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# BIBAK lot demolition scrapped as occupants offer to vacate premises before July 1

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week called off the demolition at the Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) lot along Harrison Road set for Jan. 26-27 after the occupants committed to dismantle their structures and vacate the premises before July 1.

The dwellers numbering 59 submitted a commitment under oath dated Jan. 25 where they also “appoint, constitute and name the Philippine National Police, City Demolition Task Force, the Office of the City Mayor and the City Building and Architecture Office... to cause the demolition of the remaining structures in the area on July 1.”

“We declare and swore that this authority is irrevocable,” they affirmed.

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**EXTRAORDINARY SHOW OF HONESTY** - City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, during the city hall flag-raising ceremonies present a commendation to taxi driver Regie Cabututan of Dustin Brant Taxi for extraordinary honesty for returning the luggage of Australian national Trent Shields last January 12. Shields likewise attended the flag raising rites and handed a certificate to Cabututan offering a free six months course at Vivixx Academy and Coder factory with a guaranteed internship in Australia and a P1.7 million starting yearly salary./ By Bong Cayabyab

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# Implementation of feasible traffic or engineering solutions sought

# Mayor wants Baguio drug free by year-end

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Council approved a resolution requesting the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) and the City Engineering Office (CEO) to conduct a study and subsequently implement feasible traffic or engineering solutions to ease the congestion of pedestrians at the overpass near the Maharlika Livelihood Complex along Abanao Street, and other congested areas in the city, especially during rush hours.

The resolution authored by Vice Mayor Edison R. Bilog and Councilor Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon stated it has been observed that the pedestrian overpass along Abanao Street near the Maharlika Livelihood Complex is always congested, especially during rush hours and the congestion in the different parts of the overpass has greatly caused discomfort to all individuals that pass through the said area, particularly the children, pregnant women, elderly and persons with disabilities.

Because of the overcrowded portions of the overpass, the resolution states thieves or pickpockets have been reported to have taken advantage of the thick crowd to pursue their illegal activities. While it can be noted that the local police has been deploying more uniformed and non-uniformed police officers in the area during rush hours, the resolution claimed the said strategy of the BCPO has not been most effective due to the lack of traffic or appropriate engineering solutions that will guarantee long-term solutions to the situation.

Among the suggestions received by the local legislative body to ease the pedestrian congestion in the said area are the installation of temporary dividers or centre railings, widening of the bottleneck area, particularly beside the Maharlika Livelihood Complex or to re-construct the facility to become an O-shaped overpass.

The resolution claimed there is a need for the local police force and the concerned office of the local government to

study and subsequently implement feasible traffic or engineering solutions to ease the congestion of pedestrians in the said overpass and other similarly situated overpasses in the different parts of the city.

The resolution stated timely interventions must be put in place by the concerned law enforcement agencies and offices of the local government to address the overcrowding and clogging in the overpass during rush hours and to reduce the number of pickpocketing incidents that happen in the area.

Moreover, it added engineering interventions will prevent the vulnerable sectors like children, senior citizens and persons with disabilities from being inconvenienced when using the overpass.

The local legislative body expects the concerned offices to adhere to the request within a reasonable period of time to address the persistent complaints of overcrowding from pedestrians. /By Dexter A. See#

## Council summons PAGCOR officials on electronic bingo

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Council approved a resolution requesting officials of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to appear before its regular session on March 6, 2017 to educate and inform the new members of the local legislative body and other concerned stakeholders on the increasing presence of electronic bingo and electronic games in the different parts of the city.

The local legislative body decided to again invite PAGCOR officials to clarify issues and concerns raised by the members and officers of the Baguio-Benguet Ecumenical Group regarding the

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan wants the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to work double time and for residents to cooperate with the city's anti-drug campaign to make the city drug-free by the end of this year.

The local chief executive claimed the increasing number of drug surrenderers and those being apprehended for their involvement in the illegal drug trade only show that law enforcers have a still a lot of work to do to address the drug problem in the city with the support of the residents who should provide vital information that can lead to the arrest of those who continue to be involved in the lucrative drug trade.

As of last week, he noted there is already a total of 2,390 drug surrenderers from the different barangays with 1,984 drug users and 406 drug pushers.

On the other hand, he reported there are 206 individuals who were arrested by combined

police operatives and anti-narcotics agents in various anti-drug operations with 182 drug pushers and 24 users.

For the confiscated drugs, Domogan claimed there is more than P4.4 million worth of shabu confiscated by the operating troops from the arrested drug personalities while the value of the marijuana seized by the authorities remains at P729,729.

"We appeal to everyone to be continuously vigilant on illegal drugs matters so that we can make our city drug free by the end of this year. Residents must cooperate in identifying those involved in the illegal drug trade in their barangays so that they could be immediately arrested and charged because we want to spare our youth from the serious negative effects of the use of illegal drugs," Domogan stressed.

He added the government's anti-drug campaign has greatly contributed in improving the peace and order situation

in the city with the significant reduction in the volume of crimes but there are also negative effects of the campaign, particularly the loss of innocent lives and the use of the anti-drug campaign to get back at some individual's detractors among others.

Domogan claimed arresting individuals involved in the lucrative illegal trade would be easier on the part of the police once residents and barangay officials cooperate by providing information on the presence of drug personalities in their areas of jurisdiction so that the appropriate operations could be planned and implemented the soonest.

By the end of 2016, the local police force reported there were around 2,360 drug surrenderers in the city and the series of anti-drug operations resulted in the increase in the number of arrested drug personalities coupled with the rising number of drug surrenderers in the

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ic bingo outlet at the Maharlika Livelihood Center operated by RCC Global Entertainment.

Further, the council also questioned PAGCOR for allowing the operation of electronic games in an area along Marcos highway based on a consent from the Tuba municipal council when it was clear that the area is within the city's jurisdiction based on a certification from the City assessor's office and the claim of barangay officials of Sto. Tomas Proper.

Earlier, some members of the local legislative body filed several resolutions rescinding prior approved resolutions endorsing the operations of electronic bingo outlets in the city but the said proposals were denied by the local legislative body.

