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Chiz Files SALN with Waiver, Urges Peers, Bets to Follow

Senator Chiz Escudero submitted to the Senate secretary his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) Thursday to beat the April 30 deadline and with it a signed waiver on secrecy of bank deposits in line with his transparency challenge issued earlier to public servants.

The Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (RA 6713) requires all government officials and personnel to submit sworn SALN documents within 30 days after assuming office and not later than April 30 every year thereafter.

Along with his SALN submission, Escudero said he is reiterating a challenge to his peers in the Senate and candidates for the elections next month to execute bank secrecy waivers to give the Office of the Ombudsman

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*Bakit si Senator Chiz Escudero
 handang ipakita ang kanyang kapa-
 manan, kayang nga ibang kandidato at
 politiko, kaya niya rin ba, puma na
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BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



What's Common on These Common Poster Areas? Unlike the previous elections, we seldom see oversized posters. Is this because the candidates are ALREADY abiding by the rules, or this just shows the general condition of our economy? Photo by G. Tesoro

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Cut Discretion, Red Tape, to Reduce Graft

Equating discretion to corruption, Senator Chiz Escudero said the results of the Report Card Survey (RCS) of the Civil Service Commission showing some 150 government offices miserably mired in red tape was a testament to the deep-seated culture that breeds corrupt practices in government.

"I have always advocated that discretion equals corruption and cutting red tape is putting a stop to discretion," Escudero said.

Based on the RCS, those who failed the efficiency test were offices of the Government Service Insurance System, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (Butuan City branch), Philippine Postal Corp. (Butuan City branch), National Bureau of Investigation (ARMM and Butuan City branches), Bureau of Fire Protection (Baguio City branch) and eight branches of the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

The study was conducted by the CSC last year.

Escudero said red tape has been a persistent problem that hounds every administration.

"Discretion multiplies at the same rate that an official's signature is affixed to a document, thus, reducing red tape is in itself removing invitation to corrupt practices," he said.

"In a technologically advanced paperless world, it's a big mystery why it is still necessary to have an average of 10 signatures on documents to transact with the government and to have the signatories decide on the fate of the person seeking to avail of government service," Escudero lamented.

Residents Take Hold of Titles, now Legal Owners

BAGUIO CITY – The Land Registration Authority (LRA), Registry of Deeds here has awarded land titles to applicants been waiting for it for some time now.

Around 27 Administrative Patents were awarded, bulk of which come from Free Patents, 3 Townsite Sales Applications (TSA) and 3 under Certificate of Ancestral Land Titles (CALT) during Mondays flag raising ceremonies. Atty. Noel Aperocho who heads the Registry of Deeds handed over the titles to: Winston Casiwan, German Mendoza, Marietta Sap-ay, Almira Cuyo, Noly Navalta, Teresita Celestino, Delia Alican, Janet Aguilar, Guillermo Ambos, Jr., Alice Papcio, Alice La Pena, Dominador Marzan, Concepcion Eusebio, Elvira Deuda, Mariano Bernabe, Jr., Reynaldo Charcoogan, Cristina Donglayan, Micielo Gracia Opana, Araceli Nucum, Claire

He said that while many private now transact business online, those that seek to secure permits or licenses still face the ordeal of carrying bundles of documents to be signed or initialed by up to 30 government functionaries in some cases.

Escudero cited the RCS result on 11 BOC regional offices nationwide in which only its main office in the Port of Manila earned a "good" rating.

"Discretion is involved in the evaluation and determination of what shipments to withhold or release, what cargos should undergo x-ray inspection, what items will have to be imposed additional requirements on top of the basic set of what is required under the law," Escudero said.

"There are several areas that Customs bureau should identify where discretion is present to allow the crafting of a law to lessen it," Escudero said.

"It is the job of the Senate to improve the system through legislation to reduce the instances of red tape in Customs bureau and in any other agencies," Escudero added.

He said that agencies should veer away from resorting to publicity campaigns in improving their image instead of actually improving the services they render.

The CSC survey was based on front-line services delivery, service quality, physical working condition, and overall client satisfaction on government offices.

Licawen, Risiambrit Dela Cruz, Alphaniza Manipon, Veronica Santiago, Carmen Kayachen, Generoso Arto, Annie Agkiwing and Erdolfo Ocampo.

He was assisted by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Vice-Mayor Daniel Farinas and other city officials.

During the distribution of the titles, Domogan said, 'more titles should have been awarded to actual occupants if the Revised City charter was not vetoed by the president.'

Domogan also said, 'the revised city charter could 'speed-up' the processing of pending Townsite Sales Applications in the city now numbering 5,000.

It can be recalled that President Benigno Aquino III vetoed the revision of the 1909 City Charter which local officials say could have addressed numerous land problems in the city including the boundary dispute between Baguio City and the Municipality of Tuba.

'Hopefully, we can find a remedy for it so pending applications will be acted upon,' Domogan said.

Officials here still believe amendment to the city charter is long overdue and badly needs revisions to conform to the present situation of the city./paul rillorta

City Nets 21M Biztax Surplus, Highest in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY – The Bureau of Local Government Finance, Cordillera Administrative Region (BLGF-CAR) has cited the City Treasury Office for attaining the highest increase in Business Tax Collections in the region here.

The BLGF exercises administrative and technical supervision and coordination over the treasury and assessment operations of local governments including Baguio.

The award signed by BLGF-CAR ICO Regional Director Ricardo Cawed was conferred to said office thru ICO City Treasurer Alicia Onoza last April 17 at the Skyrise Hotel and Restaurant.

The Local Treasury Office's Business Tax collections pegged at 175 million last year has been surpassed by 21 million, so far the highest entire the Cordilleras.

City Officials headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan commended the office of the Treasurer Monday for its Signalized Pedestrian Lanes, Creation of Traffic Office Pushed

BAGUIO CITY – The Traffic and Transportation Management Committee (TTMC) on Monday pressed for the approval of the signalized pedestrian crossings along Session Road and the creation of a traffic and transportation office in the city government to better address traffic concerns in the city.

TTMC member Engr. Teodorico Tan on Monday explained the benefits of the proposed signalized pedestrian lanes before the city council saying it will address the concerns of both the pedestrians and motorists.

