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Comelec Reminds Candidates of Campaign Rules

BAGUIO CITY - With the political campaign of national candidates now hitting the provinces, the Commission on Election continues to reiterate its advisory to strictly follow campaign rules.

Comelec Cordillera Regional Director Jose Nick Mendros, in an interview, is calling on candidates and their leaders and supporters to follow and respect existing ordinances of election related policies of local government units (LGUs) they are visiting.

In the case of Baguio which is currently celebrating its Panagbenga Festival, candidates should follow the city's Anti-littering ordinance in putting-up of campaign posters and on the distribution of flyers, calendars and other campaign materials to the public.

On putting up of campaign posters, Mendros said candidates should follow the allowed sizes of posters and it should be posted on the designated common poster areas. In the city of Baguio, majority of the common poster areas are barangay halls.

Mendros stressed that that posters and other campaign materials should not be posted on trees or electric posts near the common poster area, or to

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The best of Panagbenga 2013, Street Dancing/Photos by Bong Cayabyab



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Dads Want a Taste of Black Hole Waste Technology

BAGUIO CITY – The city council on Monday agreed to request the inventor of the Black Hole Technology to present the waste processing scheme to the city for possible consideration as an option to solve the city's garbage problem.

The body adopted the proposed resolution of Councilor Elmer Datuin for said purpose.

The body as per recommendation of the committee on health and sanitation chaired by Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia also resolved that the scheme be studied by city general services officer Romeo Concio who heads the city's solid waste management division for his recommendation.

Datuin said the Black Hole Technology is presently used in La Trinidad municipality for solid waste disposal for both biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes with the used of Japanese-made magnetic garbage decomposer using low temperature plasma.

"The Black Hole technology appears to have proven its effectivity as it can process both biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes without any by-product that still needs to be disposed or transported to other areas," Datuin noted in his resolution.

He said the scheme also "appears to be cost-effective as it is cheaper to operate as the cost of fuel and electricity are practically inexistent and the wasteful cost of transporting the by-product is entirely eliminated."

"The technology is best described as superior to other technology and it is to the best interest of the City of Baguio to welcome the inventor of the (said technology) to present (it) for possible purchase and inclusion to the long-term solid waste disposal solution of the city," Datuin said. – A Refuerzo

DENR Asked to Report on Final Lot Survery

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will request the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera (DENR-CAR) to report on the Townsite Survey (CAR Baguio City) for Final Lot Survery and Adjustments of Old Surveys conducted in the city.

The body approved the proposed resolution of Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr. for said purpose. Cosalan said the survey project which was divided into eight modules was conducted beginning 2009 by Geodetic Engrs. Jose Fernandez, Philip Piluden and with other modules conducted by Engr. Jo Raymund Fernandez.

He said the contract for the

said survey project which cost P10 million has lapsed and the contractors submitted the accomplishments to the DENR-CAR for verification and approval.

"In view of the constant inquiry of barangays officials on the status of the project and their being requested to issue barangay resolutions relative to the project, the

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City Conducts Pre-Retirement Forum

Thirty-one soon to retire City Hall employees from various departments of the City Government of Baguio participated in the Pre-Retirement Forum conducted through the Human Resource Management Office last February 15.

Hon. Daniel Fariñas, City Vice Mayor and Acting City Mayor, graced the activity and told the participants that they will now enter into a new horizon of their lives so they must have to prepare.

The forum's main objective is to inform the retirees on their benefits and on how they are going to prepare for their retirement.

Dr. Estrella Bisquera, City Human Resource Management Officer, enlightened the retirees through her topic, "Are We Ready to Retire?" She discussed the vision, right and positive attitude to have a happy life after retirement.

Republic Act 9994: The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 was explained further by Liza Balao, Social Welfare Officer III of the Social Welfare Office. She clarified the use of Senior Citizen identification cards and discounts to the participants.

Angelita Sabado, Nutrition Officer and President of the Nutritionist-Dieticians' Association of the Philippines (NDAP) CAR Chapter, specified the Do's and Don'ts, medical recommendations and tips on how to stay young and healthy through "Graceful Ageing".

Speakers from different government offices have discussed the retirees' benefits. GSIS representatives: Alilee Bautista, Elton Palican and Tony Kiwas gave detailed computation and information on pensions.

PhilHealth representatives Lily Linggon and Dr. Manolo Tandoc presented an overview of the surgical and medical discounts and/or refunds while Cristabel Asiong of PAG-IBIG gave an informative talk on the accumulated contributions and its corresponding computations.

Nestor Mestito, Administrative Officer II of the Social Welfare Office discussed the various programs and services offered by the office to senior citizens that will assist them in self-development and community involvement.

Corazon Garlejo and Evelina Dispo, both former City Hall employees inspired the retirees with their touching testimonies on their life experiences after retirement. /From: Angel Amadeo, HRMO

Elections About Platforms, Not Rallies

While admitting that the decision of the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) to drop him from its senatorial slate was a big loss, Sen. Chiz Escudero main-

he said.

Escudero maintained he harbored no ill will towards UNA and its leaders after its decision.

"I respect their decision. After all, who are we to ask for more if that is all they are willing to give?" he said. "Malaking kawalan man, babang loob kong tinatanggap and k a n i l a n g desisyon (Although a big loss, I humbly accept their decision)."

The elections are not about what rallies I should or not join but rather about issues and platforms, pure in-

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Dads Okay Land Use Plan Request for City Lot

BAGUIO CITY – The city council last Monday approved a resolution seeking the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan for the 1,385,533 square meter parcel of land identified for multipurpose land use located at Camp 7, Bakakeng and Sto. Tomas barangays.

The body adopted Councilor Isabelo Cosalan Jr.'s proposed resolution addressed to the city planning and development office for the preparation of the plan will serve as a guide for program and project implementers on its best and efficient use.

Cosalan asked that priority be given on the following needs: Forest and Ecological Sanctuary; Engineered Sanitary Landfill Site; Baguio City Jail Site; City Housing Site; Government School Site; Retirement/Hospice Facility Site; and City Government Satellite Office.

The city council earlier identified the lot as site for the city's multi-purpose land use such as engineered sanitary landfill, housing, schools, government office and facilities in Resolution Numbered 262, series of 2010.

Cosalan said there have been requests from private and government institutions and agencies for the city government to provide of lands for their respective programs and services and the identified tract of land can be jointly and collectively developed by the government and the private sector to serve its purpose.

The plan, he said, is "one means of facilitating the dispersal of development opportunities, thereby an effective way of decongesting the Central Business District."

In the resolution, the CPDO was tasked to coordinate or accept technical assistance from local planning and development experts for the preparation of the plan at no cost to the City Government. – A Refuerzo

Kid Needs Continuing Support to Survive

Often, it takes more than a village to save an ailing child.

Billy Benito, a 43-year old Ibaloy farmer raising vegetables at Bengao, Bakakeng here in Baguio realized this in July last year. That was when his youngest child, Chelsea, now 10, was diagnosed for serious kidney ailment.

Doctors then advised Billy and his wife Cecilia (nee Abance) to bring the kid for further tests at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute in Quezon City.

The couple was working hard to raise the amount needed for the transfer when Chelsea's condition suddenly deteriorated. Her blood pressure shot up

and her vision blurred, "to the point that she could no longer recognize us, her family," Billy recalled.

Since then, Chelsea has been on hemodialysis treatment at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. At P2,200 per blood-cleansing session, the financial impact was, is and will be too much for the family to bear.

Nowadays, Billy finds himself mostly on the road. Instead of coaxing his crucifers and beans to grow, he is knocking on doors or responding to text messages from Samaritans who want to meet him so they can contribute to saving Chelsea.

At 10, Chelsea has gained the uncomfortable distinction of being the youngest pa-

tient undergoing dialysis treatment at the BGHMC. The facility serves about 170 kidney patients from all over needing the regular four-hour-per-session treatment to survive.

She has come this far because neighbors and parishioners at the Divine Mercy Church at Atab where the Benito family attends Sunday services were the first on the rescue. With them are members of the K nights of Columbus, Council 15580 led by Assistant Labor Secretary Teddy Delson, and parish priest, Fr. Joel Calatan.

Samaritans provided the substance of hearts by sharing what they have to a family whose second youngest member

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OWWA, Baguio-Benguet OFWs Join One Billion Rising Campaign Against VAWC

BAGUIO CITY - The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration - Cordillera (OWWA-CAR) Regional Director Manuela Peña led her staff and more than 100 Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in the Baguio-Benguet area in joining the February 14 - One Billion Rising, a worldwide campaign to end Violence Against Women and Children.

The Innabuyog Gabriela, in partnership with the city government of Baguio, national government agencies and other local women's organization, spearheaded the One Billion Rising activity atop Session Road wherein around 500 participants, women and men donned in white and pink shirts, danced simultaneously as they join the cause to end VAWC with the battle cry "Strike! Dance! Rise!".

Peña, in an interview, lauded the members of Baguio-Benguet Federation of OFW, Returnees and Dependents (BBFORD), some tagging along their husbands, for joining such activity as she outlined the importance of the campaign to stop violence against women and girls around the world.

