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Binay on his Accusers: 'I won't give Dignity to them'

Vice President Jejomar Binay is standing his ground and says he still won't attend the ongoing Senate blue ribbon subcommittee investigation. He pointed out that the probe is no longer about the Makati City Hall Building 2.

New accusations have been hurled against Binay by his former ally and ex-Makati vice mayor Ernesto Mercado.

What's his next move?

In an interview in Mindanao, Binay said he "will not give dignity" to his accusers as well as the senators who have been conducting the hearings, which, he said, are politically motivated.

"Dadalo ka ba sa naninirang puring mga testigo? Dadalo ka ba sa bagay na hindi na dapat kasama pag-usapan? Dadalo ka ba doon kung nasagot na yung dapat pag-usapan? Pang-apat, dadalo ka pa ba doon kung alam mo na kung saan tutungo ang kanilang gagawin? I won't give dignity to them," he said.

Binay also said he expects his approval and trust ratings to further drop with the ongoing investigation of the Senate.

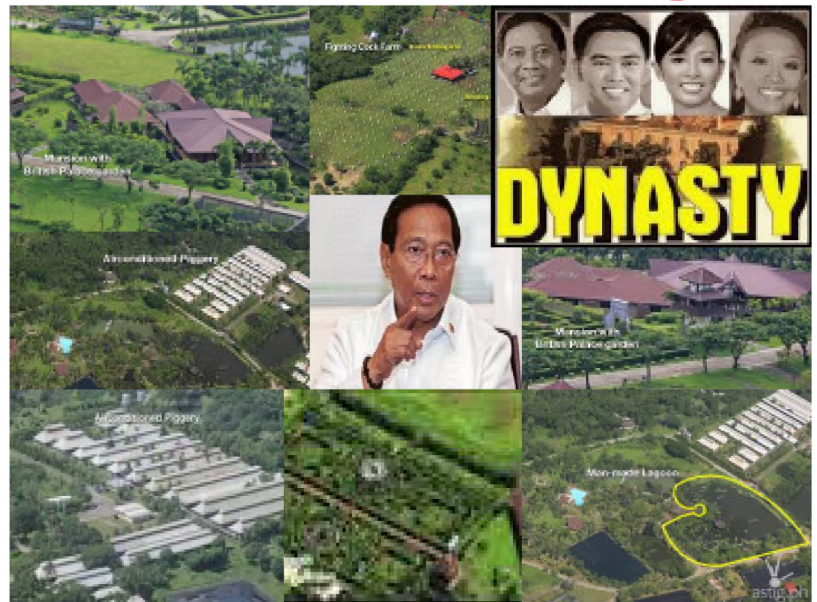
"Kung dadagdagan pa po ng istoryang walang batayan. Malungkot. Alam niyo po, akala ko tataas ang antas ng pulitika sa atin. Dapat ay pine-presenta ang paniniwala, mga programa,

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Ano ba ang problema mo VP Binay, bakit hindi mo harapin sa Senado ang mga nag-aakusa sayo?!?! Kung talagang hindi sa iyo ang Hacienda Binay, ma ipapaliwanag mo naman sa madla iyon!!!



The alleged sprawling 350 hectares Batangas Hacienda Binay. How true ??? If proven to be part of the Good Vice Presidents undeclared assets, he should forget running for higher office or any other public office but should also be criminally prosecuted !!!

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Mayor Brushes-off Birthday Case

BAGUIO CITY – instead of a birthday cake, Mayor Mauricio Domogan during the Weekly Ugnayan Presser Wednesday (October 8) confirmed a case has been filed arising from his birthdate.

Speaking to members of the media, Domogan said, 'he was informed that charges for the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act was indeed filed by a private citizen against him including Vice Mayor Edison Bilog, Councilors Joel Alangsab, Michael Lawana, Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Leandro Yangot, Jr., Faustino Olowan, Fred Bagbagen, Isabelo Cosalan, Jr., Roberto Ortega, Elmer Datuin, Richard Carino, Elaine Sembrano and peter Fianza.'

The case emanated from City Ordinance No. 33 series of 2014 moving the celebration of barangay day to October 10 and amending City Ordinance Number 78 series of 2009 which celebrates barangay day every 2nd Saturday of December.

City officials approved to move the celebration of barangay day to conform with Presidential Proclamation No. 63 series of 1992 which declares the month of October as the Local Government month, the second week of October as Local Government Week and the tenth day of October as Local Government Day.

In the complaint, Peter Puzon, a losing candidate during the 2013 mayoralty race stated by moving the date of the barangay day celebrations to October 10, the respondent officials are depriving barangay constituents specially children, of a festive Christmas season celebration and instead celebrates the mayors birthday which he said is undeserved political gain.

The said ordinance was approved by Mayor Domogan on July 22, 2014.

However, Domogan stressed, "the move of the council to amend ordinance 33 series of 2009 is in line with the actual date of the approval of the 1991 Local Government Code which is October 10."

Domogan said, "it is just coincidence that his birthday falls on October 10 which is also the day when the Local Government Code was signed and that not a single centavo of government funds is spent for his birthday."

Despite the case mailed to Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales on October 7, the Barangay Day celebrations proceeded full swing last October 10 with the awarding of the Most Outstanding Barangay Peace and Order Committees followed by a parade of City and barangay officials down Session Road to the Ibaloi Park with fun games and prizes for participants. By: Paul Rillorta

Binay Can Kiss His 2016 Presidential Bid Goodbye

Vice President Jejomar Binay's 350-hectare luxury estate is so stunning, stupefying and appalling he can kiss his 2016 presidential plans goodbye.

The images shown of Binay's sprawling property in Batangas during the hearing of the Senate Blue Ribbon subcommittee assault many aspects of the ordinary citizens' senses: sense of values, sense of propriety, sense of

Commercial Building Owners given Time to Restore Parking Amenity

BAGUIO CITY – Owners of commercial buildings at the central business district will be given ample time to restore their parking provisions as required in their building permits.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said the city agreed to the request of the businessmen for a grace period to give them chance to rectify their violation either by restoring their parking areas which were converted and used for other purposes or by designating a parking area outside their buildings but within the property's 200-meter radius.

In a recent dialogue with the mayor initiated by Councilor Elaine Sembrano, the building owners admitted converting their parking sites for other purposes but expressed willingness to reinstate the parking provisions for their customers.

City buildings and architecture officer-in-charge Johnny Degay said that in the course of their inspections of the edifices, it was discovered that many establishments with approved parking spaces in their building permits have altered the plans and instead rented out the spaces intended for parking.

The mayor said this constitutes violation of Presidential Decree 96 or the National Building Code and city ordinances and as such the city can revoke the building and occupancy permits and close the establishments.

"Of course we do not want to go to that extent so we agreed to give them time to comply with the requirement," the mayor said.

The mayor during the dialogue also tasked Degay to investigate building owners who circumvented the parking requirement by applying for building permit for renovation but actually constructed an entirely new edifice.

Apart from the businessmen with approved parking requisites, the city intends to also consult with the other sectors like the schools and others on the parking concern.

"This will be a continuing activity as part of the city's aim to decongest traffic in all areas," the mayor said. A Refuerzo proportion.

To give the public an idea of how big 350 hectares is, former Makati Vice Mayor Ernesto Mercado said the Binay farm is equivalent to "six Luneta Parks, 10 Araneta Centers or even half the 700 hectare San Juan city.

Mercado, who was the Binay's trusted bagman until their falling out before the 2010 elections, gave

UP Baguio Builds Compendium of Indigenous Forest Resource Management Systems and Practices of CAR

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The University of the Philippines- Baguio has come up with a compendium of researches on Indigenous Forest Resource Management Systems and Practices (IFMSP) of the Cordillera Administrative Region which will available to the public soon.

The project commissioned to UP Baguio is a joint undertaking of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) – Department of Agriculture (DA) – Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resources Management Project 2 (CHARMP 2) funded under the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

UP Cordillera Studies Center Director Alejandro Ciencia Jr., in presenting the background of the IFMSP compendium in an information and education campaign on Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) in line with the celebration of Indigenous Month, said this may be used as a reference material or resource guide.

But he cautioned that this should not be treated as an authoritative listing of certified IFMSP which is far from complete, however, provides baseline data for future studies as the intention of the project is merely collection of researches, studies and relevant materials.

These are gathered across the region and other areas such as Metro Manila and UP Los Baños composed of various institutions like non-government organizations, libraries, universities and colleges, local government units, and research institutions among others.

The compendium is a compilation of abstracts or summary of the contents of a resource material of IFMSP and bibliographic information to facilitate access and use of such materials.

UP CSC Project Assistant Paula Luz Pamintuan-Riva said creating a compendium serves as a guide for policy makers in the formulation and adoption of timely and appropriate interventions benefitting local communities in CAR.

There is an assumption that there are plenty of research and studies on forest management and indigenous forest management but there has been no complete effort to gather these together for stakeholders which is the reason the compendium was endeavored, according to Pamintuan-Riva.

The compendium is classified into two categories, forest management which is directly relevant to the topic or description of IFMSP and supplemental category which may be used as reference materials divided into sub-categories such as agricultural systems, agro-forestry practices, cultural context, scientific, and general references.

UP Baguio organized a team of study leaders, project management group and researchers in coming up with the compendium of IFMSP/JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

who had served also a mayor of Makati for one term (1998-2001), "did not want to smell the pigs and she did not want flies."

