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Agriculture industry remains the biggest employer in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - Agriculture and forestry sector remains the biggest employer in the Cordillera region with 43.9 percent or around 336,000 of the 765,000 employed individual based on result of the January 2016 Labor Force Survey recently released by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles ranked as the second labor sub – industry at 12.4% of the total employed persons in January 2016, followed by construction and manufacturing at 7.7 and 2.2%, respectively.

In terms of occupation groups, laborers and unskilled workers remain to be the largest group of employed workers in Cordillera at 33.3%; followed by farmers, forestry workers and fishermen; **Cont. on page 5**



BAGUIO MEMENTOES - The 28 Miss Universe 2016 candidates receive tokens from Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Baguio Country Club general manager and Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) president Anthony de Leon during the Gala Dinner held at Cordillera Hall, Baguio Country Club, January 18./ Photo by Rj Cayabyab

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 lang na mag traba-
 ho ang menor de edad
 sa sarili nilang
 farm!!!



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Signature campaign to make dialysis free in Cordilleran Army officer laid to rest at the Libingan ng mga Bayani

gov't health facilities launched in Baguio City

BAGUIO CITY - The Baguio Correspondents and Broadcasters Club(BCBC), in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency-Cordillera, launched in a kapihan forum last Tuesday, a signature campaign pushing for Congress to pass a law that will make dialysis in government health facilities free to all patients who need it.

BCBC President Ramon Dacawi said it has been his advocacy to help people undergoing dialysis wherein through his write ups, friends and volunteer donors help him provide financial assistance for the treatment of patients. Since he became a dialysis patient himself, the more he realized the financial burden of having such illness, he shared.

Dacawi stressed that they recognize the assistance of the government through Philhealth where 90 sessions of dialysis of health insurance package per year are available for Philhealth members or

their dependents. But for kidney patients who need three to four sessions a week, such assistance is not enough to sustain their life. To many patients, the average of around P2,400 per dialysis session is too much.

The BCBC and PIA hope that the signature campaign will gain support from every region of the country and even to those living abroad.

Aside from the signature campaign asking Congress to enact a law that will make dialysis free, Dacawi said they are also calling for local government units down to the barangay level to also draft their own version of the said BCBC resolution to make the advocacy stronger.

Dr. Shelly Aral of the Department of Health - CAR affirmed that that end stage renal disease remains a growing health concern in the region. From the over 500 new cases in 2014, it almost doubled with 900 plus

new cases in 2015.

Aside from ensuring that the health department's hemodialysis Unit are providing quality service, DOH also continues with their advocacy on kidney disease prevention, Aral added.

On the part of Philhealth, Information Officer Maggie Del Rosario said Philhealth is continuously working in improving the health benefit package for their members. Aside from the 90 days per year dialysis package at P2,600 per session for end-stage renal disease, there is also the Peritoneal Dialysis package at P2,600 per session and the Kidney Transplantation Package with P600,000 financial health assistance.

Other panelists in the forum were City Councilors Peter Fianza and Edgar Avila. Some hemodialysis patients with their friends and families also came to show their support./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR#

OCD-CAR honors 2016 Gawad Kalasag awardees, partners

BAGUIO CITY - The Office of Civil Defense recognized exemplars and valuable partners in disaster risk reduction and management(DRRM) efforts and actions in Cordillera during the 2016 Gawad Kalasag Awards Night held at the CAP Conven-

tion and Cultural Center on January 18.

The regional awardees were the University of the Cordilleras - Best School DRRM; La Trinidad, Benguet and Luna, Apayao - first and second place respectively in the Best Municipal DRRM 1st to 3rd class

category; Municipality of Tublay, Benguet for best Municipal DRRM - 4th to 6th class category; Baguio - Benguet Public Info and Civic Action Group as Best Volunteer Group; Tuba Fire Station as Best Government Emergency Management Service, with Baguio

City EMS at second place. For the DRRM Commitment awards (individual category), recognized were Benguet DRRM coordinator for Department of Education Nerissa Barbosa; Tublay MDRMO Abner Lawangen; Licuan-Baay, Abra MDRMO Erosbon Sabedo; Mountain Province PRRMO Edward Chumawar; La Trinidad MDRMO Yoshio Labi and Police Regional Office Deputy Director for Operations, PSSupt. Angelito Casimiro.

BAGUIO CITY - The elite army officer from Benguet who was killed in a military operation in Basilan was laid to rest today(Friday) at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig City.

Army Capt. Clinton Capio, a native of Amlimay, Buguias, Benguet and a resident of Gibraltar, Baguio City was given full military honors in respect to the bravery of the fallen hero. He was a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 2006.

Capio was killed during a nine-hour fire fight between the military and the Abu Sayyaf group in Barangay Cabcan, Sumisip in Basilan town on January 12. He was the commanding officer of the 1st Special Forces Company assigned to augment the 4th Special Forces Battalion to help run after remnants of the Abu Sayyaf in the area.