"Women should not be subjected not only to physical or sexual abuse but to financial abuse as well", Peña said.

She explained that by spreading worldwide awareness campaign against VAWC, "we can also help protect our women overseas workers, who are vulnerable to such abuses as they are away from their families."

She also stressed that the government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and OWWA, is doing its best to manage the welfare and protection of the OFWs.

Through the organization of OFW Family Circles (OFCs) like the BBFORD, OWWA is also enriching OFW family values and ties through the Family Development Support Program.

"Through the help of the OFCs, other government agencies and non-government organizations, we can help solidify the strength of the family and putting emphasis on stopping mental, physical and financial abuse, among women", Peña added./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

CBAO Discourages Alterations on Sari-Sari Section Building

BAGUIO CITY - Engr. Oscar Flores, Department Head of the City Buildings and Architecture Office discouraged the public market vendors at the council last Monday. Sari-Sari Store building to utilize the upper portion of the sari-sari store section during the regular session of the city council last Monday.

JHMC Clarifies Issue of Tree Cutting Inside Camp John Hay

BAGUIO CITY- John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) President Jamie Agbayani, in a press conference here last Friday, attested that the trees were dead as classified by the JHMC Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT), which handles environmental compliance inside CJH.

"Let us look at the trees properly. These are dead. The trees are to be cut because they pose danger to the environment and to the people," she stressed.

"We have been cutting the dead trees pursuant to existing rules and regulations prescribed under Ex-

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DSWD-CAR Urges Childless Couples to Adopt Children Legally

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the region urged childless couples and those who are planning to adopt a child to legally adopt children to provide stable homes for orphaned, abandoned and neglected children.

Adoption is very important because it gives new hope and a better future for abandoned or neglected children, stressed Mary Ann Buclao, DSWD's focal person on Adoption Resource and Referral system.

She said that there are at present 27 abandoned and neglected children ages 3 months to 9 years old who are being given temporary residential care at the Reception and Study Center for Children (RSCC) in La Trinidad, Benguet and are ready for temporary placement through foster care or permanent placement through legal adoption.

According to Buclao, it is very important for these children to have a family because it contributes to their well-being and holistic development.

Buclao, together with Manuela Ortiz of DSWD and Ronan Marquez, officer-in charge of the SLU Sunflower Halfway Home for Boys, a child-caring partner agency, the were guests in Weekly Talakayan forum as part of the activities for the 15th Adoption Consciousness Week which runs from February 18-24, 2013.

Proclamation No. 72 issued on February 3, 1999 mandates the observance of Adoption Consciousness Week on the first week of February. The celebration aims to enhance public awareness on adoption processes and procedures on the growing number of orphaned, abandoned or neglected Filipino children in need of love and permanent families.

However, to enable a longer time to advocate issues on adoption, the National Organizing Committee headed by the DSWD agreed to celebrate in on the third week of February.

The week-long event which carries the theme "Love sees beyond differences," focuses on the unconditional love of adoptive parents for their adopted children regardless of their biological differences.

Other activities include a film showing at the Cinematique held Wednesday. The DSWD will also set up adoption help desks in SM City Baguio on February 21 and 22 where prospective adoptive parents can seek advice on adoption procedures. A film showing held at the Cinematique last February 20.

Buclao said prospective adoptive families may inquire about adoption process and procedures at the Adoption Resource and Referral Unit of DSWD-CAR./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR

Comelec all Set to Implement Local Absentee Voting for Media Practitioners in CAR

BAGUIO CITY - Media practitioners are now officially allowed to vote earlier than the scheduled May 13 midterm election, as the Commission of Election already released the implementing rules and regulation (IRR)

through Comelec resolution no. 9637 promulgated last February 13. Comelec Cordillera Regional Director Jose Nick Mendros, in an interview, affirmed that media practitioners are now offi-

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Agencies Credit Anti Child Abuse Network for Improved Referral System

BAGUIO CITY, - Agencies who are catering to the welfare of children in difficult situations give credit to Anti-Child Abuse Network (ACAN) for an improved referral system.

Shirley Casallo, Social Worker from the Office of the City Social Welfare Officer (OCSWADO) said in an interview over radio station DZWT that with ACAN, the referral system has become smooth.

"In the past we don't know where to report victims of child abuse, what agency and what kind of services to be provided because we know that in our respective agencies we don't have all the services that cater to child abuse cases, so we do referrals to other agencies", she said.

Casallo stated that under the process flow of referring cases, any child abuse cases can be reported to the police,

OCSWADO, the Commission on Human Rights, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, the National Bureau of Investigation or any member-agency of the ACAN.

The ACAN started as a network whose advocacy is to fight child abuse, and is already on its 17th year and it has increased its membership from 15 to 19 member-agencies.

She likewise disclosed that reported cases of child abuse increased especially in the schools because of the advocacy being conducted in schools and the communities in the area including nearby communities of region 1.

Meanwhile, Marilyn Abratique of the CHR who has been working with ACAN for a long time, said that with the ACAN, the referral system has become a

multi-disciplinary intervention, meaning all the services a child abuse victim needs are all there from investigation, legal, medical, psychological, rehabilitation.

The other member agencies of the ACAN include the Department of Justice (DOJ), Baguio General Hospital (BGH), Save Our School Children Foundation Inc., Philippine Mental Health Association (PMHA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepED), Liga ng mga Barangay ng Pilipinas, Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Child and Family Service Philippines, Inc. (CFSPI), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Safe Harbor International Philippines Foundation (SHIP)./JDP/MAWC-PIA CAR



TRADITIONAL IGOROT WEAVERS - Businesswoman Mary Dawey inspects the newly finished handwoven Igorot products and keeping the art of Igorot Weaving at her residence at Pinsao Pilot Project./By Bong Cayabyab

The Queue for Halos

Until Friday, we saw this Cebu "temple" only on TV and newspaper photos. Creaking joints, grey hair and bifocals didn't permit the wife and me to join over a million people who gathered there in thanksgiving for canonization of 17-year old Pedro Calungsod.

Martyred in Guam April 1672, he joins San Lorenzo Ruiz of Binondo. Calungsod was a joven bisayo, say 17th-century documents. A palm is the motif of a modern church, with soaring spire, that honors this Visayan teen-aged catechist... A palm "is the Christian iconographic representation of martyrdom," explains Fr. Brian Brigoli.

The Catholic Bishops Conference head, this February, requested retired Cardinal Ricardo Vidal: Please oversee the beatification process of Cebuano Bishop Teofilo Camomot and Bishop Alfredo Obviar of Lucena.

The Vatican gave, in March 2001, the green light to begin the beatification studies for Obviar. He handled ordinary duties, specially catechizing of children, with exemplary fidelity. He died in 1978, at the age of 89.

EDITORIAL

A commission, led by retired Bishop Antonio Rañola, beefed up

membership to submit, end of 2013, its probe into Camomot's life to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican.

Camomot's life of prayer and service for indigents, as priest and later auxiliary bishop of Jaro (1955) Cagayan de Oro (1958) drew many. Did he sometimes bilocate as did Capuchin monk Padre Pio of Pietrelcina?

At a Sept 27, 1985 meeting in Cebu City, "Camomot was on my left, and Archbishop Salvador my right, Cardinal Vidal recalls. "Monsignor, you have to vote," I told him." Yet, on his return to Carcar 40 kilometers away Camomot and secretary found a woman waiting. "After your visit earlier today (to administer anointing of the sick), Tatay was able to get up." How is that possible?, his secretary asked. The bishop laughed: "Keep that to yourself."

Camomot would hock his bishop's ring or cross to help the hard up. "Msgr. Lolong's ring is here again, pawnshops would call," recalls a friend. Held up on a Bukidnon road, disgusted gunmen turned away since all Camomot had was P20. He had given his money to poor priests. The bishop called back the frustrated gunmen and gave them his ring. A Cagayan de Oro pawnshop returned it.

Camomot died in a 1988 car accident. When his body was exhumed in 2009, it was intact. Nuns jettisoned the prepared urn and hurriedly procured a new coffin. "Cardinal Vidal identified the remains," Cebu Sun Star Sun reported. "The vestments were changed. Vidal certified every piece And the grave was then resealed....

Some mornings, the secretary recalls he'd be asked by Camomot to include a name in the Mass memorial for the dead of that day. Usually, it would be a priest, from Cagayan de Oro, Iloilo or Bukidnon (dioceses Camomot previously served).

Late afternoons, their office would receive a telegram informing them of the priest's death. Asked how he learned, Camomot would say: "The priest came to me to confess."

How long does the process from inquiry to canonization take?

For St Lorenzo Ruiz, it took all of 350 years and for San Pedro Calungsod 342 years. Two Filipino women, meanwhile, wait in the canonization pipeline.

One is Isabel Larrañaga Ramirez who founded the Sisters of Charity of the Sacred Heart in early 17th century. John Paul II named her "venerable" in 1999. The other is a "Chinay": Mother Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, who set up the Religious of Virgin Mary congregation in 1684. Benedict XVI named her "venerable" in 2007.

