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BAGUIO CITY - Barangays here should establish their own human rights action center to empower them to take an active role in the protection and promotion of social justice and human rights.

The city council recently approved Resolution No. 371 series of 2011 authored by Councilors Edison Bilog, Joel Alangsab, Betty Lourdes tabanda and Karminn Cheryl Dinney Yangot for this purpose.

The establishment of Barangay Human Rights Action Center (BHRAC) is a nationwide mobilization program of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) for human rights protection and advocacy designed to bring the services of the Commission down to the grassroots level.

"As per Memorandum Circular 94-194 issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), all barangays shall enjoin to pass/adopt a resolution for the establishment of a Human Rights Action Center and sign a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Commission on Human Rights, various leagues and the Liga ng mga Barangay, to

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## 104 Forest Guard Hired

**BONTOC, Mt. Province** — The provincial government hired some 104 forest guards this year to help in the protection of the environment.

Based on the record of the Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) here, the forest guards were assigned in seven towns in the province with the municipality of Natonin getting the most with 36, followed by Paracelis with 32, Tadian — 16, Bauko — 12, Barlig — 5, Sabangan — 2, and Bontoc with one.

The forest guards were hired in different months and their employment will end this month. The provincial government has allotted the amount of P1.3million for the honoraria of these forest guards.

Their honorarium varies, majority of them received a monthly honorarium of P2,000.00, others received P5,000.00, one received P6,000.00, and another received P8,000.00.

According to Wilma Chalutag of the ENRO, these forest guards conducted tree planting activities, foot patrol, collected different kinds of forest tree seeds like alnus, pine, Gmelina, coffee, narra, and ipil-ipil which they submitted for seedling production.

The forest guards are hopeful that the provincial government will continue with this program which will help protect the environment while providing source of income for them./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

## Anti-Mendicancy Drive nets 52

The city's anti-mendicancy drive netted last Tuesday evening 52 persons, all transients who were transported back to where they were earlier based.

Social welfare officer III Liza Balao of the city social welfare office said the round-up was done by the city's task force on anti-mendicancy, an inter-agency group composed of government and private sector representatives, including the Commission on Human Rights, the police, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, and bus companies plying the route to and from the city.

Balao said the mendicants were from 12 families belonging to two separate groups who recently came up from Dagupan and Angeles cities. They were rounded up at the Burnham park athletic bowl and behind the Baguio Convent ion Center where they planned to spend the night.

The task force firmed up the round-up during a meeting with city mayor Mauricio Domogan last Monday afternoon following the proliferation of beggars, especially women originally from Mindanao who are cude infants to convince passers-by to hand over alms.

"Time and again, we've asked these women to turn over their babies to us so the toddlers' needs could be addressed but they refuse," city social welfare and development officer Betty Fangasan said during the meeting.

She added her office contacted foundations in the lowlands looking after the welfare and rehabilitation of the beggars and their families prior to transporting the two groups back to Dagupan and Angeles.

Balao said the group that motored back to Dagupan paid the cost of the van they used while the regional office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development paid P2,150 for the bus fare of those who went back to Angeles.

"We'll make another round-up if needed," Balao said./Ramon Dacawi.

## BENECO to Energize 100 more Sitios in 2012

**BAGUIO CITY** - More sitios in Benguet are set to be energized by the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) comes 2012, as part of its commitment of support to President Benigno Aquino III's Rural Electrification Program.

This was disclosed by BENECO Engineering Department head Engr. Melchor Licoben, in a kapihan media forum at the PIA Regional Office here, Wednesday.

According to Licoben, Aquino earmarked a P2.5 Billion fund this year for such purpose, as it was the president's goal to energize all the sitios in the country before his term ends.

Licoben also bared that BENECO is set to receive P19 million subsidy for 2011 which covers the electrification of 47 sitios here in Benguet under the President's Rural Electrification Program.

"Under the program, we are set to receive P19 Million subsidy for this year and though we are yet to receive the subsidy fund, we have already started the program and as to date we have already finished the electrification of 35 sitios and it is also our goal to finish the target 47 sitios before the year ends," Licoben said.

For 2012, Licoben stressed that they hope to energize about 100 more sitios in which they proposed to NEA a P100 million subsidy. At least 210 sitios in Benguet are still without electricity.

As for the BENECO's rural electrification accomplishment, Licoben reported that 100 percent of barangays in its area of coverage, the whole province of Benguet including Baguio City, is already energized. Based on the 1990 National Statistics Office (NSO) data, he said they already brought in electricity to about 70 percent of the listed sitios in its area of coverage.

Licoben also reported that from January to November this year, BENECO spent almost P47 million for programs and projects which include programmed rehabilitation projects, primary line upgrading, programmed extension projects, sitio energization program, additional bigloaders and other line maintenance and miscellaneous projects./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## More than 100 Indigent Patients Receive Gifts from Regional Directors

**BAGUIO CITY** - The Cordillera Association of Regional Executives composed of regional directors and heads of the different line agencies once again shared their blessings and played Santa to the indigent patients of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) through the annual gift giving event last week.

At least 55 children under the pediatric ward and 84

adults in the medicine and orthopedic wards of the BGHMC charity wards received toys, blankets and Noche Buena packages during the gift giving.

CARE President, Director Clarence Baguilat of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said the gift giving is just one of the outreach programs undertaken by CARE which aims to bring warmth, hap-

piness and joy especially this Christmas season.

For some years now, the CARE donated various gifts to patients of the hospital. It has also given financial and material support to the victims of the past typhoons in the region.

CARE has also institutionalized its scholarship program which is helping poor but deserving students in the Cordillera. More than 50 students have be-

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## More Overpasses Sought

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city council will request Rep. Bernardo Vergara and the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to fund the construction of more pedestrian overpasses in the city to help decongest traffic bottlenecks in various parts of the city.

In Resolution No. 398 series of 2011 authored by Councilors Isabelo Cosalan Jr., the body cited the need for the construction of pedestrian overpasses on the following locations: the junction of road going to Poliwes Barangay and Kennon Road; Naguilian Road fronting St. Vincent Church; the junction of North Santo Tomas Road and Marcos Highway in front of Doris Minimart; and the junction of Leonard Wood Road and Navy Base Extension Road.

This was based on Resolution Numbered 214, Series of 2005, requested the Baguio City District Engineering Office-Department of Public Works and Highways (BCDEO-DPWH) and the City Buildings and Architecture Office to conduct a feasibility study on the possible construction of pedestrian overpasses in certain areas identified as traffic bottlenecks and accident prone.

“To alleviate pedestrian and vehicular traffic and to assure the safety of the public especially school children, students and the elderly, these pedestrian overpasses are also necessary as a measure to ensure smooth traffic flow during rush hour in these particular road sections,” the resolution noted.

The council committee on public works also endorsed Cosalan’s resolution. /A Refuerzo

## Community Development Projects for CBA-CPLA Communities set for Implementation

**BAGUIO CITY** - Livelihood and community development

projects for Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) are now all set for implementation as the national government officially turned-over the funds for such projects to local stakeholders and implementing partners in a simple but meaningful ceremony at the Pines View Hotel, here, Saturday.

The downloaded funds under the national government’s PAMANA or ‘Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan’ (Peaceful and Resilient Community) Program, are set to benefit 57 barangays in 23 municipalities in the six provinces of Cordillera.

Representing the national government in the said ceremonial turn-over of funds were Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Secretary Teresita Deles; Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse Robredo, Presidential Spokesperson Secretary Edwin Lacierda, National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) chairperson Zenaida Brigida Pawid and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations Rear Admiral Miguel Jose Rodriguez.

Receiving the downloaded funds for Cordillera were CBA-CPLA officials and Cordillera provincial/municipal government officials and representatives headed by Governor Nestor Fongwan of Benguet, Gov. Eugene Balitang of Ifugao and Gov. Leonard Mayaen of Mountain Province.

The PAMANA grant, under the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the national government, through the initiative of OPAPP, with the CBA-CPLA will bring in an initial P207 Million fund out of the P264 Million stipulated in the MOA, for livelihood and community projects.

Based on breakdown per province, Abra receives P45 million; Apayao – P35.8 M; Benguet – P11.1 M; Ifugao – 47.37 M; Kalinga- P15.2 M, and Mountain Province with P52.5 M.

