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MABUHAYANG PILIPINO!!! BAGUIO CITY, AND LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

COMELEC Confirms 27 Senatoriables While 57 others Still On The Waiting List

BAGUIO CITY - Supposedly smoked in the indigenous way, these slices of meat are shown being sun dried on a concrete barrier at the Baguio City market. Meat Inspector Cesar Caccam of the National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS) is shown checking if the raw food item is safe for human consumption. Art Tibaldo/DTI-CAR



Baguio City - So it seems that not any Tom, Dick and Harry can just enter the elite national senatorial race, this is what the COMELEC had recently done when it confirmed and declared the legitimacy and acceptance of at least twenty seven (27) senatorial aspirants as "official candidates", as contained in the 16-page Resolution No. 9540, Comelec gave "due course" to the certificates of candidacy (CoC) of the 27 hopefuls. The candidates must prove before the electoral body that they are not nuisance candidates, so therefore what or who is considered a nuisance candidate? The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism cites Section 69 of the Omnibus Election Code as amended by Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6646 (The Electoral Reforms Law of 1987), which defines a "nuisance candidate" as: 1) one who files his candidacy to put the election process in mockery or disrepute, 2) one who causes confusion among the voters by the similarity of the names of the registered candidates, and 3) one who, based on demonstrable circumstances or acts, has no bona fide intention to run for office. Basically, anyone who puts the integrity of the electoral

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Mabuti pa yun COMELEC sa Manila sinurusi ng maigi ang mga kandidato para Senatong, este Senador. Dito sa Baguio maraming mga nuisance candidates (pangulo na kandidato) na tumatakbo lamang para kumita at mang-istir

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City, BENECO Work out Power Purchase Deal

BAGUIO CITY – The city government and Benguet Electric Cooperative Inc. (BENECO) are working out the continuation of the agreement on the electric firm's purchase of the power generated by the city-owned Asin minihydroelectric plants.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said both parties agreed to renegotiate the purchase deal on condition that both will comply with the obligations provided under the electric code or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Republic Act 9136).

The BENECO board earlier passed a resolution terminating the purchase deal with the city government on account that the city needs to secure a certificate of compliance from the Energy Regulatory Commission as a power generator.

Domogan said that during the meeting with BENECO led by general manager Gerardo Versoza, he committed to comply with the said requirement.

He said both parties also agreed to enter into a memorandum of agreement to cement the deal. The said MOA will be taken up by the BENECO board for possible reconsideration. Domogan expressed confidence that the city and BENECO will settle the matter soon to avoid future problems that will compromise public service.

He also expressed hope that both parties will continue to work together on projects and programs to achieve their common aim of delivering the best service to the public.

"It will be best if we will just agree to help one another. Misunderstandings are unavoidable at times but these are just part of the challenge. In the end, these can be clarified and resolved," the mayor said. /A Refuerzo

Questions on Sharing Scheme, Feasibility Mar Led Lights Terms Okay

BAGUIO CITY – Pointing out loopholes on the proposed sharing scheme plan and the possible breach of the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and procurement laws, the city council on Monday deferred action on the proposed terms of reference (TOR) for the street and gov-

ernment building light replacement and management venture using the Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology.

The matter will be discussed anew in the council's next session on October 22.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan expressed hope that the body will see the rationale behind the proposed

project. Despite the questions raised, Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas observed that the aldermen "seemed to be in favor except that there were concerns that need to be addressed first by the technical working group."

Councilor Peter Fianza opined that the proposed TOR which hinges on a cost-savings sharing scheme

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Lawmaker Pushes for Barangay Leaders Tapped to Amend on the Anti-Promote Tourism Cybercrime Law and the Decriminalization of Libel

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter S. Cayetano has filed three bills seeking to amend several provisions in the Cybercrime Act and to decriminalize libel and defamation in a comprehensive approach to promote freedom of expression in the country.

He filed SB 3301 seeking to repeal sections 4(c) (4), 5, 6 and 7 of RA 10175 stating that the mentioned sections are unconstitutionally overbroad, vague and violate the Constitutional provisions against double jeopardy.

He also filed Senate Bill (SB) 3302 amending Section 19 of Republic Act (RA) 10175 stating that "No order of restriction or blocking of access to computer data for violation of provisions of this act shall be issued, except upon probable cause to be determined by a judge as required by law."

Lastly, he filed SB 3303 seeking to repeal chapter one, title thirteen, book two of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines to decriminalize libel and

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city will tap barangay leaders in tourism promotion to enable them to contribute to the industry which remains as the bread and butter of the city's economy.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said it is high time to harness the barangays' potential in tourism promotion to help boost the industry for the benefit of the barangays themselves.

To realize this, the city through the special services division of the city mayor's office sponsored a capability building workshop in promoting barangay tourism participated in by barangay officials from Districts 1-10 held on October 9 and from Districts 11-20 conducted last October 10.

The lectures consist of basic information about Baguio City including its geographical location, population and land area, on tourist spots, tour guiding technique, social graces protocol and etiquette and tourism management.

