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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

# Baguio Traders Appeal for Legalization

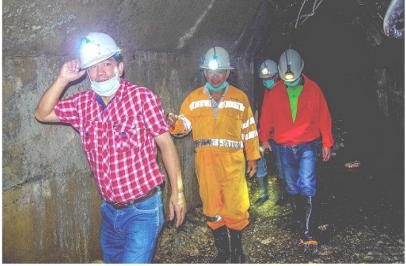
Wagwag traders are appealing for the approval of the bill legalizing importation of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand or used clothing and rags.

"Sana maging legal na ang importation," said Adam Bahingawan, president of Baguio – Benguet Wagwagan Association, Inc. who registered the pending papers of the association after the BOC raided Ukay-ukay traders in Baguio and Benguet confiscating 40 million worth of used clothing last September.

Baguio Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. coauthored House bill 4055 titled "An Act Legalizing the Importation of Second Hand or Used Clothing and Rags into the Philippines, Repealing, For That Purpose, Republic Act

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Dapat lang na maging legal na ang wag-wag at ukay-ukay nang sa ganoon ay mapatawan ito ng kinaukulang buwis, maliban pa sa mga libu-libong pamilyang nakikinabang sa hanap buhay na ito!!!



Congressman Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. leading the inspection on the rehabilitation of the City Camp Lagoon drain tunnel which is already 92.8 percent done according to Department of Public Work and Highways Report dated November 24, 2014. Aliping has allocated 50 million for 2015 to continue the rehabilitation of the tunnel that is expected to solve the flooding of City Camp Lagoon and the sinking areas in some parts of Crystal Cave in Barangay Bakakeng. With Aliping are Engr. Rodolfo Sawey and several Barangay Officials of Bakakeng Central./Carl Taawan

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### Baguio Still Says no to Government Seeks to **Firecrackers**

BAGUIO CITY- A city ordinance is still needed to keep business people dealing with firecrackers out of the city, even as they are expected to move over to Tuba, Benguet with their wares, Mayor Mauricio Domogan said last week during the media Ugnayan.

The ordinance would be the legal basis for apprehending sellers and confiscating prohibited pyrotechnics, the mayor said.

The mayor has been in staunch opposition to the use of firecrackers in celebration of the holidays citing injuries, both personal and to the community; and environmental issues, which includes smoke emitted by pyrotechnics, affecting the public's vulnerability to respiratory problems. Global warming and the greenhouse effect due to firecracker smoke should also be considered, he earlier said.

Last year, members of the Paputok, Lucis atbp. sold their wares in Tuba, Benguet after failing to get business permit approval from the city. Said group argued that illegal sellers of firecrackers would flock to the city even as the mayor earlier requested that the line of business should be changed. Christmas toys and other wares be considered, he said.

Mayor Domogan's stand is supported by heads and personnel of the Baguio City Police Office, Fire Protection Bureau, Baguio Health Department (BHD), Department of Health (DOH-CAR) and other concerned offices.

Nobody should welcome Christmas and the coming year in the hospitals, with cut limbs, or absent fingers due to exploding firecrackers, he said./

### Fund for survey, titling of cemetery and parks sought for inclusion in 2015 budget

city council has sought the inclusion in the 2015 annual budget of the P2 million needed for the survey of the city cemetery and the various parks for titling purposes.

The body endorsed to Mayor Mauricio Domogan the proposed ordinance of Councilor Leandro Yangot Jr. "Appropriating the amount of P2 Million or so much thereof to be incorporated in the City Budget for 2015 for the conduct

BAGUIO CITY - The of survey and other related activities for the City Cemetery as well as the various city parks for the purpose of having these properties titled under the name of the City Government of Baguio with the Special Patent Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).'

The city council committee on urban planning, lands and housing recommended approval of the measure on second reading.

### **Block Ashley Madison** Adultery Website in

The Philippine justice secretary said Sunday she is seeking to block extramarital dating site Ashley Madison in the country

under charges it facilitates crime.

"The website is a platform that allows illegal acts to be eventually committed. A ban may be enforced," Secretary Leila de Lima said in an SMS statement, referring to Ashley Madison.

The Canada-based firm, which has the slogan: "Life is short. Have an affair", recently launched their website in the Philippines, where the population is largely Roman Catholic and divorce is ille-

De Lima stressed that "adultery" also remains against the law in the Philippines, even though it has largely been un-enforced and is a country where many powerful men flaunt their mistresses.

Adultery and "concubinage," are punishable by at least six months in jail under Philippine law.

She said: "The (telecommunications companies) will have to do their part to ensure that illegal content and websites that are used to drive illicit conduct are not used," she said.

De Lima did not specify if they could be compelled to block the website.

Local press reports say that at least 2,500 Filipinos have already signed up to the website since its recent launch.

Singapore and South Korea have previously banned Ashley Madison, citing that it threatened family values. / AFP News/December 1, 2014

City environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana asked the city council to prioritize the proposal considering the urgency of having these areas titled under the city government.

She said the general services office has a similar proposal but it does not cover the and the cemetery parks.

"It is for this reason that the (said) proposed ordinance is requested to be a priority program," Lacsamana said.

Yangot, in his pro-

posal, said section 4 of Republic Act No. 10023 otherwise known as "An act authorizing the issuance of free patents to residential lands" allows the issuance of special patents under the name of the local government for "public land actually occupied and used for public schools, municipal halls, public plazas or parks and other government institutions for public use or purpose... provided that all lands titled under this section shall not be disposed of unless sanctioned by Congress if owned by the national agency or sanctioned by the sanggunian concerned through an approved ordinance if owned by the

He said the city cemetery and the various parks are covered by proclamation decrees with some dating way back in the 1920s particularly the Baguio City Cemetery by Proc. No. 152 series of 1928 covering 9.48 hectares Proc. and 285(Brillantes Lot) covering 4, 549 square meters; City Hall

### **Importance Communication** BAGUIO CITY - The city

Realized government here spearheaded by the City Human Resource Management Office conducted two batches of developing good communication skills training for city hall employees

last week at the Summer Place Hotel. It aims to identify common communication problems, to apply the necessary communication tools to handle the most sensitive situations, to use tact and

diplomacy to be positive without compromising position or authority, and to apply skills to deal with difficult people and difficult personali-

City Human Resource Management Officer Estrella Bisquera stressed, the training is designed to for city hall employees to develop a truly engaging and responsive communication style, leading to positive results for the employees and the organization. "Good communication in the workplace is vital for the

smooth running of any organization. The executives need to communicate with

subordinates. Subordinates need to communicate with the leaders, and both

groups need to communicate well with client," said Bisquera.

In his inspirational message, Mayor Mauricic Domogan emphasized the importance of good communication for the departments to work harmoniously with one another. This is needed to achieve the organization's goal and objectives and in order to create a pleasant working envi-

"Using proficient communication skills in the organization alleviates and lessens disagreements between co-workers, supervisors as well as clients," said Domogan./Jho Arranz

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"While these city properties are covered by proclamations and other issuances, these lands are not yet titled under the City Government of Baguio. Ti-

Grounds by Proc. No. tling these properties under the City Government is very much necessary for its protection and in order to delineate technical boundaries, determine actual area, and determine actual size, coverage, and limits, Yangot said.

With the properties formally under the city's name, and knowing all the necessary technical data, it would be easier to protect these properties from encroachment land speculators, informal settlers, dubious claimants, and spurious claims considering that there are conflicting issuances and orders from different government agencies and different claims on these lands by private individuals that even overlap with each other."/A Refuerzo

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# Mayor awaits for the master Camp 7 transfer plan and TOR of the skating station

**rink** BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed during his weekly forum that the city is still waiting for the master development plan of Burnham Park skating rink and the finalization of the terms of reference to be used as basis in bidding out the operation of the said facility to any interested individuals.

Considering that the memorandum of Agreement between spouses Ismael Quirante and Luzviminda Quirante, concessionaires of the old skating rink and the city government here has already expired last Nov. 2, the Technical Working Group recommended that pending the results of any bidding by the Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC), the present concessionaire who was issued a one year business permit be allowed to continue operating on a month to month basis to help burnham park office realize its expected and projected annual income from lease rentals of the old skating rink.

Also, should the bidding process be extended, the present concessionaires will be allowed to continue operation and management under a special permit. "In the event the lessee will not win in the bid, he will immediately turnover the same to the winning bidder," said Domogan. The mayor stressed that the recommendation is presently being reviewed by the TWG. Afterwhich, the same will be forwarded to the city council for its approval.