While PAGCOR officials appeared before

the members of the previous council and clarified matters relative to the issuance of electronic bingo outlets, the council decided to again invite PAGCOR officials as there are five new members of the council for them to be appraised on the guidelines for the grant of permits to electronic bingo operators in the city.

It will be recalled that late last year, the local legislative body endorsed the request of RCC Global Entertainment in support of its application for the issuance of the permit required to operate an electronic bingo outlet within the Maharlika Livelihood Center.

However, based on PAGCOR rules and regulations, electronic bingo outlets are prohibited from operating in areas that are 300 meters within

the radius of markets, schools, churches and other public places and 500 meters away from exiting electronic bingo outlets.

Religious groups in the city expressed concern over the increasing number of electronic bingo outlets being endorsed by the local legislative body, citing the need for the local officials to rethink their position relative to the comprehensive impact of these gambling activities on the morals and values of the residents and visitors.

The local legislative body will come out with its position on electronic bingo once it will be appraised on the rules and regulations that resulted in the grant of permits to electronic bingo and electronic game outlets in various parts of the city. /By Dexter A. See#



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# EMB-CAR told to comment on solid waste management plan

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Council requested the Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR) to submit its observations on the city's 10-year solid waste management plan to guide its action on the pending

plan to solve the current garbage woes of the city.

The local legislative body urged the EMB-CAR to submit its observations on the plan within 15 days before formally acting on matters that will give the city direction on its garbage disposal man-

agement.

Engr. Alex Luis, EMB-CAR representative who appeared before the regular session of the council Monday, said the agency does not object to the approval made by the National Solid Waste Commission (NSWMC)

on the city's 10-year solid waste management plan even without the comments and endorsement from the agency and the local legislative body as the NSWMC is mandated to approve solid waste management plans of local govern-

ments.

However, the council wants the EMB-CAR to formally submit its position on the city's solid waste management plan to guide its decision on the plan and its eventual implementation which could free up the big

chunk of the annual budget used for hauling the city's solid waste to the sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac.

Luis confirmed the explanation of City General Services Officer Romeo D. Concio that

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## Honest taxi driver gets guaranteed job in Australia

**B**AGUIO CITY – A 30-year old taxi driver from Rosario, La Union had once again proven that honesty is the best policy after he was offered a guaranteed job in Australia when he returned the luggage of an Australian national that the latter left in his taxi several days ago.

Reggie Cabutotan, 30, married, and a taxi driver from Rosario, La Union, did not expect that his simple act of returning the luggage to its owner will eventually change the living condition of his family once he will be able to complete his training in the city.

"I was surprised to receive information from my operator that I have to be present in city hall early Monday morning. I did not expect that I will receive the surprise of my life from what I think was a simple thing I did in returning the luggage of my Australian passenger," Cabutotan, a taxi driver in the city for over 6 years now, stressed.

Cabutotan, who is married with four young children, relies on driving a taxi as his source of livelihood and that he comes to the city every other day to drive the taxi owned by an overseas Filipino worker from Victoria Village barangay.

Trent Shields, an Australian bachelor businessman, handed over to Cabutotan a certificate granting him a P220,000 6-month scholarship in a local training academy based in Kalye Uno and if he successfully hurdles this, can guarantee him a job in a Coder Factory in Australia with a starting salary of P1.7 million monthly.

Shields claimed that in the early morning of January 17, 2017, he boarded Cabutotan's taxi from Navy Base bound for Kalye Uno, a co-working place in the city located along 1st Road Quezon Hill.

He narrated that he immediately alighted from the taxi after paying his fare without taking his things with him. While he was in the co-working place, he noticed that his luggage was not with him prompting him and his colleagues to report the matter to the nearest police station.


On his part, Cabutotan claimed he decided to look for a place to urinate in an uninhabited area along the road and when he boarded back his Dustin Brand taxi, he noticed the luggage inside his

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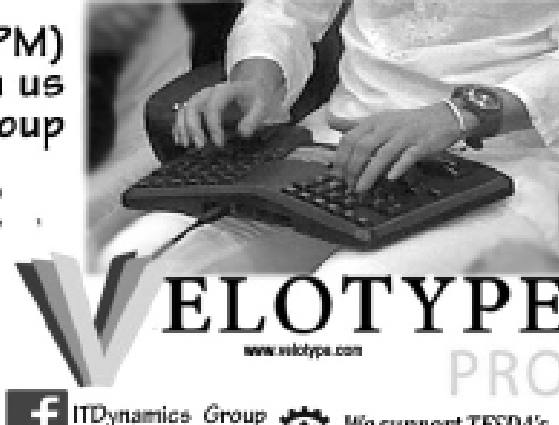
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# Rich, not poor, to bear brunt of oil, automobile tax – DOF

**M**ANILA, Philippines – The Department of Finance (DOF) defended its proposed tax reform package from critics who say aspects of it, such as the higher oil and automobile tax, are “anti-poor.”

In a Palace briefing on Friday, January 27, Finance Undersecretary Karl Kendrick Chua sought to explain why the proposed tax reform package would hurt the rich more than the poor.

In the proposed package, diesel excise rates will be increased incrementally to P6.24 per liter by 2020, starting with a P3-increase in the second quarter of 2017. For gas, the proposed excise tax is P10.40 per liter by 2020, starting with P4.35-per-liter tax in the second quarter of 2017.

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The increase is expected to jack up prices for these oil products, used mainly for transportation,

power generation, and cooking.

“Many are saying this is anti-poor but the truth is, the richest 10% of Filipinos consume 50% of oil products. Then the top 1% make up 13% because they have many cars. Those who ride jeeps, buses share the cost with 20 or 40 other people,” Chua said.

The finance official said it was about time the oil tax was increased since it hasn’t been touched for the past 20 years. The P6-increase represents the total value of increase lost during those years.

### Proposed oil excise rates:

PESOS PER LITER	2017 (1st half)	2017 (2nd half)	2018	2019	2020
Diesel and essentials	0.00	3.00	5.00	6.00	6.24
Gas and non-essentials	4.35	7.00	9.00	10.00	10.40

To soften the blow of the tax rate increase, the hike will be staggered, starting with a P3-increase in 2017, an additional P2 in 2018, then a P1-additional increase in 2019.

