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City Seeks to Reclaim Bibak Lot



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basura basura san ka ipupunta?! milyon milyong pera sa 'yo ay ginagasta! solusyon sa 'yo ay ano ba talaga?! hangga't may mananakaw!??? solusyon sa 'yo ay wala!?!???/Compliments of Ms. Grace Bandy at Facebook

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday served intention to acquire ownership of the BIBAK lot along Harrison Road here which is presently mired in occupancy issues involving barangay officials and members of the Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CPLA).

The body agreed to apply for the acquisition of the land for public needs after confirming that the lot which remains a government property cannot be transferred to the Centralized Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) Association being a private entity.

The status of the lot was again brought to the fore as the body conducted an inquiry over complaints of alleged harassment lodged by barangay officials against CPLA members occupying the BIBAK multi-purpose building built at the area during the time of the Cordillera Regional Assembly and the Cordillera Executive Board (CEB).

Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) representative Edgar Flor who attended the inquiry said the lot was plotted in the name of the Centralized Bibak Association but was not issued a proclamation as the national government cannot name it to the said association being a private organization.

Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said that since the lot cannot be transferred to the Cont. on page 9

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Four Cordi Areas Seen to Support Autonomy

BAGUIO CITY – At least four areas in the Cordillera, including Baguio City, are seen to ratify the autonomy bill, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said on Wednesday.

The mayor said this was gauged from the strong reception shown by the people of these areas towards House Bill 5595 or “An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region” which is currently being studied in the House of Representatives committee level.

The mayor said the pro-autonomy areas include Kalinga province where the bill was widely received during the Congress-Regional Development Council (RDC) information-education campaign (IEC) in the province last May 31.

The mayor said the people’s reception towards autonomy is expected to further improve as the region-wide IEC continues in the various provinces and city.

After rounding up Baguio, Benguet and Kalinga, the mayor travelled to Mt. Province last Friday to lead the consultation

After the regional level, local government units will take over and conduct IEC in the grassroots.

The mayor said the procedure employed by the RDC of scouring the provinces and city to gather inputs as bases in drafting the autonomy act was a big factor in making the autonomy bill acceptable to the people.

The mayor reiterated the benefits of autonomy foremost of which is for the Cordillera region to finally establish a permanent regional identity where it will have freedom to manage its people and natural resources, enjoy more financial benefits from the national government while retaining the existing benefits and powers presently being enjoyed.

HB 5595 was principally authored by Baguio City Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara, Kalinga Rep. Manuel S. Agyao and Apayao Rep. Eleanor Bulut-Begtang. Ifugao Rep. Teodoro Baguilat, Jr. and Mountain Province Rep. Maximo Dalog.

The bill was approved by the House Committee on Local Government on committee level and is expected to be submitted for plenary discussion after the IEC./A Refuerzo

Burnham Rental Fee Increase Eyed

BAGUIO CITY – The city government plans to increase the rental fees for the various concessionaires at Burnham Park.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday said the city needs to update the schedule of fees for businesses operating at the park to generate more fund for its upkeep and management.

The schedule of fees has also been outdated and the rates are now way below par if compared to the prevailing rates at the central business district.

The mayor said initial feedbacks indicated that most of the businesses operating at the park including the boating, bicycle and food stall concessionaires are receptive to the proposed adjustment in rental rates save for a number who are opposed.

He said negotiations are also ongoing for the increase in the monthly rental of the Ganza and Solibao restaurants from P5,000 to possibly P37,000.

The mayor said a dialogue will be conducted with the businessmen to iron out the new rates./A Refuerzo

Mayor Orders Feasibility Study on Asin Hotspring Resort Dev’t

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan has ordered the conduct of a feasibility study on the development of Asin Hotspring Resort to turn it into an income-generating asset.

The mayor formed a project study team to be headed by city budget officer and local economic and investment officer Leticia Clemente to spearhead the analysis to determine the resort’s economic and social viability.

The team is composed of city building official Oscar Flores, city assessor Augustus Medina, city administrator Carlos Canilao, city legal officer Melchor Carlos Rabanes, city treasurer Thelma Manaois, city engineer Leo Bernardez and city planning and development officer Evelyn Cayat.

The team will be tasked to prepare development proposals and related plans for the development of the property, conduct site inspection and technical assessment of the property, prepare engineering designs, architectural plans, project estimates and others to pinpoint areas for development.

The team is also expected to come up with analysis on the market, technical financial, economic and operational aspects and formulate recommendations for the holistic development and operation of the existing facilities within the property.

The mayor gave the group 90 days to submit the output./A Refuerzo

Mayor Supports Increase of Sin Tax

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed full support to increasing the excise tax on alcohol and tobacco products being pushed by the Department of Health.

Health Secretary Enrique Ona earlier sought the mayor’s support for the immediate passage of House Bill No. 5727 entitled “An Act Restructuring the Excise Tax on Alcohol and Tobacco Products” which he said will help generate funds for the Universal health Care Program of the government.

“We are supportive of the passage of measures that will constrain the youth from purchasing alcohol and cigarettes considering that such items are hazardous to their health when taken excessively,” the mayor told Ona.

“Levying excise tax to alcohol and cigarettes will definitely result to increase in the buying prices of such items thereby making it unaffordable to the ordinary citizen, thus, they will be constrained to abandon drinking and smoking.”

The mayor said the dangers of smoking and alcohol consumption have been established and even supported by numerous researches from the different parts of the global village.

“Ironically, despite our efforts to curb (these vices), many youth are still into such vices because such items are affordable in the market.”

“It is therefore our position to fully support the immediate passage of the (said) legislative measure to make cigarettes and alcohol prohibitive and beyond the reach of ordinary persons,” the mayor assured Ona.

Ona said the increase in excise tax is “both a fiscal and public health imperative” as it will deter the youth from easily accessing the said commodities and at the same time will fund the health program of the government through the additional revenue generated from the excise tax.

Ona said it was estimated that the passage of the bill will realize P60 billion in the first year and P140 billion in the fifth year of implementation.

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RDC-CAR Secom Mulls Establishing Indigenous Culture And Knowledge Center

BAGUIO CITY - The Committee on Indigenous People's Concern (CIPC) of the Regional Development Center (RDC) is mulling for the establishment of a Cordillera Indigenous Culture and Knowledge Center to consolidate, share researches, and advocate the use of indigenous knowledge systems and practices in the region.

National Commission on Indigenous Peoples(NCIP) – Cordillera Regional Director Sancho Buquing stressed the need for a center where resources and information on IKSP are readily available for planning and policy formulation apart from public use. To date, there is lack of readily available and updated data on indigenous knowledge systems and practices which is a problem among policy makers in the government.

On the other hand, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – CAR Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat, who is the vice chair of CIPC, suggested the need to have a forum among stakeholders engaged in Cordillera culture researches to share their experiences for the committee to come up with appropriate mechanisms. It is not just a matter of gathering researches but in order to establish a system, he said.

The committee plans to initially do inventory of existing researches conducted by the academe, private and non government organizations and institutions and agencies.