With the signature campaign appealing for the skating rink to be opened again for free for public use instead of being rented out for private concessionaires, mayor said, "hindi naman puwedeng libre lahat. The city needs the income to sustain also the maintenance of burnham park." He cited Executive Order No. 224, which granted the city government to maintain burnham park and it should be a self-sustaining park.

Thus, the city has no choice but to bid it out, stressed the mayor. Domogan pointed out that the maintenance of burnham is being heavily subsidized by the city government for around P24 million to 25 million annually, thus taking a big amount of the city's budget which is being

sources from other avenues. Accordingly, P37 million to P40 million is needed to sustain and maintain burnham park specifically for its utility needs. The city government is already fortunate if it collects P15 million from the different sources of revenues within the said area./Jho Arranz

## SK Polls Postponement passed in Congress

Further postponement of Sanguniang Kabataang (SK) Election to synchronize with Barangay Election passed on third and final reading on Monday, December 1, 2014.

The Bills authored by Representatives Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr., Anthony G. Del Rosario, Mariano Piamonte, Eulogio Magsaysay, Jr., Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabasand Xavier Jesus Romualdo were consolidated as House Bill 5209now titled "Postponing The S a n g g u n i a n g Kabataan Elections To The Last Monday Of October 2016, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9164."

It seeks to further postpone the SK Elections first scheduled on October 2013. Aliping said that "the postponement of the elections on October 28, 2013 was brought about by the urgent need for reforms in the S a n g g u n i a n g Kabataan."

After the post-

# Camp 7 transfer station pinpointed by contractor, not by

Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday clarified that it was the contractor and not the city government that pinpointed the proposed waste trans-

fer station at Camp 7.

The mayor said it was the GC Flores Construction that identified its own location at Camp 7 Kennon Road to comply with the city government's requirement to provide its own waste transfer site, being the winning bidder for the city's new waste hauling contract.

The provision of the transfer site was among the requirements specified in the terms of reference in the bidding for city's garbage hauling service.

To qualify the site, the city also requires the contractor to submit an affidavit of no objection by the owners of the adjoining properties, endorsement from the barangay and a certification of non-coverage from the EMB.

Company owner Gamaliel Flores submitted his own property at Camp 7 along with a certification issued by Camp 7 punong barangay Constancio Danao that there was no objection to utilize the area for said purpose.

However, Camp 7 residents expressed opposition to the use of Flores' lot or any other lot in their barangay as waste transfer station due to health considerations.

The residents wrote the Environment Management Board Cordillera (EMB-CAR) to express their objection and to dispute the certification issued by Danao saying they were not consulted by the barangay head.

In view of the opposition, the mayor said the company will not be allowed to take over the hauling service until it finds a suitable site.

The mayor said Flores assured he will look for another area suitable for the purpose and while this is being worked out, the city will continue to employ the services of the present hauler, M. A. Camilo Freight Services.

As this developed, the city council on Monday agreed to summon Flores along with representatives from the general services office, the city mayor's office and the affected Camp 7 residents for a dialogue in its regular session on Dec. 15.

This is to clarify the issue surrounding the planned set up of the transfer station at Camp 7./A Refuerzo

ponement, several bills introducing the muchneeded reforms were filed and are currently being deliberated as possible amendments to the Local Government Code of 1991(RA No. 7160).

"These changes will give more meaning and greater impact on the Sangguniang Kabataan if the desired reforms are firmly in place before the Cont. on page 10



AIDS FREE - Officers and members of Aids Watch Advisory Council (AWAC) release doves symbolizing the Baguio Wold AIDS Day celebration with the theme "Getting to ZERO....Zero New HIV Infection, Zero Discrimination, Zero AIDS related death" held at the Baguio Convention./By Bong Cayabyab

### **AIDS Day in Baguio**

BAGUIO CITY- Help, Hope and Healing. These were what members of the Baguio Association of Bar and Entertainers Society (BABES) paused and prayed for during the AIDS day commemoration at the Baguio Convention Center Friday last week.

Symbolic doves were also released before the program, with Health Services Officer head Dr. Rowena Galpo, Dr, Celia Brillantes, Secretary to the Mayor Rafael Tallocoy, Dr. Clavio; and representatives from the Philippine National Red Cross, Department of Education and some barangay officials.

With the theme, "Getting To Zero, Zero New Infection, Zero Discrimination, and Zero AIDS-related deaths, night workers were in colorful foreign and local costumes, and displayed their talents during intermission numbers.

In their messages, Tallocoy and Dr. Galpo impressed on the night workers the need to be positive and be safe in their line of work.

This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> year of AIDS discovery, and in 1987 the Baguio AIDS watch council was established making it the first in the country, Dr. Galpo said. The virus was not considered "high-risk" then, she said. But is now considered dangerous and deadly, as anti-retro-viral drugs does not cure the illness. There should be public awareness to prevent the spread of the disease, she said.

In a video presentation, the ABCs for the prevention of AIDS spread was given: Abstinence, Faithfulness to partner, Careful Sex, No Drug use, Early diagnosis and Followup.

Baguio, it was known had 9 AIDS cases in 2013, and 6 in 2014.

During the program, awards were given for the most improved floor manager, most outstanding floor manager, most cooperative and most improved establishment, cleanest establishment and most diligent. A most promising BABES head award was also given.

A representative for a non-government organization also said more night workers have been convinced to be college students, English language learners, and earning their diplomas in Alternative Learning System, to be more flexible in finding employment here and abroad.

The program was also in remembrance of AIDS watch advisory council head Dr. Charles Cheng who succumbed to illness last year, and former senator and health secretary Juan Flavier./juliegfianza

### **Bogus carol**

"Please tell me what this word means, Lolo," once asked our grand-daughter Kristin before she and sister Kathie left for studies in Sweden, and before we went on medical leave. She pointed to a headline in the papers and spelt out the word: "P-l-a-g-i-a-r-i-z-e."

We took a deep breath and thought of the 1933 Cebuano carol titled "Kasadya Ning Takna-a."

Someone took "Kasadya Ning Takna-a" but titled it "Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit" in Filipino. They didn't tell anybody.

"What is that?" we asked the two kids.

"Stealing?" Kristin asked.

"There. To plagiarize is to steal."

A week from now is the first Sunday of Advent. And Manila Bulletin columnist Jullie Yap Daza will do a rare public service since she, in 1978, hammered at the repeated farce.

"This country boasts of the longest celebration of Christmas," she wrote. "It remains supreme irony that not the slightest effort has been made to attribute the beloved carol 'Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit' to its author, Vicente D. Rubi" of Cebu.

Panorama Magazine recalls that, in 1933, Cebu Christmas festival officials asked composer Rubi to sign up for a carol or dayegon competi-

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Rubi did and asked the then

equally-young Mariano Vestil to scribble the lyrics for his music.

Their carol—"Kasadya Ning Takna-a" (How Joyous This Season Is)—won hands down. "Today, wherever Cebuano is spoken—Bohol, Negros Oriental, Southern Leyte, west part of Leyte, Northern Mindanao, Cebu and elsewhere—carolers still belt out the same infectious beat that Rubi and Vestil blended so brilliantly decades ago," this space noted on Dec. 7, 2004.

A Manila record company hijacked Rubi and Vestil's carol for P150. Nong Inting, who died in 1980, "was denied what was due him in royalties," Daza wrote. The platter firm conned Rubi and Vestil with legal dodges until their deaths.

It's par for the course in a country where an "elite of thieves" govern. And those who crassly exploited Rubi and Vestil find kindred spirits in thieving opportunists—from those who splurge on the onerous levy of coconut farmers to loggers who trigger today's flash floods, to plagiarists.

"Nong Inting" Rubi became an impoverished widower. Until his death in 1980, he'd shuffle to his gates and teach startled carolers how to sing his dayegon. And in 2004, lyricist Vestil went to his grave, bereft of benefits other than an inside-page-below-the-fold newspaper obituary.

In Charles Dickens' 1843 classic "A Christmas Carol," the miser Ebenezer Scrooge dismissed as "humbug" what Vestil and Rubi celebrated as Christmas, which is not about tinsel, red-nosed reindeer, even shattered diets.

"We must be quiet and not fear the night, (or) else we will hear nothing," the Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner wrote. "For the ultimate message is uttered only in the night's stillness ever since, through the gracious arrival of the Word into the night of our life, Christmas' silent night, holy night came down among us. The meaning of Christmas is that the emptiness of death is filled with the 'nameless incomprehensibility of God."