The automobile tax rate increase too, said Chua, is designed to put more burden on the rich than the poor.

“The cheap cars will have lower tax rates while the expensive cars, like SUVs and luxury cars, will have higher tax rates,” said Chua.

### Proposed auto excise rates:

Net Manufacturing/Importation price in pesos	Current (in pesos)	Proposed
Up to 600,000	2%	4%
Over 600,000 to 1.1 million	12,000+20% in excess of 600,000	24,000 + 40% in excess of 600,000
Over 1.1 million to 2.1 million	112,000+40% in excess of 1.1 million	224,000 + 100% in excess of 1.1 million
Over 2.1 million	512,000+60% in excess of 2.1 million	1,224,000 + 200% in excess of 2.1 million

Even with the tax, average-income Filipinos will still be able to buy cars because of the lowered income tax rates in the proposed tax reform package.

“Even if the excise for automobiles increases, the lowering of income tax is bigger so the average Filipino buying a car, let’s say a Vios or Innova, will still have more savings to buy a car,” said Chua.

The imposition of the higher tax rates is necessary to make up for the shortfall in government revenue caused by the lowering of income tax.

Such changes in the country’s tax system, said Chua, are meant to rebalance the current system to favor the poor instead of the rich, and help the government earn more revenue to fund priority programs for infrastructure, education, and health.

“It’s designed to be equitable such that the rich pay more and the poor pay less,” said Chua.

If Congress passes the proposed tax reform bill, the DOF estimates that the government would be able to add P1 trillion to its 2018 budget which would fund road projects.

Such projects include the Bonifacio Global City-Ortigas Center Link Road, UP-Miriam-Ateneo Viaduct along C-5/Katipunan, EDSA Taft Flyover, and the Central Luzon Link Expressway. – Rappler.com#

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## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Patrolman with P20.3 M shames entire PNP*



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE’S INSPIRATIONS:** “... ‘Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,’ says the Lord. ‘I will protect them from those who malign them’...” (Psalm 12:5, the Holy Bible).

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**HUMILITY MARKS THE BIRTH OF JESUS WHO IS GOD AND SAVIOR:** Another extra-ordinary circumstance that accompanied the birth of Jesus which proves that He is God and Savior pertains to the very humble circumstance of that birth, notwithstanding that He is God entitled to pomp and royal treatment from his lowly creations. Indeed, the vital question to ask along this line is this: why did God, who owns the universe, decide to be born as a poor and homeless baby?

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**PATROLMAN WITH P20.3 M SHAMES ENTIRE PNP:** What is shameful is not that a mere police patrolman like SPO3 Ricky Sta. Isabel has declared in his name P20.3 million assets and properties, even if his salary is a measly P8,000.00 a month.

What is truly shameful is that, knowing this patrolman had so much money and properties in his name as shown by his statement of assets and liabilities and net worth, the Philippine National Police (PNP) didn’t even bother to investigate him how he became so wealthy even if he was receiving a mere pittance of a monthly salary.

The impression this gave to the Filipino nation which witnessed the Senate inquiry on Thursday, January 26, 2017, is that, the PNP is not bothered at all that its foot patrolmen live the lifestyles of the fabulously rich and scandalously wealthy because, somehow, it expects its rank and file to acquire wealth while they are in the service.

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**WANT TO GET RICH? BECOME A POLICEMAN:** Indeed, one of the easiest ways to get rich nowadays, as the example of SPO3 Ricky Sta. Isabel has shown, is to be enlisted as a policeman and then assigned at the anti-illegal drugs unit of the PNP.

Somehow, somewhere, sometime, in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of an anti-illegal drugs operatives, miracles would happen that would enable him or her to stumble into a veritable pot of gold which would then make him or her greatly rich.

Of course, the question here would be, what sort of miracle or pot of gold could be found at the anti-illegal drugs unit of the PNP that makes even its mere patrolmen thoroughly wealthy? Sta. Isabel’s experience would tend to show that it is by kidnapping and extorting ransom from people who had been planted with evidence to implicate them in illegal drugs. Can we believe that this is not known to PNP higher-ups?

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## Governing and looking for common ground

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May I thank Ateneo School of Government Dean Tony Gabriel La Viña for kindly appreciating our human rights lawyering efforts in his felicitous year-end Manila Standard column last Saturday. He is the son of Gabriel L. La Viña, Jr., a member of the San Beda law class of 1954, who passed the bar with a convincing 88.45 percent (!).

But, his classmate, Bobbit Sanchez, the first MABINI Boss chief and Prez Cory's first labor minister, had an even more convincing 91.2 percent (!!). But, but, their magna classmates, Florenz D. Regalado, had 96.7 percent and Bobby de la Fuente, 95.95 percent for an awesome 1-2 finish (!!!). Macoy claimed to have a higher grade but no one took his hyperbola seriously.

We just lost freedom fighter ex-Manila Hizzoner, Mel Lopez, 81, who was with us in fighting Macoy, our Ubermensch Hitler. Mel attended San Beda Grade School, 1950 when Ninoy Aquino was in San Beda Hi, 1948, which he blitzed in three years. Butz Aquino was in GS 1951. Digong Duterte, LLB 1972. All seen as Tsikboys. In Iglesia ni Duterte, several First Ladies, K na K. Were I to found Iglesia ni Saguisag, we'd compete for the Unhinged Mob. I may have to settle for crumbs.

Digong, a love-it-or-hate-it Marmite or Durian, after a rocky first semester, the bloodiest in our history following a presidential inauguration, should stop feuding and start governing as leader of 100 million plus rabbits, less governable than 1.5 million Davaoños. It is not only Davao City he is to lead. We all need to look for common ground.

Understandably, there have been rookie errors, which might have been fewer had not Digong spent/wasted a lot of time travelling to Davao, out of the country (his new travel budget is P2.1 billion, up from P300 million!), and occasionally, out of this world. And cussing and acting on wrong info.