Dr. Binay, who is an orchid lover, has a vast orchid farm which boasts of rare species from other countries.

But the pièce de résistance in the property, Mercado said, is a maze garden similar to the Kew Gardens in London.

Mercado said he was sent to London in 2007 upon the instruction of Mrs. Binay to see the Kew Gardens because she wanted one in their Batangas property.

Internet articles on the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew in West London said it is one of the world's most important botanical gardens. The whole domain encompasses an impressive 132 hectares with about 50,000 different species of plants. Some areas are formally laid out with flower beds or themed gardens; a large part of the domain is laid out in English style.

Mansions and other luxurious properties by public officials are offensive to the people because they are concrete and graphic images of greed and abuse or betrayal of public trust.

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Bishop Poised to Oppose Entry of Electronic Gambling in City

BAGUIO CITY – Baguio Apostolic Vicar Bishop Carlito Cenzon on Thursday raised alarm over the reported entry of electronic gambling in the city.

In a meeting with Mayor Mauricio Domogan last Thursday, the bishop served intention to oppose the entry of the so-called electronic casino (e-casino) which he said has reportedly been operating in one of the shopping malls in the city.

The mayor authorized the bishop to conduct a study and present a report on the matter for action by the city executive.

As this developed, a company is reportedly eyeing the city government's nod in its application to operate electronic bingo (e-bingo) and other games in a hotel at Lualhati barangay here.

Its application was accordingly approved by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) but it will still need a Letter of No Objection from the city government as a requirement for a license to operate.

Cenzon had in the past been at the forefront of the campaigns against casino and lotto, bingo and small town lottery in the city.

He along with Fr. Andy Cosalan and Pastor Simplicio Dangawan of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines (UCCP) led the Metro Baguio Multi-Sectoral Movement against the Casino to block the plan to operate a casino at the Camp John Hay.

The group said the city must always be vigilant in its stand against all forms of gambling under any form or guise citing Resolution No. 236 series of 1991 entitled "A Resolution opposing the return of casino to Baguio or the establishment of a new one under any other form or guise," Resolution No. 122-02 entitled "Expressing the Sentiment of the People of Baguio and the Policy of the City Government against Gambling..." and Resolution No. 446 series of 2008 "Vigorously opposing the establishment of a casino or the conduct of a gambling activities at Camp John Hay and anywhere in the city..."

The mayor also has a standing order for the police to stop all illegal gambling activities in the city including those barangay-run bingo events noting that these have been used as cover for gambling operations.

This prompted the city council to approve Resolution No. 173 series of 2013 entitled "Requesting the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) to cause the stoppage of all gambling activities in all Bingo sa Barangay."/A Refuerzo

Public Warned anew vs. Buying Calt Lots

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday cautioned the public anew against buying lots covered by Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) and expanded and overlapping titles which are now the subject of cancellations proceedings.

The mayor reiterated the warning amid reports that a top businessman and other private individuals have been lured into buying parcels of land at Wright Park which are covered by

Baguio, Pangasinan Solons file Bill to Postpone 2015 SK Elections

BAGUIO CITY - Baguio City Representative Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Pangasinan 6th District Rep. Marlyn Primicias-Agabas filed House Bill 5043 seeking to postpone the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections to October 31, 2016 to give way for the deliberation of the proposed amendments and provisions of the Local Government Code.

The bill seeks to postpone anew the SK elections set on February 21, 2015 by the Commission on Elections and synchronize it with the barangay elections in October 2016 as the barangay and SK officials will be working closely together.

It can be recalled that President Benigno Aquino III signed a bill postponing the October 28, 2013 SK elections in order to pave the way for reforms. It was supposed to be held simultaneously with the barangay elections last year.

"We're not yet ready of the reforms that will be undertaken in introducing the Sangguniang Kabataan. It is also a way for us to prepare for the upcoming the presidential election and the local elections that will be held in 2016," Aliping said.

There have been calls to reform or abolish the SK as some lawmakers and various sectors said the youth council was becoming a school for corruption. There are pending bills in Congress either for the reform or the abolition of the SK.

Several bills introducing the much needed reforms were filed and are currently being deliberated as possible amendments to the Local Government Code of 1991.

"These changes will find more meaning and greater impact on the Sangguniang Kabataan if the desired reforms are firmly in place before the leaders and officials are elected," Aliping said./JDP/RMC and Hanah Fabia- PIA/ UB Intern CALTs now the subject of annulment cases before the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) and the Office of the Solicitor General.

He said lot buyers should be vigilant and discriminating especially with the numerous land speculation plays that snowballed in the city as a re-

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SKATING RINK ISSUE - Mayor Mauricio Domogan assured the leaders of the Burnham Park Skating Rink petitioners not to renew the lease of contract of the present concessionaire thereat and instead it will be bided out under terms beneficial to the city government and the public. A master development plan for the facility will be drafted which will serve as basis in the drafting of the terms of reference for the bidding./By Bong Cayabyab

Mayor, Skating Rink Petitioners Resolve Issues

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan and petitioners advocating to open the Burnham Park skating rink for free use by the public ironed out issues in a meeting last Thursday.

Both parties agreed that the lease contract for the operation of the facility presently held by concessionaire Quirante's Fun Rides/Skates Rentals and Recreation Center set to expire on November 2 this year will not be renewed by the city and instead the operation will be bid out based on terms that are beneficial to both the city government and the public.

A proposed master development plan for the facility will be drafted by a task force to be formed by the mayor composed of experts from both the private and government institutions. The plan will serve as basis in the drafting of the terms of reference for the bidding.

After hearing the mayor's justifications, the petitioners led by Bishop Carlito Cenzon of the Burnham Park Fencing Committee, urban planner and former city architect Joseph Alabanza of the Baguio Heritage Committee and former punong barangay Ferdy Bayasen acknowledged that the city cannot allow the absolute free use of the skating rink being one of the few income generators where the city source out funds for the maintenance of the park.

At present, the city earns only P15 million from the various park concessionaires which is way below the fund requirement of P37 million to pay for manpower, water, fertilizer and other maintenance needs of the park, according to the mayor.

As to the petitioners' call for

the removal of other business enterprises not in line with the area's intended use, the mayor said this is consistent with the city's stand that these operations which include bump cars and arcade games must not be allowed inside the facility meant only for a skating rink and including a refreshment canteen and coffee shop.

Bayasen said the petition entitled, "A People's Initiative and Manifesto: 'Return the Skating Rink at Burnham Park to the Public'" which gathered a total of 17,065 street and 1,119 on-line signatures aimed to get the pulse of the residents on how they want the skating rink managed.

He said that the common sentiment was that the facility be restored to its olden day status as an open facility.

Alabanza who broached the drafting of the proposed master plan and who will possibly head the task force said they will consider the suggestion in the drafting of the plan. He committed to complete the master plan within two weeks.

The Baguio Heritage Committee is also working on a "mother petition" to declare Burnham Park as heritage site but Alabanza said the plan will not abandon the commercial area component of the park.

The city council through a resolution authored by Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda recently sought the conduct of a feasibility study to determine the best option to be adopted for the operation of the skating rink.

The body tasked the city environment and parks management office, the local finance committee and other concerned offices to undertake the study./A Refuerzo

High-risk duty

If we let this pass, no significant witness will testify... because of fear," Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago fumed. She seeks 24-hour police protection for Audit Commissioner Heidi Mendoza who documented Makati hospital scams before the Senate blue ribbon committee.

Medical equipment for Ospital ng Makati—from sterilizers to beds to cabinets—worth P9.3 million were padded by P61.2 million under Mayor Elenita Binay's watch, Mendoza revealed. That's a 9,056-percent overrun.

There was a break-in at Mendoza's home this year, and she received threatening phone calls before the Senate hearings. The Commission on Audit official, nonetheless, testified that beds claimed to be manufactured in the United States were Taiwanese imports. No public biddings were conducted. And so on.

A parallel controversy erupted over the weekend, when Makati Mayor Junjun Binay slammed Senate President Franklin Drilon for indicating he'll sign a subpoena to compel Binay to testify on the overpriced P2.3-billion Makati City Hall parking building. If a witness refused, "the entire committee can decide if a witness can be detained" until he sings. Drilon stressed he "merely explained Senate procedures."

Binay protested, presenting a "reasonable appeal" to the committee to desist. "The Ombudsman now has jurisdiction over the related plunder case." And Sen. Nancy Binay weighed in: Sen. Teofisto Guingona III should convene the committee to address the jurisdictional issue.

Will this replay the July 1950 investigation of the purchase of Buenavista and Tambobong estates (GR No. L-3820)? Jean Arnault clammed up on demands that he finger the person to whom he slipped P1.44 million.

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Cited in contempt, Arnault was held by the Senate sergeant-at-arms until he answered.

Yes, the Senate had the power to punish Arnault for contempt, the Supreme Court decided. Yes, the Senate had the authority to commit him "for a term beyond its period of legislative session." And no, Arnault may not rightfully invoke his right against self-incrimination.

The legal controversy uncoils in a setting where Vice President Jejomar Binay's standing among the 2016 potential presidential candidates plummeted from 41 to 31 percent in the latest Pulse Asia survey. Conducted from Sept. 8 to 15, the survey also tracked Interior Secretary Mar Roxas placing second with 13 percent. He is up from 7 percent in the previous survey.