Advent 2014 finds star lanterns, Nativity belens and Christmas trees lit up. The "tambourine brigade" is out in full force. Scrawny school dropouts bang flattened bottle caps tacked to sticks, to accompany off-key carols.

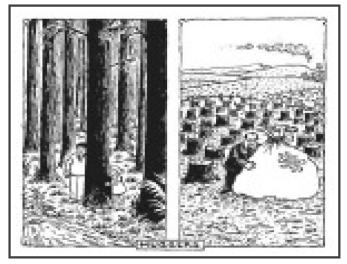
A few are the Badjao from Mindanao, who scrape for a living from city streets.

They sing—well, sort of—at doorways. Some do on rickety jeepneys they scamper into.

Their repertoire is limited. Some belt a few bars from "Silent Night," or "Kasadya" aka "Ang Pasko." Their unvarying finale is: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." They stretch open palms for handouts. If you drop an extra coin, they'll chime: "Thank you/ Thank You/ Ang babait ninyo."

These grimy "street troubadours" never heard of a former president who'll listen to carols in a Veterans Memorial Medical Center suite-asprison-cell. Tell them about a former first lady and son in hot water at US courts for looting. All you get is a blank stare.

These mean nothing to often food-short kids who should be in school. Here, 22 percent of people are undernourished. (Com-Cont. on page 8



#### ADVOCACY MINDANOW

#### HYPOCRISY & BIG JOKE!



BY: JESUS DUREZA

**OVERSPENDING** — I am reading in the news that the **COMELEC** is starting to prosecute election "overspending". In fact, **Gov. ER EJERCITO** lost his seat in **Laguna** recently for exceeding the limits. By all means let's run after all violators. But the problem is: the limit of P5.00 per registered voter (unless this has been changed) is not only realistic. It is plain and simple hypocrisy! And a big joke, we all know the expense involved in an election campaign. Everyone "doctors" his campaign record expenses just to comply. Those caught are jokingly called "tanga" or the crime as "katangahan".

If we expect, at the very start, our aspiring public officials to be good at "doctoring" records and be dishonest just so they comply with the election law limits, then let's forget about "good governance" when they are in office.

About time we change the rules!

CANADIAN LAW — I was glad I was able to catch last Thursday, while on my way to Manila, a bit of the brief talk of a Pinoy- Canadian lawyer, ATTY. BAYANI ABESAMIS during the Canadian Chamber of Commerce regular Davao chapter luncheon meeting at Marco Polo Hotel. He said the "CORRUPTION OF FOREIGN PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACT" was approved in 1999 after Canada adhered to the UN International Anti-corruption Declaration. Ordinarily, persons can be prosecuted only in the countries where the criminal acts are committed. But under the said law, a Canadian citizen can be prosecuted if, for example, he bribes a Filipino public official in the Philippines. As an exception to the "territoriality rule", a Canadian can be prosecuted in a Canadian court back home although he committed the crime in the Philippines. Interesting to know!

**ENVIRONMENT** — I learned during my recent visit at the coal-fired **STEAG POWER PLANT** in **Misamis Oriental** that 75% of the pollution in the Philippines is caused by exhaust and emissions coming from vehicles and smoke. Only 25% is caused by industries, including power plants.

I wonder why so-called "guardians" of the environment are only focusing their angst and protests at coal-fired plants and ignoring the bigger culprits. Some nitwit asked: "Why not protest against vehicle owners and drivers and cigarette smokers, too?"

Why not, indeed!

FEDERAL—I got an invitation from Mayor RODY DUTERTE to be facilitator in a "Federal Summit" in Davao City this week where he is convenor. This is to seek some systemic changes that may hopefully give Mindanao and all the regions, a new governance arrangement that will allow the locals to govern and determine for themselves what is good for them with lesser interference from central government in Manila. Like in the "Bangsamoro" struggle, those who are comfortable with the "status quo" or fearful of the uncertainties ahead will make things difficult. There is always resistance to change!

#### KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Tragedies from rains, Dinky's relief mess in 2011



BY: BATAS MAURICIO

**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint..." (Isaiah 40:31, the Holy Bible).

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MARY, BLESSED AMONGALL WOMEN: After Mary was assured by Gabriel, the angel who "walks in the presence of God", that she was to give birth to the "Son of the Most High" and whom she was to name "Jesus", she got the highest accolade ever given to any woman on earth: Gabriel told her "Blessed are you among women, because you found favor with God". Indeed, who is Mary to deserve this honor?

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COLUMN FROM 24 JUNE 2011: "FILIPINOS NOW FEAR THE RAIN: When many of us were younger, rains were welcomed with glee and gladness. For rainwater then solely meant the onset of planting season, allowing our farmers to re-start the cycle of agricultural production which sustains the country's economy. But nowadays, Filipinos have learned to fear rain and dread the water it brings.

"Why? Because, suddenly, with rains come

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#### **DIMENSIONAL ROAD**

South Korea's Prejudiced Immigration Laws on Hiring Asian Teachers



BY : MARWIN WACNAG LIDAWAN

"Racism is a refuge for the ignorant. It seeks to divide and to destroy. It is the enemy of freedom, and deserves to be met head-on and stamped out."

Pierre Berton

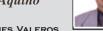
Theoffensive acts of Korean school employers are continuously swellingrealities that put every aspiring language educator into a web of discriminatory indifferencedepriving his liberty to prosper even in his very own country. These are predicaments which call the attention of concern government officials to create a stable symbiosis between the South Korean government and the Philippines where both parties can economically and academically benefit out of aharmonious educative process in a more considerate recruitment process. A report from British Broadcasting Company (BBC) says that it is cheaper for South Koreans to study English in the Philippines implying inexpensive fees as the main reason for their massive arrival in the Philippines. It is so disappointing that they turn blind to what theybenefit from Filipino English teachers who are being manipulated to endure underpaid status from some Korean employers backed by Filipino counterparts in operating an extremely commercialized education in the country. Moreover, these are employers who less conform with the labor standards and in some cases, without necessary papers to operate. The previous complaints of Filipino English language teachers in the city that reached the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) manifested the plights of teachers who have been confronted with these conflicts but have stood courage to deliver their sides. Yet in the present, the leniency of our country's laws allowscontinuousflocking of South Korean English learners in almost throughout the country. It is an irony how South Korean immi-

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#### **FAIR AND SQUARE**

An Open Letter To President Aquino





29 October 2014

His Excellency Pres. Benigno S. Aquino III Malacanang, Manila

Attn: Hon. Michael G. Aguinaldo Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs Office of the President Malacanang, Manila

Your Excellency:

With All Due Respect.

How long a period should a citizen taxpayer wait before his complaint of inefficiency, incompetence, corruption or in sum, bad governance in government be addressed accordingly by the authorities concerned?

Mr. President, I am making this query in the light of a complaint I filed in April 2012 numerating the irregularities obtaining in the LTFRB in this region since 1996, and requesting then Secretary Mar Roxas to investigate or conduct a management audit and to initiate disciplinary actions against erring official s and employes if wararted

Since more than a year has passed without this complainant being informed of any action taken by the Department, I was constrained to file an administrative action myself on 26 September 2013 against Regional Director Claver being the responsible head of the DOTC-CAR for Abuse of authority, Incompetence and failure to solve the rampant corruption arising from prevalent fixing activities involving no less personnel of the agency.

From a Letter received from Atty. Jaime Caringal, DOTC's Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs on 14 April 2014, I was informed that my complaints, together with the alleged reports of investigation conducted by the Department thereof, was already forwarded to the Office of the President pursuant to Executive Order No. 13 issued on 15 November 2010 which expressly confers on IAD-ODESLA *the power to investigate and hear* administrative cases or complaints against presidential appointees in the government.

To this day ironically, I have not been informed at all whether the complaints have been truly investigated and heard by IAD-ODESLA or not, and whether the irregularities being complained will be addressed or not at all.

As we are being kept to wait in the dark meanwhile, the corruption and other irregularities complained of continuously rule the day unabatedly, thus ruining whatever gains have been achieved by the "tuwid na daan" of this Administration.

Mr. President, your citizen taxpayers of which I am one are interested merely in reforming the undesirables in the bureaucracy rather than see the head of a presidential appointee roll, so to speak. However, if it is the only option remaining to achieve the good governance you have promised us your boss, then let it roll

Thank you for intervening in our behalf in this case. We are confident it will make a difference, if only you would.