Did Veep Leni Robredo err in vacationing in the United States while a disaster occurred in her region? In the US, when Katrina struck, Prez Bush was hit while Veep Cheney hardly figured. The presidency is where the power is. She tried to coordinate matters from the US, given he wonders of modern communication. Our Veep is far weaker than the US's and while Digong's budget was raised humongously, Leni's was even reduced. Anyway, lesson learned. The newbie is a quick study who is not entitled to Digong's "private time?"

Digong says he kicked Robredo out of the Cabinet "for attending 'ouster' rallies" to kick him out. Huh? Joke again? When and where? Where does he get his info? Such audacious intriguing presence would have been widely reported and noted, all over the world. I have been to a number of rallies but have not seen her, save in the November 30, 2016 public gathering, in the Bantayog ng mga Bayani rites honoring those who opposed Martial Misrule. We honor in such affairs the memory of the likes of Digong's Mom, who fearlessly led the rallies against martial misrule in Davao. The place also produced the likes of lawyers Zaf Respicio, Laurente Ilagan, Antonio Arellano, Marcos Risonar, et al., while Digong, like his Pa, was in bed with Macoy.

I see nothing wrong in a Cabinet member disagreeing openly with the Prez on such conscience issues as the death penalty and EJKs. Not even in foreign intervention or interference, or human rights.

On January 8, Sunday, there will be a late morning Mass in the Manila Cathedral co-organized by the Fazenda de Esperanza which sees in druggies valuable human material to be salvaged, not "salvaged" by EJK maniacs. I do not condemn, but commend, Italy and

## MAGKASANGGA TAYO

*Simbahang Catolica, nangmomolestya, mga immoral etc...*

(Reprint from last week)

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



Tama ba na batikusin at insultihin ni PDigong ang simbahang Catolica at tawagin niya ng kung anu-anong mga salita ang simbahan, ang mga pare at pati na rin mga na sa kumbento kung saan nag aaral para maging pari at kanya pang kuwestyunin kung saan napupunta ang pondo ng simbahan?

Sa aking pagkakaalam ay lahat o halos lahat ng institusyon ay mayroong sinasabing mga bad eggs, maging sa pribado, gobyerno at mismong sa mga relihiyon. Ito ay inaamin at hindi naman ipinagkakaila ng simbahang Catolica. Tungkulin ng simbahan na mag salita at magsabi ng kanilang saloobin na sa palagay nila ay mga isyu na nakakaapekto sa kanilang mga tagasunod o flock.

Bakit napaka-pikon mo PDigong at gusto mo ata na wala ng kukuwestiyon sa iyong mga pinaggagawa? Masama ba na kuwestiyonin ng isang Obispo ang nagaganap na mga Extra Judicial Killings (EJK) na sa kasalukuyan ay umabot na sa libu-libo at ni hindi naman nalulutas ng iyong PNP? Sa aking pagkakaalam ay wala namang kumontra sa sinasabing drug war ni PDigong sapagkat ito ay makabubuti sa ating lahat, ngunit kung lantaran ng binababoy at binabastos na ang karapatang pantao ay ibang usapan na yan. Ang mga pinapatay na mga suspect ay suspect lamang at mga inosente na damay daw as collateral damage ay walang sinuman ang may karapatan na kunin ang kanilang buhay. Bakit PDigong, ikaw na ba ang Almighty Digong our god?

Pagdating sa mga pondo o finances ng mga simbahan ay dapat una mo munang kuwestiyonin kung saan napupunta ang mga pondo ng simbahan ni Quiboloy ang iyong bes pren, bagamat nilinaw ng isang miyembro ng simbahan Catolica na si Father Dean ng San Beda Law School sa kanyang interview sa DZMM na ang bawat parokia ay mayoon mga sinasabing finance committees at kahit na sinong miyembro ng simbahan ay maaring magtanong o alamin ang hinggil sa finances ng isang simbahan sa parokya. Dapat sana PDigong bago mo batikusin ang simbahang Catolica ay ayusin mo muna ang iyong PNP ng hindi sila gumagawa mismo ng tokhang for ransom kung saan mismong sa Camp Crame ay nagsasagawa sila ng EJK at ayun, Koreano na tepok! At ayon pa sa balita ay mayroon pa daw another 11 cases of oplan tokhang for ransom na naganap sa Chinese Community bagamat silensyo ang marami sa komunidad na mga intsik hinggil sa nangyayari sa kanila. #

Brazil for the initiative.

Pre-Edsa 1986 (I do not recognize any other Edsa), I worked with Italy's PIME (Pontificio Istituto Missioni Estere or the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions), an Italian religious order based in Zamboanga, as I understood it, to help prosecute the weirdo Maneros in Kidapawan, together with state prosecutor Tirso Velasco, Bishop Orlando Quevedo, and FLAG's Greg Andolana and the late Sol Jubillan. I was in my early 40s and taking the two a.m. Bulilit flight to Davao and the two-hour bus ride to Kidapawan meant nothing to me then. (They'd matter now, and how.)

The paramilitary Maneros had EJKed Italian Fr. Tulio Favali. (There would be two more martyrs from this group gloriously meant to pakialam in foreign missions.) The rural legend though that the Maneros ate the brains of the deceased was not true—but, that the patriarch shot to death a son who had disrespected (nilapastangan) his mother, who was then buried in the silong of their house over which was the —→

## EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

*Seek to Understand*

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA



Ofentimes when teachers or bosses are upset to their students or subordinate, they would yell and get angry to their hearts content. Though they might be angry for good reasons, most of the time the result is negative. Being angry and yelling at someone brings resentment and fear that results to more mistake which again brings more anger that would lead to more resentment and more fear that will eventually lead to employees and students quitting.

Being upset is a normal feeling and most teachers and leaders would like their followers and learners to do better. That why they get angry a lot. But as observed, getting angry doesn't get the job done.

To be more effective in leading and teaching, teachers and leaders must seek to understand first. Talk to the student or subordinate and let him explain himself understand where he is coming from. Let them open up and figure out their mistake. If they can't figure out what went wrong then you can't point it out in a nice way. We can also tell them that the result of their action made us very upset. Telling them that we are upset in a nice way makes a better impact than yelling to them.