According to reports, Capio's team clashed with 60 to 80 Abu Sayyaf members led by Furuji Indama alias Abu Dajana. The military operation against the Abu Sayyaf is in line with the directive of President Duterte to eliminate the bandit group known for kidnappings and beheadings.

The President personally condoled with the family of Capio at the Libingan ng mga Bayani Mortuary in Fort Bonifacio on Monday before the body was flown to Baguio City. He also extended financial assistance to the family.

During the wake at the Wesleyan Church along Rimando Road here, relatives and friends of Clinton expressed sadness and condoled with the family.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan also paid tribute to the slain soldier. He expressed grief but hailed Capio as among the heroes

of the Cordillera.

Delia Capio, Clinton's mother, is devastated but proud that his son was among the heroes of the country fighting to win the war on peace.

The military accorded funeral honors to Capio before being flown from the Loakan Airport to be buried at the Libingan ng Bayani on Friday.

In related development, President Duterte said he will meet with the widows and family members of the Special Action Force (SAF) troopers who were killed in the January 2015 Mamasapano massacre. He wants to talk to them and see how the families are two years after the unfortunate incident that rocked the nation.

Of the 44 slain SAF troopers, 14 were from the Cordillera region./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR#

Administrator for Admin- Operations, in expressing his congratulations to the DRRM exemplars of Cordillera, outlined the importance of their work and leadership in ensuring a safer, climate change adaptive and resilient Philippines.

"Civil defense and DRRM efforts and initiatives are integral on the survival of our disaster prone country considering that our country's Gross Domestic Product is directly and quickly affected by disaster and calamities. Thus, a comprehensive civil defense and DRRM program is the principal strategy that will assure sustainable and irreversible socio-economic growth", Purisima stressed.

"This is the bigger picture and common operating template we should carry with us as we discharge our important mandate to the nation, as we move towards a

resilient Philippines. Our Gawad Kalasag awardees today are the proof that it can be done because it has been done. Indeed Cordillera has withstood the worst", he added.

Purisima also challenges all the awarded to continue the good DRRM efforts and initiatives and be relentless in reinventing their strategies so that they will always remain responsive to the ever changing demand of the country's ever evolving DRRM landscape.

Gawad Kalasag' (Kalamidad at Sakuna Labanan Sariling Galing ang Kaligtasan) is an annual award that is given to individuals, non-government organizations, private sector and government organizations in recognition of their initiative in helping the Filipino government uplift the standard of disaster management in the country./JDP/CCD - PIA CAR#



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Benguet farmers say frosts has no effect on vegetable price increase

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Benguet farmers are calling on the various government agencies and local government units to look into the rampant increase of highland vegetables in the Manila markets which are being blamed on the effect of frosts.

Benguet Farmers Marketing Cooperative General Manager Agot Balanoy said that aside from their monitoring, they have been receiving reports from farmers and traders that prices of locally produced vegetables like potatoes, carrots, sayote, and broccoli have

jacked up from P5 to P20 reportedly due to the occurrence of frost in the highlands since last week.

Balanoy clarified that although there were reports of damages of vegetables due to the frost in parts of Mankayan, Kibungan and Atok in Benguet and parts

of Bauko in Mountain Province in the past week, the supply and the production of vegetables have not been affected thus there is no reason for Manila markets to raise vegetable prices.

She said that the reported damages of vegetables is very low

compared to the supply of vegetables being sold and transported from the farmlands to the wholesale and retail markets. She added that farmers already are very resilient and are ready to immediately act to ensure that their produce will not be affected by applying

water spray before sunrise when frosts occurs.

Balanoy called on the regional and the national offices of the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture to investigate the illegal increase of vegetable prices which

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DOLE BROADENS BAN ON EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS IN FARMING

Baguio City - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has broadened the scope of the ban on the employment of minors in agriculture and livestock farming to prevent young people from exposure to hazardous work conditions.

Department Order No. 149-A by Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III, now classifies farm rearing and related farming activities as hazardous and among the worst forms of child labor including plant propagation activities that involve grafting, budding and marcotting, and tending activities that involve weeding of soil.

OIC Regional Director Exequiel Rona A. Guzman said the new order also reinforced the existing ban on the employment of minors in farm activities as clearing of land, plowing, harrowing, irrigating, constructing paddy dike and cutting. Also declared as hazardous are handling, spraying and application of harmful fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other toxic chemicals; and loading and carrying of heavy loads.

Guzman added that minors are also not allowed in harvesting activities that involve cutting and picking, spreading for drying, hauling, topping, tumbling, tuxying, stripping, burning of field, sticking and classifying, threshing, loading and carting of produce.

"In post-harvest, minors may not be employed in de-husking, scooping, sacking of products, charcoal making, hauling of products as led by animal guide, loading and unloading of packed farm products, coconut kilning and de-meating from shell or core, sealing and carting of produce for warehousing and transport to market and all ancillary work such as clearing, cleaning, and recycling of farm waste in its preparation as animal food and other related processes" the Director explained.