Copy furnished:
Hon. Joseph Emilio A. Abaya
Secretary, DOTC

Very respectfully, Atty. James S. Valeros

Hon. Winston M. Ginez Chairman, LTFRB

The Ombudsman Hon. Conchita C. Morales

#### MAGKASANGGA TAYO

HARI-HARIANG PRINCI-PAL at TANGA-TANGAHANG DEP-ED OFFICIAL!!! Purisima Suspendido!!! BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Hari-Hariang principal at Tanga-Tangahang DEP-ED Official!!! - O Diyos Por Santo, Mama Mary, Mahal na Panginoon at Mahal na Birhen, bakit nga naman may mga tae este tao na opisyales pa naman ng eskwelahan ang umaastang diyosdiyosan?? Saan ba naman kayo nakakita ng Public High School (New Lucban High School) kung saan kapag tanghalian ay hindi nila pinapayagan lumabas ang mga estudyante unless mayrooon daw written letter permission from the parents or guardians? ANO KAYO HILO? MGA ELEMEN-TARY NGA PINAPALABAS KAHIT SAAN , HIGH SCHOOL PA KAYA! ANO BANG KATARANTADUHAN AT KASIRAAN NG ULO ITO???? Sino bang diktadura na mala Kim Jong Un ng North Korea o Basher Al-Asad ng Syria ang nagpakana nito; at ang masakit ay nag bubulag-bulagan ang mismong top DEP-ED official ng Benguet. Ibang klase talaga kayo. HOY GISING - LETICIA SAB-IT, Principal ng Magsaysay High School, New Lucban at FRANCES CESAR BRINGAS, OIC School Division Superintendent ng DEP ED, anong klaseng kontsabahan ang ginagawa ninyong dalawa? Mayroon ba kayong napapakinabangan sa inyong mga iligal at mala diktadurang gawain? May korapsyon ba na kasama dito? Sa ngayon isang munting kasabihan lang ang aking masasabi at ma-iiwan sa inyo at ito ay "PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES SHOULD NOT THROW **STONES.**" Alam ninyo mag-papasko pa naman kaya medyo malamig ang aking ULO, kaya lang dahil sa pinaggagawa ninyo ay pinapainit lang ninyo ang aking ULO. Hi! Hi! Hi! Siyanga pala Councilor ULO mag-bati na kayo ni Apo Tongressman este Congressman Aliping? (Let Bygones be Bygones with APO \_\_\_\_\_), its better to join forces than to oppose one another. Hi! Hi! Hi! Paminsan minsan mga dear readers ay pinipilit ko (trying hard) na makapag-sulat ng kahit na isang sentence sa Ingles, Hi! Hi!, pero ang hirap! ANYWAY - ATTENTION: LETICIA SAB-IT at FRANCES CESAR BRINGAS PWEDE BA UMAYOS KAYO NG HINDI NA LUMALA ANG PROBLEMA!?!?

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Suspendido!!!-Purisima Mukhang tinatrabaho na nila si Chief PNP Alan Purisima (mukhang nabutasan ka Tsiong) na supposed to be ay hanggang 2016 pa ang kanyang termino kasabay ng pagbaba ni PENOY. Alam ninyo mga dear readers itong si Purisima ay miyembro ng PMA Class 1981, katulad rin siya ni AFP Chief of Staff (COS) Greg Catapang na siya ring Class 1981 (mag mistah ang dalawa). Maliban dito ay itong si Chief PNP Purisima ay siya ring pinakamataas na opisyal sa Pilipinas ng Masons o yung sinasabing Free Masons, isang organisasyon o international (very secretive -kuno) na brotherhood. Sasali sana ako sa mga Mason kaya lang una akong na imbitahan ng grupo ng mga Panday pero mas kursunada ko maging steelman na lang. Hi! Hi! Hi! Jok lang mga kapatid na Mason. Sa ngayon ang dahilan ng pagkakasuspinde kay Purisima ay hinggil sa diumano ay ma-anomalyang transaksyon na pagpili ng courier company at saka na rin tungkol sa nawawalang mga AK 47 (one of the best high powered Russian made long arm) na diumano ay naibenta na sa kamay ng mga kalabang NPA. Sa aking palagay ay maliit na bagay ang hinggil sa alleged favoritism of a courier company ngunit ang

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### ATTENTION: BROTHER ARMIN LUISTRO, SECRETARY, DEP-ED Mga Bataan mong sina Leticia Sab-it at Frances Cesar Bringas dapat ay ma-imbestigahan!!! (part 1)



#### Mga estudyante ng Magsaysay High School (New Lucban) pinagbabawal lumabas sa tanghalian (12-1 lunch break), ano ang legal basis para bawalin lumabas ang mga estudyante?









Leticia Sab-it, Principal Magsaysay High

Tunay na isang pala-isipan ang isinasagawang pag-hihigpit sa pagpapalabas ng mga estudyante ng Magsaysay High School (New Lucban? Ang sinasabing nagpapanukala nito ay ang Principal ng nasabing eskuwelahan na si LETICIA SAB-IT. Sa aming pagsisiyasat ay wala namang maipakitang ano mang ligal na basehan para sa ganitong pag-babawal sa paglabas ng mga estudyante sa tanghalian. Bagamat malinaw na ang makikinabang nito ay ang kaisaisang canteen na nag-ooperate sa nasabing eskuwelahan, ngunit ayon

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Subject: Request for deriffication on your not of

ector for Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices

KINCTION

Liham ng LG na ipinadala kay Principal Sab-it nuong October 20, 2014

Linis Gobyerno, Inc.

High School Students to go out during banch been

(Clean Government/Governance)

sa mga may-ari ng canteen ay hindi naman daw sila tutol na buksan ang gate ng eskwelahan at palabasin ang mga estudyante tuwing tanghalian.

Ang problemang ito ay amin na ring ipinarating at isinangguni kay FRANCES CESAR BRINGAS na siyang OIC School Division Superintendent ngunit mukhang isa ring inutil itong opisyal na ito. Maliban kay Bringas ay sinulatan na rin natin ang tanggapan ni Atty. Marian Sumacbay ngunit hanggang sa ngayon ay wala rin siyang anumang sagot sa aming katanungan. Makikita sa ibaba ang mga liham na ating ipinadala hinggil sa issue na ito kung saan mayroon pang mga ibang issue na dapat ay maging transparent at ipaalam sa publiko ang hinggil sa mga sumusunod:

- 1.) Ligalidad ng dalawang long term MOA ng eskuwelahan at canteen?
- 2.) Nagkaroon ba ng public bidding sa pagbigay ng canteen concession sa isang operator na kanyang hahawakan ang canteen sa mahigit sampung taon (10 years)?
- 3.) Koleksyon ng upa o renta ng canteen, kanino napupunta, ang operator bang canteen ay nabibigyan ng Official Receipt (OR) at ang nakukulektang Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000) per month ay nadedepost ba sa bangko at napupunta sa kaban ng bayan?

Marami pang mga ibang katanungan na dapat ay ipaliwanag ng pamunuan ng eskuwelahan at pati na rin ng tanggapan ng DEP-ED. Sa ngayon ay bibigyan pa natin ng isa pang pagkakataon ang mga kinaukulang opisyales na magbigay ng kanilang panig sapagkat marahil ay iniisnab lang nila ang mga provisions ng RA 6713 hinggil sa pagsagot sa tamang panahon. At malamang ay itong mga opisyales

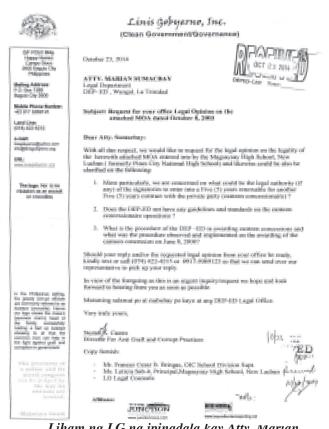


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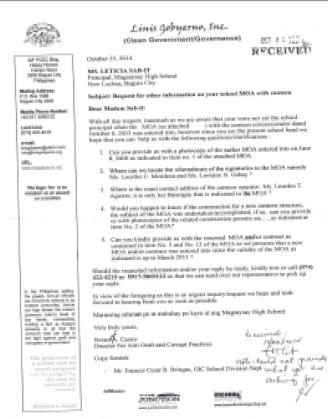
na ito ay sa kanilang palagay ay hindi sila saklaw ng mga sumusunod na batas: RA 3019 o ang Anti Graft and Corrupt Practices Act. RA 6713 -Code of Conduct and Ethical standards of Public Officials and Employees, Grave Abuse of Authority, Malfeasance, Malversation at mga iba pang batas na ayon sa ating Revised Penal Code.