Earlier, the TTMC chaired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan was torn between reopening and maintaining the closure of the pedestrian lane on the lower part of Session Road.

The city police traffic division under Sr. Supt. James Allan Logan opposed the reopening citing adverse effects to the traffic flow considering the lane's proximity to a major intersection.

But a clamor from senior citizens, barangay officials and business establishments prompted the city council to ask Domogan to cause the re-opening of the pedestrian lane.

Tan said the TTMC cautiously weighed the pros and the cons and eventually acquiesced to reopen the lane provided that the signalized pedestrian crossings project will be implemented.

The signalized pedestrian lane project will cover four main pedestrian crossings along Session Rd and will cost P6 million.

The aldermen asked the TTMC to submit a breakdown of the project cost and re-

achievement during the Flag raising ceremony in front of City Hall.

Domogan said, 'the cooperation of business establishments in their prompt payment of taxes has contributed greatly in attaining and even surpassing the city's target collections.'

Recently, the CTO awarded the top business tax payers in the city namely, SM Prime Holdings, Inc., Mainsteam Business Inc., Super Value Inc., Baguio Country Club, Pilipino Cable Corporation, Team Philippines Energy Corporation, Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc., San Miguel Brewery Inc., Kintetsu World Express Phils. and Goldrich Corporation who were also acknowledged this month.

As of April 22 this year, the CTO has already netted 207, 094,660.83 million from Business Taxes and other fees which is seen to surpass these years target./paul rillorta

Dads to Tackle Garbage Hauling to Clark, Urdaneta

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will tackle the waste hauling deals with the ESL facilities in Capas, Tarlac and in Urdaneta City on the regular sessions on Monday.

The body invited the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) led by chair City General Services officer Romeo Concio and Metro Clark Waste Management Corporation general manager Rolando Tongco to shed light on BAC Resolution No. 13-08 recommending the award of the ESL services to MCWMC.

The body also invited a representative from the Urdaneta City ESL and N4th Enterprises relative to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the city and N4th Enterprises that would allow the city to haul out its wastes to the Urdaneta facility. The said MOA is up for confirmation by the city council.

Council committee on laws chair Councilor Richard Carino sought the discussion to clarify concerns and guide

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turned the project to the council committee on public utilities and suggested that while the project is still under study, the city police implement the reopening of the pedestrian lane.

The body also promised to consider a proposal to set up a traffic and transportation management office in the city government and asked Tan to submit a recommended staffing pattern to supplement a pending proposal for said purpose.

Tan said the creation of a separate office will bolster efforts to improve the traffic situation in the city./A Refuerzo



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Mayor Suspends Implementation of Roadside Inspection, Testing & Monitoring Team

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan issued Administrative Order No. 054, series of 2013, suspending the implementation of the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) under the Clean Air Monitoring Unit (CAMU) of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO).

With the city's strict implementation of the provisions of Ordinance No. 061, series of 2008 also known as the "Clean Air Ordinance of the city of Baguio", numerous complaints emerged from private and public vehicle owners as to the credibility of the results of the conduct of roadside testing and the results of smoke emission tests from various licensed private emission testing centers in the city. Even several new motor vehicles released by manufacturing companies fail to pass the test of the RITMT despite the fact that these are newly manufactured units.

Because of the inconsistencies on the smoke emission machine readings of both the accredited Private Emission Testing Centers (PETC) and the city's RITMT, it has created confusion and several contention among the private and public utility motorists.

The manner of the testing during the RITMT operations are also being questioned since they are not allegedly experts in such field.

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man a free hand to look into questionable bank accounts both here and overseas.

"Even in the absence of a law, candidates particularly those running for Senate seats have the obligation to execute bank secrecy waivers to observe the standard that was applied to former CJ Renato Corona by the Senate impeachment court in issuing a guilty verdict that led to Corona's removal," Escudero said.

Legislators and those aspiring to be members of Congress would adhere to the principles of transpar-

A Technical Working Group (TWG) was then created to review, evaluate and assess the policies and procedures of the RITMT vis-à-vis the operation of the PETS in the city. The chairman is City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacsamana of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), members will be representatives from the Environment Management Bureau Cordillera (EMB-CAR), Department of Transportation and Communication Cordillera (DOTC-CAR), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Public Transport Affairs Office Cordillera (PTAO-CAR), Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Cordillera (TESDA), Taxi Group, Jeepney Group and all PETCs.

Said TWG will submit their findings and recommendation to the mayor after a thorough review, evaluation and assessment of the policies and procedures.

Mayor Domogan expects that the conduct of review, evaluation and assessment of the policies and procedures of the RITMT will effectively and efficiently address the valid complaints being raised by private and public utility motorists against the operations and to ensure that loopholes shall be corrected immediately before the resumption of its operation.

The RITMT under the CAMU of the CEPMO stopped its operation last week./ Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

ency by filing their SALN and with it a waiver on secrecy of bank accounts, Escudero said.

He said candidates for elective positions should make it a commitment to Filipino voters the execution of the secrecy waiver as proof of their honest intent in rendering public service and as an assurance against theft of public funds.

"The challenge on transparency should not be treated as child's play. Those who consider themselves as leaders do not need to be prodded to do something right," Escudero said.

"I think signing the secrecy waiver is an obligation that each of us should do in the coming days prior to the elec-

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Political ad for Rocky Balisong, Baguio City. Paid for by Rocky Balisong

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the body in its actions relative to said ESL services.

BAC Res. No. 13-08 dated Feb. 15, 2013 recommended the award of the ESL services to the MCWMC after the Tarlac facility lowered its tipping fee from to P550 per metric ton.

The BAC reassessed the total costs of ESL services for both facilities based on the new rates and found out that MCWMC's services would entail lower tions," Escudero said.

"Those who have nothing to hide has nothing to fear from my transparency challenge," he added.

cost at P1,350 per ton as against the P1,522 that will be spent for the Urdaneta facility.

"(The) hauling of waste at the (MCWMC) will be advantageous to the City Government of Baguio since this will mean a total savings of P172/ton more or less," the BAC Resolution noted.

On the other hand, a proposed MOA between the city and N4th Enterprises that would allow the city to haul out wastes to Urdaneta facility from Dec. 12, 2012 to Dec. 11, 2014 is pending before the body.