It also aims to establish a physical and e-libraries on Cordillera IKSP available to the public.

As this developed, Benguet State University Legal Officer Atty Matias Angiwan informed there was already an agreement forged among universities and colleges on the accessing of materials and information on IKSP in their existing e-libraries. These could be accessed particularly at the Filipina section, he added.

Representatives from the academe such as the University of the Philippines Baguio, University of the Cordilleras, Easter College, BSU including non government organizations like Ebgan, and agencies like the Department of Education committed to share their resources.

The committee also plans to formulate a five-year research agenda on Cordillera IKSP and encourage other stakeholders to pursue the research agenda.

Suggested areas on IKSP researches include a wide range of topics such as farming and livelihood, health, water and sanitation, care of women, children and elderlies, community management and leadership, peace maintenance and dispute settlement, and on climate change adaptation.

The CIPC technical working group will iron out preparatory activities on the details for the establishment of the center such as the conduct of a forum among the academe, NGOs, private sector and other institutions embarking on Cordillera researches and the benchmarking of available researches./SCA PIA-CAR/Baguio

DOE Conducts Public Consultation on Renewable Energy Safety, Health and Environment Rules and Regulations

BAGUIO CITY – The Department of Energy (DOE) conducted public consultation meeting on Renewable Energy Safety, Health and Environment Rules and Regulations (RESHERR) on June 7 here among stakeholders on renewable energy(RE) in Luzon.

The meeting aimed inform and help the stakeholders to conform to existing safety rules and regulations on occupational safety and health. Geothermal Energy Management Division OIC division chief, Ariel Fronda explained that the RESHERR is in pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9513 which is to encourage the sustainable development and utilization of Renewable Energy (RE) resources

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FREE SCHOOLING AT CITY JAIL - Bishop Carlito Cenzon Foundation Alternative Learning System volunteer and respected newshen Nonnette Bennet provides free education for at least 50 city jail inmates as part of the Baguio City Jail Management and Penology program under the leadership of City Jail Warden Severino Khita./ By Bong Cayabyab

DPWH Advises Motorists using Kennon Road to be Cautious

BAGUIO CITY - With the onset of the rainy season, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR) Regional Director Edilberto Carabbacan advises motorists to pass through Kennon Road with extra caution as the road is vulnerable to landslide and rockslide especially with the strong and intermittent rains.

Kennon road, particularly at the kilometer 3 along Tuba, Benguet was just opened to public on a one way status after falling debris closed it to traffic Thursday night.

Carrabacan though assured that DPWH personnel and equipment are always on a standby alert along Kennon road for immediate clearing of possible landslide or rockslide debris along the route.

Meantime, Carabbacan disclosed that the DPWH is still awaiting for the feedback from the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) that inspected the Kennon Road's viability for a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project to make it an all-weather road, as proposed during the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) caravan held here earlier this year.

Under the PPP set-up, the government will be contracting a private corporation that would invest in making Kennon an all-weather road and handle its maintenance through a toll-way system.

He informed that by August, the DPWH will commence a related pre-feasibility study to see the viability of the project pending the NEDA report. "We have to look at its viability first if the project would be beneficial to the government, the would-be private partner corporation and to the general public", Carabbacan said./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

DepEd-CAR Explains Benefits of K to 12

BAGUIO CITY - DepEd-Cordillera Regional Director Dr. Ellen Donato, in a kapihan media forum at the PIA Regional Office last week.

Under the 'K to 12' basic education program, the national government through DepEd would be providing 13 years of free basic education -Kindergarten, six years of elementary, four years of junior high school and two years of senior high school- to students in public schools. According to Donato, it is a wrong notion that the K to 12 program will give parents additional financial difficulties explaining that though there will be two additional years of basic education in high school, the program, in partnership with the Technical

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Twin Tracks

Even before the Impeachment Court ruled on Supreme Court chief justice Renato Corona's case, questions flooded in. They ranged from courtroom detail to policy issues.

"The robe Chief Justice William Rehnquist wore at US President Clinton's impeachment is displayed at Smithsonian National Museum of American History", emailed Leonor Lagsca of Iloilo." What will Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile do with his toga?"

Barring glitches, the Court will issue it's decision on Day 43 of the trial. The U.S. Senate took 21 days to to wind up. Impeachment of President Joseph Estrada was aborted after the "Craven Eleven" sealed the second envelop on January 16, 2001. After prosecutors stalked out, People Power II erupted.

Completing the Corona trial is an accomplishment. Who says we Filipinos don't take lessons of

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history to heart?

Sex, graft to abuse of power sparked these trials. Congress impeached the 42nd US President for perjury and obstruction of justice. These stemmed from 10 sexual encounters with 21-year old White House intern Monica Lewinsky over a 16 month period.

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman," Clinton told media. Months later, Clinton backtracked. Admitting his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong" and "not appropriate."

From Day 1 to Day 39, Corona parried charges by text messages, press releases and speeches —outside the Court. On the witness stand, he admitted nothing in a three-hour soliloquy, then walked out sans court permission. "The Chief Justice of the Republic of the Philippines wishes to be excused."

No such excuse was forthcoming. "Detained" on orders of an enraged Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, Corona pleaded illness. On reappearance, he apologized, then signed a waiver to open his dollar accounts. — after both defense and prosecution rested their cases.

Nobody bothered. "The Court is not a producer of evidence but a hearer of facts," Enrile pointed out. Smart legal whip that he is, Corona knew that. Yet, he forgot baseball ace Yogi Berra's warning: "It gets late early out there."

There were crucial turning points. Was it leaked phone tapes of Monica Lewinsky in the Clinton case?

"I was a foot away" when President Estrada signed a P500-million loan as "Jose Velarde", banker Clarissa Ocampo testified. The Jose Velarde stash once crested at P3.2 billion. Panicked attempts to assign the account to Jaime Dichavez, a presidential crony, followed. "I refused to certify it," Ocampo recalls. She testified at the plunder trial of Estrada and received threats. Ocampo joined ABS-CBN Foundation last year. This body oversees the foundation's public service projects. "No regrets," she says.

Corona had the Ombudsman subpoenaed and Conchita Carpio Morales obliged. She submitted an Anti-Money Laundering Committee report on 407 Corona transactions April 2003 to February 2012. They covered more than P242 million.

Enrile squelched defense protests by noting: The Ombudsman didn't volunteer to testify. It was the defense who put Carpio-Morales on the witness stand. "Since she is your witness, you are bound by her testimony."

Corona had until Day 41 to demolish the AMLC data and Morales testimony. He did not do so. Instead, he frittered this last window of opportunity, to needle Morales about being sore over reduced retirement grants, without proof. That window has slammed shut. "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.", Shakespeare wrote.