**Lunch break -** Students going out for lunch are being checked at the gate if they have a letter from thier parents allowing them to go out. Cont. on page 7

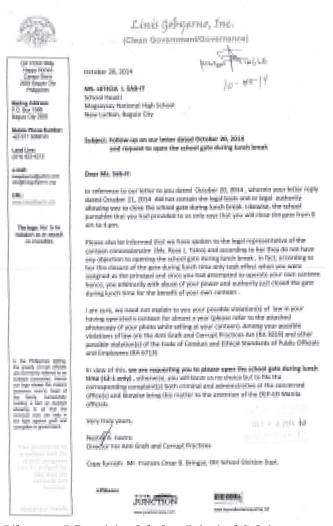
#### LG KOMENTARYO; ISANG PALAISIPAN...p6



Liham ng LG na ipinadala kay Atty. Marian Sumacbay nuong October 23, 2014



Liham ng LG na ipinadala kay Principal Sab-it nuong October 23, 2014



Liham ng LG na ipinadala kay Principal Sab-it nuong October 28, 2014

### Ifugao in Most Organis... Sanchez from page 12 Isabela.

Natural Resources Office (PAENRO) also won the National Organic Agriculture Achievers Award as Provincial Focal Person for her exemplary work in promoting organic agriculture.

The other national awardees for this year are: Provincial Focal Person- Rosemarie Ganate of Surigao del Sur; City/Municipal Focal Person- Alfred Gimang of Trento, Agusan del Sur; Agricultural Extension Worker-Rowena Gonnay of Pasil, Kalinga; Small Farmer Individual- Nicasio Engallado of Valencia City, Bukidnon; Small Farmer Group-Don Bosco Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Mlang, North Cotabato, and Organic Farming Family- Jerimias

Sanchez and Family of San Mateo,

Organic Agriculture is an all agricultural system mandated under Republic Act 10068 that promotes the ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable and technically feasible production of food and fibers that dramatically reduces external inputs by refraining from the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and pharmaceuticals.

It also covers areas such as soil fertility management, varietal breeding and selection under chemical and pesticide-free conditions, the use of biotechnology and other cultural practices that enhance productivity without destroying the soil and harming farmers, consumers and the environment./JDP/DBC- PIA CAR, Ifugao

#### JUDICIAL / LEGAL NOTICES

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

BPI FAMILY SAV-INGS BANK, INC., Mortgagee,

-versus-

S P O U S E S NATALIA T. WALIN and HELSON B. WALIN,

Mortgagors.

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 14-544-S

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

SHERIFF'S N NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of SPOUSES NATALIA T. WALIN and HELSON B. WALIN, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGORS. which as of August 18, 2014, amounts to P2,483,189.40, Philippine Currency, plus interest and penalty charges thereon from August 18, 2014 to date of foreclosure sale, cost of the notice of sale, and expenses of foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or thru undersigned the Deputy Sheriff, will sell at public auction on December 17. at 10:00 2014. o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the lobby (fronting the main entrance) of the Hall of Justice Building, Baguio City, the following described mortgage property together with the buildings and all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CER-TIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-018-2013000450, CITY OF BAGUIO

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 23-0-2, PSD-1-015570, BE-ING A PORTION OF LOT 23-0 (LRC) PSD-136609, L.R.C. REC, NO.) SITUATED IN THE RES. SEC. "K". CITY BAGUIO, ISLAND LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 23-N (LRC) PSD-136609; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 23- 0-1 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN; ON THE SE.. ALONG LINE 3-4-5-1 BY LOT 23-W (LRC) PSD-136609, EXISTING L ROAD, 10.00 M. WIDE. BE-GINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" TO POINT OF BEGIN-NING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE **HUNDRED EIGHTY** FOUR (184) SQUARE METERS."

Prospective bidders may investigate the title, rights and improvements of the property with regards to encumbrances, if any there be.

Baguio City, Philippines, this 17th day of November, 2014.

By:(SGD) LINDA MONTES-LOLOY Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

By:(SGD) RUBEN L.ATIJERA Sheriff-in-Charge

Publication raffled to The Junction Newspaper

Publication Dates: November 22, 29 and December 6, 2014. Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION La Trinidad, Benguet

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY. ANSELMO E. ANDAYAN

Petitioner.

NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.12-NC-0309

X----X

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY. MATHEW DAIY LUMIWES Petitioner.

NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.14-NC-0310

X----X

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY.EGGAR LING-OEDIONG

Petitioner.

NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.14-NC-0311

X----X

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY. MARIO SOMEBANG TIMARIO, JR.,

Petitioner.

NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.14-NC-0312

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY. RICHARD S. ANTERO

Petitioner.

NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.14-NC-0313

X----X

IN RE: RENEWAL OF COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTY. JENNIFER C. FIANZA,

Petitioner.

NOTARY PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS CASE NO.14-NC-0314

> NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that ha summary hearing on the petitions for renewal of commission as Notaries Public for and in the Province of Benguet filed by the above named petitioners shall be held on December 16, 2014 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning before the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto on or before the date of summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be published once (1) a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the JUNC-TION, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, the first publication to be made not later than December 07,2014

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines , This 5th day of December ,2014.

By:(sgd) DANILO P. CAMACHO Executive Judge

Publication dates: December 6 and 13, 2014

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, BRANCH 9 (FAMILY COURT FOR BENGUET) FIRST JUDICIAL REGION La Trinidad, Benguet

MAURA GACAD HAMED,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BURGOS, LA
UNION, OFFICE OF
THE
SOLICITOR GENERAL, NATIONAL
STATISICS OFFICE,

M A H M O U D AHMED,

ATEF FOUAD

Respondents.

CIVIL CASE NO. 14F-2219
FOR
JUDICIAL RECOGNITION
OF DIVORCE
DECREE

ORDER

Plaintiff, through counsel, filed this verified petition praying that after due notice, publication and the hearing. VORCE DECREE issued by the Ministry of Justice, Cairo, Egypt be judicially recognized, validated and confirmed by Philippine Court and the court to order cancellation of said marriage with the Local Civil Registrar of Burgos, La Union and declare petitioner Capacitated to Remarry.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in

**Editorial** 

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pare that to Malaysia's 2 percent.) Poor nutrition stunts almost a half (47 percent) of kids in Negros Occidental and Northern Samar. They're dwarfed by better-fed kids in Beijing, Seoul or Hong Kong. Many of them are frailer, and lag academically behind their Korean or Singaporean counterparts.

"The Bethlehem story, in Luke's Gospel, gives us an 'array of luminous images,'" the theologian Catalino Arevalo, SJ, writes in "They Shall Call Him Emmanuel."

(We see) "the night sky alight with bright angels, simple shepherds, startled from sleep, mag. It is a happening, above all, for the deepest heart.

form and substance, the court sets it for hearing on January 27, 2015 At 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court. Benguet Provicial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not granted.

Let this order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than December 7, 2014.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Local Civil Registrar of Burgos, La Union; the Junction; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED,

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2014 at La Trinidad, Benguet

By:(sgd)FRANCIS A.BULIYAT JR. Presiding Judge

Publication dates: December 6, 13 and 20, 2014

"Christmas is not, first of all, a revelation for the intelligence. It is looking at a Son who was born for us, who would die for us, because we mattered to Him, because we are infinitely cherished infinitely loved. At the crib, the first task is to look, and looking to adore. 'Venite adoremus. Come let us adore Him."