Add to that Spanish Augustinian nun Mo. Consuelo Barcelo, who formed an indigenous Filipino congregation, writes Jeremiah Opiniano of The Filipino Connection, December 20, the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints recognized the heroic virtues of Barcelo" who co-founded the pontifical Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation (OSALC) Prefect Angelo Cardinal Amato declared that "this Servant of God is now "Venerable".

Barcelo helped set Filipino Augustinian congregation. Over the last 130 years, members served in La Consolacion schools, and clinics, socio-pastoral ministries in rural areas, foreign missions for overseas Filipinos in some eight countries, Opiniano adds.

Cynical power, in this country, is reflected in Imelda Marcos' 1,060 pairs of shoes. She wails about getting back "my Roumeliotes gems"/Juan L. Mercado



THE PEACE COMBATANT

Towards a Green Baguio City

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



I congratulate the **UP Baguio Economic Society** for organizing this 25 February 2013, a forum with the theme "Economic Perspectives for a Green Baguio City." The venue is El Cielito Inn and will be held from 8am to 5pm. Indeed, the initiative is only one of a kind. It is an activity that only professionals are able to organize. However, the UP Baguio Economics Society appears to be an exception because the society is a student not a professional group.

I would have preferred that the theme be "Green Economic Perspectives for Baguio" because economics as a discipline has not always been green. On the contrary, economics has always often been used to refute and discredit green development. For example, economics has introduced the technique of stump valuation of the forest that hold that the value of the forest is the value of what is left of the tree after the log has been cut-off. The basis of this valuation technique is that the value of the logs has entered the market and what is left is to value what is left of the tree after the log has been cut off (the value of the forest land is captured by its value in the market). Of course, this is a serious underestimation of the value of the forest because it ignores the role of the forest as habitat, ecology, water-holder, air purifier, and carbon sequester, among other roles.

Another economic valuation technique that seriously undervalues the forest is the so-called "contingent valuation" technique. "Contingent valuation" takes off from the perspective that valuation can be made based on the willingness-to-pay. Unfortunately, the perspective is seriously flawed because as the environment is non-rival and non-excludable in consumption (you cannot have it all for yourself and excluding one from the beneficial effects of the environment will be very costly if not impossible), revelation of the willingness to pay will not be successful. Unfortunately, valuation via contingent valuation has seriously underestimated the value of our environment and the valuation technique has been popular precisely because the valuation technique has been used to justify environmental degradation.

Of course, the theme "Economic Perspectives for a Green Baguio" is also apt because "Green Economic Perspectives" sounds ideological. Supposedly, academic economics should be ideology-free. In understanding what may constitute a Green Baguio, it is important to identify the various components of what it means to be a GREEN CITY. As I see it, based on the various concerns that have been raised on the environment, a GREEN CITY must reflect at least seven concerns in its development programs.

First, the city must ensure clean air. This should not be difficult and need no elaboration. In Baguio City, the key to clean air appears to be the large volume of vehicles in the city.

Second, it must promote ample or as large as possible green cover and green spaces. The Philippines used to have a law that reserves 30% for open spaces until it was watered-down by a Marcos Presidential Decree. It may be possible to determine empirically the optimal green cover. However, green cover and green spaces in Baguio probably sum up to a very low percentage and the appropriate defensive policy that we can promote is to enlarge the green cover and green spaces as high as possible.

Third, it must promote the use of alternative sources of fuel and energy and abandon its dependence on fossil fuel for energy source and vehicle fuel. The rationale for moving away from fossil fuel is that fossil fuels exacerbate and contribute significantly to anthropogenic global warming causing several climate changes.

Fourth, the city must have functional and real biodiversity conservation. The city is home to many indigenous flora and fauna that are fast disappearing.

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Sulu, Sabah, protectorates of the US?

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free'..." (John 8:31-32, the Holy Bible).

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US, SABAH, PROTECTORATES OF THE US? Did you know that there is a treaty, signed in 1899, which granted to the islands of Sulu and of North Borneo or Sabah "protectorate" status—meaning, that they are legally under the control and protection of the United States of America?

According to a research of Ms. Margarita "Tingting" Cojuangco, former Tarlac Governor and now a senatorial candidate of the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) of Vice President Jejomar Binay, former President Estrada and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, the treaty is known as the "Kiram-Bates Treaty".

Tingting's research was made available to me and to some other select mediamen the other day, to highlight her denial that she is involved in the on-going Sabah standoff where some 300 armed Filipino followers of the Sultan of Sulu, Jamalul Kiram III went to Sabah a week ago, and to push for the immediate and peaceful resolution of the dispute as to who really owns Sabah on the basis of historical records.

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TINGTING COJUANGCO'S RESEARCH ON SABAH: Here are some parts of the research paper prepared by Tingting, who is acknowledged as the only Mindanao expert among the senators running in the May 2013 elections: "On January 20, 2003 the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), through its Chairman Hashim Salamat, wrote a letter to the United States President George W. Bush, openly inviting United States' involvement in the Mindanao conflict.

"The Moro Islamic Liberation Front letter invoked United States protectorate status citing the Kiram-Bates Treaty of 1899, which provides among others, "Sovereignty of the United States over the whole archipelago of Jolo, and its dependencies, is declared and acknowledged... The rights of dignities of His Highness the Sultan, and his Datos, shall be fully respected; the Moros are not to be interfered with on account of their religion..."

"A closer reading of Articles XIII and XIV of the 1899 Treaty shows that, in granting protectorate status to the Sultan and his subjects, and by not agreeing to the sale of Jolo or any other island of the Jolo Archipelago without consent of the Sultan of Jolo, the United States implicitly respected the Sultanate as a sovereign entity.

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SULTAN OF SULU'S PERCEPTIONS: "However, the Salamat letter was silent on the fact that the Treaty was between the U.S. government and the Sultanate of Sulu, not the Philippine Revolutionary Government under the leadership of General Emilio Aguinaldo..."

"Sultan Jamalul Kiram III had the opportunity to write 'I find the MILF to have no legal and historic bases to adopt and invoke the provisions of the 1899 Kiram-Bates Agreement as the sole basis of either the US involvement, support or invoking the scope the BJE (Bangsa Moro Juridical Entity) as the MILF wanted it to be.

"Firstly, the United States Government defaulted already from their commitments under the agreement; and, secondly, the provisions of said Agreement focused merely on the Sulu Archipelago, which was under the Sultanate of Sulu and North Borneo, hence the two treaties were signed..."

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ADVOCACY MINDANOW

THE SABAH AFFAIR

BY: JESUS DUREZA



I was shaken a bit when I learned that a group loyal to the Kiram family of Sulu publicly announced their intentions of pushing for the sultanate's Sabah claim by a "mass action or a show of force" in Lahad Datu, a coastal town of Sabah. The reports are not so clear yet so we don't have details of the so-called "stand off" between Malaysian authorities and the 200 or so Muslim Filipinos (some of them armed).

A bit of a background.

It is said that before governments came, the King of Brunei once sought help from the Sultanate of Sulu to quell a rebellion in the former's kingdom. In return for winning the day for the Brunei king, a piece of land now known as Sabah was given to the Sultanate as a reward. Since that time up to now, the Kiram family of Sulu maintains it has proprietary rights over Sabah as evidenced by the lease entered into between the Sultanate and the British North Borneo Co. in 1878. In 1963, the British turned over to Malaysia control over Sabah and a 50-year lease was reportedly entered into with Malaysia still paying annual "rentals" to the Sultanate. There are reports that the contract of lease is expiring next month (50 years from 1963). The Kirams evidently want to re-establish or re-confirm their rights by actual "occupancy". Hence, the current controversy.

The Marcos years saw the infamous "Jabidah Massacre" where Muslims who were allegedly secretly trained in Corregidor to invade Sabah were murdered to prevent the "oplan" from being divulged, except for a lone survivor, Abidin Arula, who succeeded on telling the world about the alleged invasion plan. The "Jabidah Massacre" so angered the Muslim world that a group of Muslims, led by a Tausug professor at the University of the Philippines named NUR MISUARI rose up in arms and started a rebellion to seek justice. The rest is history.

Fast forward to present time.

I called my frat bro, ATTY RANDOPH "BONG" PARCASIO, one of the closest to Chairman Nur (called Ma'as" by those close to him) to find out if the MNLF had some hand in this latest caper in Sabah. I got this initial feeling because I was the one who fetched Chairman Nur from Malaysia when he was arrested by Malaysian authorities in the early years of the Arroyo administration after a failed "rebellion" in Sulu. Of course he was a prime suspect but he was subsequently cleared by a Philippine court. I recall Ma'as telling me on board the C-130 PAF cargo plane that ferried us back to Luzon that he would not stop fighting for the return of Sabah "come what may". He must be nursing not only the Bangsamoro aspiration of recovering their homeland (including Sabah) but also was hurting due to the way he was treated by the Malaysians during his detention.