Among the projects that will be implemented under the MOA are: construction of tribal multi-purpose development center, gymnasium and peace center; seedling production; micro-lending livelihood projects; improvement of farm to market roads; construction of commercial irrigation system; botika sa barangay and construction of potable water system.

According to Robredo, the said MOA between the government and the CBA-CPLA, is just a part of the overall goal of the national government under the leadership of President Benigno Aquino III to bring in peace and development to the whole country.

Robredo also stressed the need or importance for the local government units, as well as officials, to be more involved for the success and sustainability of the pro- **Cont. on page 14**



**Naragsak A Paskua Kada Tayo Amin !!!**

## DOH urged to Reconsider Termination of Nurse Volunteer Program

**BAGUIO CITY** – The city government will ask the Dept. of health to reconsider its decision to terminate all nurse volunteer and training programs saying it will adversely affect health care services in hospitals in the city.

“Volunteer nurses play a vital role in a hospital setting that caters to hundreds of people since they are of big help and assistance especially during disasters and outbreaks when public hospitals are in dire need of manpower and staff,” the city council noted in approving Resolution No. 375 series of 2011.

The resolution authored by Councilor Edison Bilog noted that the stoppage of the volunteer program for nurses has affected hospitals in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) particularly the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) and several DOH-retained hospitals such as Luis Hora Memorial Hospital in Mt. Province and Conner District Hospital and Far North Hospital and Training Center in Apayao.

“In BGHMC alone, close to 1,000 volunteers have been affected (and) for a public hospital like BGHMC which is servicing hundreds of patients a day, removing and terminating volunteer nurses is like crippling and disabling their services to the public,” the measure stressed.

The DOH issued Memorandum No. 2011-0238 terminating all “Nurse Volunteer Programs,” “Volunteer Training Programs for Nurses” and all similar or related programs in all DOH-retained hospitals in the Philippines.

“As per Republic Act No. 9418, also known as the *Volunteer Act of 2007*, the current practice of registered nurses “volunteering” in hospitals to gain necessary work experience and/or to obtain a certificate of work experience for purposes of meeting the requirements for local and foreign employment is inconsistent with the said law,” the resolution said.

The body said the DOH should reconsider the move for the sake of the people needing health care services nationwide. /A Refuerzo

## Waste Board asked to review Waste mng't Plan

**BAGUIO CITY** – The City

Solid Waste Management Board (CSWMB) should now review the Ten-Year Ecological Solid Waste Management Plan of the City of Baguio to assess its effectiveness and

relevance in line with the developments on the city’s garbage management programs.

In Resolution No. 372 authored by Councilor Peter Fianza, the city council said Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste

Act of 2000 mandates the Board to review every two years or as the need arises the plan for purposes of ensuring its sustainability, viability, effectiveness and relevance in relation to local and international developments in

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## Louis XIV Syndrome

Impeached Supreme Court chief justice Renato Corona skewered President Benigno Aquino for seeking to install "a puppet" in his place. A budding "dictator", P-Noy wants the judiciary as his stamp pad.

As in Marcos' "New Society"? Justices would trot behind Imelda Marcos, shielding her from the sun with a colored parasol. Remember? Marcos made big to-dos about complying with Court decisions that he secretly dictated.

The 188 votes, by the House of Representatives, to dispatch Articles of Impeachment to the Senate, continues the President's "bullying and threats", Corona asserted. On the Supreme Court building steps, he vowed not to buckle, as did the partisan Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez.

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He mocked Aquino's stance as "balukot na daang matuwid" ("crooked righteous path"). Festooned with black ribbons, court employees chanted: "CJ", "CJ", "CJ." They erupted with 56 rounds of applause. Surrounded by wife Cristina and children, Corona pledged to thwart an administration bent on "smearing the whole court thru "malice and fallacies".

This was a rally in the old Plaza Miranda mould. Would that happen, say in the lobby of France's Court of Cassation or steps of the US Supreme Court, adjacent to the Capitol? Unthinkable.

Alas it gave a coup d' grace to the cherished ideal for "practicing law in the grand manner". We see instead the Louis XIV syndrome at work....

L'etat c'est moi, this French monarch declared. "I am the state". He merged his person with the institution. To humor Versailles elite, he appointed advisors as "estates general". But he didn't bother to even chat with them.

In the Sistine Chapel, Michaelangelo painted into the Last Judgement mural, a Pope bundled to Hades. Of 266 pontiffs, since Peter the Fisherman, there've been some sleazy characters.

Pope Alexander VI was so corrupt, his surname Borgia remains, even today, a tag for debasement. But those who sought reforms did not confuse the Chair of Peter with the occasional bastard who perched on it.

Does Corona confuse charges against his person with a blanket smear of the court? No. He's not your naïve Goldilocks. The raps range from sweeping his statement of assets and liabilities under the rug to misuse of the Judiciary Development Fund.

These do not constitute tarring of the Supreme Court. However, a judiciary can be a convenient shield to deflect charges in a process that will break out of legal straitjackets.

An impeachment is, first and last, a battle for hearts and minds of citizens. So, Corona spoke in Tagalog, to reach the bakya-crowd. He propped wife and kids as at bare-knuckle political meeting.

Corona sallies forth as dragon slayer. But his armor has two wide gaps. One, he is a midnight appointee. And second, majority of Filipinos don't see him as a justice in the mould of a Jose Abad Santos, Cecilia Munoz Palma or a Roberto Concepcion.

"He's no Claudio Teehankee," snapped a Malacanang spokesman. In the Marcos Supreme Court, the late Teehankee emerged as the sole independent voice.

Before stepping down, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo signed midnight appointments from Malacanang gardener, personal manicurist to chief justice. "How many jobs did she sign away?", asked Viewpoint in "Attila Rides Again" (PDI/May 18, 2010) President Carlos Garcia fobbed off 350 nominees. GMA's father Diosdado Macapagal tripled that to 1,717.

"But hackles bristled when she anointed Justice Renato Corona to succeed Supreme Court chief justice Reynato Puno. That quarter-of-midnight appointment fractured the Constitution provision that handcuffs a President from making appointments 60 days before stepping down.

"It takes two to tango." Don't disco, a score of voices counseled Corona. "Consider former Chief Justice Manuel Moran's delicadeza", Inquirer's Solita Monsod suggested. After a stint as ambassador, Moran waved away a midnight re-appointment. Leave that to the incoming President, he demurred.

"Do a Moran," former President Fidel Ramos prodded his protégé. Ramos was first to endorse Corona for the Court. If only to save the Court, decline, suggested **Cont. on page 15**



## THE PEACE COMBATANT

### What Christ would have wanted for Christmas

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



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

Today we focus on what our birthday celebrant would have wanted for Christmas! After all, Christ is the real reason why Christmas exists. He is THE celebrant on Christmas day.

The first book on the New Testament is from the apostle Matthew. On chapter 1 of his witness, Matthew said that Jesus was conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit. Matthew testified that the name "Jesus" is associated with salvation. Jesus' father Joseph was commanded to name the child who is about to be born as "Jesus" because He will save many from sins. Yet, at the same time, Matthew also witnessed that the birth of Jesus will be the fulfillment of what the prophets said through the ages that "the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son" whom people will call as "Immanuel" which means, "God with us." The prophecy that the virgin's son will also be known as "Immanuel" was written in the Book of Isaiah chapter 7 verse 14.

Thus, the Book of Matthew connects itself with the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Of course, man-made religious customs and traditions probably removed the emphasis on this but the link is clearly affirmed in the New International Version of the New Testament. Christ birth is clearly linked with what have been written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. This reference also appears to be clear in versions of the New Testament with the imprimatur of Roman Catholic authorities.

The emphasis of the Book of Mark is a little bit different. Mark's introduction of Jesus starts in chapter 1 with St. John the Baptist who was to preach the baptism of forgiveness. Thus, the Book of Mark emphasized on forgiveness as a central theme of Christianity. But here is a catch. The Book of Mark began with the introduction of the introducer of Jesus, John the Baptist. In turn, John the Baptist, witness for Jesus is in these words, "I will baptize you with water but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In effect, John the Baptist's introduction of Jesus emphasized on the Holy Spirit. Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the baptism that only Jesus can provide based on the testimony of St. John the Baptist as per the documentation in the Book of Mark.