"We expected worse," given the "smears," a Binay spokesperson admits. Will the Binay free fall continue in the surveys ahead? The track is littered with the remains of 2010 "front runner" former senator Manuel Villar. Road diversion scandals dragged Villar to a losing third with 4,525,913 votes behind Benigno Aquino III's 12,688,024-vote victory.

"The support that a legitimate whistle-blower, like auditors, should get remains unclear. An explicit policy... is needed," says the Asian Institute of Management study "Whistle-blowing in the Philippines: Awareness, Attitudes and Structures."

Whistle-blowers who tell the truth make corruption a high-risk activity, wrote Dr. Romulo Miral. The absence of a legal framework makes the personal costs of whistle-blowing very high. It is sometimes a "matter of life and death." Indeed, Jerusalem crucified its Whistle-blower.

In many instances, whistle-blowers are key to solving cases. In 2013, the Inquirer picked whistle-blower Benhur Luy, Mary Arlene Baltazar, Merlina Suñas, Gertrudes Luy, Marina Sula and Simonette Briones as "Filipinos of the Year." They blew the lid off the country's biggest sleaze scandal.

Today's Witness Protection Program is a hodgepodge assortment of personnel, Santiago fumed. Indeed, a separate law is needed to protect COA auditors who put their lives on the line.

An expert in fraud examination, Mendoza was employed by the COA, recalls Ateneo's dean of Graduate School Antonio La Viña. In September 2004, then Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo handpicked Mendoza to lead a group to investigate Armed Forces of the Philippines comptroller Carlos Garcia.

Mendoza and team proved sleaze in the handling of funds from the United Nations for peacekeeping missions. Yet, government prosecutors defended a plea bargain, saying: The case was "deficient." Mendoza resigned from an Asian Development Bank post to participate, from 2007 to 2009, in over 16 hearings where she documented her team's findings. "Most of the time, only her husband was there to give her moral support."

Garcia was convicted and imprisoned. But the strains on Mendoza and family were severe. Aside from the physical risk, there was unrelenting pressure to crumble. President Aquino thereafter handpicked Mendoza, along with Grace Pulido Tan, for the COA.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, however, repeatedly blocked Mendoza's confirmation. He reserved "two questions," then failed to show up for the hearings. Estrada also torpedoed the confirmation of Justice Secretary Leila de Lima. Section 20 of the Commission on Appointments rules allows members to block the confirmation of any nominee during the plenary session. No need to give a reason.

De Lima and Mendoza did not buckle and were finally confirmed in June 2014, along with Department of Social Welfare and Development's Dinky

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THE REALITIES OF NEGOTIATING

BY: JESUS DUREZA



My previous work as "negotiator" was varied. Let me recall some. I dealt with hostage takers at the **Davao Penal Colony** where all 8 hostage takers were "neutralized" and the stand-off resolved; I helped in the surrender of prison escapee "**Bucay**" **Manero**; the peaceful surrender of high-value suspect **Datu Unsay Ampatuan** in the **Maguindanao Massacre**; the surrender of armed rebel commanders in **Lanao**; the pacification of desperate and hungry farmers at **Sultan Kudarat** during the **EL NINO** in 1998; the handling of angry and grieving families of plane crash victims in **Cagayan de Oro**; the release of an **Army general Obillo** and his junior officer by **NPA Kumander Parago** in **Davao** after a trip to the **Netherlands** and meeting with **Joma Sison**; the safe return of **Marine General Ben Dolorfino** and **OPAPP** undersecretary **Mon Santos** from the hands of **MNLF Commander Habier Malik** in **Sulu** who figured recently in the **Zamboanga** siege, handled the return of **MNLF's Nur Misuari** back to the country from **Malaysia** where he was arrested after a failed uprising in **Sulu**. And a few others.

Of course, (and this is true for all husbands) I have to mention the never ending and most inscrutable of all: "negotiations" with our dear wives on matters that are conjugal in nature. This is one area where all husbands (including myself) may not claim much success! (ooooops. Ha ha ha!)

WITH REBELS — But here's an undisputable fact: negotiating with rebels in peace talks getting agreements done is something else. They are more complex to handle given that there are principled positions and grievances, mostly generational, that have to be addressed. I had the privilege (and agony) of being part of the peace negotiations with the **CPP/NPA/NDP** while I was **Davao Congressman** as House representative in the government panel during the **Ramos** administration; and as chief negotiator with the **MILF**; and I dealt with implementation issues with the **MNLF** while serving as presidential adviser during the **Arroyo** administration overseeing the whole peace process, not to mention **Cordillera's CPLA** and other so-called "break-away" groups.

No doubt, dealing with armed rebels who have waged rebellion against government to seek peace is totally a different story from those cases which are purely criminal like hostage or bringing in of suspects or resolving issues. Peace negotiations are not only about pacification and law enforcement. This genre has deep political dimensions that must be carefully navigated and adroitly handled. Let me share with you some insights.

BEYOND GOVT — First, rebels by taking up arms and rising up against government, impugn, reject and even challenge the legal order. They are outside the ambit of our laws as they do not operate under the Philippine legal framework. In fact, they rise up in arms against it. Hence they claim that they are beyond the reach of the laws and the government. So people should not take it against them or be surprised if they refuse, during negotiations and in signed agreements to make reference to the Constitution or the laws of the land. To do so is to impose on them prematurely what they reject. To do otherwise is, to them, early capitulation and a betrayal of what rebels fought for in the first place.

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The frontrunner in the 2016 presidential race is now deep in the kangkungan./**Blog:**www.ellentordesillas.com/
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Mayor...

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sult of unresolved issues on spurious CALTs over government reservations, expanded and overlapping titles and other lot fiascos.

The mayor said the spurious CALTs issued over tracts of land within Forbes Park in South Drive, Wright Park, Botanical Garden, the Casa Vallejo property along Upper Session Road, Loakan Airport and the Dairy Farm at Green Valley are now the subject of cancellation proceedings and the NCIP itself recently confirmed irregularities in three of the five CALT cases in the city being investigated by the commission. The two other cases are still being probed.

"If these titles were declared null and void, it follows that any derivative title issued from the said titles will also be void. Naturally, the city will not allow them to claim the said lots. So whoever bought that land will be holding an empty bag. They should go after those who sold the lot to them," the mayor said.

The mayor said he hopes the NCIP can speed up the resolution of pending questions on the CALTs and that the notices of lis pendens or the order of the Supreme Court against transferring these lots can be annotated to the titles for the protection of would-be buyers.

Aside from Wright Park, another hot spot for scam are the lots within the Baguio Dairy Farm at Green Valley along Marcos Highway now peddled to innocent buyers.

The mayor said the sale is illegal as the area remains to be part of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) reservation under the Dept. of Agriculture (DA). He said he endorsed a petition to the DA to segregate a portion for low cost housing but the same has not been approved.

The mayor said the DA filed a case against the squatters occupying said lots and won the case.

Some 78 hectares of the Dairy Farm had been issued a CALT by the NCIP in favor the heirs of Ikang Paus but the same is presently the subject of cancellation proceedings due to questions on the validity of the claims including the adverse claims by the descendants of Mateo Carino.

The mayor encouraged those who have been victimized to execute affidavits and file cases against the perpetrators to stop the illegal activity./A Refuerzo

Complimentary Greetings from:

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Ms. Coleen Lacsamana,
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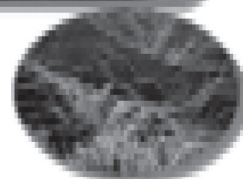
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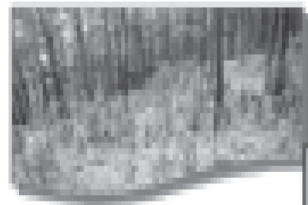
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From: Atty. Robert B. Basco and Family

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Hill, and Joe Mark Francisco of Padre Burgos.

The search of barangay treasurer, secretary and tanod aims to professionalize the level of their performances which will serve as role models of other barangay officials. *Jho Arranz

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George Fangroy of Cresencia Village; George Saguid, Jr. of San Luis Village; Gerry Uy of San Roque; Gloria Corazon Dalisay of Quezon Hill Proper; and Timothy Pudlao of Kias are also members of the executive committee.

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All members through the action officer are to help prepare guidelines, oversee implementation of such and seek ways to support Oplan Kaluluwa 2014; with the Office for Administration as committee secretariat./By: Julie G. Fianza

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project being implemented at Mines View Park, people are still allowed to enter the said park.

It is remembered that four million was allotted for the fencing and restoration of mines view park and the project has started third week of June be utilized in order to define the boundaries of mines view park. Said changes will only be applied to the area of the affected residents.

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Survey Reveals more Overweight Children in CAR

BAGUIO CITY — The numbers of Cordillera children and adolescents who are overweight or obese are higher than the national prevalence.

This was revealed in result of the 8th National Nutrition Survey (NNS) released by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST) during the regional dissemination forum held on October 9 at El Cielito Inn here.

The anthropometric result among children 0-5 years old showed that in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), about 6 in every 100 or 6.1 percent preschool children are overweight. This is higher than the national prevalence of 5.0%.

For school-age children aged 6-10 years old, the survey revealed that about one in every 10 or 11.7% were overweight or obese based on their body mass index-for-age. The national average stands at 9.1%.

For adolescents aged 11-19 years old in CAR, about one in every 10 or 11.6 % were overweight and obese based on body mass index-for-age while the national prevalence is 8.3%.