"The hopes and fears of all the years/Are met in thee tonight," the 1868 carol says of the little town of Bethlehem. The unique grace of Christmasis that both carol writer and carol thief can say, together with kings and shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has made known to us."/ Juan L. Mercado/Em a i 1: jahaad@mkon

#### Advocacy Mindanow ...from page 4

**BIRTH PAINS** — That reminds me. I had a chat with Cagayan de Oro Congressman **RUFUS** RODRIGUEZ, Jr. during the wake of the late SEN. TING PATERNO in Manila. He is marshalling the wideranging consultations on the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) that will implement the MILF peace agreement. He said the original timetable of passing it by end of December; this year is NO LONGER POSSIBLE. Moreover, there are constitutional and legal issues that are yet UNRESOLVED. These are the so-called necessary birth pains. I shared to him my thoughts. What is important is that the MILF is engaged closely during the congressional stage so it will understand — and accept whatever is the final version that Congress shall approve. The government and the MILF are already

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> AND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
> AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera Administrative Region Baguio City PETRA D. MOCNANGAN
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> CHANGE PARTY APPLICANTS - Vendor
> JIMBOY A. DULNUAN - Vendee

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other. They cannot peel away from

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the approval of CHANGE PARTY with Sale and Transfer and Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - PATRICK IDOGAN-NPC via NAGUILIAN ROAD

and vice verse, with the use of one (1) unit
Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board
on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her

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 Cortillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their writter 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 the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director

this 6th day of December 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV

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

FREDA ALICAY - BALAN - Vendor THELMA B. COLAS - Vendee
Applicant(s)
Case No: 2008-CAR-044

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - MOTORPOOL via BUYAGAN and vice versa, with the

use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 A M/PM, at the LTERB Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) weekly newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 5th day of December 2014.

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

an irreversible course. But the road to peace is not that smooth and easy

This reminds me too of another forum in Manila this week about the "Bangsamoro Agreement" under the auspices of the Asian Peace and Unity Corps/ Integrity Circles Movement/ Universal Peace Federation groups. They are composed of regional peace advocates, military and police officers and other peace builders who want to see the peace process succeed. Then the BISHOP ULAMA CONFERENCE of Mindanao will also hold a forum among its bishops and Ulamas about the BBL the following week in Davao City. Everyone wants to nurture the process but it may good to do some reality checks along the way. So we manage expectations!/ ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUN-DATION, INC. (AMFI)/ Follow us

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Baguio City

ORDONIO A. SABADO Applicant(s) Case No: 2004-BAG-CAR-0591 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the approval of Extension Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Jitney Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line:LA TRINIDAD - ASIN and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTFRE Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) 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 the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 6th day of May 2014.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV

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Department of Transportation and
Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING
AND REGULATORY BOARDCordillera
Administrative Region
Baguio City

RICO M. MIRANDA Applicant(s) Case No: 2010-CAR-192

NOTICE OF HEARING
This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the Line BAGUIO PLAZA - FAIRVIEW and vice versa, with the use of one

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 A M/PM, at the LTERE Office, Pacdal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 5th day of December 2014. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR

Attorney IV

#### BABES ...

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UN member country.

There will also be a releasing of doves to commemorate the late AWAC president, Dr. Charles

Following the program will be the 9th Annual HIV/AIDS conference for BABES member establishments. To strengthen camaraderie among the entertainers, there will also be a Miss BABES and BABES Got Talent competition. /JDP/CCD - PIA CAR

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAIUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF REGISTERED LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late ERLINDAP. VIRAY who died intestate on October 25,2010 at Tuba, Benguet Province , consisting of 9.5876 Has. Covered by TCT NO. T- 7590 was extra judicially settled by their heirs on December 17, 2013 is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Registered Land as per Doc. No. 233; Page no. 47; Book No. 214; series of 2013 of the Notarial Book of Atty Leoncio L. Alangdeo of Baguio City.

Publication dates: November 29, December 6 and 13, 2014

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAIUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE DEED OF SALE

Notice is hereby given to the estate of the late AWAS TAGUID who died intestate on January 19, 2011 in Tuba, has been the subject of an instrument evidenced by EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE DEED OF SALE executed on the 2<sup>ND</sup> day of December 2014 appearing in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Meshack C. Macwes of Baguio City and docketed as Doc. No. 47, Page No. 10, Book No. IX, Series of 2014.

Publication dates: December 6, 13 and 20, 2014

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SELF -ADJUDICATION OF A **MOTOR VEHICLE**

That an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication of a Motor Vehicle was executed by the sole heir of the late FF KUB-ARON FONGAYAO who died on May 2, 2012 without will. The said Affidavit was executed by JOY K. FONGAYAO on November 4, 2014 and entered into the Notarial Registry of Atty. Jun Fred V. Parado and registered as Doc. No. 390, Page No, 78, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2014.

Publication dates: November 29, December 6 and 13, 2014



Begy Abetan, Bugulas, Benguet CP No.: 0947-896-1588



### Dimensional Road ...from page 11

NewsmanKang Shin Wo of The Korean Times reports in 2007 that overseas citizens in SK tried to challenge the country's immigration laws. According to his report, one Angelie Sawyer commentedthat it is a form of racial discrimination -issuing English teaching visas for the mere reason people are white rather than verifying their qualifications as professional teachers. Sawver and her husband Michael that vear filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of Korea against Ministry of Education (MOE), Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education and MEST agency recruiting foreign English teachers of which they allegedly pointed out that the current language teacher visa regulations in SK discriminatorily violate World Trade Organization (WTO)rules. There have been no updates for its status till this writing.

Reflecting these sentiments that made Asian teachers uneasy and desperate, it is tantamount to saying that if applicants are from America and other western nations where English is the mother tongue, schools don't require work experience or a relevant university specialization to be able to teach English in this peninsula. These do not allude only to Filipino experiences in SK but also in the Philippines where lots of Korean schools are unscrupulously being managed.

Peeking at the Nature of SK's Immigration Law

Everyone's opinion is right against such policy but their law states so which becomes inviolable unless revamped by the same authority-making bodies in SK. Korea's immigration law requires native English speakers whichhas excluded many qualified and competent non-native English teachers from obtaining good teaching positions. Citizensfrom recognized English-speaking nations like theUnited States, United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa are qualified to have E-2 visa to teach in SK.Early in 2007, the Philippines, Pakistan, and Singapore have criticized the Korean government's alleged "discriminating" working visa policy for teachers coming from non-native English speaking countries. Report says that these countries denounced Seoul's "narrow-minded" visa regulation as it prevents Korean students from developing English skills in a cheaper and efficient way. They say it is against international norms of equal treatment for all. Aside from the Philippines, other countries named as "ineligible" to teach English in Korea are Kenya, Singapore, and Malaysia, Pakistan and India and even China's Hong Kong city. According to this report, immigration authorities will have to revise the rules so that English teachers from India, Singapore and the Philippines are able to come to Korea. Revisions of the immigration law as earlier suggested never materialized till today.

Elusive Negotiation

Director Kuem Yong-han, of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST)had made a communication to the Filipino embassy in order to invite English teachers from the country, but according to him, thePhilippine embassy told they were afraid of a brain drain of talented teachers which contradicts the fact that Philippine Ambassador to South Korea Luis Cruz discussed with Commissioner ChooKyu-ho of the Korean Immigration Office the possibility of revising the law in order for Filipino teachers to gain entry into SK.In response, Cho said that South Korea is considering extending the scope of the law since its public schools are in need of more English teachers which until now remains to be seen.

Our country's Greater Manila Area (GMA) Network news onJuly 2008 reports that the Philippines had been asking SK to reconsider its education policy to accommodate Filipino English teachers in their language schools. Former Philippine Ambassador to Korea Susan Castrence earlier said she finds the policy "bizarre" despite the fact that thousands of Koreans flock to the Philippines every year to study English.She further recollects that even the native-speaking United States recruits teachers from the Philippines where about 1,312 Filipino teachers are currently teaching English and other subjects in the US since 2007.

Emergence of Opportunistic Tendencies

With the kind of law Koreans have,"businessmen or "educators" who operate rivate academies in SK have taken chances based from their stern immigration laws regarding the restrictions of educators from other countries who plan to work in the peninsula. Most Korean managers of schools and academies had been commercializing education. They favor their current immigration law because it becomes a reason for them to increase fees for further gain. As a consequence emanating from the law on teachers' recruitment. Korean business minded individuals start to build academies in a country they have discriminated for teacher employment in order to exploit their fellow Koreans through the fees they demand from children's parents as well as shortchanging thestudents of their promises to "quality" learning and some services. Ĭn cases, theymanipulate Asian counterparts in business operation to obtain legal documents; other Koreans do it through marriage with Philippine residents to legalize their residencies. Operating academies in the Philippines display discriminatory employment among Filipino applicants. They become particular with the age and physical appearance, unmindful of teachers' benefits till alarmed by the Philippine laws when complaints are filed against them. They would prefer good looking female nursing graduates over unattractivebut dedicated teacher education applicants with good credentials to teach in order to match the preferences of male Korean clients-an unusual recruitment observed pattern. Not to frustrate but to market more students, they have neglected the strict observance of classroom disciplinary measures culturally practiced by theircountry's educational system. Having been an exchange teacher in SK, we knocked the heads of students, whipped hands because of unruly behaviors which are sanctioned by the MOEthat always ensure corresponding disciplinary measures which is so contradictory in academies here because teachers arebeing advised by managers to tolerate the misbehaviors of their students. It is so strange to see sleeping students during class hours and worst, you see maladjusted individuals who should need special education rather than being immersed in regular classes of

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#### SK Polls...