The witness of the Book of Luke chapter 1 on Jesus also began with the person who was to prepare the way to Jesus. In preparing a people ready for Jesus, the Book of Luke said that St. John the Baptist was to "turn the hearts of the fathers for their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Thus, the emphasis of the Book of Luke is that **preparedness for Jesus is also important related to his birth, the first Christmas.**

The Book of Luke contain a prophecy for Jesus, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of His father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, his kingdom will never end." The Book of Luke also documented Mary's song for Jesus, "His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation." Further, Mary revealed in her song for Jesus that **Cont. on page 6**

## ADVOCACY MINDANOW

*Mindanao Typhoon-Free?*

BY: JESUS DUREZA



The last time I can recall Mindanao, specifically Davao, was hit by a typhoon was about 40 years or so ago. Typhoon "Titang" circa late 1960's veered its course and slammed the coastal towns of Davao del Sur including Davao City. I was a new reporter of the Mindanao Times then just fresh from college.

Mindanao is traditionally "outside the typhoon" belt. Although typhoons are born in the Pacific Ocean east of the island, they start their westerly course northwards and always miss us. In fact, Mindanao boasts of its comparative advantage in agriculture in that we are immune and free from typhoons. But not over this weekend.

Typhoon "Sendong" hit northern Mindanao and up this time, Cagayan de Oro, the hardest hit is still reeling from the shock.

**LUCKY RELATIVES** — I called up our relatives in Cagayan De Oro City as I knew their house was built near the river. My uncle, the late Felimon Dureza was a retired bus driver of the Jesuit's Xavier University and I was told that the university helped the family with a lot for a home in Barangay Carmen. The house just disappeared with the rushing waters.

Our lucky cousins saved themselves, 10 of them including small children by climbing a big mango tree that was just outside the window. The house was shattered and they clung for dear lives on the branches until they were rescued. I am sure countless horror stories will start filtering out when the smoke clears.

**SAD CHRISTMAS** — With the many dead and homeless, perhaps we can spare a little bit of our blessings this christmas season for those suffering victims. The city government under Mayor Sara Duterte Carpio is generating support. Also the DSWD. Or other kind souls.

**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR** — I got word that the provincial government of Zamboanga del Sur, under Gov. Tony Cerilles, overturned a proposed ordinance by its Municipality of Bayog thereby throwing out an anti open pit mining ban initiated by the local town. Gov Tony served as DENR secretary for sometime during President Estrada's administration. He holds the view that the provincial government has no business banning open pit mining when it is allowed by the Mining Act, a national law.

**BISHOPS AGAINST** — The 3 bishops of the cities of Kidapawan, Koronadal, and Digos yesterday issued a statement opposing the Tampakan copper and gold project and they laid down the specifics of their opposition.

This is good because it gives now an opportunity for XTRATA and Indophil owners of SMI, Inc. to explain their side and clear up the apprehension of the public if they can.

What is important too is for the good bishops to also give the mining company a chance to give its side and explain those points that the bishops consider as important to protect their flock and the future. I personally know Bishops Afable, Gutierrez and de la Cruz. They will listen. I hope they have an open mind, notwithstanding the Church's institutional anti-mining posture.

**VOICE OF LUMADS?** — In my scan of the mining issues in Mindanao, I have however noticed that the lumads or the indigenous peoples of the mining areas, including the host local government units, are drowned out by anti-mining elements who are not from the area. The biggest joke is that many so-called advocates preach and proclaim that the IPs or lumads must decide or determine for themselves but in reality, the noisy and more vociferous protesters supplant the locals with their own positions. For example, in Tampakan, South Cotabato, the lumads there are very supportive, I was told. But IPs from other areas and not from Tampakan, orchestrated by other interest groups, bark otherwise. In Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, the lumads there were even demonstrating in support of mining company TVI. Even the host municipality Siocon, and the other surrounding towns were rising up to denounce the open pit mining ban approved by the province.

So, what self-determination are we talking about?

## KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

*Corona, Cuevas, Palparan,  
Chavez, Briones*

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



**LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS:** "...While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them..." (Luke 2:6-7, the Holy Bible).

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**NPA ATTACKS DURING 'SOMO'?** The New Peoples' Army (NPA) must clarify news reports that it was responsible for a series of attacks resulting in the killing of five soldiers in Barangay Mabuhay, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, in the wounding, through a grenade launcher, of four children in the same village, and in the killing of a resident and wounding of seven soldiers in Bislig City, in just a span of two days.

Did the NPA really stage the attacks, even if the Aquino government already ordered a suspension of military operations, as military officers are claiming? If so, what was its reason for doing so? If not, it should speak out, and belie the allegations against it.

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**IMPEACH TRIAL, ALSO A MATTER OF PUBLIC OPINION:** Former Solicitor General Frank Chavez is correct: the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona is not only a battle of the law and the facts. It is also a battle of propaganda, of public opinion. In fact, most of the senators who will act as judges in the trial will not be concerned about the law and the facts. They will be concerned about what they will be directed to do, or how they will vote, by their respective parties.

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**STROKE OF GENIUS:** In this respect, the choice of former Supreme Court Justice Serafin Cuevas as the lead counsel who will defend Corona is a stroke of genius. Not only is Cuevas, at 83, the perfect litigator, fully armed with the technicalities of the law. He is also one of the most respected members of the powerful Iglesia Ni Cristo, and whether or not senators will admit it, his presence in Corona's trial alone speaks volumes about the kind of support the Chief Justice is getting.

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**PALPARAN NOT SURRENDERING?** Someone called me through my cellphone number 0917 984 24 68 and, after saying he is Jovito Palparan, the retired major general who is now facing a non-bailable kidnapping charge before the Malolos City, Bulacan Regional Trial Court, said: "I am not surrendering, because I know I cannot get justice at this point." I really do not know if this is Palparan himself, really, but then, I am printing this just the same, so the public may know.

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**PROBLEMS IN 'RO-RO' TRAVEL:** I also got a text message from 09158293447, in Filipino, which, when translated in English, says: "Atty. Mauricio, good morning. I want to ask your help. Ro-ro (roll-on-roll-off) buses plying the Roxas, Mindoro-Caticlan, Aklan route are all suffering delays since yesterday, because only one ship is allowed to travel. Then, the ship is overloaded, because the operators are forcing everyone to be packed altogether. This is dangerous." Paging the Department of Transportation and Communications!

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**WILL SENATE OBEY TRO FROM SC ON IMPEACHMENT?** Lawyer George Briones, formerly a president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Quezon City chapter (the biggest chapter with the most number of lawyers anywhere in the Philippines) sent me this text query: "Will the Senate disobey a temporary restraining order from the Supreme Court in the petition filed by (former IBP President Vicente) Millora, ordering it to stop trying Corona?" Yes, President George, what **Cont. on page 14**

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## PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