As per the MOA signed last Dec. by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Flores, the city can dispose 150 tons of residual and mixed solid wastes daily to the Urdaneta facility through Flores at a tipping fee rate of P972 per ton./A Refuerzo

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Now Is The Perfect Moment

I am on a ferry boat from Cebu on its way to Hilongos, Leyte. It has been some time since I have taken this route to reach Maasin, Southern Leyte, which is my final destination for today. My age does not encourage me to do traveling like this anymore. After all, I had to wake up at 3 am to be in the airport by 4 am, then take off for Cebu by 6 am. When we dock at Hilongos, I still have an hour of driving to get to Maasin, making today an air, sea and land trek. But this is the Philippines, and traveling can be an adventure in itself.

From the airport early in the morning and in between meetings in Cebu, I have been looking at the news from print, TV and cyberspace. Even the kind of traveling I am doing now, it is most possible to stay wired to domestic and global developments. Truly, it is the dawn of the 21st century, even for our country, the long - struggling third world member making a great effort to leap forward. It is not just technology, it is a people blessed with great talent that can use the present and emerging technologies.

Poverty has kept most Filipinos in darkness far too long. But the moment is turning history towards a freedom so long overdue. The reduction of pov-

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erty has not been short of fantastic, less because of the leaderships of the controlling institutions but more from a magnificent effort of the poor as represented by Overseas Filipino Workers. From economic classes D & E that used to comprise 90% of the population, OFWs are slowly but surely pulling themselves up by their bootstraps and creating the emerging middle class. And the collective optimism generated by a fresh presidency seen internationally as honest and consistently supported by the vast majority has catapulted the performance of the Philippine economy to a rare position - somewhere at the top of the world.

Filipinos who are stuck in deeper poverty may not have the opportunity that the upper portion of the D class had from the global need of labor and services, but government and a more enlightened business elite will be more focused in being the big brothers they never were before. The Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) is a reflection of government resolve, from the Executive to Congress, that the poor will find more support. The very idea of a Magna Carta for the Poor tells us of a perspective whose time has come. Even though the proposal has not found fruition into law does not mean it will not. In an amended form, it will. It will simply because it's time has come.

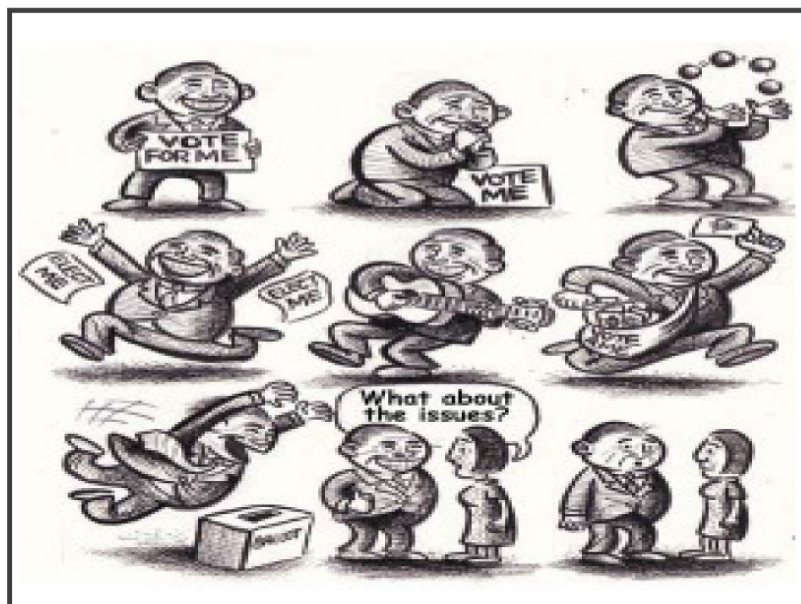
Government did not start having a new look at the poor on its own. Private sector efforts and global influence have done their part in awakening government, and the upward movement of tens of millions of OFWs and their families is proving that a more spread out purchasing power can boost our economy. If government and big business want the newly declared investment grade status to bear fruit, they have to reach down to the left behind poor and lift them up with generosity and determination. Global investors will not be as cooperative as before in investing in countries where the poor will pay the price for their profits. The times are simply different, and a new generation is introducing a new ethical standard for doing business.

The age of information means transparency, not just more data. Information by itself is unnecessary baggage because there is just so much of it today. Information has to be processed and it is almost automatically happening. With a little guidance, the processing will produce intelligent insights. Transparency is not really about information but more about intelligent conclusions - the basis of insights. That is why transparency breeds reforms, not just makes available more information.

Intelligent conclusions from transparency is reshaping the very foundation of human understanding, lifting it from superstition to intelligent belief. Faith is not about believing because someone says so, but because there is an intuitive affirmation from many sources in life that makes the faith solid even if inexplicable. Faith is not about darkness, it is about truth - incontrovertible truth that the human soul understands. The journey from transparency to wisdom is a powerful pathway. From our deepening understanding of the environment and life's ecology, to the growing desire of the youth to build a better world, the human ethos is being refined.

Again and again, I am reminded to be grateful, that special men and women have come to bless me with their kindness, their courage, and their nobility. Because of them, I did not tire from the pursuit of a personal and collective destiny. Because of them, we will build a new and strong nation, from the bottom up, from the top down, with the courage to care, with the promise not to leave the poor behind.

We must not wait for the government, we must not wait for the Church. Our obligation as citizens and as men of faith belongs to each one of us, not to them. In the final analysis, there is no government without us, there is no Church without us. At the end of time, we will be judged not by the volume of complaints we made but by the good we did for others. Today, then, is the perfect moment to do more./ By **Jose Ma Montelibano**



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

GETTING THOSE BASTARDS!

BY: JESUS DUREZA



These last few days, I was having some routine treatment at the **Davao Doctor's Hospital** strapped — and immobilized — to a dextrose bottle. So I was glued all the time to the TV. And saw on **CNN** the minute-by-minute, blow-by-blow account of how two brothers, the bombers of the **Boston** marathon, were cornered and were being made to pay for their dastardly acts.

Guess what was running through my mind all that time: **GETTING OUR OWN BASTARDS, TOO!** If only we could also successfully mount the same operations here and get our own murderers and bombers, too.