But Atty. Bong immediately denied the involvement of MNLF and Ma'as in this latest incident in Sabah, although they both have the compelling motives to do so. "We are busy with our campaigns (Bong is running for congressman in the 2nd district of Davao del Sur) and Chairman Nur is busy dealing with the Abu Sayyaf menace in Sulu and also his candidacy for governor," Bong immediately said. I'll take it on its face value for the meantime.

There is a lot of ramification in this present Sabah incident that needs to be untangled. For example, the MILF is fighting for the Bangsamoro homeland but it has excluded (conveniently or otherwise) mention of Sabah in its demand for specific areas. Of course, Malaysia being a facilitator in the peace talks gives some inkling to observers why Sabah is not in the radar screen of the parties to the negotiations.

There is more than meets the eye, as the saying goes.

In the meantime, let's just all sit by and watch. Interesting developments are still in the offing.

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Milyon-Milyong Pondo Ni Cong. Vergara ginagastos kaya ng tama? Malapit na panahon ng Kampanya Lokal!!!

NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO



(This is a Re-Print of last issues Column)

Eto ang parating tanong ng aking mga nakakausap kung tama kaya ang mga milyong milyong ginagastos ni Congressman Bernardo "Boss Bernie" Vergara? Sabi nila gumastos daw siya ng tig 4 million sa mga pedestrian overpass sa Abanao St; sabi nila gumastos daw siya sa pag aaspalto ng Session Road ng halagang 11 Million; sabi nila gumastos raw siya ng halagang 25 million sa pag-aayos ng Burnham Lake; sabi nila gumastos raw siya ng halagang 7 million para sa access road sa may Laonard Wood Road (katabi ni BIR); sabi nila gumastos raw siya ng halagang 8 million sa Diversion Road sa may kanto ng M. Roxas corner Leonard Wood Road; sabi nila gumastos raw siya ng halagang 3.8 million para sa pagbibli ng mga Mountain Bikes at VHF Radios; sabi nila gumastos raw siya ng halagang 1.2 million para sa mga medical supplies na pinamud-mod sa mga barangays. Sa dinamidami ng mga gastusin ni Apo Congressman "Boss" Bernie Vergara (siyanga pala partial pa lang yun aking nabangit), ang parating tanong ay mayroon kaya siyang Kupit, SOP, Cut, Under the Table o ano pa man klaseng korapsyon sa mga pinagkagastusan at transaksyon na ito at kung mayroon man korapsyon ay magkano naman kaya ang kanyang naibubulsa ??? Yaan po mga dear readers ang parati kong naririnig na mga katanungan at kuwento-kuwenthan. Kung ako ang inyong tatanungin at kung aking pagbabasihan lamang ng sinasabing kwentong barbero o haka-haka ang magiging kasagutan ko ay siyempere walang korapsyon na isinasagawa itong si The Very Good Engineer Congressman "Boss" Bernie Vergara sapagkat isang tunay na Relihiyoso, Makatao, Mapag-bigay, Mabait na lider itong si The Very Good Engineer Congressman "Boss" Bernie Vergara. Ngunit kung ang magiging basehan ko ay ang mga research and verification na isinasagawa ng Linis Gobyerno at siyang ipalalabas sa sa mga susunod na isyu ng LG Komentaryo sa Pahayagang Palaban na the Jankyon este the Junction at mga ibang media affiliates ay siguradong matatawa kayo sa aking opinyon sapagkat kapag inyong pinagalaran ang mga gastusin at pinagkakagastusan ni The Very Good Engineer Congressman "Boss" Bernie Vergara AY TALAGANG MATATAWA KAYONG HUSTO AT PARANG NAKIKINIG KAYO SA MGAPATAWAAT COMEDY NIDON WILLIEREVILLAME !!! AGAAMOTAYON, APO CONGRESSMAN !!!

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Sa mga kandidatong nag-iinit ang kanilang mga puwet at hindi makapag antay ng pasimula ng campaign period na sa katapusan pa na March, Hi! Hi! Hi! Kerful-kerful, magingat at baka bigla kayong ma filan ng premature campaigning. Ito naman aking pabala ay patungkol lamang sa mga tutuong kandidato at hindi kasama ang mag Nuisance Candidates o mga sinasabing Saling Pusang mga Mayoralty, Tongressional este Congressional at City Councillor Candidates, hindi ko na po kailanag pang bangitin kung sino ang mga trying hards at sabit candidates at kahit gaano sila mag premature campaigning ay hindin—hindin ko sila pag-aaksayahan ng oras para sampahan ng reklamo sapagkat pasisikat ko pa sila, eh alam naman natin na ang makukuha lang nilang mga boto ay hindi lalampas sa 1% to 1.5% ng mga boto kaya para sa mga sabit at trying hard nuisance candidates-Go Ahed-Go Ahed mangampanya na kayo hangang gusto ninyo. Hi! Hi! Hi!

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Mga Media na Inutil!!!- Abangan nyo rin mga dear readers ang gating serya hingil sa mga inutil na mga Medyas este kawani ng Media na wala naman silbi kung hindi mag puri at magsulat at mag announce ng puros good news at kasinungalingan hingil sa mga kandidato. Eto kasing mga medyas na ito ay mga desperado at takot na mawalan ng kanilang pang meryenda mula sa mga polpolitiko. **HOY KAYONG MGA MEDYAS SA JARYO AT RADYO- I AM WATCHING YOU, MONITORED KO KAYO. INGAT KAYO, KILALAKO KAYO!!!!**

Reminder: Application deadline is Thursday, February 28 for the East-West Center's spring 2013

Jefferson Fellowships

The Jefferson Fellowships provide a three-week seminar and travel program for journalists from the United States and Asia Pacific to deepen their knowledge of regional issues and build international networks. **The theme for the Spring 2013 program is "New Leadership in Asia Pacific: Solving Old Problems, Managing New Realities" with travel to Honolulu, Tokyo, Beijing, and Yangon.** Below is a summary of the program. **The application deadline is Thursday, February 28, 2013.**

We hope you will share this announcement with journalists and newsrooms.

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Who Can Apply: Working print, broadcast, and online journalists in the United States, Asia and the Pacific Islands. Five years of experience preferred. English fluency required. 12-14 journalists will be selected, approximately 4-5 from the United States and 7-9 from Asia and the Pacific.

Funding: Airfare, lodging, modest per diem and most other program expenses are provided through a grant from The Freeman Foundation of Stowe, Vermont. Participants are responsible for a \$500 program fee and all applicable visa fees and visa-related expenses. Additional funding is provided by the U.S. Embassy Islamabad for 2 Pakistani journalists. See website for details.

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 28, 2013
Information and applications: For more information about the program and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/jefferson>

Theme: "New Leadership in Asia Pacific: Solving Old Problems, Managing New Realities"

2012 brought new leadership to China and Japan and important bi-elections in Myanmar that signaled a new democratic openness in the country's on-going transition from military to civilian rule. President Xi Jinping assumed leadership of the Chinese Communist Party after 10 years under Hu Jintao; former LDP Prime Minister Abe Shintaro returned to power in Japan; and President Thein Sein in Myanmar called for dramatic economic, social and political reform that has brought market opportunities and changed the country's role in the region. Leadership in these three countries face complex, long-standing economic and social challenges as well as the reality of new power dynamics within the region, particularly China's rise.

The 2013 Jefferson Fellowships program will focus on how much change and continuity may be expected from these new national leaders and others in business, government, and civil society who are in positions to influence economic, social and political developments. Participants will spend one week in Honolulu for sessions with regional experts to examine US perspectives on new leadership and power shifts and the second Obama administration's plans for reinvigorated engagement with the Asia-Pacific region. A visit to Tokyo will explore new approaches to Japan's entrenched economic and social difficulties—high budget deficits, deflation, an aging population and rigid labor structure—and reduced international standing. In

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City Govt Showcases Baguio's Tourists Spots in its Panagbenga Float

BAGUIO CITY - The City Government of Baguio is set to showcase the city's tourist spots aboard the city-sponsored float for the Grand Float Parade of the Panagbenga Festival 2013 on Sunday.

Personnel of the City Building and Architect Office (CBAO) are now finalizing the city's float which will be joining the 18 other floats of the different companies, organization and other sector in the much anticipated parade of flower-laden floats.

CBAO Draftsman Architect Cliff Richard Ham said that the city government this year has decided to create a float which showcases the different tourists spots in which Baguio City is known for.

This float showcases and symbolizes the city of Baguio as the Summer Capital of the Country and the tourist spots found in the float automatically brings to mind that this is Baguio," he said.

The 3.8 meter-high and 3.5 meter-wide float depicts the different tourist spots such as the Lion's Head and the famous Zigzag Road or Kennon Road; the Minesview Park which is known as the shopping and commercial center of the city.

It also includes the Baguio Convention Center where most of the big events in the city are being held and the old Baguio City Hall which is a landmark of the city.

The Philippine Military Academy cadet's hat or the shako is also part of the float symbolizing the premiere military school of Southeast Asia.