*Ang Kwento ng Korona ni Haring PINOY!!!*

BY: ODELL P. AQUINO



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

Talaga naman itong mga ka-alyado ni Machong PNOY sa kongreso este Kongreso, ang bibilis kumilos kapag inutusan ni Haring PNOY. Kaya naman pala nilang kumilos ng ganoon kabilis kung bakit ang maraming mga panukalang dapat na isabatas ay inaabot ng siyam-siyam at ang mga ibat-ibang dapat na isabatas katulad ng Freedom of Information Bill (FOI) ay hindi nila ma-ipasa.?! Isipin ninyo mga dear readers 188 na tongresmen este kongresmen ang pumirma ng impeachment complaint sa tatlong oras (3 hours). Hanep talaga, yan ang speedy dispensation of justice. Hi! Hi! Hi! , Patay ka nga CJ Corona!!! Sa aking pananaw mga dear readers ( sa unang punto) ay mali itong isinagawang pagmamadali (fastrack) ng impeachment complaint ng hindi nila idinaan sa masusing paliwanag at dibate sa plenary ng kongreso (kahit na moro moro lang) . Ang ipinapakita lang nito ay kaya ng kongreso at ng malacanang na brasuhin ang hudikatura, kaya kayong nasa hudikatura kapag mayroon ayaw ang malacanang sa inyo ay mag-ingat na kayo at baka kayo ma-impeach . Sa pangalawang punto ay kung bakit si CJ Corona lamang ang pinag-iinitan at siya (pa lang) ang iniimpech, samantalang isa lamang siya na miyembro sa isang collegial body na kung saan isa lang ang kanyang boto and the majority votes are the ones that make up the a final supreme court decision. Dapat sana ay lahat ng mga justices na nag bigay ng mga alleged erroneous or unconstitutional decisions ang isinabay-sabay ng inimpeach. Bakit kung ma-tangal ba si CJ Corona ay magbabago na ba ang mga desisyon ng korte suprema at ma-giging pabor na ba sa mga kagustuhan ng Malacanang? Kaya dapat ay lahat na supposed to be Gloria Justices ay siyang ma -impeach ng sa ganoon ay ang papalit any ang mga PNOY-Justices, tama ba Mahal Na Hari este mga dear readers !?!! Wag kayong malilito mga dear readers hingil sa aking pananaw at kung kanino ako pumapanig, sapagkat sa aking palagay ay may katwiran din si PNOY sa kanyang pag-hangad ng isang independent Supreme Court, ngunit sa kasalukuyan sitwasyon ng ating kultura at sistemang politikal , naniniwala ba kayo na posible tayong magkaroon ng isang tunay na independent Supreme Court na siyang hindi tatanaw ng utang na loob at posibleng kumontra sa mga kagustuhan ng pangulo ng siyang nag-appoint sa kanila?!?! Mamate Ka!!! Kaya tunay na nakalulongkot at ating sitwasyon sapagkat kahit na ma-alis si CJ Corona at ang kanyang mga ka-kosa ng GMA appointees, ang papalit ay ang isang Korte Suprema ni Haring PNOY at ang mangyayari ay ang isang sitwasyon na mas-malala pa sa kasalukuyan sapagkat walang -wala na tayo ng sinasabi na checks and balances kung saan dapat na ang tatlong hanay ng gobyerno [ehekutibo, lehislatura, hadikatura] ang siyang nagbabantayan sa isat-isa at hindi nag-konontsabahan katulad ng nakita natin na matinding pag kokontsaba ng lehislatura na ka-kontsaba ang ehekutibo sa pag impeach kay CJ Corona. Kaya ating aabangang ang magiging laro o play sa darating na impeachment trial sa Senado kung saan hindi pa hawak ni Haring PNOY ang mayorya sa Senado (ang Villar block) . Abangan ang mga darating na kabanata sa mga Kwento ng Korona ni Haring PNOY!!!

### The Peace Combatant

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the Lord, "has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty."

Years later, Jesus himself witnessed for himself. In Luke chapter 14, verses 18-21, quoting the Book of Isaiah 61:1-2, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Jesus emphasized, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Now, let us go back to question: what would have Jesus wanted for Christmas, the birthday celebrant on Christmas day?

The answer to the question may be in our hearts as we read the bible's passages today.

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## Ifugao OFWs, families celebrate family day

LAGAWE, Ifugao — Overseas Foreign Workers (OFWs) and their families all over the

province converged recently in this capital town to celebrate the first OFW Family Day in town.

Nelly Sumeg-ang, secretary of the Federation of Ifugao OFWs said in a radio interview, that this is a way of celebrating together the yuletide season.

"We would like to take this opportunity that most of the returnees are home for the Christmas season to be with their families for us to gather and share our joys and learn from one another," Sumeg-ang said.

The activity started with a parade around the town which was followed by a program and various parlor games participated by both parents and their children.

Lilibeth Raymundo, a member of the said organization said it feels great to be with fellow OFWs and their children wherein each one has a common experience of working abroad for the sake of their families back home.

It is really a big sacrifice for all these parents to leave their families and going to work in other countries adding that most or if not all of them are not even sure of the nature of their jobs in a foreign land, she said.

Raymundo further disclosed that this should be a lesson for all families here in the province to spend wisely the money sent to them by their parent or relative working abroad because this was earned the hard way.

At least for a day, the participants and their families have forgotten some of their sad stories just to enjoy the day with their families and comrades./VDB-PIA CAR, Ifugao

## Ifugao officials inaugurate health facility

BANAUE, Ifugao- The Provincial, municipal and barangay local government units here will inaugurate today the Ducligan Clinic here to provide health services to at least six barangays of this town and nearby Mayoyao town.

Governor Eugene Balitang will lead officials and the public in opening of this health facility in this far flung barangay of this tourist town.

"The said health facility which is one of the priority programs of my administration will be maintained jointly by the provincial, municipal and barangay governments," Balitang said adding that the provincial government will see to it that health programs will trickle down to the grassroots.

The opening of a clinic is in line with our health agenda particularly strengthening the preventive side of health through public health advocacies and innovations . "Our BNS and BHW in the barangays will play a more active role on our health programs as they are the frontliners," Balitang said.

The said health facility will provide health services to Barangays Ducligan, Banaan, Banao and Anaba of Banaue, Tulaed, Ayangan and Aduyungan of Mayoyao Town.

The said clinic was initially funded by the Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA) and started its construction during the administration of former mayor Wesley Dulawan./ JDP/VDB- PIA CAR, Ifugao



**Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to one and all**



**Greetings from:**



**Santo Tomas Proper Barangay Officials**

## Tuba Segregates Road Lots

TUBA, Benguet - Towing the line between road lots and lots of private individuals situated along road networks is one of the focus of the municipal government which could facilitate future plans for government road improvement projects and caution land dispute problems.

Mayor Florencio Bentrez said road lot segregation is one of the banner programs of his administration. The program would pave the way in securing right of way which has been a common problem in road improvement projects and other unforeseen issues in the future.

He said the segregation of road lots is a three-year program which started in July. So far, barangay Taloy Norte has been completed.

The Assessor's and the Engineering Offices are tasked to undertake the technical work and proper documentation of the segregation of road lots from the private individual lot owners, according to Bentrez.

Bentrez said that all road lots along road networks will be culled out from private individual owners to ensure that they will not be burdened in paying taxes. This will be an opportune time also for individual owners to donate the lots traversing the identified roads, he further said./SCA PIA CAR/Benguet

## Productivity Enhancement Program Funds Bio Gas Technology Project in Banaue

BAGUIO CITY — A project in Banaue, Ifugao utilizing pig's manure for fuel was given a P 1.36 million grant by the Productivity Enhancement Program or KR2 program managed by the National Economic Development Authority – Cordillera Administrative Region (NEDA-CAR).

The project entitled "Promoting Bio Gas Technology at the Grassroots Level," covers 10 barangays namely: Bocos, Poblacion, Viepoint, Taman, Amganad, Batad, Poitan, Kanakin, Banaan, Dudigan with about 100 household beneficiaries. The project will start January 2012 and is expected to be completed in a year.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this undertaking between the local government unit of Banaue and NEDA-CAR was held last December 16, 2011. Mayor Jerry Dalipog of Banaue sign the MOA on behalf of Banaue LGU while Director Leonardo N. Quitos, Jr. signed on behalf of NEDA-CAR. Also present during the MoA signing were Banaue councillors Joel Bungallon and Jun Dumar.

During the MoA signing, a check worth P1.08 representing 80% of the P 1.36 million was turned over by Director Quitos to Mayor Dalipog. The remaining 20% or P272,000 will be given upon completion of the project.

The technology for bio gas is not new, however, it will be the first time that this undertaking will be pioneered on a barangay wide level.

The bio gas technology would make use of manure from pigs to be deposited to the bio tanks where it will be processed into fuel. PVC pipes will be connected from the bio tank to the households to supply the households with fuel. Part of the project is also an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) for the households beneficiaries on the use of bio gas technology and hog raising livelihood project. About 20 bio tanks will be constructed around the coverage barangays and approximately 100 piglets to be distributed to 10-15 households.

The project is multi faceted and is expected to have long term impact. It is expected to decrease dependence on liquified petroleum gas (LPG) as well as promote an alternative livelihood through hog raising. As a result farmers income are expected to increase from savings generated from using bio gas (instead of LPG) as well as in the marketing of pork meat from the hog raising livelihood project.

The project also has a positive environmental impact since the excess water from the bio tank will also be used for organic fertilizer for farms. Also, the manure from hogs will now be collected systematically and disposed of properly improving sanitation and air pollution.