In livestock farming, work and related activities that are declared hazardous to minors are rearing activities that involve collecting, loading, unloading and transporting of feeds, maintenance and care of large and/or dangerous animals, collecting and disposal of dead animals, animal manure and other waste materials, administering of vaccines and vitamins,

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Bishop on killings: Filipinos 'quiet like in time of Hitler'

'Let us boldly reject merciless ways of dealing with the most miserable, including our drug addicts,' Bishop Teodoro Bacani says at the Mercy Congress MANILA, Philippines – Novaliches Bishop Emeritus Teodoro Bacani on Wednesday, January 18, questioned the silence of many Filipinos about the recent killings in the war on drugs waged by the Philippine government.

Bacani compared this attitude to the world's silence about the abuses of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, under whom Nazi Germany slaughtered some 6 million Jews by the end of World War II.

In a speech at the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy (WACOM), the bishop cited the deaths of more than 6,000 people in the government's war on drugs.

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Bacani said: "6,000 people and going. And the Filipino people keep quiet like in the time

of Hitler? How can this be?"

To drive home his point, Bacani recounted the "uproar on social media" against the killing of a dog in the making of the movie Oro, an entry at the recently concluded Metro Manila Film Festival.

Citing a letter to the editor addressed to the Philippine Daily Inquirer, he said that "there is more uproar over the killing of a dog than over the killing of 6,000 people." 'Uphold rights of human beings'

During his speech, Bacani also sought to draw attention to the spiritual aspect of the recent killings.

He remembered a priest telling him: "Bishop, you know what pains me? It's not only those people lost their lives. But if they were sinners, then they were killed in their sleep. They have no time to repent. Now they would be condemned not to jail but to eternal fire."

Alarmed at the drug-related killings, Bacani reminded the public, "Even as we proclaim the mercy of God, let us with boldness – I repeat, with boldness – also uphold the rights of human beings, even of the most miserable."

"As we proclaim life, let us boldly reject merciless ways of dealing with the most miserable, including our drug addicts," he said.

At the same time, Bacani also criticized the Philippine National Police for failing to catch the killers of more than 4,000 suspected drug pushers and users in cases outside police operations.

Like Bacani, Cotabato Archbishop Orlando Cardinal Quevedo and Manila Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Pabillo also hit the recent Philippine killings.

At WACOM, Quevedo said the public's attitude toward the killings "is a symptom or indication of split-level Christianity," while Pabillo said Catholics should speak out against drug-related murders.

WACOM is a 5-day gathering of devotees of the Divine Mercy, which is hosted by the Philippines this year./ with reports from Agence France-Presse/Rappler.com

Why is there no rush to punish Korean's killers?

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... In a loud voice she (Elizabeth) exclaimed... 'But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me... Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises'..." (Luke 1:41, 43, 45, the Holy Bible).

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MARY AS THE MOTHER OF THE INCARNATE GOD: The visitation of Elizabeth by Mary (which is narrated in Luke 1:39-45 of the Bible) contains highlights that, indeed, the baby boy that Mary was going to conceive and give birth to was God the Father Himself. Among these highlights were Elizabeth's statement that Mary was the mother of her, Elizabeth's, Lord, and that she, Mary, was blessed because she believed in God's promises about His birth through a virgin.

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WHY IS THERE NO RUSH TO PUNISH THE KILLERS OF THE KOREAN? It is not just the involvement of top-ranking police officers in the kidnapping-for-ransom case where a South Korean national was killed that is giving the black-eye to the illegal drugs campaign of President Duterte. What is more bothersome for many here is the fact that there seems to be no rush to immediately identify and punish the perpetrators even at this point.

'KOREAN BUSINESSMAN KILLED INSIDE PNP HEADQUARTERS'



DUTERTE at BATO, THESE CRIMES HAPPENS UNDER YOUR WATCH, WALA PA DING NASOSOLVE SA MGA PATAYAN. BAKIT?

Consequently, citizens are asking: why is there no immediate disclosure and punishment from the Philippine National Police (PNP) of, and for, those who are being implicated in the "tokhang-for-ransom" case involving Jee Ick Joo? Why is the Department of Justice taking its sweet time investigating the murder which has already irked even South Korean diplomatic officials in the country?

Since there is already evidence that the family of the slain Korean businessman paid P5 million to his kidnappers, why are police authorities not zeroing in on where this money is at this point? And since there are media reports linking police generals to the crime, why is the public not being informed about who these generals are?

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IF CRIMINALS ARE NOT PUNISHED, MORE CRIMES WILL BE COMMITTED: This sorry circumstance will surely encourage criminally-minded policemen to venture into similar endeavors in the future. We cannot fault these scalawags if they plan on committing the same heinous crimes all over again, for it is plain to them that no one gets punished anyway, and that the only worst thing they could get is to be threatened to be killed by the president no less.