But then, that might be wishful thinking just yet. Sorry to say but we are **NOT YET** attuned, equipped, trained, united, determined, etc, etc and ready to mount a similar or at least, close to what the Americans showed to the world during those few critical days.

I noted a few "fundamentals" in the **BOSTON** massive operations that resulted to the killing of one bomber and later the arrest of his younger brother who hid inside a parked boat in a backyard of a residential neighborhood.

This may serve a critique of how we, **LOCAL**, do things, calling to mind the tourist bus **HOSTAGE TAKING** in Manila (which was fully covered by media as it happened) and other incidents. I may be over simplifying things — or exaggerating — but I will still give it a try. And sorry, this may be at our own expense. And for those who will not agree with me, take this with a grain of salt.

Let's go over my own checklist (initial of 10 items) and see where and how we stand if faced with a similar crisis, how **BOSTON** did it juxtaposed with our usual **LOCAL** ways of doing things:

- 1. BOSTON:** All the operating units, national and local showed coordination and cooperation. It was one cohesive operation. **LOCAL:** each operating unit wants to get the credit, at times even keeping information and not sharing with other agencies and operatives. In some cases, hiding vital info, wanting to get the reward money for its own.
- 2. BOSTON:** All residents complied and stayed indoors when requested during the search and pursuit operations. **LOCAL:** people rush to the site of the action and crowd even critical areas to witness the action out of curiosity. We are fondly being called "osyoseros" with kibitzers and bystanders right at the front lines.
- 3. BOSTON:** Politicians, like the Boston Mayor and the Massachusetts Governor, although appearing to be not the best of friends, closed rank. **LOCAL:** Political rivals avoid each other's company and skip being around when the other guy is already on the ground.
- 4. BOSTON:** Volunteerism from citizens. A phone call from a resident that blood was found near a parked boat in his neighbor's backyard led to the capture of the 2nd suspect. **LOCAL:** No one wants to give information for fear of being involved too or afraid of retribution by the bad guys in the days to come. "Huwag tayong maki-alam baka masali pa tayo" is our usual stand.
- 5. BOSTON:** Everyone wants to help and appeals for cooperation were the first call. **LOCAL:** Cash reward money immediately announced and dangled as incentive for citizen cooperation.
- 6. BOSTON:** Periodic media briefings to prevent undue speculation and inform the worried public of the status and updates as they develop. **LOCAL:** Media briefings seldom, if at all done, and only called when the crisis is over, leaving media to fight "tooth and nail" for information for their anxious audience.
- 7. BOSTON:** Media networks, like **CNN** although up front, were circumspect and very careful with their handling of what they release to the public as the crisis was in progress. Their anchors were professional. **LOCAL:** It's a circus and a rat race amongst

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Disobedience causing continuing poverty in RP

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you... The Lord will send on you poverty, dissension, and failures in everything you do, until you are destroyed..." (Deut. 28: 15, 20).

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ARREST ENFORCERS DISREGARDING TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Somebody should arrest traffic enforcers, in Metro Manila or in any other place, whether from the Philippine National Police or from the MMDA or from any local government unit, who contravene, disobey, or countermand, traffic signals.

I am especially referring to traffic enforcers who stop traffic when the lights are signaling green or go, or who direct motorists to go on when the lights are red or signaling them to stop. These traffic officers are not simple lawbreakers. They are instruments of the evil one in encouraging motorists and all other people who see them disobey the traffic signals to be disobedient, rebellious, and lawless and anarchical.

My point here is this: if people and police authorities, and traffic enforcers as well, cannot even obey a simple traffic signal, how can we expect them to obey laws pertaining to other more important matters in our collective lives? If we encourage people, police authorities and traffic enforcers to be disobedient and rebellious in simple rules, would they not become disobedient and rebellious in more important things?

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SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITIES REQUIRED BY GOD: We have to remember that men and women everywhere are mandated by God to be obedient to authorities at all times. We are all prohibited from fighting our leaders, officers and authorities at all times, because these authorities, leaders and officers were all established as our authorities, leaders and officers by God Himself.

In Romans 13:1-2, it is there written: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves."

Peter 2:13 says Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them." In Titus 2:9, the Bible says: "Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them..."

In Hebrews 13:17-18, it is said: "Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

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DISOBEDIENCE CAUSING POVERTY DESPITE ECONOMIC BOOM: This rebelliousness and defiance of even the most insignificant laws—like traffic directions - among our people have been causing hardships and difficulties, even when the government says the economy has been booming and taking off wonderfully since President Aquino took over in 2010. Just read the headlines of the Manila dailies on April 24, 2013, which all proclaim that "poverty level in the Philippines unchanged since 2006" and you will see this.

God, through the Bible in its Deuteronomy 28:15 and 20, promised that if we continue refusing to listen to Him, continue refusing to read His Bible and disobey His commands, especially the commands to obey the laws and our leaders, the curse of poverty will continue, and will in fact kill many unbelievers everywhere.

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Domogan ang Kailangan at Wala ng Iba! Tama Kayo Jan!!!

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Subukan nating talakayin ang iba't-ibang mga kombinasyon sa kasalukuyang mga kandidato para sa dalawang pinakamataas na posisyon ng lungsod. Ang sigaw na Jomol para sa daang matuwid at iwaswasto at itatama ang taung-taong kamalian na pinagagawang ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ni Domogan. Ayon naman kay Domogan, siya ay subok na sa pagbibigay ng serbisyo publiko, at kung mawala siya ay baka matigil ang kaniyang mga scholarship (simpleng black mail at panakot sa madla) kung saan nagbibigay siya ng siete mil o Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000) kada semester para sa mga deserving students.

Sabi naman ni Go, pag siya ang nahalal ay dodoblehin pa niya ang halagang 7K at gagawin niyang 14K ang mga scholarship. Pangako naman ni Vergara mas maraming eskuwelahan at mga imprastraktura para sa mga Barangay. Sabi ni Aliping, na tuloy na tuloy ang mga scholarship, no problem at lalawakin pa niya ang mga serbisyo na dapat na mapunta sa mamamayan ng Baguio.