According to the FNRI-DOST, overweight refers to above normal body weight relative to height, with a body mass index of 25 to 29.9, while obesity refers to an excess amount of body fat. However, recent studies claim that it is not just the amount of fat but its distribution in the body that determines the risk associated with cardiovascular diseases.

During the open forum, Rita Papey, the Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator (RNPC) of the National Nutrition Council, said that the region should focus more interventions on obesity from the regional down to the barangay level.

Meanwhile, Charmaine A. Duante, Supervising Science Research Specialist of FNRI-DOST, informed that the NNS is a designated statistical activity that will generate critical data for decision-making of the government and non-government sectors.

It is being conducted every five years to determine and evaluate the food intake, nutrition and health status of Filipinos and update the official statistics on food, nutrition, and health situation in the country.

The 8th NNS consisted of ten nutrition, health and economic survey components namely; anthropometry, biochemical, clinical, dietary, economic status, food security, government program participation, Infant and Young Child Feeding, maternal health and salt survey.

The forum was attended by nutrition workers and advocates composed of members of the Regional Technical Assistants on Nutrition, Provincial Science and Technology Directors, Provincial Nutrition Action Officers, City and Municipal Nutrition Action Officers and members of the Cordillera Media Educators on Nutrition (CAR-MENU).

Maria Rowena Madarang of DOST-CAR welcomed the participants while Papey facilitated the open forum.

Other FNRI officials present included Juamina Belen T. Quiogue, Chona Patalen, and Marilou Galang./JDP/MAWC – PIA CAR

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“System fails when people with ability don't have authority and people with authority don't have ability.”

— Amit Kalantri

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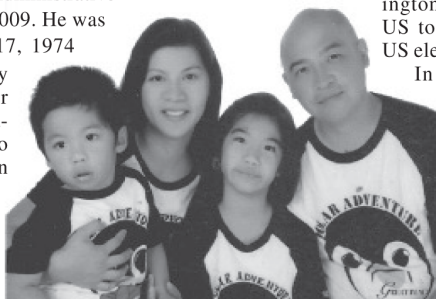
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Patient at all Times

He does good and avoids evil. In everything he does, he sees to it that he does not step on other people, thus, avoiding confrontations and disagreements.

A lawyer by profession, he is Atty. Julius D. Torres, the Director of the Commission on Elections for the Cordillera Administrative Region since 2009. He was born on July 17, 1974

in Baguio City from a father who is from Laguna and who worked in Ilog, Benguet and a mother from Tayug, Pangasinan. At forty



Dir. Julius Torres and Family

years of age, he has two children with his wife Dr. Maria Alice P. Torres of La Trinidad who is a University physician at the Benguet State University.

After three years from public school in his elementary years, Atty. Torres pursued his Grades 5 and 6 of his elementary, his high school, and his college degrees at the Saint Louis University in Baguio City.

"Since high school, I did not envision any other job. My parents suggested to me to pursue my major in Law. Since then, it got stuck on my mind. In 1994, I finished my major in

Political Science for my Pre-Law. Between 1995 and 1998, I took my major in Law and graduated in 1999. Covering the same year, I took and passed the

BAR exams", narrated Atty. Torres.

Prior to his entrance at COMELEC-CAR, he worked as an instructor at the Saint Louis University's College of Commerce for three semesters. In October of 1999, he applied and was employed at the commission since then. In 2005, he was promoted as an Assistant Regional Director and in 2009, he was designated as the Regional Director for COMELEC-CAR.

As the Regional Director for COMELEC-CAR, Atty. Torres' main functions are supervising over all administration; governing election laws; and conducting supervision within his jurisdiction in CAR. Some of his assignments in the country concerning election matters were in 2013, when he was assigned in Region 2; in 2005, when he was assigned in Maguindanao as a special action officer; in 2008, when he was assigned in Sulu province during the ARMM election; in

2012, when he was assigned in Marawi City and Lanao City for general registration in ARMM; and in 1999, when he was sent to Lucena City for its cityhood. Besides this, he was also sent outside the country in April 2011 in Seoul, South Korea and in December 2012 when he was sent to Washington D.C in the US to observe the US elections.

In 2010, Atty. Torres witnessed and experienced first hand the very first implementation of the automated system of voting, counting, and releasing of results with the aid of the PCOS machine. "I was lucky to have observed and experienced both the manual and the automated systems of elections," he said.

Comparing disparity between the systems, Atty. Torres, affirmed that electoral fraud from counting to canvassing of votes had been practically eliminated with the use of the PCOS machines. It was overall better compared to that of the manual system of voting. In the manual system, capacity of the person in charge for the accuracy is influenced by his or her physiological and psychological state if he or she is sleepy, tired, stressed, threatened, and all while with the PCOS machines, even if they are threatened, the de-

tails and the results do not change and are kept intact. Even the DEPED people preferred the PCOS machines over the manual system. And the dagdag bawas, was very much possible with the manual system. Although, lots of allegations of dagdag bawas was imputed to the PCOS machine system, there had not been any evidence brought out upon by the accusers, explained Atty. Torres.

This is ascribed to the political maturity of the Filipinos. In very election, there are two outcomes for a candidate- the winner and the loser. When one losses during elections, the unlucky candidates don't trust the system even it is credible and accurate primarily because of personal ambitions over the reflected reality of the result. No candidate concedes, the sad part is they cannot prove whether and indeed there was fraud and/or cheat-

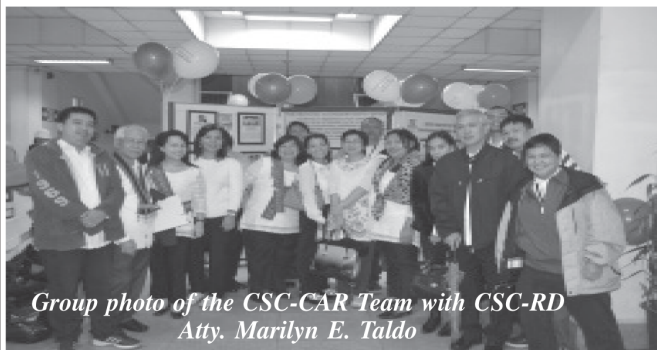
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Integrity: The Key to Public Service Existence

Excellent service results in exemplary public service delivery if public servants are true to the oath they affirm and not just literally reciting it with their right hand raised, and saying- so, help me God, without subjectively and

gibility; and Career Service Professional Eligibility as her Civil Service Eligibility, she is very much qualified in occupying a position and working with the Civil Service Commission aside from her years of experience in the field so to speak.



Group photo of the CSC-CAR Team with CSC-RD Atty. Marilyn E. Taldo

objectively adhering to it, lawfully.

These go laudably with Atty. Marilyn E. Taldo, the Regional Director for the Civil Service Commission-CAR. She has with her a God-centered, Christian-anchored competencies in the areas of knowledge, skills, and attitudes as her measures for an excellent public servant and as her practical guidance in serving the people with a true commitment to the oath of affirmation before performing the task of a government personnel for the people and to the people. With these as bulwarks, the love to serve is eminently displayed.

For thirty years since 1984, Atty. Taldo is happily working with CSC. This year marked her second year of

stay with CSC-CAR, since she was installed to the office in 2012. "It was for career advancement

Adding to these qualifications are her personalities of strictness and integrity. Having come from a father who was in the military, discipline, on all matters, including time management is who Atty. Taldo is. "I am very strict. My impression is standard wise in service delivery to the public. I impose compliance with rules and work standards seeing to it that presentation is at its best and as much as possible, it should be close to perfection minimizing errors. I communicate with my staff if they have committed mistakes and do remedies to correct it so that if it comes back to me, it would almost be perfect. I am a person of integrity. I give importance to my staff; to the decisions and actions I

take and the reports I do. I give value to the decisions and reports I make always avoiding impartial-

"She embraced the Cordillera compared to our previous directors...."

that I accepted the offer of promotion", she said. This is her first regional assignment outside of Eastern Visayas. She had served Region 8 for twenty-eight years.

Atty. Taldo's career at CSC started in Region 8 fresh from graduation in College. "I wanted to earn money since this is the usual expectation from somebody who finishes college for the family. I first applied at Central Bank and then at CSC but CSC was the first one to had called for an interview, after that, they immediately hired me", she said. She pursued her Bachelor of Arts in Social Science major in Economics at the University of the Philippines Tacloban and her Bachelor of Laws at the Leyte Colleges in Tacloban. She pursued her Master of Management in Public Management at the University of the Philippines Tacloban.

With her Career Executive Service Eligibility; Career Service Executive Eli-

gibility; and Career Service Professional Eligibility as her Civil Service Eligibility, she is very much qualified in occupying a position and working with the Civil Service Commission aside from her years of experience in the field so to speak.

Atty. Taldo looks at CSC with her head high. She sees the commission as a model for other government agencies and departments since there is no corruption at CSC. Although working at CSC has its own roller coasters, she believes that as leader, goals and objectives can be attained with leniency to staff. "My rapport with my staff is ok", she said. During the turn over ceremony, I promise to reinforce behavior by celebrating even small achievements for my staff to be motivated and to deliver more, she added.