The apparent laxity that is being employed against the rouge-policemen that executed the kidnapping of Jee Ick Joo (on the pretext that he is a drug pusher so money could be extorted, as P5 million was in fact extorted from his family which was led to believe he was still alive and could still be saved by paying his ransom), would only entice a repeat performance.

The government, the PNP, and others in authority, must fully understand the ramifications of King Solomon's warning, aired in Ecclesiastes 8:11 of the Bible, which said "When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people's hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong." Sun Tzu's "Art of War" says the same thing!

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GOD'S FULFILLMENT OF HIS PROMISES IN VISITATION: Here are Elizabeth's words, after hearing Mary's greeting in Luke 1:41 and 43: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit... In a loud voice she (Elizabeth) exclaimed... But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me... Blessed is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises..."

These words were surely inspired by the Holy Spirit to be uttered by Elizabeth, in reference to Mary, for they confirmed that the baby that Mary would give birth to would be the Lord, or God Himself, and that whatever was happening to Mary was in fact a fulfillment of the prophecies made by God, through Isaiah, that He, God Himself, will come down to earth in human likeness and form, as a man named Jesus.

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has been a scheme of Manila retailers every time there is frost.

Moreover, Balanoy is asking the local government units of Benguet and the National Capital Region to look into the situation of the markets which is affecting the highland farmers and traders. /JDP/RMC-PIA CAR#

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and handling of disinfectants used for cleaning animal pens/enclosures or for disinfecting animals.

In harvesting activities, work and activities that involve catching or collecting, ranching, and milking in preparation for warehousing or transport to market, and post-harvest activities including the packaging and processing of dairy and other animal by-products in preparation for warehousing and transport to market; and working in slaughterhouses or abattoirs.

In a statement issued by Secretary Bello, he reiterated that child workers are compelled to help augment their families' meager income by engaging in hazardous work and that is the reason the Labor Department will strictly monitor and assess occupational safety and health standards related to child labor.

The Labor Secretary also said the best interest of children is the paramount consideration to ensure that their employment does not endanger their life, safety, health and morals, nor impair their normal development.

DO 149-A, series of 2017 was issued last January 16, 2017 is an amendment to Department Order no. 149, series of 2016 on "Guidelines in Assessing and Determining Hazardous Work in the Employment of Persons below 18 years of age" particularly Section 6 - B "on Hazardous Work and Activities", subsection (i) Farmers and Other Plant Growers and (ii) Animal Producers. /Patrick T. Rillorta#

Mayor declares Miss U candidates visit a "success"

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomed and led a formal toast to this year's 29 Miss Universe Candidates at a Gala Dinner at Baguio Country Club capping the beauties' visit here last Wednesday.

Reigning Miss Universe Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach and finalist Shamcey Supsup Lee were there with the latter serving as the night's master of ceremonies.

Also present were Ilocos Sur Governor Chavit Singson, Department of Tourism (DOT) regional director Venus Tan, city officials, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB) officers and members headed by BCC general manager Anthony De Leon, Philippine Military Academy cadets, and other guests.

Domogan said that it is truly an honor for Baguio to be chosen as one of the very few places in the country to be visited by the Miss Universe candidates as this will introduce and promote the Summer Capital to a worldwide audience, among others.

He thanked the HRAB and DOT for spearheading efforts in making this "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity possible and a success. The Mayor also commended the Baguio City Police Office for ensuring the safety of the contestants.

In his message, De Leon said that the Miss Universe candidates' visit is part of HRAB's mission of making the "impossible, possible" and will continue to create

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

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

BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



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

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

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

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

and pursue projects that promote Baguio both nationally and abroad. He also thanked all those involved in making the visit a success.

For her part, Wurtzbach expressed their appreciation for the "very warm" reception accorded them by the people of Baguio. She revealed that the city is one of her favorite places to visit and hopes to return soon.

The Miss Universe candidates' visit here started with a silent drill performed by PMA cadets upon landing at Loakan Airport early Wednesday morning followed by their joining a mini "Panagbenga" parade from Upper Session Road to BCC on top of flower and mask-bedecked floats representing Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao including that of BCC.

In the afternoon, the beauties engaged in tree-planting and strawberry picking activities with some even trying their hand in golf. They also witnessed a "solar painting" demonstration by Cordilleran artist Jordan Mang-osan of the Tam-Awan Village Group of Artists. /Gaby Keith#

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

**The Division we call
Religion**

BY: CLYDE B. SACPA



It started in the middle East with the Jews. Then, Jesus came and his followers called it Christianity. Then, followed Mohammed, with his Islam faith. These are what the scholars called the Abrahamaic religion.

These religion are the most popular ones in the world. They believe in God. The God that heals, and the God of love. It's a good thing to hear as every human wants to be loved. But if we look around, it is the opposite.

We got wars, we got killings, We got divisions in the name of God Almighty. We create more religions where everyone claims they got the "TRUE" message of God. We discriminate people, because they do not believe in our faith. We insist our beliefs on other people that sometimes results to family misunderstanding.