Ayon naman kay Jomol, bibigyan niya ng isang tunay at maayos na solusyon ang kasalukuyang mga problema ng lungsod at pati sa pamamaraan ng multi-sectoral consultation. Katulad halimbawa ng problema ng basura, at hindi isang 128 Million na ERS na kasalukuyan ay nakatiwang-wang at lalung-lalo nang hindi isang paghahakot ng basura papunta sa ibang probinsya kung saan milyun-milyon ang kinikita sa korapsyon. Bakit mga dear readers, nakalimutan na ba ninyo si dating Mayor Bautista na sumikat dahil sa tambak-tambak na basura at hindi niya binigyan ng kaukulang solusyon ang city waste disposal, at sa halip ay ginusto niya talaga na mag hakot at mag transport ng basura palabas. Alam naman nating lahat na ang laki ng gastos sa paghakot ng basura palabas ng Baguio at **napaka ganda ng kita!** Tanungin po ninyo si kasalukuyan na tumatakbong para konsehal na si Atty. Ron Perez na siyang dating Secretary ni Peter "Basura" Rey Bautista; alam na alam ng taong ito ang laki ng gastos at kita sa paghahakot ng basura at malamang ay alam din ito ng kasalukuyang na tumatakbong Konsehal na si Joderek Bautista (ang pinsang buo ni dating Mayor Peter "Basura" Rey Bautista). Tanungin niyo po sila.

Ayon naman kay Domogan, siya ay subok na subok na at wala ng makakagawa ng kanyang mga nagawa, at para sa tuluy-tuloy na progreso ng Baguio, si Domogan ang kailangan. Kung sabagay may katwiran si Domogan. Bakit nga naman natin siya papalitan samantalang siya ay naging 4 terms Mayor at 3 terms Congressman (21 years pa lang, bitin pa, sana umabot ka ng 50 years as Mayor of Baguio). Isipin naman ninyo, mga dear readers ang lawak ng kanyang kanyang kanyang kanyang katalinuhan, lawak ng kanyang kagalingan, lawak ng kanyang kabaitan, etc. etc. Eh kung ikokompara natin si Domogan sa mga ibang kandidato, aba eh walang binatbat ang ibang mga kandidato. Walang makakatapat sa tinagal-tagal na termino ni Domogan. Kahit si dating pangulong Marcos hindi umabot ng 21 years! At kapag nanalo uli si Domogan ay 24 years na! Kaya ang malaking katanungan ay, **BAKIT O BAKIT PA NATIN KAILANGAN PALITAN SI DOMOGAN???????**

Si Jomol walang bad record sa serbisyo publiko at good record sa pribadong sektor at sa mga NGO, at ayon sa maraming mga tao ay isang maaasahang na lider at ang kanyang puso at damdamin ay para sa mahihirap at para ayusin ang mga problema ng lungsod. Ngunit sa kabilang banda, ikompara naman natin ang mga accomplishments ni **HARING DOMOGAN, THE ONE, THE ONLY, ANG MAGBIBIGAY SOLUSYON AT SALBASYON SA MGA tanga este TAGA BAGUIO. OK, TAYONG MGA KAMPON (subjects) AT THE COUNT OF 3 - 1 * 2 * 3 *, SABAY-SABAY TAYO**

PALSIIT

Sapay Koma ta saan a Banana Equals Saba

BY: LEONARDO ROSQUETA AGUNOY



NALPASEN ti rinnupak ti politica. Sapay koma ta nadalus ti pannakaisayangkat ti panagpipili. Kunada, adu kano ti naisayangkat a vote buying. Asino kadagiti kandidato ti saan a nagatang iti butos? Asino kadagiti umili ti saan nga immawat iti kuarta manipud kadagiti kandidato?

Nalabit, adu ti maibagatayo kadagita. Uray met iti biang dagiti umili. Ngem, naulimekda, a. Apay koma ngamin nga agsaoka ti kinapudno no immawatka met ti kuarta ti politiko? Ti ketdi yamanentayo, adda pay laeng dagiti makuna a di mapurar iti sileng ti pirak. Adda dagiti am-ammotayo ti dina kinayat ti nagbutos ta kunana, ti nalungso a bunga ti kamatis no ilaokmo iti nasayaat pay laeng ti luomna (kalalainganna), iramanna a madadael daytoy. Kasta met ti pammati 'toy gayemantayo a dina kayat ti painagan. Pinilina ti di nagbutos. Aagsipud ta dina kayat a mailaok ti timekna iti timek dagiti nabayadan (dagiti kandidato a nabayadan iti butosna). Rumrummuar ngamin a nakaro unayen ti vote buying. Mapan sa ketdi a pudno ti termino a kandidato a kas met dagiti kandidato/kandidata kadagiti popularity contest a pakapilian ti mapadayawan nga ari/ari bai (king and queen). Prinsepe/Prinsesa. Popularity contest ngamin daytoy. Kas koma ti mapasungadan a SANTACRUZAN.

Nupay kasta, nalpasen ti panagpipili. Sapay koma ta agtrabaho dagiti mangituray/mangidaulo kadatayo iti sapasap a pagsayaatan dagiti umili. Narigat a kalpasan ti panagpipili, naatap manen dagiti binutosantayo. Adayoda manen kadatayo. Sapay la addanto masnop a tulonganda iti nagan ti serbisio publiko.

Di nasayaat no mapili ti iserbianda. Kitaen koma met a naimbag dagiti madaydayaw nga adda iti public service dagiti kangrunaan a kasapulantayo nga umili.

Maaddaan koma met ti lugartayo iti nalinak a kasasaad. Malagipko ti pammalagip ti sigud met a politico a kunana a kalpasan ti panagpipili, idulin dagiti pika. No maysaka koma a deer hunter, ibainamon ti dawa dayta pikam. Saanen a panawen ti panaganup!

Maaddaantayo koman ti nadalus, napudno a panagserbi. Babaen iti kabaruangan a liderato, makitatayo koma ti panaglupog (shine), a saan ketdi a panaglupog.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Poverty is the stepmother of genius. - J. BILLINGS.

MAG-BOW KAY HARING DOMOGAN AT KUMANTA TAYO NG - HALELUYA! HALELUYA! HALELELUUYAAAA!! HALELUYA, HALELUYA. MABUHAY ANG KAHARIAN NI DOMOGAN!!!