Consanguinal Visayan but affinal Cordilleran, Atty Taldo was able to blend and is able to work with her colleagues. "She embraced the Cordillera compared to our previous directors. She spread

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Attention: DOTC Secretary Emilio A. Abaya at LTRFB Chairman Atty. Winston M. Ginez

Halos isang buwan at kalahati na ng kami ay sumulat kina DOTC Secretary Joseph Emilio A. Abaya at LTRFB Chairman Winston M. Ginez, hanggang ngayon ay wala pang kasagutan o ano mang reaksiyon. Basahin ang aming liham sa ibaba.



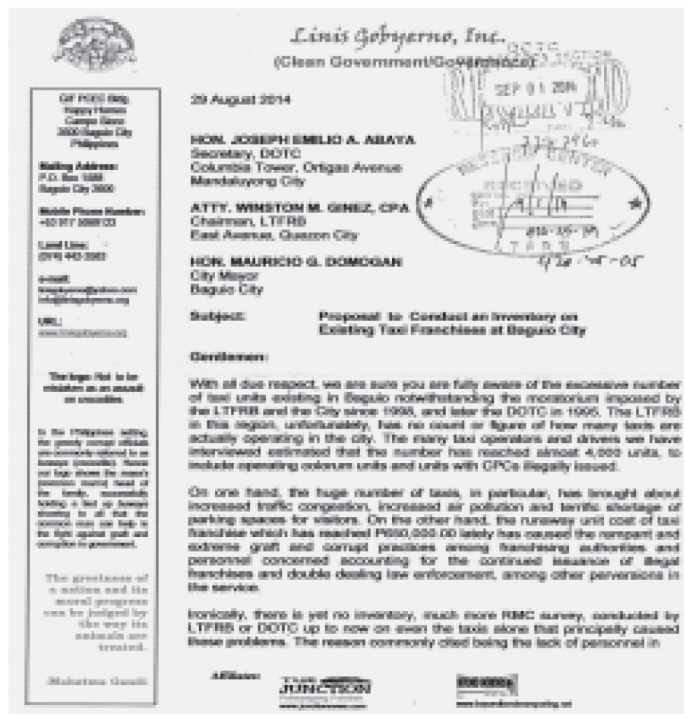
Joseph Emilio Abaya

Kung minsan ay mahirap sa atin na hindi mag-isip ng hindi ka nais-nais sa dalawang kinaukulang opisyales na ito. Sila ay itinalaga ni PENOY sa kanilang makapangyarihang posisyon bilang DOTC SECRETARY at CHAIRMAN NG LTRFB. Kung bakit naman ang ating napakasimpleng kahilingan or request that is clearly meant for the public interest ay hindi man lang nila mabigyan ng kinaukulang kasagutan. Mayroon kaya silang itinatago? Ka-



Winston M. Ginez

kontsaba kaya sila sa cover-up etc...? **HOY GISING SECRETARY ABAYA AT CHAIRMAN GINEZ!!!** Simple lang ang aming kahilingan, pwede ba malaman kung ano ang inyong katayuan at kasagutan hinggil dito? Abangan natin sa darating na linggo ang kanilang kasagutan o reaksiyon at kung tayo ay kanilang idededma muli ay magsasagawa tayo ng kakaibang ingay at bulabog nang sa ganoon ay pansinin tayo ng mistulang mga **MANHID NA OPISYALES NAMGA ITO!!!**



in the LTRFB. Without inventory of taxi franchises and units, there do not appear to even start solving the problems.

In view of this, the Linis Gobierno, Inc. duly registered NGO would like to propose the conduct of a joint inventory with the DOTC-CAR and the City Government under the direction and supervision of LTRFB as follows. The inventory efforts are concerned with several months of recent violations of documents and case files in the LTRFB-CAR and LTRFB Region 1 to determine the CPCs legally issued, actual units including of taxi franchises and units in the field in cooperation with law enforcement personnel, both from the City Government and DOTC-CAR. The results and outcome of the effort will be submitted to your offices, submitted to the concerned law enforcement offices, posted online at the Junction Newspaper on line (our media affiliate), and the LTRFB website.

Our team who will participate in this effort at no expense to the government, and most certainly for the benefit of the city, will be composed of professionals in the field of accounting, auditing and legal who committed to offer their services for this worthy endeavor. Should you consider our proposal for possible implementation, we will immediately send to you a program and schedule of work for confirmation.

We look forward to your approval of this NGO and government endeavor.

Respecting submitted to, including copying through Mayor's Office, DOTC, at LTRFB.

Very truly yours,
Winston M. Ginez
Chairman, LTRFB

NOTE: PART 5 OF THE LG KOMENTARYO ON DOTC REGIONAL DIRECTOR CELINA CLAVER'S INEFFICIENCY WILL CONTINUE ON THE NEXT ISSUE.

Barangay folks show NPAs not welcomed in Apayao

BAGUIO CITY Apayao Governor Elias Bulut Jr. commended the vigilance and hatred to violence of the Iapayaos that led to the death of alleged New People's Army leader and three of his members in a firefight against government troops in Luna, Apayao last week.

According to reports, barangay folks tipped off police officers of the presence of at least 10 heavily armed men conducting extortion activities at barangay Calayucay in Luna morning of October 3. Joint elements of the Apayao Provincial Pub-

lic Safety Company and Provincial Infantry Battalion then conducted an operation and firefight ensued between the rebels and the law enforcers resulting to the death of the four rebels.

Police Regional Office – Cordillera Public Information Officer PSSupt. Davey Limmong identified the casualties as Efren Arquillo alias Mario Domogan of Allacapan, Cagayan, Vinia Alejandro alias Ka Dina/Rani, and Rhoby Edillo. The other casualty remains unidentified. They reportedly were NPA remnants who call themselves Armadong Makikibakang Masa led by Arquillo.

Limmong said that no casualty was

recorded from the police force. Authorities recovered from the fight scene an M-16 rifle, an Uzi sub-machine pistol, a caliber .38 revolver, two shotguns, two hand grenades, assorted ammunition and documents.

Bulut commended the residents of Calayucay for reporting the activities of the armed lawless elements in their community and risking their lives.

"The actions of the citizens who are mostly simple farmers standing up against the rebels show that the NPA, violence and their activities are not welcome in the province of Apayao," said Bulut. It showed that the people have had enough of violence and would like to live in a peaceful manner, he added.

Marag Valley in Luna used to be an NPA stronghold.

He called on other residents to be always vigilant and not to be afraid of reporting illegal activities of lawless elements to the authorities to show that these NPAs and their activities are not welcomed in their communities and in the province.

Meanwhile, Police Cordillera Regional Director Chief Superintendent Isagani Nerez said the incident shows that police officers are prepared to go after groups out to disrupt peace in the region.

Nerez also ordered follow up operation to be conducted in the area and directed police to maintain the peace and order situation of Apayao./JDP/RMC- PIA CAR

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FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 14-537-S

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AS AMENDED

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Upon petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG fund), herein after referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of RONALD L. MENESES, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, which as of September 19, 2014, now amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT PESOS AND 36/100 (P884,838.36), Philippine Currency, inclusive to the foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio excluding attorney's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff or her undersigned Deputy Sher-

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Advocacy Mindanow ...from page 4

AS EQUALS — In negotiations across the table, the principle of parity or of equal status between negotiating parties is assumed. Of course government does not concede this but being on a high moral ground than rebels, it temporarily suspends disbelief and allows the rebels to negotiate under those parameters. So one party, in principle, cannot admit being subsumed or of lower status than the other. For instance, as a result of this, signed agreements with the MILF or the MNLF for that matter, make direct reference to and use as framework international protocols or mutually agreed references and the Philippine constitution is obviously not one of them.

CALIBRATION PROCESS — But the signing of the **FINAL Peace Agreement** and the **IMPLEMENTATION** phase signal a strategic shift in this calibration process. At this point, the primacy of the basic law of the land is a "GIVEN" simply because implementing the terms of any peace agreement must be done within the context and confines of the internal laws and under the coercive force of the government. Even the MILF recognizes this as a reality and will have to submit to this unequivocally as the peace process mutates and takes its inevitable course under the good offices and graces of the established regime of the government. I refer to this as a "calibration process" that everyone must understand. This is something that Congress must first understand as they now scrutinize the draft **Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL)**. Absent this insight, we may unnecessarily dwell and focus and find fault and at every turn quibble on every word or phrase or provision — or look for what is not there — in the agreement and its annexes, looking at them through the conventional prism of constitutionality and legality. Just to illustrate: the "annexes" of the agreement were signed in the course of negotiations and BEFORE the final peace agreement and they were done so during the "calibration" stage. So it is important that the contemporaneous stage at which those vital agreements were signed and sealed had to be seen in this light. Congress and the public must understand all this in this light. I need not explain more.

INCREMENTAL — Thus, I cringed and squirmed in great discomfort when I heard one congressman insisting that the BBL must contain a commitment from the MILF that it would not at all go back to the hills again and rebel

again. Peace agreements, although the ultimate repository of what was mutually agreed are not self-executing. They are merely pieces of paper, although sacrosanct, that will raise expectations among expectant stakeholders. They have to be implemented in time — on a long-term basis. The process is incremental. We need not say here but it is obvious that failing in keeping true to the government commitments will drive them back, maybe not all, to fight government again and continue their struggle. No amount of cautionary words in the BBL foreclosing their right to rebel again will remedy this. What is key is implementing the terms of the peace agreement, which is not only to show sincerity, but more importantly, we improve forthwith the lives of our own disadvantaged Filipinos who felt that they were excluded from the mainstream.