There are million ways of delivering message without hurting people's feelings. Let's continue finding those ways and be a better leader and teacher. #

dinner table, was.

The administration credits the less raucous New Year's rites to the Fear of Duterte; better if it was Faith in Duterte. People should preferably not have to fear a leader nor for their safety because of the illegal, and indeed, unconstitutional, Operation Tokhang, trashing the human and constitutional rights to privacy and not to speak. Shades of the Inquisition.

Traffic Digong should now focus on, to make it bearable, in Metro Manila (and Cebu). No point in cussing the Pope. Corruption should also get some attention; it is reducible but impossible to eradicate completely. It is done by improving work conditions, better, adequate pay, with pension and health care programs, not threats, of which we hear a lot, but not of positive initiatives. We cannot just EJK scofflaw pedestrians and drivers, and petty crooks. Of course, if Bato de la Rosa's Pulis Patolas, or vigilantes, EJK some lawmaker, Cabinet member, justice or judge, taipan, and the like from the elite, there would be an impact but it would still be wrong, a sin and a crime.

Bribery has been with mankind for more than 4,000 years, and hard to deal with today in an overworked, overcriticized, underpaid and under-appreciated bureaucracy; so unlike when we were young, when values, institutions and processes mattered, at a time when the cost of living was low and affordable. Honor was treasured.

There must be due process, of course. Of the thousands Digong has named and shamed in the past semester, how many will undergo some probe, which should include verifying if the one condemned is not dead? Such unkind unfair sloppiness, to blacken the memory of one very very dead, like a judge who can no longer defend himself (as he was assassinated nine Januarys ago).

The killing of innocents has been dismissed as collateral damage—of the poor, not worthy of being visited and condoled with personally and being compensated, a grave failure of Congress and the Prez. Sapagka't sila'y mga dukha lamang unable to stage a coup? Senate Prez Koko Pimentel and Speaker Bebot Alvarez should look at another human rights

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

SPS. EDUARDO C.  
DELA CRUZ and  
MARYLIN S. DELA  
CRUZ,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

DEXTER A.  
MASING,  
Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE  
CASE NO. 17-ExF-  
1961

FOR: EXTRA-JU-  
DICIAL FORE-  
CLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT  
NO. 3135, AS  
AMENDED.

X-----X

SHERIFF'S NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC AUCTION  
SALE

Upon Extra-Judi-  
cial petition for sale  
under Act No. 3135, as  
amended, filed by SPS.  
EDUARDO C. DELA  
CRUZ and MARILYN S.  
DELA CRUZ, hereinafter  
referred as the Mortgagee  
against DEXTER A.  
MASING, of legal age,  
single, Filipino citizen,  
with residence and  
postal address at Pula,  
Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet  
and presently residing in  
No. 19-A Balacbac, Santo  
Tomas Proper, Baguio  
City, Philippines, herein-  
after referred as the Mort-  
gagors.

To satisfy the mortgage  
obligation of DEXTER  
A. MASING which as of  
JUNE 14, 2014 amounts  
to SIX HUNDRED  
TWENTY SEVEN  
THOUSAND SEVEN  
HUNDRED FIFTY  
(627,750) PESOS, Philip-  
pine Currency, inclusive  
of interest but excluding  
attorney's fees and other  
expenses incidental to the  
foreclosure.

That the undersigned  
or any duly authorized

Sheriff will SELL at public  
auction on FEBRUARY 16,  
2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the  
morning or soon thereaf-  
ter in front of the Benguet  
Justice Hall, (Bulwagan ng  
Katarungan), Justice Hill,  
La Trinidad, Benguet, to  
the highest bidder for  
CASH or MANAGER'S  
CHECK and in Philippine  
currency, the hereunder  
described real property, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFI-  
CATE OF TITLE NO. 016-  
2011001162

(Registry of  
Deeds-Province of  
Benguet)

"A PARCEL OF  
LAND (LOT 1-F,  
PSD-CAR-015410)  
BEING A PORTION  
OF LOT 1, PSD-CAR-  
008039; SITUATED  
AT RURBAN CODE  
131113, BARANGAY  
OF TABAAN, MUNIC-  
IPALITY OF TUBA,  
PROVINCE OF  
BENGUET; ISLAND OF  
LUZON. BOUNDED  
ON THE W., ALONG  
LINE 3-4 & ON THE N.,  
ALONG LINE 4-1 & NE.,  
ALONG LINE 1-2 BY  
PUBLICLAND; ON THE  
SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY  
LOT 1-E OF THE SUBD.  
PLAN. BEGINNING AT A  
POINT MARKED "1" ON  
PLAN BEING S. 14 DEG.  
55'W., 6786.21 M. FROM  
TRIANGULATION  
STATION "STO TOMAS",  
THENCE S. 63 DEG. 34'E.,  
56.25M. TO POINT 2; S.  
67 DEG. 58'W., 196.81 M.  
TO POINT 3; N. 02 DEG.  
39'W., 82.48 M. TO POINT  
4; N. 83 DEG. 05'E.,  
136.90 M. TO POINT  
OF BEGINNING. CON-  
TAINING AN AREA  
OF NINE THOUSAND  
SEVEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY TWO (9,772)  
SQ. METERS, MORE OR  
LESS. ALL POINTS ARE  
MARKED ON THE  
GROUND BY PS. CYL.  
CONC. MONS. 15 X 40  
CMS. EXCEPT COR. 1 BY  
OLD BL. CONC. MONS.  
15 X 60 CMS. & COR.  
4 BY CROSS ON TREE;  
BEARING TRUE; DATE  
OF ORIGINAL SURVEY  
ON 07/19/54; DATE  
OF SUBD. SURVEY  
ON AUG. 24-25, 2007;  
EXECUTED BY ENGR.  
BRANDO G. ANDRES  
AND WAS APPROVED  
ON OCTOBER 16, 2007"

All sealed bids be  
submitted to the under-  
signed on the above-stated  
place, time and date.  
Prospective bidders/  
buyers may investigate  
the above-described real  
property regarding the  
encumbrances thereof,  
if any.

In the event the Public  
Auction should not take

place on the said date, it  
shall be held on MARCH  
8, 2017, without further  
notice.