Different flowers such as Malaysian mums, red roses, carnations, tiger eyes, fijijs and anahaws will be used for the different spots while the frame and other structures of the float are made up of recycled materials such as old newspapers and used lumber, Ham said.

The different floats will be paraded through city's thoroughfares to the Baguio Athletic Bowl where they will be displayed until March 2./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

Indigenous Peoples Resource Center Muled in Cordillera Region

BAGUIO CITY - In the government's call for the establishment of knowledge resource centers for local governance across regions, the Cordillera can install one peculiar to its culture, an Indigenous Peoples (IP) Governance Resource Center.

Local Government Academy Executive Director Marivel Sacendoncillo presented this idea during the first quarter meeting of the Multi-Sectoral Advisory Committee (MSAC) spearheaded by the Department of Interior and Local Government-Cordillera in line with efforts to strengthen the establishment of Local Government Resource Center (LGRC).

The "LGRC aims to promote a culture of learning and knowledge sharing in local governance in the Philippines to support the DILG in its role as a primary catalyst for excellence in local governance".

Knowledge management is the overarching principle of the resource center which harmonizes efforts among partners positioning the DILG as a Knowledge Centric Organization, said Sacendoncillo.

It involves the acquisition, storage, retrieval, creation, sharing, use, application, review, monitoring and evaluation of explicit and tacit knowledge in a systematic manner to achieve performance excellence in local governance.

The center is not merely a physical facility, or library, but a repository of knowledge products. It is a one-stop-shop for local governance.

Apart from the MSAC, the center features the Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) composed of a network of physical libraries and a web-based open source li-

Baguio City Launches Kababaihan Festival 2013

BAGUIO CITY - In celebration of Women's Month in March, the city government of Baguio through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and the City Council Committee on Women, Children and Urban Poor launched this week the "Kababaihan" Festival 2013 in a kapihan media forum.

The women leaders like her is still there, but it is also about time that women leaders must do their best to match what is expected of them and to show that they can work at par with their male counterparts.

"I believe we, women leaders, must be the prime movers of tuwid na daan", she said. For the month long Kababaihan Festival 2013, scheduled activities include simultaneous flag raising program at the city hall and the different non government offices in Baguio on March 4; awarding of Best Performing Barangay

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Baguio Inmates join Philhealth-

BAGUIO CITY—Forty inmates of the Baguio City Jail joined the February 17

Philhealth-Department of Health nation-wide foot race for a cause.

City Jail Warden Jail Chief Inspector Wilson Banasen said the 40 inmates joined the three-kilometer category by running equivalent to 50 rectangular laps of the basketball court.

They paid the registration fee of P250 contributing P10,000 to the proceeds of the event, Banasen said.

Banasen said the inmates underwent medical check-up and clearance from Dr. John Tinoy-an of the Baguio City Emergency Medical Services (BCEMS) with a waiver to join the run.

All the 40 inmates finished the run. They received cash prize of P100 each. The oldest and the youngest inmates were also given special prize of P100 each.

The sponsors of the inmates are the Shoshin Foundation, Kane Chanbonpin, University of the Cordilleras and barangay captain Eva Fianza who served hot arrozcaldito to the runners after the event.

Philhealth officials from Cordillera said that the run inside the jail is unique to Baguio City./JDP/JBZ-PIA-CAR

According to Sacendoncillo, among the piloted LGRCs, Bicol region has the strongest while the rest have different levels of maturity.

Sacendoncillo urged the participation of government and non government organizations and academe in the establishment of LGRCs. Knowledge and information have to be shared which requires a mind set of abundance, she stressed.

In knowledge management, the most developed is knowledge creation and sharing but not utilization, Sacendoncillo said underscoring the need for utilization such as research technologies that need to be adopted.

takeholders are expected to forge a memorandum of agreement to signify their cooperation in support to the DILG- led resource center including the crafting of a business plan to serve as a roadmap for the center./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR

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the walls and fence of the barangay halls or public waiting sheds.

"Candidates should bring or put up their own structures where they will post their campaign materials within the common poster area", he said.

Mendros also reminded that though having a motorcade is allowed, it should be coordinated or have permit from the LGUs.

All pertaining rules and regulations on campaigning are contained in Comelec Resolution 9615, the implementing law for Republic Act No. 9006, otherwise known as the Fair Election Act to the May 13, 2013 National and Local Election.

Mendros advised the public to select their candidates wisely, saying any person who hopes to be a public leader should know how to follow simple rules and guidelines on campaigning./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

The Peace Combatant

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The fast disappearance of the indigenous flora and fauna in Baguio City must be arrested and the key action that must be done in this area is to treat the city not only as a mere place but also as an ecology that must be fundamentally protected even as structures are placed. Of course, an alternative is to identify mini-biodiversity conservation sites.

Fifth, the city and its population must adopt a lifestyle that promotes green consumption and zero or near zero non-biodegradable wastes that are promptly and adequately processed in an environment-friendly way.

Sixth, the city derives its main sources of livelihood from economic endeavors that do not harm the environment (or close to zero environmental harm).

Seventh, the city must ensure clean, unpolluted and unobstructed waterways and water bodies.

In formulating policies in line with the seven concerns outlined, policy analysts usually encounter a tradeoff between these concerns and monetary gain that can be made if the concerns are ignored. This is where economic perspectives come in. For in the matter of addressing the trade-offs, there are two basic perspectives. One perspective can be associated with Stiglitz. For Stiglitz, it is

important to monetize the value of choices. However, the other perspective is that from Richard and Peggy Musgrave who argues that although economists should attempt to monetize the value of choices, one can encounter a dead-end such that it is possible that decisions must be made in favor of an intangible whose monetary equivalent is undetermined.

For Musgrave and Musgrave, both economists, benefit-costs analyst can be ignored because decisions are basically political and not economic. These are the basic economic perspective available on how environmental issues can be analyzed. There is a third track, however, and that track uses property rights as a way of promoting environmental protection. Nevertheless, if one pursues the third track, the basic rivalry between a Stiglitzian and Musgravian economic perspectives is not done away with.

I go for the Musgrave & Musgrave perspective even as I usually attempt to do it first ala Stiglitz.

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Kid Needs....

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is beset by a medical condition that needs full attention for her to survive.

Cybill Chel, the eldest child at 18, had dropped out of school to be of immediate help in tending to the farm lot. So did Bill Cyrus, 17. Chelbys, the youngest, is a year and two months old. Chelsea herself should be in the fourth grade today.

A day before Valentine's Day, an office secretary contacted Billy through text message, asking him to drop by. He did and she handed P15,000, saying it came from her boss who requested anonymity, as he did in previous donations to other seriously ill patients.

Also last Feb. 13, somebody texted to meet Billy in front of the Baguio Cathedral where the Samaritan, after identifying himself as "Luis" from Bontoc, contributed P3,000.

At the Bakakeng loading area for jeepneys, Martha Cados Bayo and Joshua Cados Balabag handed Billy P5,000. So did Fr. Calatan after mass last Sunday.

Representatives of the Baguio-Benguet Community Credit Cooperative saw Chelsea at her hospital bed last Feb., to contribute P4,400. Earlier, Basan Beligen and one calling himself Fruits delivered P3,00, the same

amount raised from mass collection at the Divine Mercy last Feb. 10.

From sibling Senators Pia and Alan Peter Cayetano were two certificates of endorsement of P2,000 each which Chelsea can use as payment for her dialysis. City councilor Richard Carino last Thursday also advised the hospital to charge from his medical assistance fund P2,200, the cost of one dialysis.

Other recent donors were Puring of Bengao - P500; Bayan Muna - P1,000; and the BGHMC admission - P800.

As it is, Chelsea's donated funds are fast depleting. It takes more than her family and village to survive.

You can ring up her parents' cell phone numbers - 09494732522 (Billy) and 09465506545 (Cecilia). Or visit Chelsea at Isolation Room C of the BGHMC where doctors as set to create a fistula, the connection of a vein to an artery in her arm to allow easier needle insertion needed for dialysis. - Ramon Dacawi.

Elections About...

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tentions and commitment to principles. It is sad that they have focused on rallies as an issue for this campaign," Escudero said.

Escudero said that while he will remain an independent candidate, he will now be joining most of the campaign hops of Team PNoy after the UNA decision.

"Sanay naman po kami bilang independent candidate na kung ano lang ang tulong na ibibigay na bukal sa kalooban ng sinumang nais tumulong, s'ya ring tatanggapin namin. Wala kami sa lugar na magbigay ng anumang kondisyon o humiling ng sosobra pa sa kaya at gusto nilang ibigay. (We are used to being independent candidates and accept all the sincere help offered to us. We are not in any position to impose conditions or ask for anything more than what was offered.)", Escudero said.

UNA spokesman Rep. Toby Tiangco announced that UNA was closing its doors to its three guest candidates after they failed to join any of the coalition's campaign rallies and sorties thus far.

Escudero said he had constant dialogues with the UNA leadership over his situation as an independent candidate and his relationship with UNA was smooth until some coalition members started to inject intrigues over their absence at UNA's proclamation rally in Cebu City.