Looking closer to these facts, I'd say religion has caused more harm than good. And we the humans are to be blamed because we have diluted the REAL message to suit our own interest. But, it's not too late. We can change this. We can start by changing the way we think. Let us obey the very message that God has given us. Let us love one another unconditionally. Love everyone despite thier color and despite thier religion. I'm certain that if we do this then all the good things will follow.

Everyone of us believes in God. A diety that looks over us with a message that love is better than hate; helping is better than hating; and unity is better than division. Let us stick to this message and start breaking this hardened, thickened wall between us we call religion..#

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and officials of government and special interest organizations, corporate executives, managers, managing proprietors and supervisors at 21 and 13.6 % of the 765,000 January 2016 workforce, respectively.

The said Labor Force survey shows that there were around 44,000 professionals, 39,000 trade and related workers and 33,000 clerks in Cordillera during the survey period.

The 765,000 workforce of Cordillera during the survey period ranked as the highest among the regions in the country in terms of labor force participation as it comprises 67% of the around 1,194,000 population of 15 years old and over.

At the national level, the total labor force is 42.52 million, or around 63.3% of the 67,160,000 Filipinos ages 15 years old and above.

The PSA's Labor Force Survey provides a snapshot or a quick view of the economically active persons in the country at a particular point or reference period and it aims to monitor the changes in the employment status of persons, both employed and unemployed, in the working age population. / JDP/CCD - PIA CAR#

Cut flower vendors get livelihood assistance from the city

BAGUIO CITY - Eleven cut flower vendors along Harrison Road were given financial assistance from the city government here through the City Social Welfare and Development Office headed by CSWD Officer Betty Fangasan.

Secretary to the mayor **Cont. on page 7**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of CAMILO S. DUGAYEN who died in Baguio City on November 7, 2007 was extrajudicially settled by the heirs on January 7, 2017 as evidenced by Doc. No. 07; Page No. 45; Book No. V; Series of 2017 of the Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles.

January 7, 14 and 21 2017

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

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

Mortgagee,

-versus-

DEXTER A. MASING,
Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 17-ExF-1961

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by SPS. EDUARDO C. DELA CRUZ and MARILYN S. DELA CRUZ, hereinafter referred as the Mortgagee against DEXTER A. MASING, of legal age, single, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal address at Pula, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet

and presently residing in No. 19-A Balacbac, Santo Tomas Proper, Baguio City, Philippines, hereinafter referred as the Mortgagors.

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

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

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 016-2011001162

(Registry of Deeds-Province of Benguet)

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1-F, PSD-CAR-015410) BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, PSD-CAR-008039; SITUATED AT RURBAN CODE 131113, BARANGAY OF TABAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET; ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE W., ALONG LINE 3-4 & ON THE N., ALONG LINE 4-1 & NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY PUBLIC LAND; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 1-E OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 14 DEG.

55°W., 6786.21 M. FROM TRIANGULATION STATION "STO TOMAS", THENCE S. 63 DEG. 34°E., 56.25M. TO POINT 2; S. 67 DEG. 58°W., 196.81 M. TO POINT 3; N. 02 DEG. 39°W., 82.48 M. TO POINT 4; N. 83 DEG. 05°E., 136.90 M. TO POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING AN AREA OF NINE THOUSAND SEVENTY TWO (9,772) SQ. METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL POINTS ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 40 CMS. EXCEPT COR. 1 BY OLD BL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CMS. & COR. 4 BY CROSS ON TREE; BEARING TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY ON 07/19/54; DATE OF SUBD. SURVEY ON AUG. 24-25, 2007; EXECUTED BY ENGR. BRANDO G. ANDRES AND WAS APPROVED ON OCTOBER 16, 2007"

All sealed bids be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated place, time and date.

Prospective bidders/buyers may investigate the above-described real property regarding the encumbrances thereof, if any.

In the event the Public Auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on MARCH 8, 2017, without further notice.

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

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX-OFFICIO OF BENGUET

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

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

RICHARD E. BACDAYAN Applicant CASE No. 2015-CAR-347 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on January 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this ____ day of _____ 20____.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 64
Abatan, Buguias, Benguet

IN RE: PERITION FOR THE CORRECTION AND SUPPLICATION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF WALDO BATCHI NGAOA,

WALDO BATCHI NGADAOA,
Petitioner

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANKAYAN, BENGUET AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,

Respondent.

SPEC. PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 16-C-258

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ORDER

Petitioner Waldo Batchi Ngaoa, through counsel, filed a verified Petition before this Honorable Court, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, it shall order the office of the Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet to correct the entry under his date of birth, from "December 4, 1954" to November 24, 1951; and to supply the missing

entries pertaining to the middle name of mother and father, as "PAGO" and "LAMOGAY", respectively.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on March 1, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before this Court, at which date and time all concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the The Junction, for three (3) consecutive weeks. The first publication to be made not earlier than December 25, 2016.