DISARMAMENT — I had reason to also feel discomfort reading the blaring media headlines, courtesy of OPAPP statements, bannering disarmament or decommissioning protocols well ahead of progress in the congressional work on the BBL. I find this imprudent, although the purpose may be to make the public feel good that the armed rebels will eventually get rid of their firearms. I heard already audible grumblings on the ground from some MILF elements on this. Let us not forget that the MILF agreed to this but only on a phased basis, depending on the implementation outcomes. It can happen only when there are significant progress in agreement implementation and when a "firearms-less" enabling environment is at hand, which requires disarming of warlords, politicians and other criminal elements. Absent this development on the ground, do you think the MILF will voluntarily disarm? Think again!

MILF PARTICIPATION — I was even surprised to see the MILF, through Panel Chair **Mohaqher Iqbal** gamely participating in the congressional hearings. Although this is a positive development for government, I thought the MILF would have been better off leaving the government panel to defend and advocate for the **CAB**. To be subjected to the rigors and discomfort of congressional scrutiny is something the MILF will definitely not relish organizationally, given that they have not forsaken their bottom-line positions while the final form of the BBL is still unclear. In my humble view, that canalizes MILF's remaining options. On a positive note, it can be interpreted to mean that MILF will eventually accept and submit to whatever final decision Congress will arrive at — which augers well for peace in the land. But will it? That we still have to see! **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: [AMFI Mindanao](https://twitter.com/AMFI_Mindanao) /Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org Visit www.advocacymindanow.org

Binay Can.. from page 2

They may dismiss the overpricing of the P2.2 billion Makati Building 2 and the alleged 13 percent cut of the Binays in all construction projects in Makati as "SOP" (Standard Operating Practice) in the government but if they see sprawling properties, mansions, man-made lakes and scenes that they see only in the movies, they are able to compare them with their own houses and lifestyle. The Binays' Batangas property makes even the middle-class Filipinos' houses look like a dog house.

Just imagine how one family cramped in a rented house in Pasay City feel looking at the Binays' paradise.

In the 2000 exposé against then President Joseph Estrada, it was the photos of the Boracay mansion and other houses of Estrada that enraged the people more than the jueteng money and mis-use of tobacco tax.

Mercado said the money used in the construction and maintenance of the Batangas farm came from Makati City construction projects. It's the money of the people of Makati.

Mercado's odious personality is not enough to diminish the shock value of the information he gave during the Senate hearing.

He may be a shady character himself but then "it takes a thief to catch a thief."

Binay denies that he owns the Batangas property. It is reportedly owned by Sunchamp Agri-Tourism Park headed by Filipino-Chinese businessman Antonio Tiu.

Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, who is one of the three senators leading the investigation of Binay's alleged ill-gotten wealth, accused Tiu of being Binay's dummy.

At the Senate hearing, Trillanes presented the layered links of Sunchamp to the Binays: Tiu folded Sunchamp Real Estate Development Corp. in 2013 into a publicly listed corporation, the Greenergy Holdings Inc. The main shareholders of Greenergy are the Sunchamp Real Estate Development Corp., Earthright Holdings Inc., and the Three Star Capital.

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Trillanes also said Earthright shares the same address as the SPCMB law office at the Value Point Executive Building 227 Salcedo Street in Legazpi Village, Makati City.

One interesting information that shows the ties that bind Tiu and the Binays: Tiu is also the CEO, president and chairman of AgriNuture Inc. (ANI), formerly known as Mabuhay 2000 Enterprises Inc., which was iden-

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Patient ...

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ing was committed along the election process, related Atty. Torres.

"Over the years, peace and order in the Cordillera during election times are improving", said Atty. Torres. In Abra it had been two times of election that isolated election related deaths occurred coinciding the use of the automated system compared to the manual election that was held in 2007 where most number of casualties were recorded and eighteen army men were ambushed in the province. In my opinion, poverty and the lack of livelihood were the reason for the killings. People involved on this gruesome activities engage in politics mainly served as supporters and private armies to the politicians. But in 2010 and 2013, no single casualty in Abra had been reported with the help of the PNP, army, and non-government organizations and likewise this could be attributed to the progress that is taking place in the province, he added. Nevertheless, people accept the results of the elections.

Politics in the Cordilleras for Atty. Torres is average to getting better. The public's voting maturity is high. If they don't like something from a politician, that politician does not expect to get elected or re-elected. If they don't perform well, they don't vote them. Unlike in the lowlands, even if the voters do not know the person but if the family name sounds familiar, they vote for that politician. Politicians in the Cordilleras are ok. Compared to other places, Atty Torres said that politicians in this region are better. They perform much even if not everything is provided since this is way impossible. Still, they do their best and as much as they could in doing everything which is good.

COMELEC is task to enforce election laws, election, and plebiscite. This has been the life of Atty. Torres for fifteen years. With the glamour and the grotesque of being in the political arena, he does not mingle that much with politicians. It's not because he is not comfortable dealing with them since this is his job but as much as possible, he distances his self from them so as not to affect the efficiency of his works and his job per se. He said that this is advantageous because he has not been into any problem with any politician.

Working in Regions 1 and 2 is easier than working in the Cordilleras but it is ok for Atty.. Torres. he does not see much negativity in the region. This in spite of the region's peculiarity in topography and geography, difficulty in transportation, and communication. "Unlike in the lowlands it's certain that you can arrive at your destination via vehicle but here in the Cordilleras you have to trek terrains and mountains," he compared. I was a part of history", said Atty. Torres when the automated voting system was newly introduced nationwide and having completed my assignment in Regions 1 and 2. We are the pioneers on the implementation of the system nationwide, although automated system has been used by other countries, it was utilized on specific

part of those counties and not country wide. Though not first time endeavors are perfect, those foreign observers were amazed at us, he added.

As long as he can, Atty. Torres would go for optimal retirement. As long as he can deliver services to the public, his constituents, and to the people to exercise their right to vote and if election in the country is absolutely free and are peaceful then that's the time he will retire from his work.

Atty. Torres enjoys working with the commission on elections. Even if he was not given the chance to had applied his profession as a new lawyer and with no finances yet to had held a private practice, he saw his being with the commission a blessing in disguise, this as supposed to had just been for a short term of time and for experience. "I still consider my self fortunate since my profession is what is needed to run the commission," he said.

He said that working at COMELEC is challenging and satisfying. Challenging because, he is exposed to so many matters to deal with, people, politicians, and voters with different mind sets and satisfying because he meets a lot of people and has a good salary that is sufficient for his family. "If not because of COMELEC, I would not had been to Sulu, Mindanao, and abroad," he said. Atty. Torres' working rapport with his colleagues is not a problem. Honestly, he treats his subordinates down to the utilities and janitors as not lower in all matters. He sees them eye to eye and does not impose authority over them. He threshes out problems with them as his friends. Of course, contradictory people are inevitable in all government agencies and departments who do not want the way affairs are being manned but, he makes the most out of it that he'll not be affected.

He is patient with his work, he strives to accomplish the goals the office and the functions mandated to him the soonest possible time, he works efficiently under pressure. Efficiency in one way of what is right is legal; certain issues and circumstances that are legal yet illegal; being in the government performing what is entrusted to him or her within the bounds of law is when everything is ok.

Atty. Torres was not able to have applied his profession privately in an office because he was absorbed by the commission. But even if he is not working in the justice hall, he is performing his profession as a lawful lawyer and within the bounds of law in the government. He loves sports particularly basketball, even if he can't play the game with his time, he watches it on tv. He watches American football and movies. He plays table tennis with his high school and college friends. He plays video games on his spare time and it's a habit until now with passion and enjoyment. "I spend time with my family. When finances permit, I occasionally take trips with them within the country and I enjoy it with my family", he said. He eats any food with no

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preferences and it's his simple pleasure.

Atty. Torres, as people say, is patient. According to him because in most things he thinks of what will happen with his job. In pressing matters, he evaluates them and allots time for them. He does not get angry with his subordinates even if they have inadequacies. He believes that if something is wrong, there is a solution to it. Blowing your top is not a solution but it should be solved calmly. People say he is pensive but they prove otherwise if they talk to him since he is friendly and easy to talk to, as proven.

For him, public service is essentially helping ordinary people exercise their right of suffrage and whatever right as a whole. For him, a pub-

lic servant is someone who would ideally put up the interest of other people other than his or her own interest. Being on the government and earning salary is secondary and service to the people and seeing them enjoy their rights is primary.

He was a firm student before who considered himself average when he was at school. He always has a goal no matter how small it is. He set sight on things. He is blessed by God, even he is not that religious but still believes in the Divine. He works out concerns to be successful because he believes that not everything is given in a silver platter. He is Atty. Julius D. Torres, the Regional Director for COMELEC-CAR./Ezequiel Banas-e

Integrity...

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outside Baguio to Sagada the Parangal Awards which was previously held in Baguio alone. She likes pinikpikan. She adorns herself with our Cordillera apparel and dresses herself with our costume. She is easily adjusted to. She is careful and considers everything on what she does. She reached to all the Cordilleras, affirmed Ms. Anita Verina Paredes.

"All beautiful and positive adjectives describe her. She is simple. She is humble, kind, and generous. She knows her job", said Mr. George Manzano.