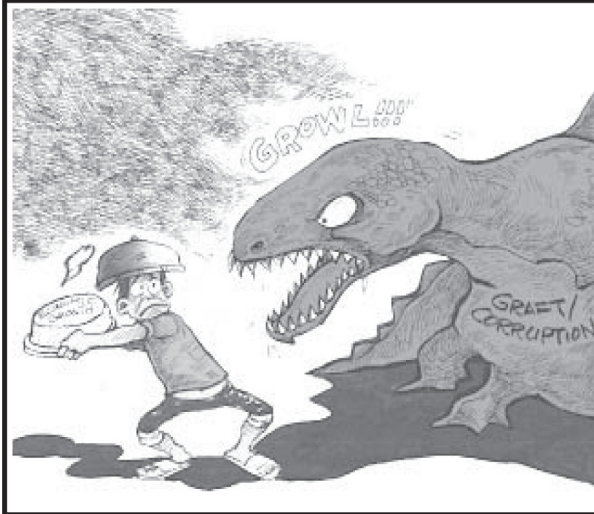
A vote along party lines failed to garner the two-thirds majority required for conviction. Clinton beat the rap. People Power "overruled a Senate majority that favored Erap."

"Consequences can be unpitying", George Eliot wrote. A day before leaving the White House, Clinton agreed to a five-year suspension of his Arkansas law license. This meant automatic suspension from the US Supreme Court bar. He chose to resign. Corona knows these "precedents".

Estrada left Malacanang on January 19, 2001 as People Power II demanded. The Armed Forces, a day earlier, withdrew it's support. The Supreme Court declared that the presidency was vacant and swore in Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

We have "serious doubts about the constitutionality of her proclamation", Estrada said before leaving Malacanang to burrow into San Juan fiefdom "I do not wish to prevent the restoration of unity and order...to begin the healing process..."

President Arroyo pardoned, on October **Cont. on page 10**



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

CJ Corona and Lady Gaga

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I was in a serious dilemma last Tuesday in Manila. That was the day CJ Corona was appearing for the first time in the hearing. And I had to make a major decision. Either listen to the impeachment hearing of Chief justice Corona over TV which was originally set to end at 10 pm. Or watch Lady Gaga's concert set to start 8 p.m. that same evening.

Thankfully, the impeachment hearing was cut short with CJ walking out of the court room late in the afternoon. So I had both CJ in the afternoon and Lady Gaga that evening at the "Arena" of the Mall of Asia. Both, by the way, were exciting and hard to miss.

Lady Gaga has left. And the "Coronavela" is about to end. Soon, everyone back to normal. We'll see!

TAMING LADY GAGA --The protests and rallies against the popstar's concert in Manila, I think, succeeded in "taming" petite Lady Gaga. Her off -the -cuff remarks during her 2-hour show about respecting "culture" showed that she got the message that we Filipinos have certain values we hold dear and cherish. She told her fans that she loved Manila and promised to come back. The Flipiniana motif in some of her costumes, although still skimpy and generous to the eye, was evident. I was worried all throughout the show about her 10 inch or so heels. She could trip or stumble with her movements, but no, she was like floating on stage. I was surprised though that she mentioned at one point a threat that she would be shot in Jakarta. That's a cue that maybe she will skip the Indonesian leg of her Asian tour. Next stop is Thailand. A Davaoena musical artist, Kookie Maglana who is in Bangkok shrieked a loud welcome in her FB blog.. wheeeeeee!

LIBEL FORUM --- The forum on decriminalization of libel in Gen. Santos city went successfully with the whole force of media practitioners and some sectors present. City Chief Prosecutor Edilberto Jamora gave inputs on libel and its legal nuances. Atty. Prima Quinsayas gave updates on the Ampatuan cases pending . Publisher - Editor John Paul Jubelag was chief organizer. The rounds on the issue will continue in other parts of Mindanao.

In Cotabato, Gary Fuerzas, president of a media group organized to protect practitioners under threat sent word they also wish to meet in Kidapawan City for the same forum.

MEDIA --Efforts of media persons to upgrade their working conditions and address accountability issues are now getting better focus among the practitioners themselves. They have seriously started to deal with how internal policing of their ranks can also be upgraded.

In Pagadian City , Zamboanga del Sur last week, I attended the launching of a media cooperative that will help them. Chairman Jong Cadion is leading this initial effort. Earlier in the year, the Tagum, Davao del Norte media group also organized their cooperative. Knowing the travails of journalists, I have somehow committed to help in every way I can.

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CSC now Accepting Applications for Oct. 27 Test

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - The Civil Service Commission (CSC) is now until September 21 applications for the October 27, 2012 sub-professional and professional examination.

Ruben Wacas, CSC Field Office Head for Kalinga and Apayao said they expect 600 applicants from these two provinces who will be taking the exam here, which has been identified as a testing center.

“Part of our present policy is to bring down our services to the provinces so that everyone has the chance to participate,” he said.

He said the Commission tries to maintain testing centers in the provinces to help examinees take the exams without necessarily spending going to regional and central examination centers, and avoiding inconveniences.

“With the support of local government units, we try to professionalize the civil service by extending to those in far places the privilege of taking the exams particularly those employed who have no eligibility,” Wacas said.

Last May 27, 420 out of 440 applicants took the exam held at Sta. Marcela in Apayao – 313 for the professional exam and 107 for the sub-professional. It was the second time that the CSC exam was held in Sta. Marcela through the request of Vice Mayor Evelynne Martinez, Wacas said.

He reminded examinees that CSC is very strict now. Credentials are verified and the “No ID, No test” policy stands, he stressed adding five examinees last May 27 at Apayao were disqualified because they had no ID.

He said aside from checking the submitted requirements, new procedures were adopted by the Commission to ensure the integrity of the examination./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

DOLE to orient Ifugao contractors on RA 6685

L A G A W E , DOLE Ifugao -The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said he already made here scheduled an orientation meeting with DPWH Ifugao District Engineer Albert Gahid regarding the meeting together with several contractors in the province. He said that R.A. 6685 is the law requiring private contractors to whom na-

DepEd-ALS Program Gives Hope to 5 Street Sweepers, Young Single Mother

BAGUIOCITY - Five street sweepers and a young single mother were among the 388 Department of Education Alternative Learning System (DepEd – ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test passers in Baguio City who received their diploma in a simple but meaningful graduation rites at the PFVR Gymnasium, here, Friday.

DepEd – Baguio School Division Superintendent Mary Lang-ayan led the confirmation of the graduates and the distribution of their diploma, as-

sisted by ALS – Baguio Educational Supervisor Arthur Tiongan and other city officials headed by Congressman Bernardo Vergara and Mayor Mauricio Domogan.

Marilyn Dammit Agpes, a 63 - years old mother of nine, is among the five Burnham Park street sweepers who passed the secondary level of the ALS A&E exam. She was assisted and cherished by her children and grandchildren during her graduation.

Agpes, in an interview, expressed her gratitude for the program and those who have helped her

168 Drop outs Pass acceleration and Equivalency Test in Mt. Province

BONTOC, Mt. Province - A total of 168 drop outs in the province have passed the Alternative Learning System Acceleration and Equivalency (ALS A & E) test.