A workshop on specific barangay tourism promotion plans and programs was also conducted of which outputs were also presented.

The same plans will be applied by the barangays in their areas as the newest tourist promoters of the city. /A Refuerzo

Dads Seek Clarification on Proposed IP Representation in Council

BAGUIO CITY – The city council will clarify whether there is still a need for an Indigenous Peoples (IP) sectoral representative to the body considering that half of the present composition of the body belongs to indigenous groups.

In Resolution No. 222 authored by Councilor

Isabelo Cosalan Jr., the body adopted the council committee on education, culture and historical research's recommendation to seek "clarification or opinion on whether the IP mandatory representative in the sanggunian be deemed satisfied with the election or membership of IPs in the sanggunian."

Seven of the

14 members of the body belong to indigenous tribes in the Cordilleras.

In the resolution, the body nevertheless recommended the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Cordillera Administrative Region (NCIP-CAR) to ascertain the threshold of IP population in the city to determine the possibility of having an IP

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City Tax Collection Surpassed

BAGUIO CITY – The city government has surpassed its tax collection target as of September this year.

Assistant city treasurer/in-charge of office Alicia Onoza said that as in the past years, the city has topped its target through sustained revenue collection and financial management programs.

The city has three main sources of revenues namely business, real property and economic enterprise and all three posted slight increases as of September 30, according to Onoza.

The margin is expected to further

rise to 10-15 percent as last quarter payments continued to be received until the deadline ends on October 20.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan welcomed the development citing the efforts of the city treasurer's office and the city licensing division in the improving tax collection performance.

The city licensing office under Cristio Lagyop reported that a total of 13,650 business permits have been issued as of October 9.

The mayor earlier said the city targets the issuance of around 13,000-14,000 busi-

ness licenses this year and as expected it has been attained and may even be surpassed as the city continues to process late applications apart from the new ones.

The mayor said the city will also continue the crackdown on business establishments operating without licenses in the city to further boost the city's tax collection.

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City Hosts National Peso Congress

BAGUIO CITY – Close to a thousand Public Employment and Services Office (PESO) managers and employees from across the country gathered

here for the 12th National PESO Congress held last Oct. 10-13 at the Baguio Country Club.

The conference centered on the theme, "Tugon ng PESO: Wastong Trabaho at Agarang Serbisyo."

Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, Mayor Mauricio Domogan represented by secretary

to the mayor Rafael Tallocoy and PESO Phil. Inc. national president Elizabeth Alonzo and other guests graced the opening program.

The program was highlighted by a showcase of best practices by select provinces and municipalities.

The congress opened with a plenary session on Key Indicators of the Labor Market (KILM) and Global Employment Trends facilitated by International Labor Organization (ILO) Country Office for the Philippines director Lawrence Jeff

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Benguet Towns Around Baguio Among the Least Poor Areas in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY — Benguet towns surrounding Baguio City are relatively doing better in terms of poverty incidents compared to the other municipalities in the Cordillera Region.

National Statistical and Coordination Board Regional Director Benjamin Navarro said that latest census data Small Area Estimates of poverty revealed that the Top Ten least poor municipalities in the region belong to the BLISTT (Baguio-La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay) area.

Baguio City, which is the regional center, ranks number 1 as the least poor. La Trinidad ranks second, Itogon is third, Tuba rank fourth and Sablan ranks 10th.

Other municipalities in the top ten least poor include Mankayan, also in Benguet (5), Bontoc in Mountain Province (6), Bangued in Abra (7), Tabuk City in Kalinga (8) and Lamut in Ifugao (9).

Navarro said that the survey reflects the poverty incidence indicated by the having the lowest proportion of poor residents in the areas and it is indicated by the improvement in the quality of life in the respective cities and municipalities.

The survey results of the Small Area Estimates of poverty which was recently released by the NSCB was discussed during the 'Kapihan sa Baguio' forum last week launching the 23rd National Statistics Month with the theme, "Monitoring Progress on Decent Work Through Statistics: Pathway to Inclusive Growth."

National Statistics Office Regional Director Olivia Gulla explained that the decrease of poverty incidence in these and other areas in region as well is because of the different intervention done by the government to address the poverty.

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is implementing core and supporting programs to address the poverty in the region and the BLISTT area in particular, Brenda Consolacion of DSWD-Cordillera shared.

Among the core programs being implemented are the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services or the KALAHI-CIDSS; Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or the 4Ps; the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) and the sustainable livelihood programs.

Supporting programs of the DSWD include the supplemental feeding for day care children, social pension for senior citizens and the core shelter assistance program for those affected by the disasters, according to Consolacion.

Navarro said that the decrease of poverty incidence is an indicator in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goal number 1 which is eradication of poverty by 2015./JDP/RC-PIA CAR

Application for Candle and Flower Business on Oct 18

BAGUIO CITY — The yearly issuance of temporary selling permit of candles and flowers shall be on Oct. 18, Thursday, as to the Oplan Kaluluwa 2012 executive committee headed by Mayor Mauricio Domogan, thru Alicia Onoza, In-charge of the Office of the City Treasurer.