O ngayon, tingnan naman natin ang tindi ng accomplishments ng kasalukuyan KAHARIAN NI DOMOGAN [1] 128 Million ERS Machines na nagbibigay kalutasan sa basura ng Baguio, ayun nakatiwang-wang. [2] Ang trashslide na naganap sa Irisan Dumpsite kung saan anim (6) na residente ng Tuba ang namatay, kanino kayang kasalanan ito, alam niyo na kung sino may kasalanan nito. [3] 50 Million LED Lighting. [4] Milyun-milyong piso para hakutin ang Basura. [5] Maraming mga puno na pinutol sa Camp John Hay at istorbo sa pag-gogolf ni haring Domogan. [6] Pinayagan niya ang Sital na pintahan at pakinabangan ang mga waiting sheds (na walang pahintulot ng konseho) para benepisyo ng Sital na isang pribadong kompanya. [7] Palulusutin pa lamang na Athletic Bowl na kung hindi magiging mapagmatyag ang mamamayan ay ma-lilintikan tayong lahat. [8] May bahay daw sa New Jersey, USA (ngunit naka pangalan sa Mahal na Reyna-Biyenan) at may rest house daw sa Australia, tutuo ba ito mahal na Hari, sama mo naman ako dun?!! at Marami pang ibang mga accomplishments!!! KAYA TAYONG LAHAT NA MGA KAMPON (subjects) BAGO TAYO MATULOG AT PAGGISING, SABAY-SABAY TAYO MAG BOW KAY HARING DOMOGAN AT KUMANTA TAYO NG - HALELUYA! MABUHAY ANG KAHARIAN DOMOGAN KINGDOM!!!

Alamin kung karapat-dapat bang iboto ang isang kandidato

Karapatan ng mga Botante at mga mamamayan na malaman ang lahat ng posibleng mga bagay, transaksyon, karakter, ugali, atbp hinggil sa isang kandidato, maging ito ay opisyal o personal na mga bagay-bagay at impormasyon. Ang isang kandidato na balat-sibuyas at ayaw mabulat-lat ang lahat ng kanyang baho (kung mayroon man) ay hindi dapat sumapi sa larangan ng politika. Ang isang kandidatong iniisnub ang mga simpleng katanungan katulad ng mga katanungan ng pahayagang ito ay lalung-lalo nang hindi dapat makuha ang inyong mahalagang boto.

D' Bad



Mabini Maskay kasalukuyang Pinuno ng Brgy. Gabriela, muling tumatakbo para konsehal, dapat bang iboto?

Inyong
makikita ang
isang liham na
ating pinadala
kay Mabini
Maskay nitong
April 9, 2013

na hanggang sa ngayon ay kanyang inisnub. Napaka-simple lang naman ng ating itinatanyag kay G. Maskay at yuo ay tungkol sa mga nakaraang apat (4) na Criminal Cases na k a n y a n g nakasangkutan Masama bang tanungin ang mga ito? Sa mga susunod na isyu ay ating tatalakayin ang istilo ng kanyang pagiging isang Punong Barangay. Ngunit sa ngayon ay takang-taka kami kung bakit hindi pinapansin ni G.

Maskay ang aming liham. Ano ba ang ayaw niyang ipaalam sa publiko? Nakakatakot isipin na hindi pa siya Konesehal ay magaling na siya mang-isnub at ayaw niyang pansinin o sagutin ang mga lehitimong mga katanungan. Paano kung maging Konehal itong si Mabini Maskay, bako lalo niya tayong isnabin at tayo, mga simpleng tao ay kanyang di pansinin?!!?

**Atty. Federico Mandapat, dating
DOTC-CAR Regional Director
mula taong 2008 hangang 2010
dapat bang iboto?**




Katulad ng aming parating sinasabi, hindi sapat ang pakinggan ang mga pangako, ganda at tamis ng mga plano at adhikain ng mga kasalukuyang kumakandidato. Parating pakatatandaan ang kasabihan sa Ingles na **“talk is cheap”** at baka naman puros laway lang at hindi abot-kaya ang mga pinagsasabi ng inyong kandidato. Dahil dito ay kinakailangan natin na maging mapagmatyag, at siyasin ang nakarang record ng isang kandidato, maging ito ay record sa kanyang serbisyo publiko, record sa pribadong sektor, record sa personal na pamumuhay - sa kayang pamilya, lahat ng ito ay makakapag-bigay ng indikasyon kung magiging anong klaseng konsehal siya.

D' Good



MR. CLEAN TALAGA!



Ibang iba ang politika sa Baguio. Kung sa ibang lugar nag-lilitan sila, ang mga politiko sa Baguio, maliban sa iba, ay desente sa isa't-isa. Pero napuna ng marami na may politiko dito na mas nakaka-angot. Sa tagal na niyang nanungkulan sa bayan, wala masabing masama tungkol sa kanya. Sabi ng marami, lalo na ng mga empleyado sa City Hall, napakalinis niyang manungkulan, napakasipag niyang magtrabaho, at wala siyang klinikilang kahit sinuman. Basta kapakanan ng bayan ang kanyang inaatupag. Ang timutukoy namin ay si former councilor Tenefrancia, Tene sa marami. Noong nagbotohan ang konseho tungkol sa casino dito sa Baguio mag-isa siyang bomoto kontra dito. Nang naging kontrobersial ang Jadewell, siya ang nagmungkahi ng resolusyon para ipawalang-bisa ang Jadewell contract. Kahit kasama siya sa administrasyon, siya ay effective fiscalizer. Hanga talaga ang marami sa kanya; masipag, matino, mabait at madaling lapitan. Hindi lang siya model public servant, model politician pa!