Of the total passers, 26 passed the elementary level who are now qualified to enroll in high school and 142 are high school who are qualified to enroll in college.

According to Susan Aminor, Education Program Supervisor for Alternative Learning System of the Mt. Province Division Office, there were 815 high school and elementary ALS learners who took the ALS A & E test last year. There were actually more than 1,300 out-of school youth and children who registered to take the test but some were not able to take test due to the typhoons that hit hard the province rendering some roads impassable during the exam.

Aminor said the result of the 2011 A & E test has improved compared to 2010 which had a total passers of 86 with only one elementary passer.

She said the Division office issues certificate to the ALS A & E passers which they present in the school where they intend to enroll.

The A & E test is given annually to out-of-school children and youth to give them a chance to go back to the formal education./JBS/PIA CAR-Mt. Province

NEDA-CAR Calls for Nominations for the 2012 Search for Outstanding Volunteers

BAGUIOCITY - Nominations for 2012 Search for Outstanding Volunteers is now underway, and the National Economic and Development Authority – Cordillera is calling for volunteers to submit nominations before the July 31 deadline.

The search held annually aims to recognize the exemplary performance and dedication to service of Filipino volunteers in building strong communities across the country through volunteerism.

The regional search committee spearheaded by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), is chaired by NEDA-CAR.

The Cordillera region has reaped three national volunteer awardees in the past, the Philex Mining Corporation in 2009, Marcelo Abela in 2010 and Cristina Segnaken-Aban in 2011.

As indicated in the guidelines, the search is open to all individuals of Filipino citizenship and Filipino volunteer organizations that currently provide volunteer assistance in the Philippines.

The search has two categories, the National Outstanding Volunteer Award (NOVA) and the Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award (VLAA).

The NOVA is a recognition conferred to outstanding volunteer individuals and organizations chosen from among regional qualifiers.

To qualify, the nominee must be 15 – 30 years old under the youth category and at least 31 years old for the adult category at the time of submission of nomination.

As to track record, the individual nominee should be providing volunteer assistance consistently in the aspect of socioeconomic, civic and humanitarian programs or projects in institutions or communities for at least three years for the youth category and at least five years for the adult category.

Membership to volunteer organization or institution registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or registered by the PNVSCA or duly recognized by an accrediting government institution or recognized as a volunteer by communities, groups or institutions served is another criterion.

Under the organization category, it is classified into non-profit and corporate. The organization should be providing volunteer assistance consistently for at least five years for non-profit and at least three years for corporate.

It should have been formally organized with SEC registration and/or duly registered by the PNVSCA or granted accreditation by government or non government organizations duly recognized by government or is informally established

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Mayor Appeals for Cooperation to Ease Traffic

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan Wednesday, during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser appealed to residents here to help ease traffic in highly congested areas of the city by cooperating with authorities.

This, as heavy traffic greeted commuters last week during the opening of classes in the Central Business district (CBD) and alternate routes of the city.

Domogan said, residents who have private vehicles should not park in barangay roads especially during rush hour to avoid clogging.

‘Parked vehicles are aggravating the traffic we are already experiencing’, He said citing barangay roads being used as private parking areas.

Domogan said, he has already directed the traffic management branch of the Baguio City Police office to strictly enforce the implementation of the ‘no parking’ ordinance in city streets and barangay roads.

‘I have already talked with the barangay officials to help inform their constituents regarding the situation, I hope they cooperate’, he said.

‘I also appeal to school service vehicles and private cars not to park in junctions and city streets while waiting for their wards’, Domogan stressed.

Major roads undergoing repair and rehabilitation has also contributed to the traffic experienced by motorists and commuters.

Asked for the possibility of widening the city’s major roads, Domogan said, it is possible if it is part of the road right of way’.

‘We all know that the city was planned to accommodate 25,000 thousand people only’, he said.

Presently, the city’s population reaches approximately 400,000 thousand excluding students who comprise a major heap of the city’s population during day time./paul rillorta

Toshiba Company Adopts Portion of Ifugao Rice Terraces

BANAUUE, Ifugao -The Toshiba Information Equipment Philippines, Inc. (TIP) located at the Special Processing Zone in Binan, Laguna signed a Covenant with the Ifugao provincial government adopting some rice terraces at Barangay Batad for its maintenance, protection and preservation.

TIP Executive Vice President Isao Morita and Vice Presidents Hirofumi Sato and Nobuyuki Inukubo led about 50 Japanese executives and employees arrived in this town on June 7 for the launching of the “Adopt-a-Rice Terrace Program”.

According to Marietta Hangdaan of the Ifugao Tourism Office (ITO), the Adopt-a Terrace

Program is a strategy conceptualized to address the abandonment of the scenic Ifugao Rice Terraces by its owners and farmers due to its poor or inadequate livelihood opportunities for the education, health and social needs of their children and families.

The program aims to give assistance to the farmers or owners of the rice terraces and support them as they continue to till their rice terraces, support the restoration of the abandoned and damaged rice terraces, explore avenues for rural and urban interaction and create awareness both local and international of the importance of the rice terraces and the Ifugao culture.

She disclosed that she posted the idea in the local and interna-

tional websites some years ago calling for help from generous or interested people or companies to help in the protection, preservation, maintenance and promotion of the Ifugao Rice Terraces which is declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO for its ecological and socio-cultural significance.

Luckily, the Toshiba Company responded through its Corporate Social Responsibility Component (CSR) under its Environmental Group headed by Engineer Justine Ann Ehora. She came to the province last May to conduct ocular inspection and selected Barangay Batad and Viewpoint as the areas to adopt and to conduct their CSR activities.

They agreed to launch and sign

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HPGCOR IN GOOD HANDS!!! - Photo at right shows The Junction Staff/Researcher Orwen Trazo getting a briefing from P/Sr. Supt. Jaime Sacayanan Macarilay (DSC), the new Regional Chief of the Highway Patrol Group Cordillera Administrative Region (HPG-COR). Welcome to the Cordillera Administrative Region, Sir!!!

PhilHealth rolls out Animal Bite Treatment Package for members

BAGUIO CITY - Another good news for Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) members. PhilHealth has just rolled-out an Animal Bite Treatment (ABT) Package for qualified members and their beneficiaries.

PhilHealth Cordillera Regional Office (PhRO-CAR) Information Officer Maggie Del Rosario, in an interview, disclosed that through the initiative of their President and CEO Dr. Eduardo Banzon, and in support of the National Rabies and Prevention and Control Program, members and their beneficiaries are now also covered for animal bite cases, particularly for the cost of Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) treatment.

According to Del Rosario, the ABT package offers members and their beneficiaries a maximum of P3,000 worth of health benefits against rabid animal bites primarily for dog bite victims. But it also includes cases that involve other domestic animal such as cat, livestock animals such as cows, pigs, horses and goats, as well as animals such as bats and monkeys and covers wound treatment, anti-rabies vaccine, rabies immunoglobulin, anti-tetanus, and antibiotics if needed.