"She is a disciplinarian. If you commit a mistake, you are not excluded from the law. Though the process, she is civil and talks to you with no immediate verdict. Penalty is equivalent to offenses provided by the law. She always reminds us of the policies and consequences", said Ms. Josefina Tamondong. She is an ideal leader. She does not get angry. She is civil. She likes being at the back rather than being on the front. She does not shout at her colleagues. Instead, she does it through jokes. She is so professional and work wise. She is particular to details and studies papers no matter how many pages they may be. She edits paper works and reports. She is always online e-mailing her staff even during holidays. She does make sure that everybody is working in their own respective divisions. She does monitor work but not to the point of it being stressful on the part of her staff. She makes sure that everybody attends on training and consultations but always asks her colleagues if they want to rotate in there thus she is not coercive, added Mr. Manzano and Ms. Tamondong.

Under the stewardship of Atty. Taldo, she and her colleagues have identified the following breakthrough results at the enterprise level that CSC-CAR is: 1. recognized as a center for excellence; 2. has high performing, competent, and credible civil servants; 3. ensuring fairness and efficiency in performing quasi-judicial functions; and 4. ensuring efficient management of financial resources. CSC-CAR has its best practices and noteworthy accomplishments as identified by the CSC Internal Audit Service on November 10, 2013. "These best practices are carried out likewise this year", said Mr. Manzano.

They are the following: 1. CSC-CAR was a recipient of the Gawad kawayan Award Para sa Katangi-tanging Kontribusyon sa Pagpapalawig ng Gender and Development (GAD) pursuant to CSC Resolution No.1300535 on March 12, 2013; 2. Office improvements were accomplished to ensure sound work place, not only for SCS-CAR personnel but also for its customers; 3. The CSC-CAR Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was organized on July 19, 2012 aimed at establishing a productive partnership with both the government and the private sectors; 4. Innovations were introduced in 2013-the Developmental intervention Session with CSC-CAR Units and Staff for Service Excellence (Discuss) and the Re-orientation for CSC-CAR Networks

and Partners Toward Service Excellence (ReNew-To-Serve); 5. Slogan "It's More Fun To Work in The Government; 6. Annual Medical Examinations of CSC-CAR Employees for 2013; 7. Conduct of Monday Convocation Activity; 8. Work Efficiency Related Session on Administrative and Financial Systems; 9. Integrating Culture and Arts in GAD activities thru "lakad ng Mga Lingkod Bayan ng CSC-CAR; 10. Galeriya ng mga Lingkod-Bayani ng Kordilyera; 11. Integrating the core values of tej ARTA in CS Month Celebration; and Engrandeng Pagtitipon ng mga Lingkod-Bayan ng Kordilyera. "We hope to have contributed to the documentation of breakthrough results impact on stakeholders and best practices", said Atty. Taldo.

The Civil Service Commission has programs namely: 1. Examination and Eligibilities; 2. Strategic Performance Management System; 3. Public Assistance and Redress; 4. Performance Management System; and 5. Anti-Red Tape Act (Republic Act No. 9485).

The CSC is constitutionally mandated to ensure that appointments in the civil service shall be made according to merit and fitness. To this end, it administers the career service examinations; a general ability test designed to measure an individual's preparedness to enter government service. Before an aspirant starts his or her work in the government, he or she affirms the Oaths for Public Officers and Employees as stipulated in Section 40 Chapter 10 of EO No. 292 Administrative code of 1987 which states that all public officers and employees of the government including every member of the armed forces shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take an oath or affirmation to uphold and defend the constitution; that he will bear true faith and allegiance to it; obey the laws, legal orders and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities; will well and faithfully discharge to the best of his ability the duties of the office or position upon which he is about to enter; and that he voluntarily assumes the obligation imposed by his oath of office; without mental reservation or purpose of evasion. In the Filipino version, it is transcribed with the tile Panunumpa sa Katungkulan as follows: Ako, si/ (pangalan) ng (tirahan) bilang (position/ plantilla assignment)/ ay taimtim na nanunumpa / na tutuparin ko nagn buong husay at katapatan/ sa abot ng aking kakayahan/ at ng mga iba pa na pagkaraan nito/ gagampanan ko sa ilalim ng Republika ng Pilipinas;/ na aking itataguyod ang Saligang Batas ng Pilipinas;/ na tunay na mananalig at tatalima ako rito;/ na susundin ko and mga batas/ mga kautusang legal,/ at mga direktibang piniiral/ ng mga sadyang itinakdang may kapangyarihan/ ng Republika ng Pilipinas;/ at kusa kong babalikitin and mga pananagutang ito, / ng walang ano mang pasubali/ o hangaring umiiwas./

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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

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Applicant

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an Application for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TRUCK for HIRE Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: TUIBLAY TO ANY POINT IN LUZON and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 29, 2014 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paoal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 30th day of September 2014.

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

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RAMON O. NGAYAAN
Applicant

Case no. 2000-BC-224
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This is an Application for the Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a SCHOOL Service for the transportation of freight on the Line: FROM THEIR RESIDENCES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL WITHIN BAGUIO CITY and vice versa, with the use of one (1) unit

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE RESIDENTIAL HOUSE

NOT ICE is hereby given that the estate of the late YOLANDA LEYVA, who died intestate on December 27, 2012 at Crystal Cave, Baguio City, consisting of Residential House covered by ARP No. 2013-05-008-136746 was extra judicially settled by their heirs on October 9, 2014 is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Residential House as per Doc. No. 370; Page No. 74; Book No. 220; Series of 2014 of the Notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangdeo of Baguio City.

Publication Dates: October 11, 18, 25, 2014

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late CRISTINA MAT-AN WILLY, who died intestate on January 31, 2008 at Baguio City consisting of registered parcels of land covered by Under ARP Nos. 99-001-02817, 99-001-00897, 99-001-04255, 99-001-00971 and 99-001-00970 was extra judicially settled by her heirs on June 18, 2014 are the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Waiver as per Doc. No. 143; Page No. 29; Book No. 218; Series of 2014 of the notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangdeo of Baguio City.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS DEED OF SALE OF PORTION OF UNREGISTERED LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late PUCAY MAT-AN who died intestate on September 1, 2006 at Asin, Tubla, Benguet Province and ELIZABETH A. MAT-AN, who died on March 11, 2008 at Asin Tubla, Benguet Province, consisting of unregistered parcel of land covered by TAX DEC. NO. 2010-04-11-00626 was extra judicially settled by their heirs on September 8, 2014 is the subject of the Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Simultaneous Deed of Sale of Portion of Unregistered Land as per Doc. No. 106; Page No. 22; Book No. 220; Series of 2014 of the notarial Book of Atty. Leoncio L. Alangdeo of Baguio City.

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be true to his or her mandate and oath affirmed is Atty. Taldo, the Regional Director of CSC-CAR/ Ezequiel Ban

Editorial

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Soliman. Estrada today is detained on unailable Ombudsman charges of plunder. He was also suspended from the Senate, by the Sandiganbayan, for 90 days.

"I risked my life, my family and career simply because, I would like to tell my fellow Filipinos: Not all government employees are thieves," Mendoza told an ABS-CBN interview. "Nor are all Filipinos afraid to speak out against corruption." Juan L. Mercado

Binay...

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pero yun ba namang nagbibintang ka," he explained.

Addressing the 'hacienda' issue

Earlier this week, Mercado alleged that Binay owns a 350-hectare estate in Rosario, Batangas which is equivalent to "six Luneta Parks, 10 Araneta Centers or even half the city of San Juan."

Mercado said the estate has two mansions, an air-conditioned piggery, orchid farm, cockbreeding farm, horse ranch, and a man-made lagoon.

Senator Antonio Trillanes also insisted that Antonio Tiu, the businessman who claims to be the owner of the property, is just a dummy of Binay.

The vice president and Tiu vehemently denied the allegations.

"Nakakatawa po iyon. Matagal nang isyu iyon. Dumami na nga nang dumami. Dati nga 150 [hectares],apos naging 200 ngayon naging 300 na. Pinaliwanag na po namin iyan. Hindi po ako ang may ari niyan. Nanaginip na lang iyan," Binay said.

He added, "Ang nakakalungkot nga lang po, hindi na yata kasama sa iimbestigahan iyan. Ang iimbestigahan supposed to be is yung alleged overpriced building. Kita ninyo pulitikang-pulitika, ito personalan na. Hindi naman po criminal case ito."

Binay also revealed that he pitied Tiu after the latter was dragged into the "political circus." He said Tiu is a legitimate businessman who owns the estate, now Sunchamp Agri-Tourism Park, in Batangas.

"Nakakaawa naman ito. Hindi pa nga tumitestigo winawasak na ang pagkatao. Yun ang demeanor ng mga senador na iyon. Siya naman talaga ang may-ari. What's the problem with that? Sa palagay ko, kuryente ang aabutin noon," he said.

When asked if Tiu is a friend, Binay simply said, "Kakilala ko."

What Trillanes claims

Meanwhile, Senator Trillanes insists that Tiu is, indeed, being used as a "dummy" by Binay to hide properties he supposedly acquired from ill-gotten wealth.

Trillanes laid out the alleged links between Binay and Tiu, who he said is the dummy owner of the vice president's 350-hectare property in

Rosario, Batangas, concealing it under the name of Sunchamp Agri-Tourism Park.

Trillanes shared to the Senate that last August 5, he attended the "launch" of the Sunchamp Agri-Tourism Park along with Presidential Assistant for Food Security and Agricultural Modernization Francis Pangilinan, and Agrarian Reform Secretary Virgilio Delos Reyes.