La Trinidad, Benguet,  
this 13th day of January,  
2017.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL  
SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO  
OF BENGUET

BY: (SGD) GREGORIO  
G. TADEO  
Sheriff IV  
CP. No. 09493174138

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January 15, 22 and 29,  
2017

Republic of the  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT, BRANCH  
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(FAMILY COURT  
FOR BENGUET  
PROVINCE)

FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION  
La Trinidad,  
Benguet

IN RE: PETITION  
FOR DECLARA-  
TION OF PRESUMP-  
TION OF DEATH OF  
ABSENTEE JULIAN  
DULALAS SR. y  
SUMALPONG.

LALING DULALAS  
y BANG-ITO,  
Petitioner.

SPECIAL PRO-  
CEEDINGS CASE  
NO. 16-E-0142  
X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner, through  
counsel, filed this verified  
Petition praying that after  
due notice, publication  
and hearing, an Order  
will be issued by the Court  
declaring absentee Julian  
Dulalas Jr. y Sumalpong  
Presumptively Dead,  
pursuant to law.

WHEREFORE, finding  
the Petition to be sufficient  
in form and substance, it  
is hereby set for hearing  
on April 6, 2017 at 9:00  
o'clock in the morning  
before the session hall of  
this court, Justice Hall,  
La Trinidad, Benguet.  
All persons interested may  
appear and show cause,  
if any, why this petition  
should not be granted.

Let this ORDER be  
published at the expense  
of the petitioner in the  
Junction, a newspaper  
of general circulation in  
Baguio City and Benguet  
Province and the Cordille-

ra Administrative Region,  
once a week, for three  
(3) consecutive weeks,  
the first publication to  
be made not later than  
February 19, 2017.

Furnish copies of this  
ORDER, together with  
copies of the Petition and  
its annexes, to the Office  
of the Solicitor General; the  
Office of the Provincial  
Prosecutor of Benguet;  
and, the Philippine Sta-  
tistics Authority. Furnish  
also copies of this ORDER  
to the Junction and peti-  
tioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.  
This 17th day of January  
2017 at La Trinidad,  
Benguet, Philippines.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.  
BRAWNER-CUALING  
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates:  
January 21, 28 and  
February 4 2017

## Governing and looking... from page 5

a matter of plain and simple justice, a form of sincere poignant recan-  
tation. The Prez is pledged to do justice to everyone, including improv-  
erished victims deprived of their right to life and dignity.

We cannot have another blood-soaked semester, traceable to cops  
and soldiers who will soon get higher pay, but there is no money for  
SSS pensioners and the rest of the bureaucracy, priority being given to  
the President's travel budget, which has jumped at least seven times!  
It's not the only bloated item, as the Power of Purse is apparently now  
with the one who wields the Power of the Sword.

As candidate and Prez-elect and Prez Cory spokesperson, what  
or who I could not believe in, I would have found "incredible." This  
administration would use "incredulous," as it finds Matobato's detailed  
narrative. I would have preferred "incredible," to lessen the confusion  
in this Reign of Terror and Error. Those in the Palace should have a  
passion for precision in expression, not only for kulasisis.

See you on Sunday at the Cathedral. Stand up for life and dignity.  
No ousting anyone! But, police intelligence may again be self-cancel-  
ling or a contradiction in terms.

Instead we will pray in particular for journalist Monica Feria, who  
we lost to cancer last December 30. Joker Arroyo, who would have  
marked another birth anniv yesterday, and I, saw in her a gutsy, pro-  
fessional, fair and balanced writer during the dark years. Ergo, another  
Freedom Fighter.

## BIBAK demolition...

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The mayor said the demolition will be  
suspended until July 1 to allow the occupants  
to comply with their commitment.

The Presidential Commission on Urban  
Poor (PCUP) worked out the commitment.  
Earlier, the mayor was also informed that the  
agency will help the affected parties transfer  
to a relocation site.

The dismantling operation has been reset  
several times after the parties took the case to  
the court and later when the PCUP intervened  
for the occupants.

The Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch  
V last Oct. 28 declared as valid the demo-  
lition order issued by the city government  
and dismissed the two cases filed by the lot  
occupants aimed at stopping the city govern-  
ment from implementing Demolition Order  
No. 24 series of 2015.

The same court last Oct. 22 denied for the  
second time the petitioners' motions for the  
issuance of a temporary restraining order to  
hold the demolition.

Last Sept. 9, the court first denied the motion  
citing earlier rulings that the claimants have no  
right over the lot and thus over the structures  
they built on the area because they do not own  
the lot and their buildings were not authorized  
by the owner of the lot.

The city wanted to clear the area of the  
dwellers who the city said do not possess  
building permits and who are not members  
of the urban poor and are using their struc-  
tures for business purposes without care for  
sanitation and order.

The demolition was also supported by the  
Regional Development Council-Cordillera  
Administrative Region (RDC-CAR) and the  
DENR-CAR which said the "petitioners' occu-  
pation has no legal basis and neither can they  
qualify as beneficiaries under (Republic Act)  
No. 10023 (Act Authorizing the Issuance of  
Free Patents to Residential Lands) because the  
lot is not alienable and disposable."

The mayor said that after the demolition,  
the city will shift its focus on developing the

## Honest taxi driver...

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vehicle, thus, he immediately proceeded to the  
place where the Australian national dropped.

Upon arrival in Kalye Uno, Shields and  
his companions were about to go to the  
nearest police station when they were met  
by a smiling Cabutotan who was holding the  
left luggage.

Shields claimed the items that he left  
inside Cabutotan's taxi included his passport,  
working gadgets and pertinent documents  
he needs for his transactions in the country.

"The scholarship granted to the taxi driver  
is a gesture of my gratitude to Cabutotan for  
the big thing that he has done in returning  
my valuable luggage," Shields added.

He said the scholarship will involve  
business entrepreneurship combined with  
software development training for 6 months  
that will allow Cabutotan to work with his  
Coder Factory in Sydney, Australia once he  
will be able to successfully complete the pre-  
scribed course.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan commended  
the act of Cabutotan as heroic for being  
honest because this will sustain the city's  
identity as a home of honest taxi drivers.