Furnish copies hereof, together with the Petition and annexes to the Hon. Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet, the Local Civil Registrar of Mankayan, Benguet, the Philippine Statistics Authority, Petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.
Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 15th day of December 2016.

(SGD) SERGIO T. ANGGANAY, JR.
Acting Presiding Judge

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

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

ADOLBERTO DIAZ Applicant CASE No. 2011-CAR-450 NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TAXI service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CAR and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on January 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time 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) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing.

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

WITNESS, the Honorable ATTY. JOSE EDUARDO L. NATIVIDAD, Regional Director, this 17th day of January 2017.

GREGORIO R. RETUTA, JR.
Hearing Officer

Baguio hosts Korean students in exchange program

BAGUIO CITY – Twenty students from the Yeonsu-Gu District, Incheon Metropolitan City, South Korea are here on a Student Exchange Program from January 10 to 23 with several officials and other local residents acting as their foster parents.

Baguio recently entered into a sister-city agreement with Incheon and has similar arrangements with Gongju and Taebaek cities in South Korea.

The exchange students were presented in Monday's flag-raising ceremonies where Mayor Mauricio Domogan emphasized the importance of having sister-city relationships with local and international **Cont. on page 8**

IN RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH OF ABSENTEE JULIAN DULALAS SR. y SUMALPONG.

LALING DULALAS y BANG-ITO,
Petitioner.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 16-E-0142
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ORDER

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

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, it is hereby set for hearing on April 6, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning before the session hall of this court, Justice Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet.

All persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the petitioner in the Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province and the Cordillera Administrative Region, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than February 19, 2017.

Furnish copies of this ORDER, together with copies of the Petition and its annexes, to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; and, the Philippine Statistics Authority. Furnish also copies of this ORDER to the Junction and petitioner and counsel.

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

(SGD) MARIETTA S. BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates:
January 21, 28 and February 4 2017

OSG WANTS TO IMPROVE CALIBER AND QUALITY OF SOLICITORS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS

Solicitor General Jose Calida bared his plans to further improve the caliber and quality of solicitors under his watch.

He said he is inviting the brightest lawyers to join the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG).

"We have embarked in a campaign to lure the best and the brightest lawyers in the Philippines to join us," Calida said in a press briefing in Malacañan on Thursday, January 19.

"If you have friends who are valedictorians or topnotchers of the Bar exams, please endorse them to us because we will accelerate their entry from associate solicitor I to associate solicitor III. And we have capacity-building seminars and conferences. We send our solicitors abroad to study the recent trends in law especially now the arbitration law," he said.

"Of course, our main mission here is to defend the Republic of the Philippines from its enemies whether internal or external," he added.

Calida said that the OSG needs to increase its manpower, considering the cases that are filed in court every day.

"I have six years as my tenure in the office. So hopefully within my term, I will be able to increase not only the number but the quality of our legal services," he said.

According to the Solicitor General, there should be at least 30 assistant solicitor generals. Currently, however, the OSG has only 24.

"We are still short of the minimum number of assistant solicitor generals," he said.

According to Calida, among the recent accomplishments of the OSG include the West Philippine Sea case.

"This case is the crowning glory of international law and the law of the seas as well as the rule of law," he said.

In the same press

briefing, meanwhile, Presidential spokesperson Ernesto Abella welcomed the Asia Business Outlook survey for 2017, which showed that 39.4 percent of the respondents said that they will increase investments in the country as compared to the 4.3 percent who said that they will reduce levels.

"We continue to look at the Philippine socio-economic political landscape and note that based on evidence, there were business [that] seems to be affirming the administration's aggressive efforts on nation-building," Abella said.

"The Duterte administration's economic pronouncements appeared to be clear and consistent and want to achieve an economic growth that's not only robust and sustainable but actually inclusive for more Filipinos," he said.

Just this week, the Palace official had announced that more foreign banks have expressed interest to enter the Philippines this year, which is expected to help potential investors to set up shops in the country.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has also said that the Philippines is expected to maintain its strong GDP growth momentum registered in 2016 into 2017 at a pace of 6.8 percent.

In the same press briefing, Abella said the Department of Education (DepEd) is set to release 977 million hardship allowance for teachers.

"Teachers assigned to multi-grade classes, mobile teachers and alternative learning system coordinated is set to receive the respective special hardship allowances (SHA) amounting to 997,405,080," Abella said.

The Palace official said the incoming SHA covers a total of 14,896 recipient schools for teachers assigned in hardship posts and multi-grade classes;

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Rafael Tallocoy together with Fangasan handed the five thousand pesos check each to the eleven flower vendors Tuesday, January 10.

The city's Self Employment Assistance (SEA) Livelihood loans provide financial assistance for livelihood projects to help alleviate the living condition of the beneficiaries and making them become self-sufficient.

SEA livelihood loan program is part of the city's program for poverty reduction which provides entrepreneurial capacity building for all Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4P) beneficiaries.

It is a community-based credit assis-

tance program targeting low income communities in order to establish, sustain and manage their own business with no collateral and interest-free loan as capital.