Del Rosario stressed that aside from actual animal bite, the package is also open to members who were scratched and have wounds that pierced the flesh and bloodying, or having wounds infected by saliva or fluids by rabid animals, or those rabies-infected by holding or having close encounter with a dead rabid animal.

She explained that the ABT package can be availed by members through consultations of confinement to PhilHealth accredited Animal Bite Centers.

Based on the Department of Health- Center for Health and Development Cordillera (DOH-CHD-CAR) data, animal bite treatment centers in the region include the Baguio City Health Services Office; Abatan Emergency Hospital, Kapangan Medical and Community Hospital and La Trinidad Rural Health Unit in Benguet; Ifugao General Hospital and Potia District Hospital in Ifugao; Kalinga Provincial Health office and Western Kalinga District Office in Kalinga; Bontoc District Hospital and Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital in Mt. Province; Abra Provincial Health office and La Paz District Office in Abra; and Apayao Provincial Hospital Hospital, the district hospitals of Apayao, Conner, Flora, and the Pudtol Rural Health Unit in the province of Apayao.

The data further showed that animal bite is also one of the top ten causes of morbidity in the region.

For more information about this new health care benefit of PhilHealth, Del Rosario said members can always go to Philhealth offices, or ask their municipal/provincial/city health officers, or the community health teams in their locality./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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THE WEEKEND JUNCTION

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

RODOLFO BECYA,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

REVELINDA B. BARENG,
Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: 12-ExF-1572

FOR:
EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, as amended

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
Upon extra-judicial petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of real mortgage, under Act 3135 as amended, filed by RODOLFO BECYA, with principal place of business address at Tabangaoen, La Trinidad, Benguet,

herein referred as the Mortgagee for the satisfaction of the obligation of REVELINDA B. BARENG, with residence and postal address at Marymount Compound, La Vista, Quezon City, herein referred as the Mortgagors, in real estate mortgage duly executed on May 10, 2011.
Thant as of 06 June 2012, the above-named mortgagor, REVELINDA B. BARENG, indebted to the mortgagee in the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND P E S O S (P 219,000.00), Philippine Burrency, including penalties, and charges, notarial fees and other necessary expenses incurred by the Mortgagee in the enforcement of the Extra judicial Foreclosure Case and other incidental expenses of the foreclosure proceedings.
That the undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at Public Auction on 10 July 2012 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 the Philippine Currency, the mortgage real property including all improvements erected thereon to the following described properties to wit:
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-61500 REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF PROVINCE OF BENGUET
"A parcel of land (Lot 1-B-2-A, Psd-CAR-013684), being a portion of Lot 1-B-2, Psd-012195, Rurban Code of 131110. Situated at Barangay Pico, Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by along line 3-4 by Lot 1-B-2-C, both of the subdivision plan; and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 1-B-9 (Road Lot 6.50 m. wide) Psd-CAR-012195. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being N.13 deg. 40'W., 2380.32 m. from Triangulation Station "LIMESTONE", Baguio Townsite, thence N. 85 deg. 25'E., 9.64 m. to point 2; S. 12 DEG. 18'E., 11.50 m. to point 3;

S. 85 deg. 25'W., 9.64 m. to point 4; N. 12 deg. 18'W., 11.50 m. to point of beginning. Containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) SQUARE METERS more or less. x x x x x x.
All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. Interested/ Prospective buyers/ bidders may investigate to the titles themselves the properties herein above-described encumbrances thereof, if any there be.
In the event that he said auction sale in the state date, time, and place shall not proceed, it shall be held on 31 July 2012 without need of further notice.
La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 14th day of June 2012.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET
By:

By: (SGD) JOSELITO F. SALES Sheriff IV
cc . RODOLFO BECYA REVELINDA B. BARENG

Publication Dates : June 16, 23 and 30, 2012

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

PHILIP PUCAY
Applicants
Case:99-01-1411
NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience with Conversion to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Fed Engine to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on on June 27, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Paolet, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.
At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.
Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and may, if they so desire, appear during the hearing.
This application shall be acted upon by the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidence submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to resolve additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER, Regional Director this 11th day of June 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR Attorney IV

Walter William's Journalist's Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

I believe in the profession of Journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno www.linisgobyerno.org

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association, the city government might as well acquire it for public purposes.

The body also approved the motion of Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia for the DENR to conduct an investigation to find out the extent of occupancy of the building and land.

The Office of the President will also be requested to appoint the city government as manager of the multi-purpose building while its status remains in question.

Councilor Joel Alangsab said this would settle the confusion on who has the authority to manage building and settle the rift between barangay officials and CPLA members staying in the building.

It was informed that the authorization earlier issued by former Presidential Assistant Undersecretary Renato Diaz to the CPLA to occupy the building has been rescinded but the members remained in the area.

Harrison-Carantes punong barangay Helen Medina complained before the body that CPLA members are even leasing out portions of the building and are harassing barangay officials who hold office in the building for their barangay hall.

CPLA Abra Zone 1 commander John Blue said the matter has been addressed in a dialogue brokered by Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently and assured that the CPLA members complained against had been advised to observe proper conduct and respect the barangay officials.

The renting out of spaces was also clarified during the dialogue and the city mayor did not pose objection as the proceeds of the lease was being used for the maintenance of the building.

Blue also committed to inform stall owners leasing out spaces in the building to comply with the business permit requirement of the city.

After hearing the sides of the parties, the body on motion of Councilor Edison Bilog voted to request the DENR to allow Harrison-Carantes barangay to set up office at the pemises upon application of the barangay.

The body also adopted Councilor Philian Louise Weygan-Allan’s suggestion for the City Zoning Board and the permits and licensing division to conduct an investigation and close all existing businesses in the area which do not comply with city ordinances.

The said lot used to house the dormitory for students from the Cordillera region previously managed by the Centralized Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) Association.

Two buildings were said to have been constructed on said lot in the early 1960’s and were managed by the BIBAK Association as a dormitory for students from the Cordilleras.

The management of the buildings were turned over to the then Ministry of Human Settlements-National Housing Authority.

In 1983, the city engineer issued a demolition order to pave the way for the construction of student housing facilities by the said agencies but the planned demolition was aborted with the abolition of the MHS-NHA.

In 1990, the CEB caused the construction of the BIBAK multi-purpose building on the site of the former dormitory but there was no record of a building permit for said

structure.

In November of same year, the CEB turned over the building to the Office of the National Cultural Communities but the Cordillera Regional Assembly continued to occupy the facility.

In 2006, former mayor Braulio Yaranon ordered the demolition of a structure being built on the lot based on the complaint of then BIBAK Students Dormitory Inc. president Constancio Manglan.

On the same year, the municipal council of Tuba town in Benguet passed a resolution inquiring from the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Land Management Bureau on the status of said dormitory site with the hope of reviving the project to help Igorot students facing hardship in renting boarding houses./A Refuerzo

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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serve a good purpose to be cited as part of the congressman's achievements in Congress in his campaign leaflets during elections! Never mind if that bill never got approved and just doomed in the congressional archives!