"We are proud of Cabutotan's heroic act  
because it again proves that we are able to  
inculcate in the minds of our tourism front-  
liners the importance of being honest as a  
life principle which when used in their work  
enhances the city's good image," Domogan  
stressed.

Domogan encouraged public utility vehicle  
drivers in the city to emulate the good deed  
of Cabutotan because it would be an added  
factor in sustaining the influx of visitors that  
will directly benefit their source of livelihood.  
/By Dexter A. See#

property. He said a technical working group  
will be formed to work on fencing the property  
and on drafting a master development plan  
in cooperation with the stakeholders./Aileen  
P. Refuerzo#



## Mayor wants Baguio drug free...

different barangays.

Domogan asserted the government's anti-drug campaign will only be successful if the barangay residents will cooperate

in anti-drug operations so that the illegal drug activities of the remaining drug personalities will be neutralized and that the supply of the pro-

hibited drugs will also be minimized making it difficult for drug pushers and users to have access to the prohibited drugs. / By Dexter A. See#

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## EMB-CAR told to comment on solid...

the submission it made to the NSWMC was purposely for comments and recommendations but the Commission decided to approve the submitted plan without any comments and recommendations.

When the plan was submitted later to the local legislative body for approval, the council decided to suspend the implementation of a portion of the plan, particularly the item on the city's integrated solid waste management.

Further, the council wants the EMB-Car to officially comment on the proposed use of the Antamok open-pit site of the Benguet Corporation in nearby Itogon town as a sanitary landfill with a waste-to-energy component.

Under the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, all local governments are required to prepare their respective 10-year solid waste management plans subject

to review and approval by the NSWMC to solve the environmental and health hazards posed by the unregulated dumping of solid wastes in open pit dumpsites which must also be closed.

Based on the said law, local governments are also mandated to adopt alternative modes of garbage collection and disposal to guarantee the preservation and protection of the environment and the health of people living within the said communities. /By Dexter A. See#

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## Kakampi mo...

**-ooo-**  
**WHY DID GOD CHOOSE TO BE BORN HUMBLY?** The humble birth of Jesus, the Creator of all things in the heavens, is described in Luke 2:4-7 of the Holy Bible. Let us read this account of this humble coming into the world of God: "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house

and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them..." Why did God chose to be born under such humble circumstances? To show that

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even if He is the God who owns everything, He is the God even of the poor and the homeless, who should have faith in Him.

**-ooo-**  
**PLEASE LISTEN:** "Ang Tanging Daan" (The Sole Way): a Bible Exposition and prayer session online, could now be heard 24/7 (24 hours a day), in the Philippines and the world at [www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan](http://www.facebook.com/angtangingdaan). Phone: 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0977 805 9058. Email: [batasmauricio@yahoo.com](mailto:batasmauricio@yahoo.com).

# City, JHMC officials agree to work together

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan and newly-installed John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) president Allan Garcia agreed to work closely together in solving the current impasse related to the development of the 247-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) to spur economic growth in the city as earlier projected by the

State-run Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

Garcia paid a courtesy call to Mayor Domogan Tuesday and extensively discussed the role of the local government and the JHMC to make things work for the speedy resolution of the impasse in the economic zone to maximize its potentials as a major economic driver in Northern Luzon.

The new JHMC

president assured the mayor that he keeps an open mind in dealing with all the pending issues relative to the development of the economic zone to be able to find the right solutions that will allow the delayed development to push through under the present administration.

"We are happy that the new JHMC leadership is output-oriented



**ALL SET FOR CARAA 2017 GAMES** - Committee members of CARAA-Baguio brief Mayor Mauricio Domogan on updates on the preparation for the staging again here of the CARAA 2017 during a meeting at the Mayor's Office last January 25. All game venues here including the baseball competition in Wangal. La Trinidad have been readied for the meet on February 4 to 9. /By Bong Cayabyab

## No classes in Baguio...

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Education and Skills Development Authority to distribute the information widely among elementary, high school and tertiary education institutions in the city.

The grand opening parade on Wednesday will start from the Panagbenga Park in South Drive road passing through Upper and Lower Session road en route to Magsaysay

Avenue, taking a U-turn in front of the Baguio Center Mall passing through Harrison road, Burnham Lake Drive up to the Baguio Athletic Bowl.

He pointed out the public will have a better chance to view the sterling and dynamic performances of the participating streetdancers during the grand opening parade

and the grand streetdance parade when the performers will have reached Athletic Bowl because of the wider space.

However, Domogan explained the grand float parade on February 26, 2017, will culminate at the Melvin Jones grandstand as earlier planned to lessen the damage that will be inflicted on the newly rubberized track oval of the Athletic Bowl and the grassy portion of the ground. /By Dexter A. See

which is also our line of thinking for the John Hay economic zone. We need to work closely together to find the appropriate solutions to the existing problems that were left behind by the previous administration so that the desired development in the zone will be realized," Domogan stressed.

Among the existing problems that were identified by the two officials which must be addressed the soonest include the segregation of the remaining 13 barangays within the Camp John Hay watershed reservation, the finalization of the survey of the barangays that will be segregated, the compliance by both the developer and the BCDA to the 19 conditions imposed by the local government for the development of the

former American rest and recreation area and issues related to the cutting of trees for development projects within the jurisdiction of BCDA.

He claimed the local government had always been receptive to the programs and projects being worked out by the previous administrations on how to make the development of the economic zone work out but the problems worsened instead of being settled by the concerned parties of the previous administration that resulted in the filing of the arbitration case that warranted the mutual restitution of the lease agreement between the BCDA and the Camp John Hay Development Corporation (CJHDevCo).

Domogan emphasized the local government should get its share from the lease of the former

American rest and recreation center as the developer had practically used the economic zone for two decades now and the city has not yet actually gotten its share from the lease rentals because the agreement had been subjected to revisions over the past twenty years.