Fangasan reminded the vendors to pay their loans so as to give other beneficiaries the chance to also avail of the program.

Moreover, she advised and urged them to help in maintaining cleanliness in the said area.

It is recalled that the city allowed the displaced flower vendors to vend along Harrison Road with the condition that anytime the city will need the said area for further development, they will voluntarily vacate./Jho Arranz#

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government units.

"We hope that the students will learn much about the city, its people and its culture," he said.

Domogan also reminded those present that the city has a huge population of Korean nationals many of whom are contributing to Baguio's development in various ways.

Councilor Elmer Datuin, the local legislature's committee on tourism and special events chair, said that Baguio and its sister cities have long been in the headway of mutual development encouraging various forms of exchange in tourism, governance,

and 2,395 recipient school districts and community learning centers, CLCs, or for mobile and ALS teachers.

"The allowance of teachers assigned in hardship posts is computed based on the distance from the nearest point of available transport, which corresponds to a certain percentage of their basic salary," Abella said.

Hardship posts include schools with transport inaccessibility as well as those that are in

investment, education, culture and the arts and environment.

In a memorandum of understanding signed between Domogan and Yeonsu-Gu District, Incheon Mayor Lee Jae-Ho, it stated that sustaining exchanges has paved a way toward expanding a network of infinite possibilities in mutual development.

"It is deemed befitting for the strengthening of ties between the cities in having a tangible exchange program in terms of education and culture particularly a Student Exchange Program," the memorandum added./Gaby Keith#

difficult situations such as exposure to calamities and armed conflicts.

"Computation of the allowance from multi-grade, mobile and house coordinators are based on the number of classes or learning levels that the teachers handle," Abella added.

Likewise, in the same briefing, Abella said Filipinos can now use the improved and widened radial road or R-10 as an alternative route to EDSA via Bonifacio Drive and Roxas Boulevard./PND#



Barangay officials of Pinsao Pilot Project are doing their share in informing car owners about the Anti obstruction ordinance of the city government which involve barangay roads. - photo by Rosa Moresto

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waste to the Tarlac ESL.

Earlier, Benguet Corporation entered into an agreement with the local government units (LGUs) of Baguio City, the Municipality of Itogon in Benguet and with Goldrich Natural Resources Exploration

and Development Inc., to develop its Antamok properties into an Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) with waste-to-energy compost aimed for sustainable environmental preservation and protection. (PNA)FPV/ZST/JOJOLAMARIA#

JHMC HAS NEW EXEC

BAGUIO CITY- Allan R. Garcia replaced Dr. Jamie Eloise M. Agbayani as the new President and CEO of the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), a government-owned-and-controlled corporation.

Following his appointment from President Duterte, Garcia took his oath as a member of the JHMC Board of Directors and as the newly installed JHMC President and CEO last Thursday, January 12, 2017, before Gregorio D. Garcia, III, Chairperson of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) Board of Directors.

The oath taking was held at the BCDA Corporate Center in Taguig during the stockholders meeting and it was witnessed by BCDA President and CEO Vivencio Dizon, Silvestre Afaible, Chairperson of the JHMC Board and other members of the board present.

Garcia remains optimistic that the overall thrust of the Duterte administration, that is, to build, build, build, will be realized through commitment to public service and good governance. As he says, "Do what is right and you will never go wrong."

He further added that, the JHMC is full of potentials, given its resources and it should continue to be more innovative and open to business proposals in order to attract investments.

JHMC is a subsidiary of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority. #

Pag-IBIG Fund urges members to join in expanded raffle promo

BAGUIO CITY - Do you want to win P1 million and other fabulous prizes? Then increase your Pag-IBIG I savings and join the Pag-IBIG expanded raffle promo and have the chance to win in the grand draw on May 1, 2017.

Lilian Nievera, Marketing and Sales Head of Pag-IBIG Fund Baguio Member Services Branch, announced that the promo is open to all qualified Pag-IBIG members, both local and overseas Filipinos, with remittance of upgraded Pag-IBIG I savings amounting to at least Php600.00 per month within the raffle promo duration.

Nievera said the grand draw on May 1 will have eight winners of Samsung S7 Edge, four winners of Mac Book Pro Retina, one winner of P250,000 cash, one winner of P500,000 cash and one winner of P1 million.

She explained that qualified members have to register through the website www.pagibig-fund.gov.ph and click on the expanded raffle promo icon, read the raffle promo mechanics and click the "I want to join now" button.

Members should see to it that the Pag-IBIG Member Identification (MID) number should be the same with the Pag-IBIG MID number used in the remittance

of upgraded Pag-IBIG I savings.

Upon registration to the raffle promo, a member will be entitled to a one bonus electronic raffle entry one time only upon validation of the initial remittance of required upgraded Pag-IBIG I savings.

All electronic raffle numbers corresponding to the validated remittances of upgraded Pag-IBIG I savings will be sent through the members' email address registered in the raffle promo.

