay Peace and Order Committee (BPOC) through administrative order no. 076.

The local chief executive will chair the committee with members from the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Department of Interior and Local Government, Liga ng mga Barangay, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, and Business and Religious Sector and Non-Government Organization.

tance of such awareness activity considering that Baguio City as a famous tourist destination is also susceptible to terrorist threats. HRAB members, in partnership with law

The committee will conduct table assessment on the documents submitted by the BPOCs of the barangays, undertake on-site validation at the barangays and submit city BPOC nominee along with its documents to the DILG-CAR.

Considering that the maintenance of peace and order is a prime concern of the government, both local and national agencies, the establishment of peace and order councils in all levels of government is needed.

Moreover, in the order, the City Human Rights, Justice, Peace and Order Council (CHRJPOC) recognizes the BPOCs as significant partners in the citywide implementation of peace and order and public safety initiatives.

enforcement agencies, are reviewing security plans and measures to protect their property, he informed.

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Community affairs officer Noel Mabutas disclosed that the search committee will start the assessment and on-site validation this July.

The barangays will be evaluated based on its BPOC's service delivery performance; effectiveness of their public safety plan; support system; policies plans and budget; accomplishment reports, among others, stressed Mabutas.

Apart from the BPOC, the performances of the 128 barangays in the city of Baguio are being monitored on its barangay administration and governance; social services; health, nutrition and sanitation; environmental management; public safety and competitive edge, added Mabutas. / Jho Arranz

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