"I do not know where those statements that sought to drive a wedge between me and UNA were coming from, but these were repeated on and on," Escudero said.

"I chose not to reply to these intrigues being sown against me and I was hoping that the time would not come when I will be forced to answer these unfair allegations," he disclosed.

Escudero said it was UNA that offered to help his candidacy and that he does not have any right to make any demands or ask for something that the coalition chose not to give. He said that as an independent candidate, he welcomes all the help from political groups that he can get.

"It is not up to me to decline guest affiliation, nor it is for me to issue conditions on those who offer to help my candidacy now or in my past campaigns," Escudero added.

Escudero filed his certificate of candidacy as an independent candidate for senator last year and has been without any political party since he left the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) in 2009./—

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION OF
RATHIMEL PUCAY
RAVI WITH PETI-
TION
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME OF
RATHIMEL
PUCAY RAVI TO
RATHIMEL PUCAY
PAGNAS,
ALVARO PAWAD
PAGNAS,

Petitioner,

-versus -

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY,

Respondent,

SPECIAL PRO-
CEEDINGS
CASE NO. 13-A-
1001

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ORDER

Petitioner Alvaro Pawad Pagnas, through counsel, filed this verified petition for Adoption praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, the subject of adoption, RATHIMEL PUCAY RAVI be declared to be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural father and that she be declared for all legal intents for all legal intents and purpose as the adopted child of the Alvaro Pawad Pagnas with Norma Pucay and change of her name to RATHIMEL PUCAY PAGNAS. She will acquire rights and obligations arising from parent-child relationship and direct the City Civil Register of Baguio City to effect said adoption in the Certificate of Live

Birth.

The Court Social worker is directed to conduct a Child and Home Study Report and said report should be submitted to the Court before the initial hearing of the petition set on April 11, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

WHEREFORE, petitioners are directed to meet with the Court Social Worker Ms. Jacqueline Dontogan for the conduct of the Child and Home study.

The Social Worker is hereby directed to submit her report, incorporating therein her recommendation and submit the same to the court, furnishing a copy there of the trial prosecutor deputized to represent the State.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in the Junction Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than February 10, 2013. All persons interested may come to Court and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish copies hereof together with a copy of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General; the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the City Civil Registrar of Baguio City; the Court Social Worker; the Junction Newspaper; the petitioner and counsel.

SO ORDERED.

This 5th day of
February 2013 at La
Trinidad, Benguet

By: (SGD) FRANCIS
A. BULIWAT
Presiding Judge

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city needs to be apprised on the development and other matters in regards the conduct, process and approval of the project for proper information and guidance," Cosalan noted in his resolution.

Last year, Mayor Mauricio Domogan clarified that the survey conducted over alienable public lots in the city does not guarantee the issuance of titles to occupants of the surveyed lots after Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia raised alarm over growing misconceptions that the survey would lead to the occupants' ownership and entitlement over the lots.

Balajadia said the confusion has emboldened lot speculators to take advantage of the situation by selling the lots they are occupying to innocent buyers on a pretext that the lots are ready for titling as a result of the survey.

Balajadia said the city should clarify that the survey being undertaken should not be considered as cadastral survey wherein occupants can be issued the title after the survey is undertaken.

Cosalan also earlier said the report on the survey is needed to avoid confusion arising from misconceptions that the survey is linked with the Free Patent law.

Cosalan said many residents are inquiring on the results of said survey particularly whether the result will be used in their applications for Free Patent.

Cosalan said people coming to his office said they were told by DENR personnel who went to the barangays presenting the cadastral plans and maps that said maps can be used for their Residential Free Patent Applications (RFPAs).

"Linking the TS CAR Baguio City-Final Lot Survey and Adjustment of Old Surveys Project to the (RFPA) would create confusion among public land occupants/claimants considering that the results of the survey (have) yet to be approved," Cosalan said.

Add to this, Republic Act 10023 or "An act authorizing the issuance of Free Patents to residential lands" has set certain requirements and has its limitations, he said./A Refuerzo

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order to allow natural air to pass through the stalls, natural light to emanate, and that the upper portion of the stalls were provided to have enough ventilation and to prevent the breeding of rodents. However, several market vendors still made alterations on their stalls.

He mentioned the terms and conditions on the lease contract executed by the city government under item # 12 of the lease contract which states that "no alterations, improvement or partition may be effected or constructed without the authority or permit issued by the City Building Official and with the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Any such alteration or improvement shall be demolished or removed by the Lessee or the city building official at the lessee's expense, all improvements made on the leased premises shall automatically become properties of the lessor".

Based on the ocular inspection conducted by the Baguio Fire Department headed by Chief Inspector Joe Fernand Bangyod, the stocks placed in the extensions are mostly made of fire hazard materials which is very dangerous.

Market vendors representatives Mesdames Angela Leyco and Ernestina Gajes pointed out that they utilized the extensions to stock their supplies for two to three weeks in order to save transportation costs and at the same time help in the decongestion of traffic in the market. They stressed that bodega is very important for most of the stall owners so that they will not run out of goods to sell.

Ms Leyco also said that there will be no significant effect on the ventilation of the building whether or not they will use the upper portion of the stalls.

With the discussion, Coun. Edison Bilog required the market vendors to file their position paper regarding the matter and so with the CBAO and Fire Department to give comments and reports before the matter will be referred to the Committee on Market, Trade and Commerce chaired by Coun. Perlita Chan-Rondez for evaluation and appropriate action./Jho Arranz/PIO-Baguio

(AFP) assigned on other areas away from the place where they supposed to vote, are allowed to vote earlier.

Mendros also assured that they are all set to receive application from members of the media here in Cordillera as they have already downloaded resolution 9637 to all the provincial and city election officers/supervisors in the region.

On the process of the availing of the local absentee voting, Mendros explained that the application form can be downloaded from the Comelec website - www.comelec.gov.ph and can be submitted by the applicants to city election officer for those based in Baguio or to their respective provincial election supervisors, for those based in the provinces.

"Application for local absentee voting will be accepted not later than March 31, and for the voting period for local absentee voting will be on April 28 to 30 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on the Comelec office where the media practitioner submitted their application", he added.

On who can apply, Mendros stressed that it is open to members of the media, media practitioners including their technical and support staff who are actively engaged in the pursuit of information gathering and reporting or distribution.

He also clarified that Local Absentee Voters will only elect the senators of their choice as well as a Party List group.

Meantime, Mendros also reported that they are set to conduct training for the personnel who will train those who will operate the PCOS machines in the Cordillera on February 28 to March 3.

For the Provincial, Municipal and city board of canvassers, their training will be on Feb. 25 to 27 while the provincial, municipal and city board of canvassers are set to have their training on March 1 to 3.

Comelec-CAR expects to receive the PCOS machines that will be used for the election in the 1,828 clustered precincts here in Cordillera by the third week of April, Mendros also informed./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

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MICHAEL LEE - Vendor
JUNE P. NEPOMUCENO - Vende
Applicants
Case No: 2007=CAR-276/2013-CAR-124
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 12th day of February 2013.

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MELCHOR MAGLAQUI by: ERNESTO
MORENO
Applicants
Case No: 2002-BC-308
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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SPS. RODOLFO & ZENaida
MENDOZA
Applicants
Case No: 97-BC-491
NOTICE OF HEARING

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JHMC....

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Executive Order no. 23 issued by President Benigno Aquino III since we want to preserve and protect our remaining forested areas", she added.

Agbayani explained that a report by the MMT in November 2010 indicated that the death of trees was pinpointed to the infestation of "Ips Calligraphus", a bark beetle causing trunk deterioration and growth stunting.

Thus the tree cutting was recommended and revalidated by the MMT in the presence of personnel from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Central Office, to avoid possible additional casualties. Request for tree cutting permit was then made.

But accordingly, it was only last year that the permit was issued and the tree cutting was done in November.

CJH forester Alberto Banatao said that cutting the trees is by far the best way to avoid other trees in the camp reservation from being infected. Other ways to mitigate the problem cannot fully stop the spread of Ips infestation and save the trees from dying.

JHMC Environment Officer Editha Malong also stressed that the destruction caused by Ips is not just prevalent in CJH but is widespread concern in all areas where Benguet pine trees stand.

"We've been scouting for forest pathologists who can get to the bottom of this and propose mitigations," said Malong.

At present, she said they are considering foresters from the University of the Philippines - Los Baños to help them stop pine tree destruction brought by the dreaded pest.

Some groups are raising the issue that the felling of 60 trees inside John Hay was a violation of a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued by DENR Secretary Ramon Paje last year. They alleged that JHMC failed to submit a comprehensive development plan (CDP) prior to the cutting of trees in compliance with the memorandum issued by DENR Regional Executive Director Clarence Baguilat.

Meantime, Agbayani said they are required to replace every tree with 100 seedlings aside from their commitment to plant 100 seedlings every year./CCD- Gloria Diane Rivera/ PIA CAR intern

Reminder....