Oplan Kaluluwa is the executive committee being revived yearly for activities in line with the commemoration of All Saints' and All Souls' days, Nov. 1 and 2, respectively.

Interested sellers should submit the requirements at the Campaign and Investigation Division (CID), City Treasurer's Office on Oct. 18, 2012: 2 copies of 2" x 2" picture, barangay clearance, and Baguio City-issued residence certificate. Application forms shall not be given to applicants who lack required documents.

As to the guidelines, application forms shall be given at the CID to be properly filled-up and submitted with payment of taxes and fees on Oct. 19, while the special permit shall be secured at the Permits and Licensing Division on Oct. 22. Selling shall be allowed at the Juan Luna Drive, Burnham Park, from Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, 2012.

The fee of P600 to be collected is apportioned as follows: business tax, P165; mayor's permit, P200; garbage fee, P50; sewerage fees, P55; electricity, P80; and use of the area, P50.

Applicants should be bonafide residents of Baguio, of legal age, without stalls at the market and Marbay, and if a previous seller, should not have any violations from previous years of Oplan Kaluluwa candle and flower market.

Relatives of earlier approved applicants are not allowed to apply for stalls in the vending area.

Stall owners at the Juan Luna Drive, Burnham Park as a policy shall not be allowed to cook within the area. No other goods nor cooked food shall be allowed for sale, as these shall be confiscated. No gambling shall be allowed, no swapping of stalls between and among stallholders, and cleanliness should be observed at all times. Violators of given policies shall be disallowed permission to sell for next year, the guidelines state.

Earlier, selling of candles and flowers has been done a week before All Saints and All Souls' day, along Harrison road, which now shall be at Juan Luna Drive, Burnham Park. -juliegfianza

21st Local Gov't Day Celeb

BAGUIO CITY — Barangay Lourdes Subdivision Extension emerged as winner of the Most Outstanding Peace and Order Council in the city after thorough assessment as to organization membership, meetings, policies and budget, and accomplishments, for the past evaluation period.

Coming in next are Imelda Village, Irisan, General Emilio F. Aguinaldo, Camp 7, Pinsao Proper, Hillside, New Lucban, East Modernsite and T. Alonzo barangays.

The awards were given last Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Baguio Convention Center during the 21st local government day celebration, where city officials, Punong Barangay, local officials and constituents were present.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Atty. George Fortea representing Congressman Bernardo Vergara, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) City Director Evelyn Trinidad and Guest of Honor DILG-CAR Regional Director John Castaneda presented the awards.

Councilors Joel Alangab and

Isabelo Cosalan, Jr. and Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) Director Jesus Cambay were also present during the program.

The theme for this year's celebration is, "Panangtalyaw ti Napalabas ken Panangpasangbay iti Masakbayan."

The mayor, Atty. Fortea and RD Castaneda also focused on said theme in their messages. Mayor Domogan pointed out the need to get back to the basics for good governance. Following the Ten Commandments faithfully would be a good way to start



"GOLD MINE" - Team Baguio Taekwondo jins who dominated the Batang Pinoy Northern Luzon Leg in Lingayen, Pangasinan poses with Philippine Sports Commissioner Julius Gomez, Baguio City Sports Development Officer Gaudencio Gonzales and Coaches Dan Rey Velo, Arnold Oglayon, Melvin Morte and Gilbert Balancar last October 11./ Photo by Paul Rillorta

PDEA Issues Warning Vs International Drug Syndicates

BAGUIO CITY - The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) issued public advisory against emerging African Drug Syndicates (ADS), who are into illegal or dangerous drugs smuggling and victimizing innocent people by luring or utilizing them as drug couriers or mules.

PDEA Director General Jose S. Gutierrez Jr. in an advisory released by PDEA-Cordillera Information

Officer Emely Fama, revealed that they have noted a rising trend in the involvement of Asians as drug couriers or drug mules in international drug trafficking, through a profiling done on ADS members.

Based on PDEA monitoring, there is an emerging modus operandi wherein ADS member enrolls as a foreign exchange student in the Philippines, and during his stay he

woos or court female students and turns them into drug mules. The ADS were likewise monitored to be engaging in travel and tour businesses that arrange airline/hotel bookings by using fraudulent documents to easily lure or recruit drug couriers.

Records also show that members of the ADS have recently been recruiting

COMELEC Reminds Public of the Oct. 31 Deadline of Registration of Voters

LAGAWE, Ifugao — With the October 31 deadline for registration of voters fast approaching, the Commission on Elections is reminding qualified voters who have not yet registered to register now.

Speaking in the daily radio program "Humangan with PIA," Atty. Ricardo Bulintao, the Provincial Election Supervisor, said that the Comelec municipal offices are

open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday inclusive of holidays to accommodate registrants.

"Our offices are open even on Saturdays to accommodate those who are working or studying outside the province or outside their respective municipalities," Bulintao said.

He reiterated that they are accepting applications for registration, transfer of registration records, change/corrections of en-

tries in the registration records, reactivation of registration records and inclusion of registration records/reinstatement of name in the list which should be personally filed until October 31 at the office of the Election Officer of the municipality where the applicant resides.