He expressed support to the thrust of the present BCDA and JHMC administrations for the identification of appropriate solutions to the current impasse on the development of the declared economic zone so that the city will be able to directly get its share from the agreed lease rentals while the share of BCDA should be given directly to the State corporation managing the operation of the former American military base. /By Dexter A. See#



## Probe on death of city hall employee ordered

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan ordered the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to fastrack the investigation on the circumstances that led to the untimely death of a trusted and responsible maintenance crew of the City Engineering Office, who was allegedly hit by a stray bullet during a shootout between anti-drug operatives and their high value target along Military Cut-off road, Tuesday afternoon.

The local chief executive expressed the heartfelt condolences of city officials and employees to the bereaved family and relatives of the said employee who had rendered 36 years of his life in service to the people of the city.

“We will surely extend the appropriate assistance to the bereaved family of the victim of the unfortunate incident that resulted in the untimely death of one of the trusted maintenance crew of the City Engineering Office. We need to look into the circumstances of the incident so that we will be able to ascertain those

responsible for his death to make them answer for their actions,” Domogan stressed.

Domogan claimed it is unfortunate that an innocent civilian was caught in the crossfire during a shootout that transpired between the anti-narcotics operatives and their high value target.

Miguel Delinela, 57, married, a maintenance crew of the City Engineering Office and a resident of City Camp, Baguio City, together with his co-employees, was seated at the back of the government vehicle after coming from Mines View where they had an inspection of the streetlighting fixtures in the area and were reported en route to their office.

Upon reaching the Military Cut-off rotunda, their vehicle stopped after noticing that a firefight was going on between the police operating troops and their supposed high value target.

However, the victim’s companions did not know that he was already hit by a stray bullet on his forehead and their vehicle proceeded to their office

in City Camp.

One of his co-employees opened the rear door of their vehicle to allow the victim to go out but he was surprised to see him already bloodied.

Delinela was rushed then to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) but later expired while under treatment because of a lone gunshot wound that hit his forehead and exited on the back of his head.

The operating troops were able to arrest their high value target, Michael Canara, 38 a resident of Honeymoon road and his 20-year old girlfriend, during a brief chase along the Loakan road and confiscated over a dozen sachets of shabu and several sachets of dried marijuana leaves.

The arrested high value target and his girlfriend, who is a resident of DPS Compound, and the confiscated pieces of evidence were brought to the Baguio City Police Office headquarters for documentation and the subsequent filing of the appropriate charges before the city prosecutor’s office. /By Dexter A. See#

## Improved ERS machine operations likely

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the local government is doing its best to maximize the operation of its two multi-million Environmental Recycling system (ERS) machines at the former Irisan open dumpsite to increase the volume of biodegradable waste converted to compost fertilizer and lessen the volume of

garbage being hauled out of the city to the sanitary landfill in Capas, Tarlac.

The local chief executive revealed the local government has purchased the required squeezer to be installed within the facility and the inventor of the ERS machines committed to delivering two additional boilers to increase the capacity of the conversion capacity of the machines.

fertilizer, he claimed the installation of the additional units of equipment increases its capacity to at least 96 tons.

“We want to sustain the city’s momentum in reducing the volume of biodegradable waste hauled out of the city and thus reduce hauling costs. We want to let our people know that city officials are doing something to eventually put an end to the hauling of the city’s waste outside the city and save the hauling cost for other development projects in the city,” Domogan stressed.

While it is true that the operation of the two ERS machines had not been regular in the past because of technical problems,



**SUMMER JOB FOR BAGUIO STUDENTS** - Mayor Mauricio domogan's executive secretary and Public Employment Services Office (PESO manager Jose Atanacio interviews summer job student applicants under the Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES). Indigent students applicants can now avail of the SPES program until February 28./By Bong Cayabyab

## No classes in Baguio on February 1 & 25

**B**AGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan issued Administrative Order No. 012, series of 2017 suspending classes in the elementary and high school levels, both public and private, on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 and in the tertiary level on Saturday, February 25, 2017 for the grand opening parade and the grand streetdancing parade, respectively, of the 22nd edition of Panagbenga, otherwise known as the Baguio Flower Festival.

The local chief executive issued the order after consulting with the officials of the Department of Education Division of City Schools and administrators of tertiary and technical-vocational institutions

in the city to guarantee the maximum participation of the students in the various activities lined by the event organizers.

“We have to give equal opportunities for our residents and visitors to witness the highlights of our major crowd drawing event considering that the festival is for everyone,” Domogan stressed.

This year’s Panagbenga with the theme “Inspired by Beauty, Nurtured by Nature” will be held from 01 February to 05 March 2017, where numerous traditional and community-led and government-supported activities will be conducted to boost the city’s robust tourism industry.

The grand opening parade, which will be the

elimination round for the elementary and secondary levels in the city, will be held on Wednesday, 01 February to jumpstart the bigger activities lined up for the month-long event.

The grand street parade featuring the finalists in the elementary, secondary and open categories, will be held on Saturday, 25 February and will be participated by elementary, secondary, collegiate and other participants.

Domogan tasked the City Public Information Office under the City Mayor’s Office, the Depoartment of Education Division of City Schools, the Cordillera offices of the Commission on Higher Education and the Technical

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he said the City General Services Office made sure that at least one of the machines operated alternately for the continuous production of compost fertilizer now being bought by a company.

City General Services officer Romeo D. Concio said the city is hauling out some 130 tons 150 tons of residual waste to the Capas sanitary landfill daily, thus, the improved capacity of the ERS machines in the coming months will definitely help in significantly reducing the volume of

garbage being hauled out of the city.

For this year, the local government earmarked some P85 million purposely for the hauling of the city’s residual waste to the Capas sanitary landfill and the hauling is bidded out annually.

The operation of the two ERS machines was incorporated by the City Solid Waste Management Board as an integral part of the city’s planned integrated solid waste disposal facility to be established either in the 139-hectare city-owned property in

Sto. Tomas School Area or in the Antamok open pit area of the Benguet Corporation in nearby Itogon town.

Based on the latest Waste Analysis and Characterization Study (WACS), the total volume of garbage produced in the city is 402 tons, excluding the garbage produced by SM City Baguio, Baguio Country Club, Camp John Hay and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), as these have their independent waste haulers. / By Dexter A. See#

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