The project aims to attain the following: to increase number of households in Banaue using bio gas technology; to provide alternative income to farmers through hog raising; to lessen dependence on LPG and thereby increase income and savings of households; to influence other households in nearby barangays to adopt bio gas technology as source of fuel, and to improve sanitation and promote use of organic fertilizer.

NEDA-CAR is accepting project proposals for KR2 funding

## Cosalan Assures Funds for Roads Connecting to Baguio-Tuba Circumferential Road

TUBA, Benguet – Congressman Ronald Cosalan assured the funding of road lines of this town connecting to Baguio-Benguet circumferential road that would soon give access to people in the town's interior areas.

Councilor Roger Kitma said Cosalan, who chairs the Lower House Committee on Infrastructure, assured the funding of roadlines connecting to the circumferential road towards Marcos Highway and Naguilian Road to Asin Road.

Kitma said Cosalan requested the identification of these connecting roads for inclusion in the 2012 budget.

Kitma said the roadlines initially identified are the routes to Asin Road passing thru Sta. Lucia Subdivision extending towards Badiwan and Marcos Highway.

The municipal council will have to craft a resolution indicating the identified road lines and forward to the Office of the Congressman for inclusion in next year's budget.

If the identified roads will be funded and implemented, it would be beneficial to the constituents of the town in uplifting their main source of livelihood which is agriculture, according to Kitma./SCA PIA CAR/Benguet

## Achieving Universal Health care Coverage is Philhealth's Primary Goal

BAGUIO CITY - Achieving Universal Health Care (UHC) coverage to all Filipino families or households and providing primary health care benefits that will entitle members to basic, quality health care services through accredited public and even private health care providers nationwide are among the priority programs of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation or Philhealth.

PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Eduardo Banzon stressed this in an inspirational talk and open forum with the Philhealth Cordillera Regional Office family, Friday.

Banzon, a known advocate of PhilHealth even before he assumed the agency's presidency last October, stressed that they will be aggressively moving towards universal health care and will also prioritize the roll-out of primary care benefits that will entitle members to basic, quality health care services through accredited public and even private health care providers nationwide.

Banzon stressed that attaining Universal Health Care coverage of all Filipino households is not just a dream but a promise that he wants to fulfill while he is in office. In which he bared the plan to make their registration campaign, 'PhilHealth Sabado', an everyday activity come 2012.

He also affirmed that Philhealth is now also working towards expanding the case rate for all diseases and procedures to further empower the members with the knowledge of how much Philhealth covers for each and every medical condition.

"Our benefits will soon be empowering to our members that soon we no longer need to explain it to them and I also hope that each and every one of you will also become quality health care czar, whose jobs are not only to accredit health care facilities but also to monitor the provision of quality health care services to our members," Banzon stressed.

Part of Philhealth's thrust is to eventually expand to all cases and to other member-types the 'No Balance Billing' policy which is now being implemented among their sponsored members and the national government sponsored, through the Department of Health (DOH) PhilHealth members that are identified under the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR).

For the important role PhilHealth plays on the lives of Filipino families, the PhilHealth Cordillera Regional Office alone has more than 500,000 members, and as of November 2011, it has paid about P598 million of health care benefits claims of members./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

that are in support to Small/Micro Agri-based Enterprise Development (particularly pilot-testing/prototyping, documentation and dissemination/replication of new technologies and CC-NEDA-CAR./PIA

## DOLE Clarifies Christmas and New Year's Day Holiday pay

BAGUIO CITY - Private sector employees are entitled for pay on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which are both regular holidays as provided for under Executive Order 203, whether they go to work or not.

Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE-CAR) OIC Regional Director Atty. Sixto Rodriguez clarified that in case of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which both fall on a Sunday, if it is employees regular workday and un-worked, employees are still entitled to a 100 percent of their daily rate given that they report for work on the prior (working) day.

If they report for work, employees are

to be paid 200% of their daily rate for the first eight hours, and in excess of 8 hours is plus 30% of hourly rate on said day, he said.

DOLE memo circular No. 1 provides that if the regular holiday is an employee's rest day, he is still entitled to 100% of his daily rate. If he reports for work, he is entitled for first 8 hours plus 30% of 200% of daily rate and in excess of 8 hours, is plus 30% of hourly rate on said day.

In the case of December 31, (Last Day of the Year) listed under EO 203 as a special day, the circular provides the following rules: 'If unworked, No pay, unless there is a favorable company policy, practice or

collective bargaining agreement (CBA) granting payment of wages on special days even if unworked. If worked, 1st 8 hours - plus 30% of the daily rate of 100%; excess of 8 hours - plus 30% of hourly rate on said day.'

If it falls on the employee's rest day and if worked, '1st 8 hours - plus 50% of the daily rate of 100%, and excess of 8 hours - plus 30% of hourly rate on said day.'

Meantime, Rodriguez also clarified that under the law, each employee regardless of his employment status as long as he rendered a month of work is entitled to a corresponding 13<sup>th</sup> month pay and this should be given on or before December 24.

In which, Rodriguez also encouraged employers to give their employees the benefits due them as mandated by law and that they should not wait for the labor inspector to visit their company before doing so. It is also a part of the regulatory function of DOLE to ensure that all employers are compliant to it, he said.

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SERYL DANG-GA  
PAYANGDO

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL  
CIVIL REGIS-  
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KIBUNGAN,  
BENGUET AND  
THE NSO

Respondent,

X——X

SP. PROC. CASE  
NO. 11-C-1719

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the petitioner  
and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DONE IN CHAM-  
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### Walter William's Journalist's Creed

This creed was written by Walter Williams (1864-1935), the man who founded the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and perhaps contributed more toward the promotion of professional journalism than any other person of his time.

I believe in the profession of Journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

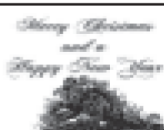
I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world. /http://www.nationalpressclub.org.ph

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IN BEHALF of our city and people, and in the name of the entire Vergara family, I wish to felicitate everyone the very best for the Yuletide season. As deeply inculcated in every Filipino family, Christmas has always been a great time for togetherness. We cherish the season for bringing together every family member, near or afar, to be back in each other's embrace, sharing the goodness of each other. Let us relive once more the winsome practice of reuniting everyone in the full spirit of loving and caring, setting aside the differences of the past for the gladsome joy of sharing well-remembered merriment.

Ang Pasko sa Baguio ay katangi-tanging panahon ng pagmamahalan at pagbibigayan. Ating muling pag-isahin ang ating damdamin upang maibahagi ang pag-ibig na buong pusong ipinagkaloob ng ating Poong Maykapal sa katauhan ng ating Hesukristo. Siya ang di matatawarang aginaldo na ibinigay sa mundo bilang tagapagligtas sa lahat ng kasalanan ng sanlibutan. Katulad ng ating nakagawian sa nakalipas na Kapaskuhan, ating pagyamanin ang pagmamahal sa bawat isa ng buong pananalig at pagtitiwala.

Let us celebrate Christmas in Baguio in the fullest spirit of love, hope, and joy. Make our hearts feel out more for others, to hear the voice of the inadequate, the anguish of the dispossessed, the sorrow of the disadvantaged. As the Child Jesus came into this world in swaddling clothes, so must we live these times in utmost humility, recognizing that those who have less in life deserve the most of our care.

Let Christmas serve as a beckoning light that will continue to illuminate the pathways of our life ahead. For as long as we remain committed, in unity and cooperation, we will meet, hurdle, and overcome life's many challenges now and in the coming years.

Isang masayang Pasko para sa magandang Baguio!

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Happy New Year  
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*City Councilor Baguio City*



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*Greetings from:*



**Angelina A. Bucasan**  
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Happy New Year**



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**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**



**Greetings from:**

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**Greetings from:**

**Maribel A. Estacion**  
*Punong Barangay, Barangay Camp  
Henry T. Allen*

## Terms on Led Technology Okayed

BAGUIO CITY – The city council has approved the terms of reference (TOR) to enter into a light management deal with a qualified company using the Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology.

The venture will involve the replacement of all streetlights, park lights, including lights in overpasses, flyovers and City Government owned buildings and facilities with LED bulbs and repair and the maintenance on a private-public partnership and a cost-saving share scheme.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan submitted to the city council the terms which were recommended for approval by the council committee on laws.