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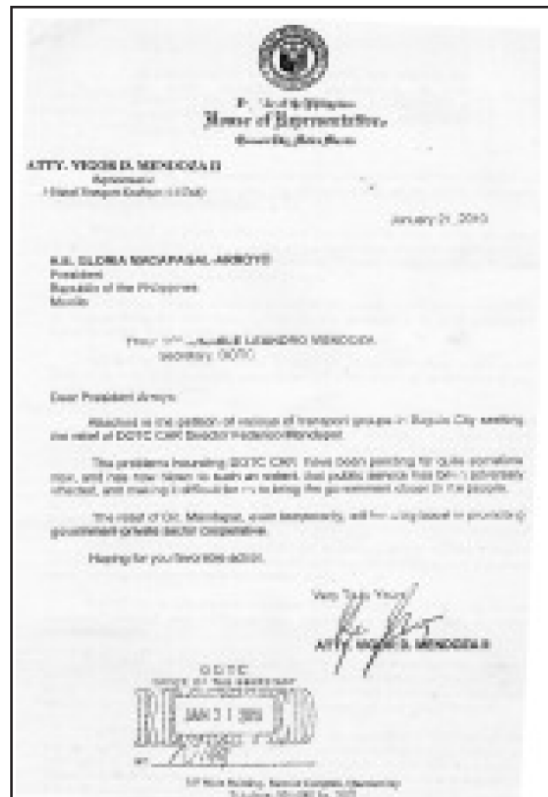
Kami sa pahayagang ito ay hindi sang-ayon at hinding-hindi naming i-endorso itong si Federico Mandapat, dahil sa aming pananaw, siyang ay naging palpak bilang Regional Director ng DOTC-CAR. Napakamasalimuot at kritikal ang kasalukuyang sitwasyon ng transport sector sa siyudad ng Baguio, kung saan napakaraming mga kolorum na taxi at mga ibang iligal na prangkisa sa kasalukuyan. Tanungin ninyo si Mandapat kung ano ba ang ginawa niya (kung mayroon man, maliban sa madalas niyang paglaro pag golf) nu'ng siya ay Director ng DOTC-CAR. Mismong ang aming affiliate, ang Linis Gobyerno (LG), ay nagsampa ng tatlong

Sundan sa pahina 7

...ang karugtong.. **D'Bad**

Atty. Federico Mandapat

reklamo patungkol sa Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices (RA 3019), Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials (RA 6713), at Abuse of Authority laban kay Mandapat nu'ng siya ay Director ng DOTC. Bagama't ang mga reklamong ito ay na-dismiss sa tanggapan ng OMB, alam din naman natin kung gaano ka-korap nuong kapanahunana na yaon ang tanggapan ng Ombudsman, at yun ay hindi maipagkakaila. Ngunit



Ang letter endorsement ni dating Party List (1-Utak) Congressman Atty. Vigor D. Mendoza na pinadala kay dating Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo at Sec. Leandro Mendoza nuong January 2010 kung saan kanyang ini-endorso ang Petition and Appeal na tangalin si Atty. Federico Mandapat as Regional Director of DOTC-CAR.

welcome si Juan Dela Cruz na malaman ang

hinggil sa mga isyu na sinampa ng Linis Gobyerno tungkol kay Mandapat; tumawag o dumulog lamang kayo sa kanilang tanggapan o ng pahayagang ito.

Ang mas nakakabahala ay ang isang Petition at Appeal (makikita ang petition na nakahayag na pahinang ito) na isinagawa noong January 2010 na pinirmahan ng at least 165 jeepney drivers and operators na mismong inendorso ni dating Party List Representative and Congressman ng 1 – Utak na si Atty. Vigor D. Mendoza II. Ang nasabing petisyon ay pinadala mismo sa tanggapan ni dating DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza at dating Pangulong Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Ang sabi ng endorsement ni Cong. Mendoza ay:

“Dear President Arroyo:

Attached is the petition of various transport groups in Baguio City seeking the relief of DOTC CAR Director Federico Mandapat.

The problems hounding DOTC CAR have been pending for quite some time now, and has now blown to such an extent that public services been adversely affected, and making it difficult for us to bring the government closer to the people.

The relief of Dir. Mandapat, even temporarily, will be a big boost in promoting government-private sector cooperative.

Hoping for your favorable action.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. VIGOR D. MENDOZA II”

Kaya ang bottomline at suma-tutal ay mayroon bang nagawang substancial or noteworthy itong si Federico Mandapat sa humigit-kumulang na tatlong taon siyang panunungkulan sa DOTC-CAR, o naging isang inutil at pabanjing-banjing na korap na opisyal siya?

Ilan lamang na katanungan na dapat ninyong alamin ang kasagutan:

1. Nabawasan ba ang mga kolorum na sasakyan na isa sa mga nagiging sanhi ng matinding polyusyon at matinding trapik sa siyudad, at sagabal sa mga may ligal na prangkisa?
2. Pinatupad ba niya ng taos-puso ang moratorium on granting new franchises sa siyudad ng Baguio?
3. Lumaganap ba o hindi ang mga kolorum na sasakyan?
4. Anong klase siyang lider at Direktor, siya ba ay action man at agarang nagbibigay solusyon sa mga problema, o panay lang ang golf niya at pinaantay ng ilang araw ang mga kliente? Tanungin ninyo ang mga empleyado ng DOTC-CAR at mga transport operators and drivers.
5. Nabawasan ba o nadagdagan ang mga fixers, korapsyon at pangongotong sa LTO, LTRFB at Flying Squad noong kapanahunan niya?

AN URGENT PETITION AND APPEAL FOR THE RELIEF OF ATTY. FEDERICO J. MANDAPAT, JR. AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF DOTC-CAR, BAGUIO CITY, SUBMITTED TO HER EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO.

WHEREAS, We as the transportation sector in Baguio City and the Cordillera region have long been acquainted and further knew the mismanagement of the DOTC-CAR under Regional Director Federico Mandapat.

WHEREAS, his patent inefficiency and intransigence to public service has caused us to suffer unjust delay in the approval of our applications for even more minimal of franchises of Certificate of Public Convenience and Financial Damage in the case of delays in the transfer of franchise and substitution of units.

WHEREAS, Director Mandapat is inefficiently unable to eliminate or even reduce the transport filing services engaged in by his own personnel in the LTO and LTRFB units by outside firms violating our regulations.

WHEREAS, his regular absence in office has caused applications to pile up and cause us, as well, to personally appear before his office following up our cases already pending for months and years.

WHEREAS, those absence in office have probably been resolved by his personnel that they likewise absences and taking of transport leaves, even without someone to temporarily take over their duties or functions to produce disruption of service to the traveling public.