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Beijing, meetings will provide insight into President Xi Jinping's vision for economic restructuring and China's role as a regional and global power, and will examine other forces that are affecting change in China. The program will conclude with an on-the-ground look at the historic political, economic and media reforms taking place in Myanmar. Myanmar's leadership faces an influx of foreign investment, which holds the promise of jumpstarting the economy amid immense challenges of managing political and social change.

In addition to domestic challenges, all three countries must grapple with the new realities of China's rise. This power shift will require innovative thinking that is difficult in the face of domestic nationalism and established beliefs about the regional order. Terri-

torial disputes between China and Japan have strained their bilateral relationship. Growing multinational interest in Myanmar, including improved relations with the United States, further shifts the status quo within the region. These regional challenges come as the Obama administration emphasizes its intention of "rebalancing" in the Asia Pacific region.

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Women's Organization and showcase of talents at SM City Baguio Events Center and Eco-Walk: Fathers' Day In and Mothers' Day Out at the Camp John Hay on March 10; and a month-long free papsmear by the City Health Services Office and at all district health centers.

The highlight of the festival will be on March 8 when the Ten Outstanding Women Leaders of Baguio will be awarded at 8:00AM at the Baguio Convention Center to be followed by a grand parade. There will also be poster and slogan contest during the program and parade. A Women's Summit is scheduled in the afternoon at the Baguio Convention Center.

The activities were planned out in partnership with a Technical Working Group composed of national government agencies and local women's organization.

Tabanda also reported during the forum that Baguio has Gender Equality and Development (GEAD) Code, which was passed way ahead of the Magna Carta for Women, which serves as the guide of all programs in relation to the welfare and protection of women.

City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Lourdes Fangasan also bared that public awareness on women rights is increasing in the city of Baguio.

According to Fangasan, with better awareness, reports on Violence Against Women (VAW) are increasing. From the 284 reported cases in 2011, it increased to 300 cases in 2012.

Other panelists during the festival launching were Civil Service Commission (CSC-CAR) Regional Director Atty. Marilyn Taldo and Asst. Regional Director Cornelia Rillera; Mila Singson of Innabuyog Gabriella Women's Party List;

NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR SABLING WITH SIMULTANEOUS DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late Arthur Sabling who died intestate on September 17, 2005 in BGHMC involving a motor vehicle with franchise bearing Plate No. AYF 329 has been the subject of Self Adjudication with Simultaneous Deed of Absolute Sale on April 26, 2010 and acknowledged before Notary Public Robles G Calabias as per Doc No. 25; Page No. 5; Book No. LVI and Series of 2013

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MICHAEL L. NOZA

Applicants

Case No:98-BC-0841

NOTICE OF HEARING

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JOSELITO V. CLAVERIA

Applicants

Case No:2005-BAG-CAR-324

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - UP VILLAGE (GATE) MARVILLE (IRISAN) and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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MATHEW D. DEGWAY - Vendor

STEVE M. DEGWAY - Vendee

Applicants

Case No:2001-01-272

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer with EXTENSION of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY - UCAB and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

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HORACIO P. WILLY

Applicants

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-332

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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JOSELITO V. CLAVERIA

Applicants

Case No:2000-01-1397

NOTICE OF HEARING

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PSI Divina Mencia of the Baguio City Police Office Women and Children Protection Unit; Dr. Celia Flor Brillantes of the City Health Services Office and Save

Our Women Inc. Executive Director Patricia Anne Gallardo/JDP/CCD with reports from Mark Peter Tiongco

City Fetes....

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of sister-city activities aimed at strengthening exchange programs.

The delegates contributed programs that can be pursued this year clustered into four areas namely for strengthening sister-city ties through intensified information exchange; tourism development; community partnership and government systems development.

During the program, Rep. Bernardo Vergara, Mayor Mauricio Domogan through secretary Rafael Tallocoy and Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda expressed hopes for a more fruitful exchanges with the sister cities in the fields of governance, economy, tourism, trade, technology, education, health and other aspects.

"We have to go beyond meeting and visiting each other and translate our exchanges into concrete and more beneficial exchanges," Tabanda who co-chairs the PHISTA with the mayor, said.

The forum was followed by an investment and business matching meeting with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Baguio-Benguet chapter headed by chapter president Dennis Sy.

At 6 p.m., the delegates were treated to a welcome banquet at the Hotel Supreme where they were entertained with song and dance presentations. The program was highlighted by the presentation of the forum workshop output and the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the pursuit of the exchange programs and renewed sisterhood commitment.

The delegations participated in the grand street dancing parade and witnessed and the grand float parade during the weekend.

The delegation heads expressed gratitude to the city for the opportunity to visit the city and take part in the festival./A Refuerzo

Sports Itogon....

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San Fabian, Pangasinan towed the field in one hour, 28 minutes and 48 seconds to top the 10-kilometer open category roller-coaster, off-and-on-road route that fired off and ended at the Tudang barangay gym.

Dennis Pelerio of the Nueva Vizcaya-Aritao Bikers Club came in second at 1:28.18 while Ruben Esteves of Urdaneta, Pangasinan settled for third in 1:31.13. Rounding up the top six were Junior Liblinao of La Union-FMC Bikers (1:33.02), Nilo Estayso of the Philippine Team-PAF Cycling Club (1:37.21), and Gary Padsing (2:09.57).

Wagner Buting of the Quezon Hill (Baguio) Buakaw clocked one hour, 16 minutes and four seconds for the crown in the six-kilometer 12-to-17 age bracket. Over 11 minutes behind was Coco Cruz, followed by Buakaw riders Matt Urmaza, Nollyson Samonte, Renzo Catungal and Clifford Candelario.

The Juniors crown (18-29 yrs.) went to Jarwyn Banatao of Baguio Lakay/Nitro, trailed by Bogs Mollona of Baguio-Nomads and Jerson Gimmick.

Edison Morales ruled the Master Bracket

(30-39), with Sonny Inyon and Jason Abenoja in second and third places.

Raymund de Jesus of the La Trinidad-Nomads beat the field in the Executive Class (40-49), followed by JT Gonzales of Baguio and Melvin Odsey of Baguio-Guisad. Noel Pelicano made it in the 50 & above, tailed by Fermin Nalitom and Ronald Laranang.

The Fun Ride gold medal for guest lady riders went to Analiza Maraang of the Baguio-BGH squad, and the silver to Valerie de Guzman of Baguio-Barangay Gibraltar.

Xez Zulueta of the Baguio Echo-Tourism Promotions served as race director and Arvin Samuel worked as marshal and race coordinator, in tandem with the municipal government led by mayor Oscar Camantiles.

It was made possible through the sponsorship of the likes of 652 Base, lawyer Vic Palangdan, tuding Gaz Station, Denver Domilos, Ace Baniwas, Hilbert Bayacbacao, Zal,dy Dompiles, Satol Balbalin, Dax Godio, Gold Rush Enterprise, Rep. Ronald Cosalan, Mar Campos, Arch. Gilbert Sibilius, Junior Carantes, Daniel Bulahyon, Barangay Tudung, Barangay Ucab, BB-PICAG Benguet Corp., Paintball Republic, John Hay and Engr. Rudy Bulay/Ramon Dacawi.

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EDWARD MADONGIT

Applicants

Case No:97-BC-782

NOTICE OF HEARING

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JOSELITO V. CLAVERIA

Applicants

Case No:2004-BAG-CAR-0905

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Sports; Run....

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so that we can receive the fulfillment of Your promises. Enable us to 'run with perseverance the race marked out for us'. When weariness threatens to overwhelm us, strengthen and refresh us, according to Your Word. Thank You that as we refuse to give up, we'll reap a harvest of blessings."

Warden, Chief Inspector Wilson Banasen, then fired off the runners, at about the same time the three-kilometer category of the nation-wide run was being fired off in the 18 key cities across the country that Philhealth chose as official venues.

Some inmates admitted running 50 times around the quadrangle to complete the equivalent of three kilometers outside was tiresome. Others felt the distance was short and wanting, even as warden Banasen explained the limited elbow room and lack of fund resource prevented their running the longer categories.

"Kulang yang tinakbo ko; 50 rounds, so nabitin nga lang (The distance I run, 50 rounds, fell short)," boasted a detainee who is into his eighth year in jail that the wards of some 500 refer to as "Barangay Pag-asa".

Outside, at the Burnham Park and in the 17 other city venues, Philhealth also fired off the 5K, 10K and 18K brackets that required bigger registration fees of P300, P400 and P450.

Inside, the prisoners waited for days before hearing confirmation that their registration fee of P250 each for a total of P10,000 had been paid. The amount came from Shoshin, a small foundation based in southern Germany established by Julian Chees, an Igorot martial artist and former world traditional karate champion, to be able to provide support to ailing children back home.

"Let them make do with this little support," e-mailed Chees, a fifth dan blackbelt who studied under master Kunio Sasaki and Edgar Kapawen of the Japan Karate Association.