He said that the Election Officer shall adopt a system of processing applicants to speed up the registration

SOFAD on Monday, Oct. 15

BAGUIO CITY — Once again, Scout-Officials-for-a-Day (SOFAD) shall take charge of city hall's executive and legislative offices, the judiciary and public utilities after their oath-taking Monday, Oct. 15 during the flag-raising ceremonies. Mayor Mauricio Domogan shall be replaced by SOFAD Raj Lasker Bacolong of Pines City Colleges High

while Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas' office shall be taken over by SOFAD Rochelle Faith Malafu of the University of the Cordilleras Lab High School (UCLHS). Cont. on page 10

Ducking A Prophet's Lament

We goofed, Sen. Francis Escudero admitted. Legislators dozed when a libel proviso was sneaked into the Cybercrime Prevention Act. Escudero, who filed a bill to decriminalize libel, wants the controversial Section 4C (4) scrapped.

Sen. Pia Cayetano focused on the bill's sanctions on crimes against children on the Net. Thus, she overlooked a rider that Sen. Vicente Sotto denies inserting. It'd impose excessive criminal penalties for libel on the Internet.

Others, who also didn't spot the legal bobby trap, backpedaled in the backlash. The discomfort level is high. "Who hinders not a mischief is guilty of it," an old proverb says.

The Supreme Court may consolidate five challenges claiming the rider is unconstitutional. It infringes on freedom of expression and privacy of communication, asserts Sen. Teofisto Guingona, who cast the only "nay" vote. "It's a throwback to the Dark Ages."

"Once burned, twice shy." So, how do we ensure we're not conned again?

Heed early warning signals for a start. Tomorrow's controversy could swirl around an innocent sounding bill, titled: "An Act Promoting a Comprehensive Program on Breastfeeding Practices and Regulating the Trade, Marketing, and Promotions of Certain Foods for Infants and Children."

This would, in fact, gut "the Milk Code (Executive Order 51) and "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act". Both improved child health and survival, note Philippine

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Medical Association, Academy of Family Physicians, Obstetrical and Gynecological Society plus Perinatal Association.

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"Breastfeeding is the single most cost-effective intervention," their position paper asserts. Should this become law, it'd would subject infants and children to risk from diarrhea, pneumonia to "even death." About 6,000 Filipino young children die yearly because of "suboptimal breastfeeding and inappropriate complementary feeding practices", World Health Organization estimates.

The 2008 National Demographic Health Survey found that only three out of 10 mothers breastfeed. This has now risen to over 51 percent. Next year's NDHS could confirm a further upswing.

Such gains would be wiped out, cautions notes Nutrition Center of the Philippines' Dr Florentino Solon. If mothers (a) fail to initiate; or (b) cease breastfeeding, in the first six months of an infant's life, "diarrhea related mortality" bolts 8 to 10 percent. Breastfeeding is a major determinant of stunting among children aged 6 months of age, studies show... Weight gain, in an infant's first two years of life, is associated with better school outcomes.

"In 60 years of work in public health and nutrition, I've seen how milk company marketing undermines infant nutrition in many countries," Solon added. Milk donations seem harmless. But "scientific evidence shows (they) can increase diarrhea six-fold. This is the experience of other developing countries. We need not repeat their experience."

Indeed, it is vital to "protect, promote, and support exclusive breastfeeding for six months and continued breastfeeding up to two years or beyond," states United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Don't loosen age restrictions that the Milk Code pegs at 0-36 months, the position paper urges. Maintain the provision in the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act that entitles mothers to compensable breaks to breastfeed.

Exclude milk companies from policymaking bodies for promotion of breastfeeding. This is patent conflict of interest. Milk firms seek to increase sales which decreases breastfeeding rates. Prohibit advertising, promotion, sponsorships, and marketing of materials and activities for breast milk substitutes.

Watering down current laws will reopen floodgates to once prohibited advertising. These confuse pregnant and lactating mothers. Children are more likely to be given milk formula if mothers recalled advertising messages; or if a doctor or a relative recommended it, a survey shows. Those fed milk formula were six times more likely to stop breastfeeding before the age of 12 months.