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leaders and officials are elected," Aliping said.

The move to postpone the election was met with opposition by some sectors. National Youth Commission chairman Leon Flores III said that delaying the polls is a "de facto abolition" of the system.

Aliping however said there will be no abolition but "the postponement will allow Congress more time to legislate the appropriate amendments to applicable provisions of the Local Government Code affecting the Sangguniang Kabataan."

"With the postponement, the youth who will aspire to be elected as officials of the renewed SangguniangKabataan will have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with their roles, functions, duties and responsibilities as youth leaders," said Aliping.

"The next elections for Barangay and SK officials who will be working closely together in their respective barangays will again be synchronized."/Carl Taawan

#### Childrens Mardigrans... from page 12

The grand parade had bands and drum and lyre groups ushering in more than 4,000 children from the city's 109 day care centers, divided into four clusters, which nearly filled the Burnham Park football grounds.

Christmas-themed; the children were dressed as kings, shepherds, angels, carolers, santas and other symbols: gifts, stars, multi-colored poinsettias, decorations, candles, various fruits and Christmas trees.

Upon arrival at the grandstand, the contingent was shown the original Silahis ng Pasko nativity scene done in 1973. Silahis ng Pasko chair Padilla explained the significance of the program which is going through life with kindness, sharing and caring, the message of Christmas. Coun-

cilor Elmer Datuin also gave his message, and together with Padilla and Fangasan, led in the ceremonial release of doves and balloons.

Coronation was done in the afternoon; with Little Mr and Miss Silahis ng Pasko 2014 3rd runner-up Zohan Jhay Orpia of Brookspoint Day Care Center, and Janine Depaudhon of Guisad Surong DCC; 2nd runner-up pair were Ken Matthew Vidal of Lourdes Extension DCC and Phoebe Kate Lozano of Pacdal II DCC; and 1st runner-up were Aldous Kent Ramos of St. Joseph Village DCC and Shanelle Glynn Capuras of Magsaysay Loakan DCC

The winners were sashed and presented bouquets by their parents and respective Punong Barangays; David Puguon, Orlando Soriano, Benjamin Macadangdang, Roberto Medina, Conchita Rillera and Jesusa Viscaya; while bouquets were presented by day care workers Mary Grace Saoang, Catherine Subang, Edna Teofilo, Crisanta Fernandez, Susan Pasamonte and Jenalynn Paran. Crowned by City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan as Little Mr. Silahis ng Pasko 2014 is Cloud Hivan Lopez of Camp 8 DCC, also Best in Talent; and Little Miss Silahis ng Pasko Jheazmine Villanueva of MRR Queen of Peace DCC who garnered the Best in Costume award.

PB Mariano Pinto and Catherine Quinones caped the winning pair while their bouquet was presented by DCW Jhuvinez Tabao-ican and Cerina Buendia.

The Little Mr and Miss Silahis ng Pasko were chosen from the daycare centers in the city, as to their talent, and underwent elimination up to the final round last month, according to CSWD officer Fangasan.

Thanksgiving DCC of Fort del Pilar and Dominican DCC presented their childrens' winning cultural numbers to the delight of the onlookers.

The day care children also received their cash prizes for being most symbolic, Cluster 4; most colorful, Cluster 3; most original, Cluster 1; most artistic, Cluster 2.

Aptly themed, "Your Touchstone to a Great Christmas Season Tradition of Love, Caring and Sharing," Silahis ng Pasko 2014 activities include gift-giving to indigent families, sports activities for special children, search for Christmas and New Year babies, sports awards, search for lucky balikbayans, and musical-cultural programs, spread over the month until Jan. 24.

In the evening, the Christmas tree was lighted up with Congressman Nicasio Aliping, Jr. and Mayor Mauricio Domogan delivering their messages. Before a crowd Domogan exhorted Baguioites "to celebrate the Christmas season as the grandest occasion in the Christian world, to seek hope, love and peace for self and neighbors; humility, respect, forgiveness over bitterness, being a good example to others, and service as a way of life."/juliegfianza

### Baguio Traders... from page 1

4653." The bill is now pending at the Ways and Means Committee where Congressman Aliping is a member.

Republic Act No. 4653 Otherwise Known as "An Act To Safeguard The Health Of The People And Maintain The Dignity Of The Nation By Declaring It A National Policy to Prohibit The Commercial Importation Of Textile Articles Commonly Known As Used Clothing And Rags" was passed into law in 1967.

Bahingawan said that "there is no report that the government found any disease from all this clothing, otherwise all stores will be closed."

"We sell good used clothing because it save a lot of money and It doesn't lower your standard as professionals because you look better than average person if you wear a Php 500 to Php 1,500 suit you bought for Php 150 that were used only a few times," said Bahingawan who submitted the position paper of the organization to Congressman Aliping.

"These used garments enter the country illegally and are therefore not taxed which means loss of revenue for the government. If the importation of used garments is finally allowed, it could earn the country an estimated P700 million in taxes and duties annually," Aliping said.

"Aside from these, ukay-ukay business has helped create jobs for thousands of Filipinos especially in the City of Baguio and in the Cordilleras," Aliping said.

Wagwag items, which usually originate from Hong Kong and the United States, enter the Philippines in a manner different from that of traditional imports. These goods are actually transported to different stores in Baguio City and the Cordilleras as well as places in Metro Manila via balikbayan boxes. According to BOC, some items enter the Philippine ports as raw textile materials and are free of tax duties.

Wagwag or ukay-ukay items are actually purchased from Hong Kongbased Salvation Army's rummage sale sites. Those from the United States came from neighborhood home garage sales. Once in the Philippines, these are then sold at prices lower than those of "traditionally" imported goods. Since these are used garments, they are sold at bargain prices.

When such goods are brought into the country, records would show that some were not really intended for sale, they are marked as either donations or aid from foreign countries. Others are recorded as pasalubong for Philippines-based relatives./Carl Taawan

#### Kakampi mo ang Batas ...from page 5

floods, and with floods, death and destruction. If it is any consolation though, this is now the rule not only in the Philippines but in the whole world as well. As Filipinos suffer from rains, floods and strong winds, all others worldwide are suffering from the same phenomenon.

"But if the truth be told, it need not be this way. If only we listened, intently enough, to what the Lord Jesus said in the Bible, in Matthew 7:24-27, mankind would have avoided the death and destruction, because He provided a solution against destructive rains, floods and strong winds.

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RAINS, FLOODS AND WINDS: Here is what Jesus said: `Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

'But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash,' Jesus concluded.

"If we read closely what the Lord said, He was actually saying that the rains, floods and strong winds will surely come. He knew that these natural calamities will come to the world and would bring death and destruction. That was the reason why He urged each one of us to hear His Word and obey His commands—to enable us to be saved. So what are we waiting for?

"DINKY SOLIMAN AND THE COTABATO AID MESS: Cotabato City Mayor Japal Guiani is standing his ground, and is insisting his constituents have not received any aid from the national government yet despite their misfortune due to the rains and floods that visited the city. And, despite Malacanang denials, I am prone to believe him.

"A report by ABS CBN TV Patrol confirmed Guiani's lament: millions of relief bags were found stocked and undistributed at the warehouse of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Cotabato City, notwithstanding the clamor for more aid from hapless city residents.

"Indeed, while President Aquino may have authorized the release of some P10 million for the Cotabato City flood victims, and the money was immediately sent, it would seem DSWD sabotaged the Chief Executive by holding on to, and not distributing, the relief bags. Dinky Soliman has a lot of explaining to do here."