Dr. John Tinoyan, head of the city's Emergency Medical Service, checked on the fitness of the inmate-participants. Buddies, a group of alumni belonging to Class '78 of the Baguio City National High School and headed by barangay captain Eva Fianza of Happy Homes, served them "arroz caldo" after the run.

Unlike in the regular race categories outside, the run inside offered no medals or cash awards to the top three finishers, something difficult to determine as the participants were reduced to jogging due to the narrow space.

Instead, each received P100 from a P1,000 contribution from Rotarian Kane Chanbonpin, P2,000 from the kids of a lawyer and real estate developer and P900 from educators of the University of the Cordilleras who are into the institution's community immersion program.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako at kahit na dito kami sa bilanguan ay may mga tao na nagtitiwala sa amin at sa ganitong pamamaraan ay nakakatulong din po kami (I'm grateful that even while we're in prison, there are people who trust us and through this (run), we are able to be of help)," wrote another prison ward.

Half of the total proceeds from all of the venues of the Philhealth Run, including the city jail, will go to the National Children's

Medical Center and the Fabella Medical Center. Half of what was raised in Baguio will go to Helping Hands Healing Hearts Ministries which runs a halfway home at Camp 7 here for children recuperating from life-threatening illnesses./Ramon Dacawi.

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ERNESTO CAGAY-AN

Applicants

Case No:88-01-1361

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on March 6, 2013 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.

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 12th day of February 2013.

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AMANDO G. MAMARIL

Applicants

Case No:2003-CAR-264

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director this 13th day of February 2013.

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JOE ANTHONY C. OBRE - Vendor

ALLAN B. AGUSTIN - Vendee

Applicants

Case No:2005-BENG-CAR-1021

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Approval of Sale and Transfer with of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freights 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 application shall be heard by the Board on March 6, 2013 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.

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P5m Aid to Individuals in Crisis Situations

BAGUIO CITY – More than P5M has been disbursed through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) as aid to individuals in crisis situation, it was stated in the agency's 2012 accomplishment report.

With Betty Fangasan as head, the agency has sourced out P994,620 from its own funds for medical, burial and assistance to 932 individuals who may be victims of fire, and violence to women and children. External funds from various sources amounting to P4,224,900 has served 1,460 individuals.

Thus a total of P5,219,520 was used to serve 2,392 clients, who availed of the assistance "to cope with problems due to socio-economic difficulties."

The external funds were from the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) of Sen. Francisco Pangilinan, P1,005,000, which served 157 clients; Sen. Osmena's PDAF of P1,185,315 which served 261; Sen. Francisco Escudero's PDAF of P200,000 for 44 individuals.

Baguio Congressman Bernardo Vergara has contributed 620,000 from his PDAF which served 124; while the local development fund (LDF) of the city councilors amounting to 1,139,585 has served 859 needy citizens.

In addition, the CSWDO has extended food assistance amounting to P297,000 for 990 clients; assistance to families of deceased World War II Veterans amounting to P80,000; emergency shelter assistance amounting to P545,750 for 76 families; BalikProbinsya Program with funding of P92,300 for 29 clients; and counseling for 815 walk-in clients. - *juliegfianza*

Other services given were referrals to the Health Services Office; free medicines, maximum discount of anti-rabies vaccine and laboratory tests; free coffin for deceased indigents; medical assistance and referrals to the National Kidney Institute, Philippine Heart Center, Lung Center with the total amount of P3,850,580. *juliegfianza*

City Fetes Visiting Sister City Delegations

BAGUIO CITY – The city government feted sister city delegations from five countries which arrived to the city to attend the 18th Baguio Flower Festival main events this weekend.

Mayor **Mauricio Domogan** thanked the delegations from Vallejo City (California, USA) led by Sister City Commission vice chair **Gino Rosati**, **Vaughan City** (Ontario, Canada) headed by deputy mayor **Gino Rosati**, **Gongju City** (South Korea) by deputy mayor **Yoon Seok-Gyu**, **Taebaek City** (South Korea) led by vice mayor **Yong Ki Chung**, **Hanyu City** (Japan) and China represented by **Vallejo City** (California, USA) led by Sister City Commission vice

cepting the city's invitation to the festival.

The delegates were treated to various activities last Feb. 22 ushered in by the ceremonial tree planting and visit to the Sister Cities Park at the Botanical Garden.

After the nature trip, they were whisked to the Baguio Country Club for the Sister Cities Forum from which the city expected to gain a portfolio

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Illegal Drug Evidences in Baguio City Legally Disposed

BAGUIO CITY - The Philippine Drug Enforcement

Agency in the Cordillera Administrative Region (PDEA-CAR) spearheaded the disposal of over P100,000 worth of drug-related case evidences filed in this Summer Capital on orders of Regional Trial Court (RTC - Baguio) Branch 61 Judge Antonio Reyes.

The evidences which include hashish, marijuana, shabu and assorted illegal drug paraphernalia with a total Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) value of P101,142.25, were used as evidences in 43 cases filed in Baguio since 2009 that are now considered legally resolved.

The burning of the evidences which was held at the Benguet Sports Complex in Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet last February 14, was pursuant to Section 21 of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, which provide for the immediate burning or destruction by the Court through the PDEA of confiscated, seized and/or surrendered dangerous drugs, plant sources of dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, instruments or paraphernalia and/or laboratory equipment.

The activity was witnessed by representatives from the media, Department of Justice (DOJ), civil society groups, RTC, PNP Crime Laboratory, DDB, and elected public officials.

Meantime, in their continuous effort to ensure drug-free communities in Baguio and the rest of the Cordillera, PDEA-CAR, in a sting operation last February 9 arrested drug personality identified as **Armando Sotero Jr.**, 45, and a native of Barangay Ucab, Itogon, Benguet.

Sotero, who is included in PDEA's Target List of Drug Personalities in the region, was arrested near his residence in Barangay Bakakeng Norte, Baguio City while selling a sachet of shabu worth P1,000 to a PDEA-agent posing as a buyer.

After a thorough body search, PDEA confiscated from Sotero P9,000 worth of shabu packed in heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets.

A case for violations of RA 9165 has been filed against Sotero before the Office of the City Prosecutor./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Sports: Itogon Draws 46 Mountain Bikers

While mountaineers look up at Mt. Ugo in Itogon, Benguet as their annual mini-Matterhorn, 46 bikers found the town's foot trails, rugged roads and river crossings almost equally challenging to negotiate at the inaugural Invitational Cross-Country Challenge last Feb. 16.

"We could have drawn more biking enthusiasts, but some would-be riders were drawn to similar events scheduled at the same time in Kalinga and the Ilocos," noted race organizer **Art Tampoa** of Highland Extreme Sport Promotions which initiated the event.

"Cycling is considered one of the best exercises for the body, heart and mind. This (event) also contributes to the promotion as tourism come-ons of the less-traveled mountain foot trails and dirt roads," he added.

Town officials and sponsors also saw the event as a vehicle to encourage residents to use bicycles instead of motor vehicles in traversing short distance, both as an exercise and to reduce pollution from vehicle exhaust.

Christian Linda of the IMBG Riders of

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Number Coding Suspension for Baguio and La Trinidad

BAGUIO CITY - As to an earlier Administrative Order issued by Mayor **Mauricio Domogan**, the number coding for Baguio has been suspended until March 1, for the Panagbenga 2013 festival activities.

Following suit, neighboring La Trinidad also suspended the number coding scheme for vehicles on their main roads on Feb. 22, Friday; 25, Monday and 26, Tuesday.

This is to allow both local and foreign tourists with their own vehicles, "to visit our municipality without being subjected to further delay by our traffic enforcers," the AO issued by La Trinidad Mayor **Gregorio Abalos, Jr.** stated. The AO also stated admittedly that "the number of travelers, tourists will drastically increase due to the scheduled activities of Panagbenga this weekend."

La Trinidad is scheduled to open their festival this coming Friday, March 1, where activities are focused on the municipality's prime fruit, the strawberry. Other historical sites can also be seen in this neighboring valley municipality./juliegfianzaSports: Run Behind Bars Contributes P10,00 To Philhealth Run

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Add one more to the 18 venues where Philhealth Run-for-a-cause was fired off early last Sunday morning: the courtyard of the Baguio city jail where 40 inmates joined the nationwide foot race to give hope to sick children.

"Running for the sake of children (was) a heart-warming experience," wrote a 34-year old inmate when he was back inside Cell 18 where he has been staying for a month and a half.

"Please, more activities for a cause," scribbled another, adding "having this (fun

run) inside the prison was such an experience".

Donning shirts and numbers issued by Philhealth, the 40 inmates gathered at 6:00 a.m. by the entrance of their courtyard for prayer before the run.

"Lord, give us the strength we need to do Your will

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ON GUARD - Members of the Guardians Philippines Baguio-Chapter headed by Regional Chairman Deputy Prosecutor **Elmer Sagsago** makes sure that **Philippines Vice President Jejomar Binay's** working visit here will be fully secured, peaceful and orderly as part of their commitment in community service./By *Bong Cayabyab*

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