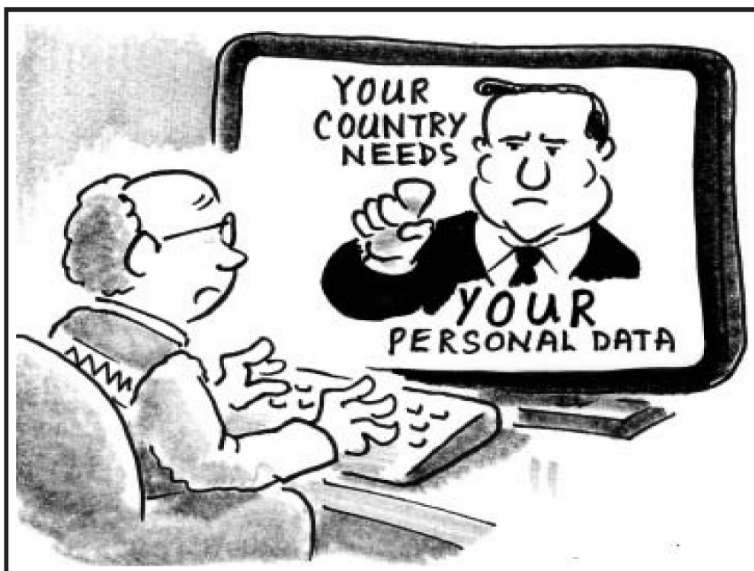
Reject offers from milk and infant feeding-related industries. That includes at all times, including calamities. It is a myth that such donations are essential. In post-Typhoon Sendong evacuation centers, fewer than one out of 100 infants in Iligan and five out of 100 in Cagayan de Oro were exclusively formula-fed.

Ban distribution of samples of breastmilk substitutes in the healthcare system. That sends conflicting messages that subtly accord donor companies and their products with "undue respect" — while undermining benefits of breastfeeding. "Current efforts at amending the existing Milk Code serve only the interests of multinational milk and infant feeding industry".

The position paper urges legislator to rethink their proposal. Instead, "be co-advocates in promotion of good health for our infants and young Filipino children... The common good, especially of the young who cannot speak for themselves, must always be upheld over business- and self-interests."

Unlike the Internet libel on game, there is time to heed the counsel of health professionals and safeguard the kids. That would avert another Massacre of the Innocents.

We'd then be spared the prophet Jeremiah's lament: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Juan L. Mercado



THE PEACE COMBATANT

Cybercrime Law: Assault on Freedom

BY: ARTURO BOQUIREN



Last week, we started discussing Republic Act 10175 known as the "Act defining cybercrime, providing for the prevention, investigation, suppression and the imposition of penalties therefore and for other purposes." We have pointed out that that law is actually more than a law that strengthens the anti-libel laws in the country. In last week's issue, we have identified at least five objectionable features of the law. In summary, the law is objectionable because any appropriation of identifying information without right can be construed as a criminal act that can be punished by as much as 12 years in imprisonment. For example, it is viable to argue that if, for instance, you chose Jose Rizal for your Facebook profile picture and you were unable to prove that Jose Rizal actually allowed you to use his picture, the law provides a basis for you to be incarcerated because you will be likely unable to provide proof that Jose Rizal allowed you to use his picture. Electronic commerce can also be impaired because the law requires that there is a way for targets of advertisement to reject or accept the advertisement. Without the said facility, the businessperson engaged in electronic commerce can be liable to be charged as a criminal under the anti-cybercrime bill. We also pointed out that liking a post that are construed as "criminal" can be considered as abetting or aiding a criminal and, likewise, is considered a criminal act under the law. "Cybercriminals" or violators or offenders of the provision we have just discussed are liable to be imprisoned for as long as 12 years.

Perhaps more dangerous is that the law authorized police monitoring of our internet use (location, source, recipient, and target recipient) although court orders will be required to reveal its contents (six months storage is required for telecom companies). This effectively curtails the fundamental right to privacy which is guaranteed under Article 12 of the Declaration of Human Rights of that was upheld by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948. As to how dangerous the law is, imagine this: what if kidnap-for-ransom gangs in cahoots with the police and the military gain access to the data? Needless to say, it will put at risk many of our citizens. Many of our citizens can easily be victimized by kidnap-for-ransom gang operating in the country because their rights to privacy are no longer respected by the law. In short, other than constraining internet commerce, it will make the lives of many of citizens vulnerable to racketeers and kidnap-for-ransom gangsters.

Effectively, the provisions we have stated will be enough to curtail our democratic freedoms and right to free speech as almost anything can be used by any person whom we have criticized to shut us up even if our act DOES NOT constitute libel. In other words, contrary to the notion that the law strengthened the anti-libel laws, what is being forwarded here by the **Peace Combatant** is that the law is more than an anti-libel law because any person being criticized, including the politicians, can use the law to imprison his or her critic even if the criticism DOES NOT constitute libel. Charges could stick under the anti-cybercrime law even if an act has not caused any damage. The mere commission of acts prohibited under the anti-cybercrime law can suffice to imprison violators even they have not caused any damage to the individual. As mentioned, the law is a probable violation of the prohibition of the Philippine Constitution against passing laws that curtails the freedom of the press. Nevertheless, there are aspects of the law that are worth saving: the prohibition against cybersex and child pornography. In addition, victims of the so-called cyber bullying can find something in the law that can be a source of refuge.

Recently, the Supreme Court of the Philippines granted a temporary restraining order against the implementation of the Cybercrime law. The restraining order is good for around four months or 120 days. However, there is no indication that the bill **Cont. on page 9**

ADVOCACY MINDANOW

Romancing "Brenda" in the Sky

BY: JESUS DUREZA



(Columnists note: This is Times Publisher Jess Dureza's 2nd report on his current trip to Canada together with a multi sectoral team to visit mine sites of Xstrata, Inc. a giant mining company that operates Sagittarius Mines, Inc.'s Tampakan Gold and Copper Project.)