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hindi pwedeng palampasin ay ang pagbenta o gun running lalo na sa kalaban na siguradong magiging resulta na gagamitin ng mga kalaban sa pagpatay ng ating mga law enforcers at sundalo gamit ang mismong mga sandatang dapat ay nasa puder ng gobyerno. Kung may katotohanan ang mga akusasyon na ito ay pawang mga very serious and unforgivable grave human crimes ang mga ito na kung inyong iisipin ay ang ugat ay korapsyon o KATAKAWAN. Kaya nga parati kong sinasabi ay dapat piliin ang kakanain at hindi basta lahat na lang ng makokorap ay kakanain sapagkat may mga bagay na katulad ng Mindanao Massacre, pagkawala ng AK47, pag-nanakaw ng pondo at donasyon para sa mga biktima ng Yolanda, itong mga halimbawa na ito ay may sinasabi na human moral ethical dimensions o yung sinasabing aspetong moral na kung saan ang resulta ng katakawan ng mga korap ay nagiging pahirap sa buhay ng mga inosenteng peace loving and God fearing na kababayan natin. Anyway, abangan natin ang magiging resulta ng imbestigasyon at resulta rin ng mga ongoing investigation hinggil sa violation of SALN, unexplained wealth etc... ni Purisima. Paano na ngayon, eh di may mga Ayer ng Class 82 - 85 ang umiinit na ang kanilang tumbong para maka-upo as Chief PNP ?!?! Anyway, nasa kamay na ni Pangulong JB o baka Pangulong G o Pangulong M ang magiging Chief PNP sa late 2016.

### Dimensional Road ...from page 5

gration laws deal with Filipino English teachers back in the peninsula. These arematters whichshould be addressed with reasons before rendering judgments.

### Testimonies by those who experienced

followinggathered The astoundingtestimonies of Filipinos in South Korea (SK) express how very discriminating; South Korean managers are in treating Filipino teachers." I was rejected many times just because I'm not a native speaker." "Managers in South Korea just don't want to hire Filipino teachers because of their common misconceptions about Filipino English accent." isconsidered afallacy because many Filipinos can elucidate better methodologies of teaching over many native speakers. "We have to accept the fact that many Koreans have prejudice against Filipino teachers, and most Korean managers would rather hire a native speaker or someone who looks like a native speaker." "An academy where I used to work as a part-time hired a Russian, who could barely speak English, to teach English. She was hired because she possesses Caucasian features. I was hired to assist her in class and was

asked to pretend I was a Korean-born and raised in a native English-speaking country." It is disturbing assessmentprocess that springs from looks of applicants over their teaching performances" I have faced many closed doors when looking for teaching posts. It is not easy because Koreans hold certain perceptions of what foreign English teachers should look and sound. If you don't fit their perceptions, then you are simply not qualified" to teach English."

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ConnectionsCompany thathires native speakers for SKhas its shares of commenting over offensiveemploymentpractices of which they report. "Most schools are looking for people between the ages of 23 and 32. Men over about 40 and women over 45 have little chance of being placed at a reputable private school through the services of a recruiter; however, many public schools will hire teachers up to the age of about 50."This is something to recognize. Public schools have the inclinations to choose effective teachers because it implies that with this age, we expect varied experiences, serious and dedicated teaching commitments and expected satisfactory outputs." It is very difficult to place ethnic Asian applicants. When some Koreans see an ethnic Asian, they automatically assume the person is not a native speaker of English. This is an erroneous impression because many Filipinos are born and raised in English native- speaking countries where they have acquired native speaker status. "Koreans tend to view race and nationality as inseparable, many of them do not think of non-European Americans or Canadians as "real" Canadians or Americans or native speakers of English. "Korean employers in the children's market will not hire non-native speakers of English, no matter how good their English is. A Russian native speaker who holds a doctorate in English-Language Teaching is going to be a better English teacher than an American English native speaker with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, but the native speaker will get the job in Korea." The main purpose of teaching at this point becomes deceived. "The quality of English teaching and learning would improve dramatically if Koreans agree to hire some of the many Filipinos who hold degrees in early childhood education and speak excellent English, but a 20something blonde North American woman with no teaching experience and an unrelated degree will be preferred." Koreans are fixated on accent and will sometimes blame a native speaker's "accent," for their inability to understand spoken English. "Standard." North American accents are strongly preferred by most employers. This makes Australians, New Zealanders, Brits, and Irish applicants more difficult to place. Even regional North Americans' accents can be difficult. ' Cont. on page 10



BAGUIO' HOLIDAY SEASONS' BIGGEST NIGHTIME CROWD DRAWER - City officials headed by Mayor Mauricio domogan, Cong. Nicasio Aliping Jr and Edison Bilog and SLU president Jesse Hechanova are frontliners in the muchawaited and Baguio's biggest crowd-drawer this Yuletide Season, the Saint Louis University Lantern Parade at Session Road marking the start of Christmas in Baguio in this mountain resort city/ By Bong Cayabyab

# Childrens' Mardigras and Coronation Launches December Activities bols and accompanied by their parents and teachers.

BAGUIO CITY – Children were the centerpiece of the 41<sup>st</sup> Silahis ng Pasko grand parade and opening program at Melvin Jones, Burnham Park and coronation rites in the afternoon at Malcolm Square, Lower Session road, last Monday, December 1.

Daycare children, dressed in Christmas symbols and accompanied by their parents and teachers, marched from upper Session road and Harrison road to Melvin Jones Burnham Park were welcomed by Santa Claus-costumed Nars Padilla and City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan, together with some city officials and department heads.

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### Ifugao is Most Organic

### **Province**

LAGAWE, Ifugao - The province of Ifugao added another feather on its cap winning the 2014 Search for Organic Agriculture Achievers Award in the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) Category, just two months after bagging the National Nutrition Award.

Department of Agriculture Secretary

Proceso J. Alcala awarded a plaque of recognition and a project grant worth P3-million to the Ifugao PLGU for the achievement during the 11<sup>th</sup> National Organic Agriculture Congress held at the SMX Convention Center, Davao City on November 11-13.

Last year, Catherine Buenaventura of the Ifugao Provincial Agriculture, Environment and

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# City Official Quietly Ushers in Yuletide Spirit

As she occasionally does, a lady department head at city hall quietly ushered in the spirit of giving last Wednesday morning by sharing P1,000 she advised to be given to any of the needy patients airing their plea for support through the local weeklies.

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The amount will help pay for a hemodialysis session of Godofredo Delmas Domilies, a former printing press manager who was diagnosed last October for endstage kidney failure and was advised to submit himself to twice-a-week blood-cleansing treatment for life.

The patient's family name was inadvertently omitted in last Sunday's story for Samaritans to know and respond to his medical plight. At the dialysis room of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center last Wednesday evening, Domilies also said people ready to help can not also contact him as his cellphone, the number of which was included in the write-up, was lost early last week.

Like many facing the inevitability of kidney failure, Domilies, a 59-year old former worker at the BCF Printing Press, resisted medical advice for him to undergo life-time dialysis. He relented when he was hospitalized and visited by other patients worried of dire consequences of not submitting himself to the four-hour blood=cleansing sessions.

"The cost of hemodialysis is so high that my meager salary is not enough to cover our monthly expenses," his wife, Feliza wrote in a letter to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office seeking fund support.

People who would like to provide substance to their yuletide celebration by helping ease the constant pressure of scrounging for funds to sustain Fred's hemodialysis may visit him during his treatment sessions at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center set every Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 1 a.m. They may also course their support through the nursing staff of the renal center./Ramon Dacawi



### BABES Pushes for Healthy and Peaceful City Nightlife

BAGUIO CITY - To promote a clean, healthy and peaceful night life as part of Baguio's tourism industry.

This is the objective of the Baguio Association of Bars and Entertainment Society (BABES) as it spearheads, in cooperation with the city government and the city AIDS Watch Council (AWAC), the scheduled activities for the observance of World AIDS Day this Friday, December 5.

Dr. Celiaflor Brillantes Dr. Brillantes, City Health Services Office's Reproductive Health and Wellness Center (HSO – RHWC) head and AWAC secretariat, highlighted the importance of such partnership with the city's bars and entertainment society in ensuring clean, healthy and peaceful night establishments especially to a tourism hub like Baguio.

Brillantes reported that through BABES, the entertainers in member establishments are regularly submitting themselves to regular weekly check-up at the RHWC. They are also active in policing their ranks in terms of cleanliness and peace and order.

With the theme, "Getting to Zero.. Zero new HIV infection... Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS Related Deaths," the AIDs Day program starts with a parade along Session Road to the Baguio Convention Center for the program with Mayor Mauricio Domogan as the keynote speaker.

BABES President Allan Florentino Bandoy, in a press conference at the PIA grounds on Monday, bared that their member establishments will be joining the UN parade of costumes, wherein each of them will be bannering a **Cont. on page 9** 