The deal aims to enable the city government to cut on electric cost which presently runs to more or less P38 million a year using energy saving bulbs having a longer life span and environmentally friendly that do not bring damage to people's health.

Under the terms, the city will bid out the project to qualified companies.

The service provider is expected to comply with the following terms:

\*The Service Provider must strictly adhere with the technical specifications as indicated in the Purchase Request and lay-out;

\*The Service Provider shall submit a certification that the assembler or manufacturer of all the LED lights excluding the fixtures to be supplied must be ISO 9001:2008 certified for 'Design and Manufacturing of Electronic transformers, Electronic Ballasts, LED Lighting Applications and General Lighting Systems;

\*The Service Provider shall submit a certification that the assembler or manufacturer 100 percent of the LED lights excluding fixtures to be supplied must be currently operating and must have at least 15 years of continuous experience in designing and manufacturing of any electronic equipment or device;

\*Actual wattage consumption of all bulbs shall be measured by the Service Provider, City Engineer's Office and City Buildings and Architecture Office, with the participation of BENECON;

\*LED lightings shall have the same luminance of existing lightings to be replaced: for buildings and facilities – daylight LED bulbs; and for streetlights and parks – warm white LED bulbs;

\*Actual illumination testing shall be conducted by the personnel of the City Engineer's Office, City Buildings and Architec-

ture Office and the service provider;

\*The service provider shall provide the actual inventory of streetlights with the corresponding wattages, post numbers and sticker numbers;

\*The service provider shall have a local office or counterpart to provide after sales services within the stipulated period at no cost to the City Government. Qualified personnel must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the duration of the contract for the maintenance and replacement of any defective LED equipments. Qualified personnel must submit proof of technical proficiency;

\*The service provider shall replace or repair any reported defective or lost LED lighting and fixture within 24 hours;

\*The service provider shall provide all maintenance and replacement equipments/vehicles;

\*The service provider shall undertake the replacement of all existing lighting fixtures as stated in the scope of work with quality tested LED lightings at its own expense and at no expense to the City Government within a period of six months upon the confirmation of the agreement by the City

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**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**



*Greetings from:*

**PB ARTHUR T. WILLY**  
*Barangay Ambiong, Baguio City*



**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

*Greetings from:*

**ATTY. LAURO  
GACAYAN  
AND FAMILY**



**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

*Greetings from:*



**From the Men and  
Women of PNP Station 3,  
Baguio City**

## La Trinidad OFW is OBRA awardee in the Mega Balik-bayan Expo 2011

BAGUIO CITY -- An Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) returnee from barangay Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet, was one of the awardees given recognition in the recently concluded Mega Balik-Bayan OFW Expo 2011 at the Megatrade Hall, Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

Mrs. Gundelina Sale was given recognition as Outstanding Community Builder category of the Outstanding OFW Balikbayan Reputation Award (OBRA). She is the only Cordilleran among the eight awardees.

Undersecretary Grace Tirona, of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, was among the guest of honor during the awarding ceremony which was held during the opening day of the 8<sup>th</sup> Mega-Balikbayan Expo last December 9.

Aside from the trophy, Sale also won accommodation package to Camarines Sur, P2,000 worth of scholarship from Informatics and other gift products.

According to Sale, she joined the OBRA award nominations through the Internet and submitted all the documentary requirements on-line.

Sale, is the treasurer of the Baguio-Benguet Federation of OFW Returnees and Family (BBFORD). She has always been an active partner of OWWA-CAR in the promotions of its various welfare and development programs especially to OFW families here in the Baguio-Benguet area.

Sale is also assisting OWWA in the validation of OFW concerns, claims and cases particularly those who also reside in La Trinidad, for possible government interventions and assistance.

Sale said she is proud to be given such recognition and she also hopes to serve an example to others for them to strive harder not only for themselves but also for the development of their families, their communities and the country as a whole.

For the OBRA, aside from the community builder category, awards were also given to OFWs who are Outstanding Entrepreneurs, Outstanding in Work Ethics, Outstanding Family Builder and Outstanding Family Deed/Character.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Mega Balik-Bayan OFW Expo organized by Ex-Link Management Services Corporation, aims to change lives by changing the mindsets of Balibkayan and OFWs on the importance of entrepreneurship, and wise and legal investments. Through the expo they hope to provide education and assistance on finding the right business and investment for them.

Other highlights of the expo include OFW Business Summit and the Handog sa Pamilyang Balibkayan gameshow./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## Rendering public service is not only for people in government - Baac

TABUK CITY, Kalinga — It's not only for people in government who does public service. It is an obligation also of those in the private sector. Thus declared Governor Jocel Baac in his message during the awarding of winners for reciting the last farewell of Dr. Jose Rizal on December 18.

He exhorted all civic spirited individuals and groups to help government render public service in their own ways citing what Dr. Amelia Miranda did when she sponsored the contest among students to recite the immortal "Maudi A Pakada" of Rizal commemorating the national hero's 115<sup>th</sup> martyrdom.

He said government could not attend to all the needs of the people the reason why he made this appeal for the private sector to come at the side of government and render public service in whatever capacity they could especially on extending assistance to the poor and needy.

"In this case, while it is not a material need to recite the "Mi Ultimo Adios" and win prizes, the greater contribution of this contest is to inculcate on the youth the virtues exemplified by Dr. Jose Rizal on his fight for democracy, love of country, patriotism and sacrifice in order for others to live," Baac said during the program covered live over DZRK, Radyo ng Bayan.

He said this is exactly what President Aquino wants on his Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program for the private sector especially those philanthropists to exercise their corporate responsibility in helping the communities.

Miranda provided P25,000.00 total prizes from her own pocket which draw the interest of 21 contestants. Marifaith

## City Joins Apir Campaign

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week expressed support for the Department of Health's Aksyon: Paputok Injury Reduction (APIR) campaign against using firecrackers in celebrating Christmas and the coming year.

The mayor cautioned the general public, and asked that other ways of merry-making be used to observe the holidays. He asked that Baguio residents be reminded of the first Christmas when only Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and wise men were aware of Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

"Let it be peace and quiet to reign as it was on that night and not noise, nor firecracker-related injuries," he said. And on New Year's eve, let it be spent happily with the family at home and not in the hospital, he added.

The DOH has earlier issued a memorandum for DOH personnel, which was endorsed to concerned offices including government officials.

The memo contains guidelines on the mobilization of Centers for Health Development, DOH hospitals and Medical centers for APIR; as a way to reduce or eliminate firecrackers/fireworks related injury cases.

The high-five, hand-slapping gesture shall represent five warnings and five alternative ways to spend the holidays.

There are five warnings given: (1) Mapanganib ang paggamit ng paputok, (2) Lahat ng paputok ay bawal sa bata, (3) Lumayo sa mga taong nagpapaputok (4) Huwag mamulot ng di sumabog na paputok (5) Magpagamot agad kapag naputukan.

The five alternative ways are: (1) Itaguyod at makilahok sa "Community Fireworks Display," (2) Magdiwang nang ligtas kasama ang pamilya, (3) Lumikha ng ingay gamit ang ibang bagay tulad ng torotot, busina, musika, lata atbp., (4) Makisaya sa ibang paraan tulad ng street party, concert, palaro atbp., (5) Matuto sa mga aral ng nakaraan at magsimula nang maayos na buhay sa Bagong Taon.

There shall also be surveillance for fireworks-related tetanus victims in the hospitals, and that toxoid and vaccine should be readily available. Other government agencies and non-government agencies are also part of the campaign.

As to the DOH memorandum, offices, hospitals of DOH and its attached agencies are declared firecracker free zone; thus selling and vending of firecrackers are strictly prohibited within the premises of said facilities.

DOH Regional Director Myrna Cabotaje endorsed said memorandum from Secretary of Health Enrique Ona.

As to this, Baguio vendors of firecrackers are urged to comply with prohibitions embodied in the guidelines adopted by the city council. Said ruling prohibit the sale of all firecrackers and pyrotechnics with explosive content that may endanger life and limb, such as BAWANG, BABY ROCKET, SMALL TRIANGLE, JUDAS BELT, PULLED FIRECRACKERS, LUCES, JUMBO REGULAR AND SPECIAL, WHISTLE BOMB, FIVE STAR, SAWA, ATOMIC BIG TRIANGULO, SUPER LOLO, KWITON (giant kwitis) and WATUSI and their equivalents, lucas, roman candles, fountains and the like, trompillo, kwitis, pailaw, pop pops, aerials like Dragon, Tiger and Platinum Products.