I remember the controversial statement of our late Speaker Monching Mitra who disparagingly commented – with some amount of truth -- that congressmen would quickly sign even on toilet paper, evoking images of lobbyists approaching congressmen for their signatures even in comfort rooms!

I began to appreciate then that we didn't really need new laws. There are already enough laws in the statute books. Some however need revisiting and updating. The more laws there are, the more complicated our normal lives will become.

TIDBITS.... This is time of the year when every family with schooling children gets squeezed with school opening expenses. Hard times!

.... A friend's young son is sick with cancer in a Manila hospital. My friend, "Bolabs" is an ordinary, upright bureaucrat whose salary is just enough. Cancer treatments surely drain those already meager family resources. Any kind souls? Let me know ASAP.

... AGAD Inc, a golfers' group in Davao was commissioned by the Davao city chamber of commerce to run and manage the forthcoming golf tournament in conjunction with the Investment Conference (ICON) here in Davao. Watch for it!

Republic of the Philippines
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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

ROMEO NGAWA

Applicants

Case:87-01-407

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extensionh of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - GREEN VALLEY (DONTOGAN) and Vice Versawith the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on June 27, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRRB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVIER-Regional Director this 11th day of June 2012.

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

Editorial

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leaders are hobbled by their tremendous self esteem, their encyclopedic legal knowledge, they forget that that the basis of law is moral.

“Were she cognizant of this, she would have joined the majority vote in the Senate. Like so many power holders, she flaunted power. This is one major flaw of most Filipinos even the common security guard who finally holds a gun often forgets the great responsibility that that weapon has given him.”

Santiago’s “tantrums left an indelible mark, Columnist Pinol observed. Some ask if she is psychologically fit to become a member of the ICC.

Soldiers and police must undergo neuro-psychiatric tests to ensure they do react violently without justifiable reasons. So should judges, so they’ll be level-headed in reaching judgment.

To further judicial reforms, this administration should require judiciary applicants to undergo such tests. The San Francisco advocacy group must not just single out Santiago.

ICC rules do not demand such tests, Santiago notes. But there is the higher bar of honest self-appraisal. Would an ICC justice say, “I request the secretariat to record in the journal that I said, ‘Wah! Wah! Wah!?’/Juan L. Mercado

Mayor Supports

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He said the said amount will be used to finance enrolment of families in PhilHealth and finance the construction and upgrading of hospitals, rural health units and barangay health centers.

Ona however said the bill will not kill the country’s tobacco industry citing the situation in Thailand which he said now has a successful taxation experience while reducing smoking rate moderately.

He said that another advantage of the current bill will be that the allocation of the tobacco excise tax revenues will now be distributed to all provinces instead of being limited only to tobacco producing areas through the universal health care program.

“DOH requests your good office to consider your position on HB 5257 as a reflection of your commitment to improve the health of the Filipino people,” Ona said./A Refuerzo

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Baguio City

ONOFRE DE MESA

Applicants

Case:98-BC-614

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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Attorney IV

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Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), will provide students technical-vocational (Tech-Voc) skills that would make them employable even just after graduating high school.

“It is actually an additional two-years of free education that would provide students employable tech-voc skills that would help them get a job even after graduating high school. In addition, in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), college courses will also be shortened as some college subjects will already be downloaded to the senior high school under the program”, Donato stressed.

TESDA-CAR Regional Director Yolanda Olano also stressed that with the K to 12 Program, tech-voc subjects or skills will be embedded to the program and aside from such skills that they will learn and accredited for, students will also have the opportunity to take and pass the TESDA National Certification Program, which is now an accepted credentials of Filipinos seeking work abroad.

CHED-CAR Educational Supervisor Menzie Kuengan, on the other hand, explained that some countries especially in Europe and America do not recognize the country’s 10 years of basic education, as the Philippines is only among the very few (two or three) countries that is still using it, and this serves as a disadvantage for our migrant workers.

‘This is already a work in progress as the DepEd, TESDA and CHED are now planning together to ensure that the program would primarily benefit the educational system in the country and especially our students’, DONato said./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

DOE Conducts

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tion against hazards to health, life and property as well as pollution of air, land and water in all the RE project”, he said.

According to Fronda, RESHERR will apply to all RE Service/Operating contractor and other entities, whether government or private engaged in RE Operations. It will also cover all activities related to exploration, development and utilization of RE resources and manufacturing, fabrication, and suppliers of locally-produced RE machineries, equipment, components and parts.

Participants to the said meeting are representatives from the Luzon Hydro Corp., Central Azucarera de Tarlac, AP Renewable Inc., SN Aboitiz Power, E-Power, Euro Hydro, SCPC, Pan Pacific Power, HEDCOR, Inc, EDC, Kadipo HPC, First Gen. Hydro Power, APRI-MAKBAN, Local Government Units of Ilocos Sur, DOLE-CAR, PRC-MAGMA, SKI-Geothermal, KBHPC, Northwind, SHAPES, PANENERGY Corp., BENECO, National Power Corporation, SLU-Mining, AP Gen.

Other DOE officials present during the said consultation meeting include DoE Renewable Energy Management Bureau director Mario Marasigan and Mr. Josefino Adajar who presented the RESHERR, as well other DOE staff./JDP/MC-PIA CAR

DOLE

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projects are to be undertaken, and penalizing those who fail to do.

He added that although R.A. 6685 was approved and took effect in 1988, compliance to its mandate by contractors seems to be forgotten so no one was ever penalized so there is a need to reiterate its implementation with the directive given by their DOLE Central Office.

Gumabol explained that while the law states that at least 50% of unskilled and 30% of skilled labor requirement must be locals of the area, but where the number of available resources is less than the required percentages provided, said requirement shall be based on the maximum number of locally available labor resources which fact shall be certified by the municipal, city, provincial or district engineer as sufficient compliance with the labor requirement under the Act.

Exempted under this law are labor used or to be used for the manufacture of prefabricated construction materials and other materials premade outside the place of the project implementation and skilled manpower utilized or to be utilized for the preparation of engineering designs and project plans and layouts.

Also excluded projects are any scientific project of a highly technical nature, all defense and military installations which fall under security requirements and any public works project that may be assigned to and which can be undertaken by the engineering battalions of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

However, where such strategic projects are to be undertaken by private contractors, the same shall require the clearance and permission of the Chief of Staff of the AFP and or the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology and the contractor requirement shall apply.

Gumabol said that public works as defined under this law refer to national, provincial, city, municipal and barangay projects including but not limited to roads, schools, power and water systems, piers, airports and similar projects.

For compliance to R. A. 6685, the contractor or subcontractor shall post in conspicuous areas to be specified and designated by the proper district, provincial, city or municipal authorities a notice in either Filipino, English or local dialect that local residents are needed for the project.

Applicants shall bring their voter’s identification card or any reliable document of identification or submit verification from the barangay captain or any other member of the barangay council in the absence of the barangay captain to prove that they are bona fide and actual residents of the locality where the project will be undertaken but the applicants must pass reasonable performance requirements of the contractor.