WOW, SNOW! ---- It was freezing cold at approximately 1 degree Celsius when we stepped out of the shuttle bus amidst howling winds at 5,000 feet elevation. Light snowflakes fleetingly hit me on the face. "Wow snow!" exclaimed Dra. Sheila Marie "Sheng" Tuazon of the INC Koronadal City as she and the rest started out on a trek to a high point to view the whole 2,800 hectares of mined-out area. The Pinoys were agog! Of course, it was just a fleeting moment of snowflakes, unusual at this early onset of autumn. But we were high up in the sky, that's why.

Moments before, an oblique sign, "BRENDA MINES" greeted us when the iron gate automatically swung open as the bus just turned from the corner of a six lane super highway. Towering above us was the big "tailings dam", about 2 kilometers long and more than 400 feet high. That's where mine wastes after 20 years of operations were dumped for eternity.

We were there to see and to check for ourselves what happens to an open pit mine and the mined out area more than 20 years AFTER the company stopped operations. When the story about BRENDA MINES unraveled, Businessman Vic Lao, Chairman of the Mindanao Business Council, simply blurted out: "You have to see it to believe it!"

We were all so fascinated with what we saw. And it was like "romancing BRENDA" the rest of the day.

WHY BRENDA? ----BRENDA Mines was chosen as site to visit and study because it is comparable in size and other features to SMI's Tampakan Project, according to Ms Bing Ganchero, SMI Regional and Provincial Affairs Manager whose team, together with SMI's Ian Callow, was responsible in putting together our 15-member group. Xstrata, Inc. owns "Brenda", so named after the daughter of the geologist who first discovered gold and copper in the area about 500 kilometers out of Vancouver. Mining operations started in 1970 until it fully used up its "mine life" of 20 years in 1990. Today, about 22 years have lapsed since mining operations ceased. But Xstrata, Inc. did not totally close shop. It's still there taking care of "life after".

HARD QUESTIONS ---- Ms. Lolita Morales of Marbel's 1st Assembly of God and Head of Haggai Institute said we were all there to ask the hard questions about safety and sustainable issues and other concerns of stakeholders who wanted clarifications about the perceived dangers of open pit mine, the horror stories and "doomsday" scenarios of collapsing tailings dams, disappearing waters etc.

Dr. Ma. Linda "Malin" Arquiza, Director of Research of the University of Mindanao said she was also curious about fears that the mined out area would be abandoned by companies after exhausting its mineral resources and leaving a wasteland for the locals of the future generation to suffer with.

LIFE AFTER MINING ---To set the tone of the visit, Lawyer Abdurrahman "Ab" Canacan, Chancellor of the Mindanao State University in General Santos opened the Q & A when he pointedly asked the Xstrata official briefing us: "So, why is Xstrata still here 22 years after you shut down?" Of course we got the answer while indoors in the briefing room and later out there in the chilly outdoors where we saw for ourselves the real score. It traced how big mining companies like Xstrata, which had mining operations all over the world, made it their

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PINUPUNA AT PINAPANSIN

Nuisance Candidates at Mga Trying Hard (TH) !!!

BY: ODELL P. AQUINO



Katatapos lamang ng filing ng mga certificates of candidacies (COCs) at eto nanaman po tayo mga dear readers na malapit ng maharap sa isang kaawa-awang circus. OO at karapatan ng bawat Pilipino na walang ano man legal restrictions ang maging isang kandidato at tayong mga mamamayan ay mayroon din dapat na obligasyon na bumoto at suriin ng maigi kung sino sa mga kandidato ang karapat dapat na makatangap ang ating mga boto. Sa nakita ko na listahan ng mga kandidato, marami sa mga ito ay un sinasabing mga **nuisance candidates (NC) at mga trying hard (TH)**. Ang depinisyon ng nuisance candidate ayon sa dictionary.com ay (1) **an obnoxious or annoying person, thing, condition, practice, etc.,** (2) **Law - something offensive or annoying to individuals or to the community, especially in violation of their legal rights.** Ang salitang trying hard ay isang patutuchadang salita hingil sa mga walang kakayahan tumakbo ngunit nagpupumilit, maging mental na kakayahan, pisikal na kakayahan, pinansiyal na kakayahan at iba pa, ngunit nagpupumilit na mag kandidato. Unahin natin ang mga tumatako sa hanay ng Tongressman este Congressman. Sa laban na ito ay magiging isang two (2) way fight ang dalawang main contenders at magkakatangali ay sina Cong. Bernardo "Bossing" Vergara at Businessman Mark Go at itong si Nicasio "Protektor/Rambo" Aliping ay magiging isang semi Nuisance Candidate at isang TH depende sa kanyang malilikom na resources (yan ang ating abangan). Alam naman ninyo mga dear readers ang pinansiyal na kakayahan para sa posisyon na Tongressman at Mayor ay matindi, **milyon-milyones** ang kailangan, bibihira sa larangan ng politika sa Pilipinas ang nakakalusot ng hindi gumagastos ng matindi !!! Kaya itong mga ibang kandidato para Tongresman na katulad ni Arvisu, Manuel at Zarate ay paghahatian nila ang between 2% to 3% of the votes o **mga saling pula** sila sa madalit salita, ngunit ano kaya ang tunay na agenda ng mga nuisance candidates na ito sa pag takbo, yan ang ating aalam, at ipapaalam sa inyo.