The city council urged the creation of a "Task Force Paputok" to inspect the quantities and kinds of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices sold and held in stock by or in the possession of every licensed distributor, retailer or wholesaler.

The body also set regulations on the sale and affirmed that only those persons/entities duly authorized by Special Business Permits to distribute and/or sell the firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices will be allowed to distribute and sell such products.

They also set the venue and date for the distribution and sale at the Old City Auditorium, Burnham Park from December 20 to December 31, 2011./juliegfianza

Nalog of the Tabuk National High School won first prize of P10,000.00; Ricardo Gazzingan Jr. of Rizal National School of Arts and Trade – P7,000.00; Jonalyn Gamon of the Kalinga-Apayao State College – P5,000.00; and Florence Latawan of Pasil – P3,000.00.

Aside from the prizes, Baac gave each of the four winners P1,000.00 additional prizes. He also invited Marifaith Nalog to recite the "Huling Paalam" on December 30 during the commemoration of Rizal's execution by firing squad.

The contest was co-sponsored by DZRK - Radyo ng Bayan, Department of Education, 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, and the Philippine Information Agency./JDP/PAB-PIA CAR, Kalinga

## Barangays urged to Establish Human Rights Action Center....from page 1

jointly implement a continuing National Human Rights Advocacy Program as well as institutionalize the BHRAC," the resolution noted.

The body agreed that the barangay, being a general purpose government for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of its inhabitants, should take such an active role in the protection and promotion of social justice and human rights.

"The establishment of the BHRAC, supporting its operations and the training of a Barangay Human Rights Action Officer (BHRAO) will serve the best interest of the people in every barangay."

Included in the program will be the training of Barangay Human Rights Action Officer (BHRAO) to man the center.

As per the resolution, the BHRAC and BHRAO will receive complaints of any human rights violations in the barangay, monitor developments of the complaints, refer the same to the Commission on Human Rights field office and other government agencies for proper and appropriate action, conduct and carry out human rights information education activities and mobilize communities for human rights purposes.

The BHRAO shall hold office in the barangay hall and shall be provided with all necessary facilities and supplies for the purpose.

The Barangay Council shall provide in its annual budget sufficient funds for a reasonable honorarium of the BHRAO, supplies/materials, equipment, capacity-building program and other necessary expenses./A Refuerzo

## Kakampi mo ang Batas

do you think?

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GOV. JOSON:** Former Nueva Ecija Gov. Edno Joson sent me this text greeting, in Filipino: "I hope that in Christmases to come, love for our fellowmen and for our country will remain; concern for others and upholding their interest will always prevail; reason and peace will reign not only for a few moments, so that prosperity and hope in our hearts will abound once more. Merry Christmas, happy New Year!" Thanks, Gov. Joson!

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**TODAY, TOMORROW AND YESTERDAY:** Retired Philippine National Police Col. Romy Mina, a *kababayan* of mine from Ramos, Tarlac but who now resides in Bulacan, sent this message: "There are only two days in our lives that we can do nothing about. One is 'yesterday', which is gone, while the other is 'tomorrow', which is uncertain and may not come at all. We can only live in 'today': eat, love, pray, work, relax, and above all, enjoy today. Good morning." Thanks, Col. Mina.

## DOLE

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He also urged all employers that if their business is doing good, in return they also share the blessings to their employees, who are integral part or somehow a partner in their business, so that in the spirit of Christmas, everyone will be happy this yuletide season.

In ensuring a peaceful and productive labor sector in the region, Rodriguez also presided the oath taking of Lepanto Mining Corporation Labor Union president Steve Pomegas as the new labor representative to the regional Tripartite Efficiency and Integrity Board, which function is to monitor the work implementation of DOLE and its attached agencies.

"Aside from monitoring the said board's opinion is also important factor being considered in addressing labor issues and concerns, as well as on crafting related local (regional) policies", Rodriguez added.

Serving as witness during the said oath-taking were the regional heads of Philippine Regulatory Commission (PRC), Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and other DOLE attached agency officials./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## More than 100 indigent

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come scholars under the CARE scholarship programs and some already graduated and are now employed.

Just last week, the CARE officers and members conducted the first CARE Fun Run, a run for a cause which aims to gather support for the scholarship program of CARE which is still growing through the years.

More than 1,000 enthusiasts came to support the run for a cause at the Burnham Park including government employees, students, runners from the private sector, members of the Philippine National Police and the Philippine Military Academy officers and cadets led by PMA Superintendent MGen. Nonato Peralta.

At the moment, the CARE officials are also planning on helping the victims of typhoon Sendong in Cagayan De Oro and Iligan City in Northern Mindanao, through fundraising or any sort of donations.

CARE was formally organized in 1988 primarily to lead in the attainment of goals and programs of government and to develop further and upgrade executive and managerial abilities of members through regular communication and exchange of ideas. Furthermore, the association is also seen as a means to foster camaraderie among government line agencies./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

## Community

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gram.

Meantime, Lacierda also stressed in an interview the importance of the active participation of civil society organizations in the monitoring of the implementation of the projects to ensure that the funds intended for the program will really benefit the intended recipients as the involvement of non government organizations is part of the government's push for accountability and transparency./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## Waste Board

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the field of solid waste management;

"Truly, with the city's entering into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Pro Tech Machinery Corporation for the supply of Environmental Recycling System (ERS) machines which were to take care of biodegradable wastes and for the disposal of residual wastes of the city for a period of ten years, directions prescribed in the plan, particularly under the three-year action plan which, among others, expected the establishment of materials recovery and composting facilities in all the different clusters of the barangays in the city and the development of an engineered sanitary landfill as a final waste disposal facility will have to be reviewed," the resolution noted.

The city council adopted the plan for 2007-2016 in 2007 to ensure the long-term management of solid waste in the city, as well as integrate the various solid waste management plans and strategies of the barangays.

But it was now superseded by developments.

The body also brought up the need "to look into the viability of the ERS machines and the Pro Tech Contract, not only for policy direction but also for budget considerations for 2012."

In another move, the body also suggested to the board the deputization of waste management officers for the city also in line with the provisions of the Republic Act.

"Section 5 of Rule XIX of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, provides that, the National Solid Waste Management Commission 'shall be authorized to deputize persons, individuals or entities to be Solid Waste Management Officers, giving them authority to effect the arrest of violators in accordance with the law, for purposes of enforcing and implementing the Act, its IRRs and other rules and regulations governing solid waste management'," the body noted in another resolution.

The said section "further provides that, one may be deputized only after he or she shall have completed the necessary training and capacity building required by the National Ecology Center (NEC) for the effective implementation of the Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and upon the recommendation of the City Solid Waste Management Board."

"While it may be seen or suggested that the provision or Section may not prevent the arrest of violators of the Act by regular law enforcers or by anyone under the so called citizen's arrest, difficulties and obstacles in the prosecution of violators that may be encountered because of the said provision may be avoided by obtaining the deputization or by having the issue clarified," the resolution added./A Refuerzo

## City Government

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season is a time of caring, sharing and giving.

Tabanda also expressed the city government's gratitude to their foreign community partners, to the SM City Baguio management and to all those in one way or another have helped in the success of the activity.

Tabanda also called on the audience, may they be citizens of Baguio or tourists, foreigners or locals, that in the spirit of Christmas and as their gift to Jesus Christ, to share their love and blessings especially to those who really need it.

In the said activity, a moment of silence and prayer was also offered to the victims of flash floods that hit the Mindanao region due to typhoon Sendong./JDP/LD-PIA CAR

## Sagada

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have unstable soil hence the installation of railings on most part of the trail and bedding in of rocks/stones in slippery and unstable parts is necessary since the area is wet most of the year.

Simple signboards are also needed to guide visitors to the cave area.

For camping or accommodation, the group advised that the grassland surrounding the small cottages should be maintained so campers may put up their tents around since it is also an ideal setting for bonfire and that water supply, pit latrine, sheds and benches are needed around the campsite.

For the flora and fauna, they discovered that there are skin-irritating and poisonous species of plants and fruits found in the forest like the poison ivy so guides should advise guests about these and that a forest catalogue should be given to the guides on the indigenous species along the trail.