The contractor or subcontractor shall also submit to the district, provincial, city or municipal engineer among the requirements for every progress billing a certificate of compliance duly sworn to including the list of names of residents hired from the locality where the project was undertaken and failure to do so without good cause shall be penalized by a fine of P20 thousand for the first offense, suspension for one year from participating in public works bidding for the second offense and perpetual disqualification from participating in public works bidding for the third offense./DBC/PIA-Ifugao

DepEd - ALS Program

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higher education.

“I am very happy and grateful to have a high school diploma now, not only for me but especially for my child”, Dooc said.

ALS – Baguio Educational Supervisor Arthur Tiongan, disclosed the Baguio achieved an average passing rate of 80.9 percent, the highest in all ALS division in the region. 388 of their total 603 examinees have passed the October 2011 ALS A&E Test.

For the elementary level, they got a 100 percent passing rate with all of their 40 learners passing the exam. For the high school level, 348 of the 563 passed the exam for a 61.81 percent passing rate.

Tiongan, also disclosed that ALS A&E passers will have the same privilege as those who graduated from formal school. Elementary level passers could now enter high school and those who passed the secondary level could also now enroll to a higher educational institutions or pursue a technical/vocational courses.

The ALS A&E Test is a paper-and-pencil test designed to measure the competencies of those who have not finished either the formal elementary or secondary education. Passers of this test are given a certificate/diploma, certifying their competencies as comparable to graduates of the formal school system.

It is a program of the DepEd, through the Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS) and designed for an elementary dropout - who is at least 11 years old on or before the day of the test, and a high school dropout - who is at least 15 years old on or before the day of the test, and undergraduate older people who wish to have an elementary and high school diploma./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

NEDA-CAR

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but is recognized as a volunteer organization by communities, groups or institutions it serves.

For the Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award (VLAA), this is a recognition conferred to an individual volunteer of Filipino citizenship or Filipino volunteer organization or a local chapter of a foreign volunteer organization serving in the country.

Nominee must have been engaged in consistent volunteering activities for at least 25 years, attained national status and recognition in the field of volunteerism, recipient of national and international recognition/awards, plays a significant role or contribution in promoting volunteerism and possesses the capability to mobilize others to support volunteer causes, and serves as a role model through a positive representation of volunteerism as a development resource.

Deadline of submission of filled-up nomination forms will be on July 31, 2012 at the NEDA-CAR Office located at Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City.

For further details, visit the RDC website at www.cordillera.gov.ph or the PNVSCA website at www.pnvsca.gov.ph or call NEDA-CAR at (074) 424-1422./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR,Baguio

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Indicators Survey, 16% of the estimated 39 million Filipinos between 6 to 24 years old are Out-of-School-Youth (OSY).

“This translates to 6.24 million OSY or one out of eight Filipinos aged between 6 to 24 is an out-of-school youth,” he said.

He noted that the survey also revealed that the foremost reasons were: 1) high cost of education; 2) employment/looking for work; and 3) lack of personal interest.

“These data is indicative of the need to make education more accessible to the students,” he said.

The minority leader said he is hopeful that this incentive will encourage deserving but underprivileged students to study and work harder to excel academically in order to qualify for a full scholarship until they graduate./Office of Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano

Independence Day from page 12

go unpunished, he said, and should be a warning to all. He thus asked everybody’s cooperation in maintaining peace and order; and urged members of the PNP to work diligently with the citizenry as such, that they can proudly declare: “Pulis Ako, Pulis Nyo Po.”

Magalong also recalled that a hundred and fourteen years has passed since our forefathers waved the first flag signifying freedom from foreign rulers, in Kawit, Cavite. “It was the day when our forefathers proclaimed: ‘Yesterday is the last day I was deemed a down-trodden being in my land of birth. Today, I proclaim my being an individual, God’s creation, someone free to dream and toil towards the achievement of such aspirations!’ “ he said.

Magalong, however cautioned against being comfortable in this freedom, bought by our forefathers’ blood and sacrifices. We also have to look for our countrymen who are bound by poverty and hardships due to other people’s greed and unkindness, he said.

The independent day speaker is a Baguio boy; born, bred and schooled here in the city, and currently assigned as Regional Director of the Provincial Regional Office-Cordillera Camp Bado Dangwa in La Trinidad, Benguet.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan meanwhile spoke on liberty being “the best thing that we have in this country,” and thus, being hard-earned, should be instilled in our hearts, action and spirit. We should be responsible citizens with the accountability to protect the path towards freedom with righteousness in every thing that we do and say, the mayor said.

“Freedom is a double-edged sword which could help to build, help and serve but could also destroy. We should use it to accomplish what we should against poverty, criminality, traffic, garbage, squatting, laziness, illiteracy, and hunger in the city,” the mayor said.

We also have the flag which continually reminds us of love, truth, equality and patriotism, as seen in the red, white and blue colors, accentuated with the yellow stars and sun, he added.

In us runs heroes’ blood and genes of greatness as we move towards the future using our freedom to work for what is good, he ended.

Congressman Bernardo Vergara echoed this in his message as he urged the citizenry to “make our lives worthy of the heroes, martyrs and patriots who died for us.”

Meanwhile the celebration of Independence Day goes on until the end of June with the viewing of the first flag at the Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine, Salud Mitra Barangay. Clean-up drives, tree-planting, and sports activities shall go on, sponsored by corporate and civic groups at different venues, as with the birth anniversary celebration of Dr. Jose Rizal next Tuesday, June 19 at the Rizal Elementary School and Baguio City National High School Rizal Annex./juliiegianza

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the covenant under the Adopt-a- Terrace Program on June 8 in Barangay Batad, where the major rice terrace clusters to be adopted were located. The areas were selected by Barangay Captain Romeo Heppog and are owned by Inyuya Chog-ap, Jose Pahigon, Moises Ambojnon and David Chuccar all in Batad and Maximo Aguian which is located in Barangay Viewpoint.

In the Covenant they signed, Toshiba agreed to assist the farmers and owners of the rice terraces that they adopted in the restoration and maintenance of their rice terraces by providing financial assistance and other support services, conduct regular visitation to the rice terraces and participate in the maintenance and rituals being conducted during the agricultural cycle and help promote these heritage sites as an avenue for the improvement of the lives of these indigenous people.

For their part, the rice terraces owners and farmers will be responsible for the restoration and maintenance of the rice terraces for a bountiful harvest, notify and invite the Toshiba group for every major activity during the rice cycle, give 10% as token share of the harvest to Toshiba and to inform the Provincial Government of the schedule of every major activity during the rice cycle for documentation purposes.

During the launching, Toshiba donated tools consisting of 8 lever bars, 8 spades, 6 sledge hammer, 20 plastic pails, 2 (10x15) tarpaulin canvass, 5 rakes and P20,000 checks each to the rice terraces owners that they adopted as assistance in cultivating the fields.