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Sa hanay ng Mayor ay isang three (3) way fight ang mangyayari kung itong si Judge Claraval ay siyang mag susubstitute para kay Freddie Gonzales kung saan ito raw ang plano at aayusin lang muna raw ni Judge Claraval ang kanyang early retirement. Ang tatlong magiging main contenders o magkakatangali ay sina incumbent Mayor Mauricio "The One, The Only, The Great" Domogan, Atty. Jose "Jomol" Molintas at Judge Edilberto Claraval. Kaya itong mga ibang kandidato para Mayor na katulad ni Hernandez, Labo, Mina at Puzon, paghahatian nila ang 3% of the votes o **mga saling pula** sila sa madalit salita, ngunit ano naman kaya ang tunay na agenda naman ng mga nuisance candidates na ito, yan ang ating aalam, at ipapaalam sa inyo.

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Sa hanay ng Vice Mayor, wala nang dapat pang pagisipan at isang run-away at landslide ang makakamit na boto ni Kagalang-galang na Incumbent Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas at ang lahat ng kanyang mga katungali na sina Bello, Dicang, Padawal at Pinic ay maghahati-hati sa between 3% to 4% of the votes at siguradong land slide pa rin si Farinas. Talaga naman o ito, itong mga katungali ni Farinas ay puros nananaginip ng gising.

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Sa hanay ng Tongsehal este Konsehal ang listahan ng top 20 ay ang mga sumusunod Bagbagen, Balisong, Bilog, Datuin, Fianza, Mandapat, Olowan, Ortega, Carino, Sembrano, Tabanda, Tenefrancia, Cosalan, Weygan, Yangot, Yaranon, Maskay, Dumawing, Itliong, Perez. Sa dalawampo na ito ang siguradong nasa top eight (8) ay ang mga sumusunod- Yangot, Bilog, Tabanda, Ortega, Fianza, Cosalan, Weygan at Olowan. At duon sa aking mga kaibigan na hindi ko nabangit, huwag kayong mawawalan ng pag-

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Meaningless cyber law

BY: ISMAEL AMIGO SR



It's very true cyber world has grown out of proportions that is too close for comfort and is at the same time too far for comfort too especially among our political leaders, who after putting necessary safety nets on mass media, found themselves all too vulnerable to cyber attacks.

The working media has, up until now, knows loud and clear there is a certain degree of press freedom as we know it but alas, within the ambit of democratic tenet, it says that freedom as we know it is freedom to enjoy provided we do not hurt or trample upon the freedom of others.

Simply put, we cannot set our sound systems to max decibel level or to our heart's content into the wee hours of the night as neighbors also enjoy the freedom to live peacefully nor write anything to our heart's content the wrongs of others be they political leaders or simple Juan or Juanas.

Cyber freedom is like a virus. You can see its effects on humans but humans cannot absolutely contain it.

Why are we saying this?

Okay, just picture yourself now in front of a laptop, connected to the whole wide world (www).

The world is at your fingertips, right? You be inside your own home or inside a computer shop near or anywhere.

Who can detect what you are doing at this very moment? It's only God the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.

President Noy's cyber soldiers are too far away from those and too far away from getting your neck. That's a fact to accept, that they in government should accept.

Take this.

Given there has already been thousands of anti-cyber crime law implemented but could the government assign cyber soldiers to check and harass each one of us around the clock?

It cannot.

So what we see here is plain and simple cyber harassment.

See, the timing is also suspect: the country is in election/campaign mode and the long arm of President Noy's administration seems to fall short at curtailing the joys of netizens who at times satirize their heart's content the character of the chief executive himself.

Remember what Juana did on President Noy's expensive toy car? It did not saw print on national media but it gathered an audience more than leading tabloids and broadsheets can do about it.

In fact, leading publications only got the best of it when it scattered like a virus on cyberworld.

Don't you think this is the main reason why P-Noy and co are hellbent on passing the said law other than the FOI bill?

If you believe you have nothing to hide other than good deeds, therefore, you have nothing to fear in heaven nor in hell.

So who needs the cyber law now?

Write your comments and suggestions thru ismaelamigo@yahoo.com.

asa sapagkat you can always try and try and try and try and try and try to run again, sa year 2016, 2019, 2022 etc.,, **Hi! Hi! Hi! Libre PO MANAGINIP NG GISING. Hi! Hi! Hi!**

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At sino naman itong lipas na pol-politoko na para bagang na iwan na sa isang time warp at panay nakaraan na lang ang kanyang pinapantasya kung saan ng minsan ay siya ay nakatsamba at lumusot siya bilang isang opisyal na ngunit nitong nakaraang dalawang eleksyon ay sobrang nakakaawa ang numero ng kanyang nakukuhaing boto. Ikaw talaga Kabaleyan, magkaroon ka sana ng konting pride at dignidad. Ok lang naman ma talo bastat

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

POEA ok's direct hiring of OFWs

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails..." (Proverbs 19:20-21, the Holy Bible).