Pag-IBIG I savings which are part of housing loan amortizations are excluded from the raffle promo, Nievera stressed. //JDP/MAWC- PIA CAR#

Nineteen drug-affected barangays under clearing operations

BAGUIO CITY - With the war against drugs campaign being the top priority of the present administration under the leadership of president Rodrigo Duterte, the city government of Baguio continues to battle drug related problems in the city of Baguio.

For the period July 1 to Dec. 31, 2016, the Baguio City Police Office reported that out of the 128 barangays in Baguio, there are 19 barangays under drug clearing operations.

The 19 drug-affected barangays undergoing clearing operations include Campo Filipino, Quezon Hill Proper, Pinget, Alfonso Tabora, Trancoville, Middle Quirino Hill, Padre Zamora, Pacdal, Saint Joseph Village, Ferdinand, Upper Rock

Quarry, Lower Q.M., Honeymoon, Aurora Hill Proper, Loakan Liwanag, Camp7, Irisan, Bakakeng Central and Dontogan.

PCI Dexter Ominga said the drug-affected barangays can only be declared drug-cleared if they meet the specific parameters, such as the non-availability of drug supply, absence of drug transit or transshipment activity, absence of clandestine drug laboratory, absence of clandestine drug warehouse, absence of clandestine chemical warehouse, absence of marijuana cultivation site, absence of drug den, dive or resort, absence of drug pusher, absence of drug user or dependent, absence of protector or coddler and financier, active involvement of barangay officials in anti-drug activities, active involvement of

the barangay, existence of drug awareness, preventive education and information, and existence of voluntary and compulsory drug treatment and rehabilitation processing desk.

On the other hand, the named four unaffected barangays are Country Club, Happy Hallow, Upper Dagsian and Lower General Luna. While, 105 barangays were recommended and submitted as drug cleared barangays.

As reported, 1,971 users and 406 pushers have already surrendered to the authorities.

The BCPO has arrested 176 pushers and 24 users. They have also conducted 106 buy bust operations, nine through police response, another nine through service of search warrant and seven with warrant of arrest.

Moreover, 236.51 grams of shabu were confiscated amounting to P4,257,180.00 while 2,653.56 grams of marijuana were confiscated amounting to P729,729.00.

Meanwhile, intensifying the war against drugs, the city government here



A Baguio Cowboy shows his lasso and horseback riding skills to the delight of the crowd and the Miss Universe candidates during the Mini-Panagbenga Parade last January 18. / Photo by Rj Cayabyab

City commends Muay Thai athletes, coaches

BAGUIO CITY - Members of the city council passed two separate resolutions commending the city's athletes and coaches who participated in last year's Muay Thai National Open and National Championships at Teacher's Camp, here, and Philsports Complex, Pasig City, respectively.

Both measures were authored by councilors Arthur Allad-iw, Faustino Olowan, Benny Bomogao and Leandro Yangot, Jr..

The Baguio Muay Thai delegation, composed of

22 athletes and 12 coaches, emerged as overall team champions during the national championships in Pasig capturing 21 medals (13 gold, seven silver, one bronze) in various categories.

In the national open at Teacher's Camp, the city's Muay Thai team with eight athletes and four coaches garnered eight medals (two gold, two silver and four bronze) in different categories.

The athletes and coaches are from local schools and martial arts

clubs including Baguio City High School, Pinget National High School, Kafagway, Scorpion Martial Arts, Max Fusion, Team Lakay, Tribal Torogi and Universal Martial Arts.

"The Muay Thai artists and their coaches once again brought pride and honor not only to their families but also to the City of Baguio perpetuating Baguio's feat as a producer of martial arts champions," the approved resolutions stated. //Gaby Keith#

New recycling machines reduce Baguio waste

BAGUIO CITY-The city's solid waste problem has significantly decreased with the operation of two Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines which process the biodegradable waste to high grade compost or fertilizer.

Romeo Concio, City General Services Office (GSO) head, said the processing of some 48 tons of biodegradable waste by the ERS machines daily reduced the volume of solid waste being hauled out of the city to the Engineered Sanitary Landfill (ESL) in Capas, Tarlac.

The volume of garbage being hauled out of the city is about 160 to 200 tons daily, including the 48 tons of biodegradable waste being processed by the ERS machines.

Concio said the city will be able to save PHP12 million annually from the cost of hauling and tipping fee for the 48 tons biodegradable waste.

"Hauling to the ESL in Tarlac is still the feasible option to avoid a serious garbage problem in the city while we are working on the establishment of the planned Integrated Solid Waste Disposal Facility (ISWDF) in

Antamok. The cost of maintenance for the two ERS is PHP12 million while the hauling cost of 48 tons of waste is PHP24 million," Concio said.

He said the maintenance cost is insignificant considering the benefits the machines give in return - the high grade fertilizer and the reduction of garbage being hauled out of the city.

The city allocated a total of PHP85 million from the PHP1.776 billion 2017 annual budget of the city purposely for the hauling of the city's

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