After the launching and signing of the covenant, the Toshiba group participated in the planting of the rice seedlings to the prepared rice terraces fields and experienced some of the intricacies of the rice terraces farming system of the Ifugao people witnessed by members from the Ifugao Tourism Office, local government officials of Banaue and the Ifugao Cultural Heritage Office staff.

The group earlier conducted information campaign on environmental awareness to the pupils of Banaue Central School and while hiking the trail towards Batad, the visitors also planted trees along the way to enrich the watershed of the rice terraces./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

BFAR to put up Agri - Pinoy Fish Mart in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) is set to launch the Agri-Pinoy Fish Mart here in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

In launching the program, BFAR through their Cordillera Regional Office, held a fishery development consultative meeting with local chief executives (LCEs) from the different provinces in Cordillera at the Asian Fisheries Academy of the National Integrated Fisheries Technology Development Center (NIFTDC) at the BFAR compound in Binloc, Dagupan City, Pangasinan on Thursday.

BFAR Bureau Director Atty. Asis Perez stressed that the said activity aims to build a stronger partnership with fishery sector staeholders in Cordillera, which includes concerned government agencies and local government officials, to have an actual program on what fishery and marine products are available here in Cordillera and on what products are needed or local stakeholders want to be brought in and on how it can be brought fresh and at reasonable prices.

As a land-locked region, Cordillera has the least production as far as fishery sector production is concerned, which according to Perez the Agri-Pinoy Fish Mart hopes to to address - to make fish products available and affordable, as well as to create local job opportunities.

Based on BFAR-CAR data, from 2000 to 2011, Cordillera has yet to breach the 10 percent fish sufficiency level.

Perez disclosed that the program also aims to help in addressing the iodine-deficiency concern of the region. Fish and marine products are rich and natural source of iodine.

According to him, BFAR has already crafted initial plans for fishery development in the Cordillera such as the putting up of a complete marketing chain from the producers to the consumers in the region.

Perez also discloses that the BFAR NIFTDC also have an state of the art facility to process, immediately froze and preserve the freshness of fish/marine products which they can deliver through refrigerated, in hoping to ensure adequate and fresh fish/marine supplies at reasonable price.

Under BFAR’s initial plan, for this year they hope to establish 10 fish marts in Cordillera which will include provisions of chest freezers and display racks.

During the consultation, BFAR also provides the participants with orientation on some fish/marine products, cooking demo and food tasting./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Water System Rehab at City Hall Proposed

BAGUIO CITY- The city council last week approved on first reading the proposed resolution of Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda for the immediate rehabilitation of the water system at city hall.

In the proposed resolution, the councilor requested the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), City Building and Architecture Office, and other concerned offices to repair said water system and impounding facilities.

A water containment facility and a supply system has earlier been installed within city hall to provide adequate water for cleaning purposes.

Wear and tear however has eroded the sytem, affecting its efficiency and safety.

Councilor Tabanda stated in the proposal that an inspection and assessment of the facilities should be done the soonest so that funds could be sourced out and scheduled. Said facilities should be repaired to allow rainwater impounding, thus, be in harmony with resource conservation.

Councilor Tabanda has been consistent in proposing for such environmental-friendly projects, including rainwater impounding in the schools, households and the barangays to conserve water. This is also in response to climate change, which is being felt globally.

Due to the urgency of the matter, the proposal is expected to be tackled very soon in the council./juliiegfianza

Lawmaker Seeks Wider Access to Tertiary Education for Top Students of Public High Schools

Senate minority leader Alan Peter Cayetano has asked the national government to provide more deserving public school students easier access to tertiary education.

He said it is the State's duty to ensure that quality education is accessible to all regardless of the economic status of students.

He filed Senate

Bill # 3225 entitled the Iskolar ng Bayan Act of 2012, which aims to help outstanding graduates of national high schools to gain access to college education.

"The bill seeks to enable students of public high schools who graduate among the top ten of their class to earn full scholarships provided by

the government in the state college or university of their choice," he said.

Cayetano said he expects some 24,905 top ten students from the public high schools to benefit yearly, providing them the opportunity to pursue their dreams of a better life armed with a college education.

He lamented that according to the 2010 Annual Poverty

ships provided by

Independence Day Messages

BAGUIO CITY- Freedom from pessimism and the ability to accept the need for positive change is Independence day speaker Police Chief Superintendent Benjamin Magalong's message last Tuesday at the Baguio Convention Center.

Speaking in Filipino and in consonance with the theme, "Kalayaan: Pananagutan ng Bayan Para sa Tuwid na Daan" (Freedom:

the Accountability of a Sovereign Nation of Responsible Citizenry), Magalong mentioned his department's recently being in the spotlight for misdeeds committed by some irresponsible members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Despite of this, he said, the PNP shall continue to fight corruption and crime within the ranks and bring to the fore,

genuine change as to President Benigno Aquino Jr.'s vision of transparent and good governance.

This, he added, is being brought nearer to the goal through the PNP Integrated Transformation Program thru the Performance Governance System: a thorough process which would bring to justice any erring top-ranked or lowly employee of the organization. Wrongdoing and corrupt practices within the government should not

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THROUGH BLOOD AND TEARS - Members of the Baguio City National High School Special Program for the Arts present an interpretative number on how our forefathers fought and died for the independence of our country during the 114th Independence Day Celebration held at Baguio Convention Center June 12./ Bong Cayabyab

City's ESL Near Realization

BAGUIO CITY- an alternative site for an Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) is being considered by the city government here to address the garbage problem.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed the possibility of purchasing a land outside the city could serve as an ESL site once the ESL project in Ampucao, Itogon Benguet will not push through.

This as the South Korean Firm, DOHWA Engineering Co., Ltd which is said to fund the Ampucao ESL is having second thoughts in continuing with the same due to the slow issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

Domogan said, 'he still supports the planned establishment of the ESL in Ampucao, Benguet being a 'feasible site' and hopes that everything will be ironed out between the local officials and the community'.

It can be recalled

that residents of Salangan, Ampucao earlier opposed the project and asked for a Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) to be conducted first by the South Korean Firm and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and that everything about the project will be disclosed both negative and positive effect it might pose to the community.

The South Korean Firm earlier planned to grant a \$30 million fund for the establishment of an ESL on a 23-hectare facility capable of converting waste to energy and also to recover recyclable materials which would last for 25 years.

The host community will also be entitled to tipping fees during its operation.

Local Officials including Mayor Domogan has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) and has jointly endorsed the realization of the project.

Domogan said, 'the Ampucao ESL could benefit the BLISTT and could be a long term solution to the garbage problem affecting not only Baguio City but the whole region as well'.

With the project stalled, Domogan said, the city will continue to look for an alternative site that is suitable for the permanent solid waste disposal system of the city.

'It could be better if we have a landfill within the city, but we lack space', Domogan Said.

He further added that a possible site has already been scouted and that the only thing lacking now is 'Social Acceptability' before anything can be started.

'If this will push through, we can also accommodate the garbage of the municipality where it will be located', he stressed./paul rillorta

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