Generally, the caves are ideal for a two-day adventure spending overnight in the campsite and the labyrinth could be done during the first day and the Bat Cave could be explored in the second day.

The group also strongly recommends that trainings should be conducted on tour guiding, environmental awareness, first aid and cave geology to the tour guides./JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

## Cordi Police

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are also detailed at Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) as augmentation force for the duration of the season and will be assigned mostly at the Central Business District, according to Magalong.

The BCPO also deployed Route Safety Marshals along main thoroughfares and public assistance hubs around the city to assist the general public and motorists as well.

Magalong added that the Police Integrated Patrol System will also be strengthened in the city particularly during the night till dawn since most people are leaving their houses to attend the mass.

Meanwhile, the regional director assured the safety of the whole of the Cordillera during the celebration of the yuletide season. He said that although there are no threats in the region, the police force will not be complacent during this season./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

## Aditorial

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the Philippine Bar Association and Supreme Courts Appointments Watch.

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy", Hamlet warned. Corona did a Corona. In the process, he morphed into a de-facto chief justice, former Senator Rene Saguisag asserted. No. Not de jure.

Pulse Asia latest survey, reveals that "the least trusted among national officials" is—guess who. Of 1,200 respondents, 27 percent "wouldn't buy a second hand car" from Corona, as the old saw goes. A 6-percentage point surge was the "most marked movement" in the overall trust rating score.

Wearing crimson togas, senators took their oath as impeachment judges before the Christmas break. Roman aristocrat Cincinnatus, we recall, refused to receive messengers from the emperor until his wife fetched a toga.

In December 2000, Chief Justice Hilario Davide gaveled senators to begin impeachment against President Joseph Estrada. Eleven voted to seal the "second envelope" alleged to contain evidence against Erap.

They were dubbed as the "Craven Eleven" People Power 2 erupted and overruled the 11. Have today's toga-clad senators learned the Louis XIV syndrome can be lethal?/Juan L. Mercado

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Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

ANDREW BANDA - Vendor  
FREDDIE LUCAS - Vendee

Applicants

Case No: 93-CAR-237

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ -Jitney Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - KM6 ASIN RD, via QUIRINO HIGHWAY CIRCUMFERENTIAL RD, COMPD. and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, 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 by 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 19th day of December 2011.

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

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\*The service provider shall provide all maintenance equipments;

\*Guarantee deposit by the Service Provider shall be deposited to the official bank in the name of the City Government and the service provider which shall not be withdrawn within the period of contract. The interest accrued by the said deposit shall accrue to the City Government of Baguio;

\*The service provider shall turn over to the City Government all replaced lighting fixtures and bulbs to the City General Services Office in case of City Government owned buildings and facilities, and to the City Engineer's Office in case of parks, overpasses and streetlights for proper inventory and disposition.

In the expiration of the agreement,

the City Government has the options to renew the agreement or to undertake the repair, replacement and maintenance of all the lighting facilities covered by the agreement./A Refuerzo

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Cordillera Administrative Region  
Baguio City

MR. LARRY B. YOUNG JR.

Applicants

Case No: 2005-BENG-224

### 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 and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO plaza - tormay and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

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This application shall be acted upon by 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 21st day of November 2011.

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

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Baguio City

SPS. SATURNINO & MARY KATO - Vendor  
SPS. FRANCIS & JOY MARIE AGULAY - Vendee

Applicants

Case No: 95-CAR-009

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for the Sale and Transfer with Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation and passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 19th day of December 2011.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR  
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JOSHUA SECLEGEN - Vendor  
REX PALILENG - Vendee

Applicants

Case No: 2007-CAR-055/2011-CAR-858

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 15th day of December 2011.

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

## Balili River Competitions Extended to January

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – The Balili River System Revitalization Coalition is extending its competitions aimed to trigger awareness on efforts to rehabilitate the Balili River System.

The extension will allow wider participation among those interested to join particularly bonafide residents of Baguio City and this town.

There are four varieties of competitions namely logo, mascot, jingle, and on-the-spot poster and slogan contests with prizes at stake.

The deadline for the submission of entries for the logo, mascot, and jingle contests will be on January 7, 2012.

The logo and mascot contest entries will be sent thru email at [savebaliliriver@yahoo.com](mailto:savebaliliriver@yahoo.com).

The entries for the Jingle contest will be submitted at R403, Dean's Office, Saint Louis University School of Natural Sciences or at the Philippine Information Agency – CAR located at Romulo Drive, Lualhati, Baguio City.

There will be elimination round for the jingle contest slated on January 13 while finals will take place January 20, both to be held at R308 SLU School of Natural Sciences.

The On-the-Spot Poster & Slogan competitions will also be moved to January 6, 2012 at the Benguet State University, College of Arts and Sciences Little Theatre instead of the December 2, 2011 earlier scheduled.

Awarding of prizes in all the competitions is slated on January 26, 2012 at the Strawberry Hall, Benguet State University.

For further details, please visit the PIA-CAR Office or call at ph. nos. 442-8240/442-6248.

The Coalition's Key Result Area on Information Education or KRA 3 spearheads the competitions./SCA PIA CAR/ Benguet

## City Government, Foreign Community Groups Treat Baguio Elderly With Carols, Gifts

**BAGUIOCITY** -- The city government of Baguio, in partnership with the different foreign community groups here in the city treated indigent senior citizens with an afternoon of entertainment, carols and gift giving last Sunday at the SM Activity Center.

The event dubbed as 'Christmas Carols Around the World', was spearheaded by City Council Committee on Children, Women and Social Services chairperson, Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda.

For the entertainment, school children from Baguio Chinese Baptist Church and female teachers from the Baguio Chinese Patriotic School serenaded the audience who are mostly senior citizens and mall goers with Christmas carols and religious songs.

For the city's Korean Community, the Remnant International School Chorale and students rendered carols complete with musical instruments and dance numbers.

Members of the Philippine Government Retired

Employees Association (PGREA) also serenaded the crowd with Christmas carols.

Meantime, Baguio Chinese-Cantonese Association President Peter Ng, Remnant Pastor Jung Gab Seok, and Japanese community representatives Masahiro Okuda, gave their respective communities' Christmas message. Baguio Congressman Bernardo Vergara and Mayor Mauricio Domogan also delivered messages.

Tabanda said the activity is a tradition for the city government to involve the foreign communities in the area as Christmas  
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## The JUNCTION

Pahayagang Palaban!!!



*Naragsak A Paskua Kada Tayo  
Amin Nga Umili !!!*

## Sagada Spelunkers Explore, Evaluate Kiangnan Cave for Tourism Development

**KIANGAN**, Ifugao - Thirteen spelunkers from Sagada, Mt. Province assisted by ten local tour guides from this municipality recently explored and evaluated the Panagawan Caves located at Barangay Bolog here for the purpose of evaluating it for tourist and adventure destination.

The cave exploration was led by George Dapliyan, President of the Sagada Environmental Guides Association (SEGA), in effort to help Kiangnan develop its tourism industry potentials as it has numerous man-made and natural scenic sites and wonders.

Sagada is known for its cool climate and caves foremost of which is the popular

Balangabang Cave, a major tourist destination.

The group came up with findings and recommendations for the information and guidance of the Kiangnan Tourism Council as basis for any project or endeavor relative to it.

On the trail for trekking, the group found out that some portions of the foot trail have been eroded and  
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## Cordi Police Chief Conducts Inspection of Churches

**BAGUIOCITY** - Police Regional Office Cordillera regional director PCSupt. Benjamin Magalong led the inspection of churches in the city as the traditional Simbang Gabi continues to draw people for the early morning mass.

Magalong said that the inspection of churches by the po-

lice force will make the people feel safer this yuletide season.

He said that the regional police command deployed the senior officers into their area of responsibilities particularly to churches which are being filled with church goers during the duration of Simbang Gabi from December 16 until December 24.

Church goers during Simbang

Gabi are guarded by the Cops on Churches tasked to provide security to assigned churches, Magalong informed.

Tourist spots, on the other hand, are manned by the Tourist Oriented Police or the Top Cop, who are on heightened operations.

Eighty personnel from the Regional Public Safety Battalion (RPSB)  
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