WHEREAS, he does not allocate sufficient time to supervise or monitor the agencies and personnel under him, thereby enabling them to circumvent investigation for purposes of material gain, to the prejudice of the public.

WHEREAS, Director Mandapat could not be made to use and respond to requests and complaints within the time prescribed by law and the rules and thus fails to address our hopes, concerns and grievances in the transport sector.

WHEREAS, in sum, Director Mandapat is mismanaging the DOTC-CAR, at times displaying partiality, lack of transparency (violation of the rules and committing discriminatory acts).

WHEREAS, Madam President, our purpose and only desire for petitioning Her Excellency is to achieve a clean, efficient and transparent management of the DOTC-CAR so that under such conditions and work atmosphere we could render better transportation service to the public in support of the goals of government and your Administration.

WHEREAS, on the foregoing, therefore, We, the undersigned in behalf of ourselves and our numerous and other aggrieved transport operators in Baguio City, Benguet and other parts of the Cordillera, most sincerely and urgently request Her Excellency to relieve Atty. Federico Mandapat, Jr. as Regional Director of DOTC-CAR in Baguio City and in his stead, appoint someone more capable to manage and run the agency.

Dated in Baguio City, this 14th day of January 2010.

Ang Petition and Appeal na pinirmahan ng at least 165 jeepney drivers and operators na sumusuporta sa pagpapatalik kay Atty. Federico Mandapat bilang Regional Director ng DOTC-CAR. Ating nakalap sa mga taga transport sector industry na mas marami pa daw ang gusto sanang pumirma sa Petition kaya lang natatakot sila at baka biweltahan sila ng noon ay makapangyarihang dating DOTC-CAR Regional Director Federico Mandapat. Kami sa Junction Newspaper at Linis Gobyerno ay saludo sa 165 na walang takot na pumirma sa nasabing petition!!!

Council Approves AIP

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday finally approved the Annual Investment Plan (AIP) which lists the projects to be funded from the 20 percent development fund of the city government for this year.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas said the AIP took time to approve because of the need to review the projects by both the executive and legislative departments.

The body had earlier approved the city's budget for 2013 amounting to P1,286,143,000.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan earlier said the city's AIP this year did not include major infrastructure projects as the city decided to focus on sustaining its garbage disposal programs including the continuation of the rehabilitation of the sewer treatment plant (STP) and sewerlines, peace and order and barangay infrastructures.

The AIP focused on barangay development projects which were given P30M or 33.22% of the total AIP cost of P97,307,000.

The construction or rehabilitation of the drainage system including flood control projects in various barangays located along river tributaries was also given P24,807,000 or 27.47 percent.

A total of P13.5M was also allotted to the construction or rehabilitation of sewerlines at various barangays while P12M will go to parks development program and P10M will be used for the development and installation of traffic & transport facilities.

The allocation of the P7M differential from the approved city budget of P1,286,143,000 will also be studied.

As part of the proposed AIP, the city identified major development projects which are proposed to be funded from city funds and other external sources including loans, lease and Build-Operate-Transfer options.

These include the development and rehabilitation of Burnham Park, Wright Park, Bayan Park, Botanical/Centennial Park, Dominican Heritage Hill Development, training center and livelihood center at Upper Session Road, privatization of the abattoir, Asin Hotspring development, commercial buildings at DPS-Beneco, development of Baguio Convention Center, North-bound bus terminal at Slaughterhouse Cmpd, construction of Magsaysay bldg, continuation of the construction of fire station at Aurora Hill, renovation of the second building of the sari-sari section of the city market, upgrading of Malcolm Square, south-bound terminal, city cemetery expansion, socialized housing project, engineered sanitary landfill, full closure of Irisan dumpsite, City Camp lagoon rehabilitation, forest protection project including fencing of watersheds, construction of mini-sewerage treatment plants, fencing of city properties, Baguio Circumferential Road, slope protection projects, among others./A Refuerzo



"PRIDE AND HONOR" - The 20 Regional Finalists to the 'Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines' present themselves to their parents and guardians Thursday during simple rites. The students were recognized for their academic excellence, leadership traits and social responsibility anchored on good moral values mirroring the unique culture of the Cordilleras./photo by paul rillorta

Brgy. Leaders Join in Monitoring & Enforcement of Tobacco Regulation Act

BAGUIO CITY - All the 128 Punong Barangays in the city were encouraged to participate in the monitoring and enforcement guideline of the Republic Act 9211 also known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 wherein they will verify compliance of retailers and distributors of tobacco products within their jurisdictions.

This is in compliance with the Department of Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular (DILG MC) No. 2013-30, enjoining Local Government Units (LGUs) to Support DTI Inter-Agency Committee/Tobacco Memorandum Circular No. 01, series 2008, entitled "Monitoring and Enforcement Guidelines under Sections 11 and 12 of R.A. 9211 (Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The circular states that "it is the policy of the State, consistent with the Constitutional mandate to promote general welfare, to safeguard the interests of the workers and other stakeholders in the tobacco industry thus, there is a need for the government to institute a balanced policy

whereby the use, sale and advertisements of tobacco products shall be regulated in order to promote a healthy environment and protect the citizens from the hazards of tobacco smoke, and at the same time, ensure that the interests of tobacco farmers, growers, workers and other stakeholders are no adversely compromised".

Accordingly, the Inter-Agency Committee-Tobacco (IAC) lead by the DTI received feedbacks that most retailers of tobacco products are not asking buyers for proof of age and the absence of signage which indicates "SALE/DISTRIBUTION TO OR PURCHASE BY MINORS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS UNLAWFUL" or "IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD/DISTRIBUTED TO OR PURCHASED BY PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE" as required under Sec. 11 & 12 of R.A 921. Thus, the city mayor and all 128 punong barangays are enjoined to support the IAC in verifying compliance of retailers and distributors of tobacco products within their jurisdictions.

DTI, being the lead agency of the IAC is responsible in enforcing the penal sanctions for violations by willful retailers and distributors.

The city has been very supportive in all the programs in protecting the public from hazardous products and promoting the right to health./Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

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competing networks trying to outdo each other for a scoop, even trying to establish contact with the bad guys —unmindful of being an interference in the on-going crisis handling, to outdo the others to get ahead of the game. Media men "reporting on the spot from the field" usually carried away.

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