The supposed launch, he claimed, was apparently only an attempt by the camp of Binay to make it appear that Tiu's Sunchamp Agri-Tourism Park is a legitimate business.

"Apparently last August 5 nung ni-launch ito, meron silang intensyon na talagang gamitin ang iba't-ibang opisyal ng gobyerno, including myself, si Sec. Pangilinan at si Sec. Delos Reyes, para linisin and to make it appear legitimate," he said.

He noted that the launch still pushed through even if typhoon "Jose" was battering some parts of the country that time.

"Sabi ko, bakit hindi na lang i-postpone ito at bakit hindi makapaghintay. Well, apparently, meron na talagang naka-setup," he said.

Trillanes also said that he was surprised when he noticed that the park's pavements were not new. "Yung mga pavement, yung mga kalye ay may lumot or luma na. Alam mo na luma na ito. Even the landscaping luma. So nagtataka ako bakit ngayon lang ito ni-launch."

"Well apparently ito na nga, naglilinis na ito. Ito na ang isang patunay na talagang nagre-resort sa dummy itong si Vice President Binay," he said.

"Akala kasi ng iba magpa-picture lang sa atin o imbitahan tayo na maguest sa isang activity eh magiging protektado na natin sila," he added.

To back up his claims, Trillanes also presented to the Senate Tiu's alleged connections to Binay.

According to the senator, Tiu folded Sunchamp Real Estate Development Corp. in 2013 into a publicly listed corporation, the Greenery Holdings Inc., where Tiu is president.

Trillanes said the main shareholders of Greenery are the Sunchamp Real Estate Development Corp., Earthright Holdings Inc., and the Three Star Capital.

Citing the website of Greenery, he said Subido, the legal counsel of Binay, is its corporate secretary and compliance officer.

Subido is also the director of Earthright Holdings Inc., he said.

He stressed that Subido is a law partner of one of Binay's daughters, Makati Representative Abigail Binay, and a senior partner of the Subido, Pagente, Certeza, Mendoza, and Binay (SPCMB) law office.

Trillanes also pointed out that Earthright shares the same address as the SPCMB law office, and that is at the Value Point Executive Building 227 Salcedo Street in Legazpi Village, Makati City. /with reports by Kathryn dela Cruz, ABS-CBNnews.com

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GREETINGS FROM:
DISTRICT ENGINEER ALEXANDER C. CASTAÑEDA
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FINEST AMONG THE FINEST - Member of the Baguio's Finest headed by City Police Director Miranda proudly show off the plaques and commendations during for their great contribution in keeping peace and order in the city's 128 barangays during the Search for the Most Outstanding Peace and Order Committee awarding ceremony during the observance of the 23rd Anniversary of the signing of the Local Government Code of 1991 held at the Baguio Convention Center October 10./By Bong Cayabyab

Oplan Kaluluwa Executive Committee Created

BAGUIO CITY - With just two weeks to go before the annual trek to cemeteries and memorial parks, the Oplan Kaluluwa executive committee to oversee the All Souls and All Saints Day activities was created, with Mayor Mauricio Domogan as Chairperson.

This is embodied in Administrative order 117, issued last month.

City Administrator Carlos Canilao is action officer for the institutionalized activity; with members: OIC PS/Supt. Rolando Miranda, P/Supt. Alexis Marinas, PSupt. Evelio Degay, all of the Baguio City Police Office; City Treasurer Alicia Onoza; City Engineer Leo Bernardez; City Building Officer OIC Johnny Degay; Health Services Officer Rowena Galpo; and City Environment and Parks Management Officer Cordelia Lacasamana;

OIC Licensing Officer Janet Aguirre; Public Information Officer Ramon Dacawi; Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) head Ramon Jacinto;

Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) head Shirley Fernandez; Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) Anastacia Tamayo; Emergency Medical Services (EMS) head Dr. John Tinoyan; and BB-PICAG representative Neftali Marilla are included in the committee.

Members of the committee were assigned as to services needed in vehicular and human traffic, peace and order, provision of flowers and candles for cemetery-goers, inspection and sanitation in the parks, and other health services. Others function as emergency, medical and support groups.

Punong Barangays, Thomas Dumalti of Irisan; Florante Sapitula of Lower Lourdes Subdivision; Bonifacio Quicho III of Lourdes Proper Subd; Benjamin Macadangang of Lourdes Subd. Extension; Carlos Ananayo of Lower Rock Quarry; Jessie Bandiola of City Camp Central; Aurora Abellera of City Camp Proper;

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City Sets for the Search of Child Friendly Barangay

BAGUIO CITY - The ten nominees for the search for child friendly barangay will be visited evaluated by the assessment team this October 13 to 15.

The composition of the assessment team will be representatives from the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Department of Interior and Local Government City Filed Office, Health Services Office, City Planning and Development Office, Department of Education Division Office, Baguio Center for Young Adults, Special Services Division of the Mayor's Office, and Save our School Children Foundation, Inc.

On October 13, the participating barangays to be visited, interviewed and validated are City Camp Proper, Upper Rock Quarry, Middle Rock Quarry and MRR Queen of Peace.

Greenwater Village, Loakan Proper, Lualhati and Holyghost Extension will be evaluated on October 14.

On October 15, Quezon Hill Proper and Irisan will be visited by the assessment team.

The Search for Child Friendly Barangay is an annual search which institutionalizes a child friendly environment and governance at the level that promotes and protects children's rights and welfare.

"Aside from the recognition and cash prize awarded to the most child friendly barangays, the search aims to encourage barangays in Baguio to address issues and concerns on children, 18 years old below. The search has been helpful in their promotion of advocacies that contributes to achieving a child friendly city of Baguio," said Social Welfare Officer Cynthia Langagan.

Winners in the search will receive P40,000 for the 1st prize; P30,000 for the 2nd prize; P20,000 for the 3rd prize; and P5,000 consolation prizes for the following top seven barangays./Jho Arranz

Rehabilitation of Mines View Park Continues

BAGUIO CITY - The fencing of the Mines View Park is about to be finished despite encountering some setback on the access road/alley of residents that will be affected by the fencing of the said park.

During the weekly forum last Wednesday, Mayor Mauricio Domogan disclosed that the fencing of mines view park will still continue with some changes on the originally planned point of entry from the road going to the residential

houses and commercial buildings.

Considering that the original alley going to the residential and commercial buildings is already constricted, the task force made some amended and revision on the point of entry of the access alley.

Accordingly, instead of the original fence with concrete hollow blocks, flower boxes and riprap willBAGUIO CITY - Despite the ongoing construction activities for the development

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Outstanding Barangay Performers Feted

BAGUIO CITY - Outstanding barangay treasurers, barangay secretaries and barangay tanods were recognized and awarded last October 10 during the 23rd anniversary of the signing of the Local Government Code of 1991 and barangay day celebration at the Ibaloi Park.

The outstanding barangay treasurer champion is Vivian delos Reyes of Fairview receiving P5,000 cash incentive.

Felita Estrada of Pinget is the first runner-up receiving P3,000 cash incentive followed by Evelyn Leyratana of Upper Q.M. receiving P2,000 cash incentive.

The other nominated barangay treasurers include Bernardo Salazar of Irisan, Raquiella Aradanas of BGH Compound, Helen Villanueva of Imelda Village, Cristina Paguio of Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Helen Lee of Pinsao Proper, Marlene Meana of North Central Aurora Hill, Elma Palima of Middle Quirino Hill, Michelle de Jesus of Session Road, Myrna Garcia of New Lucban, Daniel Malicdang of South Sanitary Camp, Patricia Sudicial of Military Cut-Off, Leizle Menzi of Kias and Jehmel Ofreneo of Phil-Am. They were given P1,000 cash incentive each.

The barangay treasurers were assessed based on barangay administration and governance, budget

appropriation, competitive edge, and neatness and orderliness of files.

The top three outstanding barangay secretaries were Ancita Villanueva of Imelda Village, Yvette Cruz of Lourdes Subdivision Extension and Vanessa Costales of Pinsao Proper. They were given P5,000, P3,000 and P2,000 cash incentive each.

The other barangay secretaries who participated in the search receiving P1,000 include Elvira Ocampo of City Camp Proper, Aissa Pater of Loakan Proper, Anelyn Paglinawan of Phil-Am Compound, and Virginia Salindang of Upper Q.M.

These barangay secretaries were evaluated based on completeness and orderliness of the barangay files covering barangay administration and governance, environmental management and protection, infrastructure development, peace and order and public safety, health and nutrition program management, and social welfare development. The frequency of the submission of reports were also evaluated and validated by the judges.

Outstanding barangay tanod champion who received P5,000 cash incentive is Nestor Gatchalon of Imelda Village. While first runner up Dennis Pacalso of Upper Rock Quarry received P3,000 cash incentive and second runner up Miguel Raquel of Upper Dagsian received P2,000 cash incentive.

Included in the lists of outstanding barangay tanods who received P1,000 each were Baltazar Salacan of Kias, Floro Almazan of Pinsao Proper, Liberato Cabradilla of Irisan, Rogelio Aguid, Sr. of Camp 8, Francisca Chua of New Lucban, Lorelei Castaneda of Loakan Proper, Richard Buccat of South Sanitary Camp, Robert de Vera of Leonila Hill, Alexander Imingan of East Quirino

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