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POEA ALLOWS DIRECT HIRING OF OFWs: Did you know that Filipinos could now be hired for overseas employment even if they did not apply with a local recruitment agency? This is now allowed by the Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Employment Overseas Administration (POA), which provides for the direct hiring of Filipinos for foreign employment, under a system known as "name hire".

Explaining this during the Balitaan sa Aloha Hotel news forum hosted by veteran media personality Lolly Acosta last Wednesday, October 10, 2012, POEA adjudication lawyer Jerriel Domingo said the particular provision could be found at Rule II (14) of the Rules and Regulations, which mandates direct hiring even without the intervention of a local recruitment agency.

This rule says: "14. Name Hire - shall refer to a worker who is able to secure an overseas employment opportunity with an employer without the assistance or participation of any agency." This seems to be an amendment of the previous POEA rule which says that no Filipino can be deployed for any job abroad if their employment papers were not processed by a local recruitment company.

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DIRECT HIRING OF OFWs IS KNOWN AS "NAME HIRE": Answering my questions, Domingo told the news forum attended by 12 Filipino seafarers who were thrown out of their jobs in Netherlands because their recruitment agency was suspended by the POEA that "name hire" or the direct hiring of our countrymen starts when a Filipino worker himself applies with a foreign employer.

Domingo emphasized that the foreign employer is not the one which recruits. It is the Filipino which applies for the job abroad. If the foreign employer accepts the Filipino worker and confirms that a job is available for him, the worker then furnishes the POEA with his application letter, the response of the foreign employer, and other documents pertinent to the job that had been applied for.

It is still the POEA that will process the employment contract between the Filipino applicant and the foreign employer. Under this system, the Filipino worker avoids the payment of usually exorbitant placement fees. He is even placed under the direct care of the POEA, instead of the placement or recruitment agency which is often indebted to a foreign principal.

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FILIPINO SEAFARERS GET HELP FROM NEWS FORUM: This information surfaced in the course of the Wednesday news forum, where the 12 Filipino seafarers who were barred from resuming their work with Gyron Crew, Inc. of Netherlands disclosed that they were not allowed to return to their work after the POEA suspended the license of Gyron Crew Philippines, Inc., the local agency.

Responding to my further queries, POEA lawyer Domingo blurted out that the seafarers could in fact be re-employed if they applied directly with Gyron Crew Inc. of Netherlands, precisely under the "name hire" rule of the POEA. This "name hire" rule allows the deployment of a Filipino worker to a job overseas if he himself is the one who will apply, **Cont. on page 9**

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Banaue Town Imposes Isnags in Calanasan Institutionalize Environmental Fee To Tourists 'Lapat'

CALANASAN, Apayao - The local government unit (LGU) here has institutional-

BANAUE, Ifugao - The municipal government here is currently collecting environmental fees from all foreign and local tourists visiting the area for eco-tourism related projects especially in the preservation of the rice terraces.

The environmental registration fee of P20.00 collected from the tourists is provided in the municipal ordinance 'Regulating the Tourism Industry of Banaue' and pursuant the Local Government Code of 1991 providing the local governments local taxation powers.

Councilor Hygelac Cayong, Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chairman on Tourism and Culture, claimed that this is justified since the town is among the fourth class municipalities of Ifugao which lacks enough funding to attain and sustain its development program particularly on tourism infrastructures and cultural preservations.

The municipal treasury office supervises the collection of the environmental fee.

The fees collected shall be utilized by farmers organizations recognized and approved by the respective Barangay Councils for livelihood programs or other eco-tourism related development programs particularly the owners and tenants of the rice terraces and dwellers of the traditional native huts-50 percent; by the LGU to fund eco-tourism priority development programs- 25 percent; by the Municipal Tourism Office to fund tourism programs, projects and activities integrated in the annual plan-15%, and 5% of the collection shall be utilized by the Banaue Tourism Council, and 2.5% each by the Municipal Tourism Board and the tourist police or the Philippine National Police for assistance to eco-tourism related activities.

Banaue is home to the renowned Ifugao Rice Terraces /JDP/DBC-PIA CAR, Ifugao

Mount Ugo Climb is a Hall of Famer Awardee in Tourism

I T O G O N , Benguet - The

Mount Ugo Summer Climb in this gold producing town bagged the Hall of Fame award for Best Tourism Event: Sports and Wellness Category- municipal level category during the annual tourism convention of the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines (ATOP) in Dapitan City recently.

Mayor Oscar Camantiles said that the Mount Ugo climb bested 86 entries in said category. This is Mount Ugo's third consecutive win since 2010, making it to the ATOP's Hall of Fame

Ito gon also won Best Tourism-Oriented Local Government Unit (LGU)- Municipal Level, Camantiles said.

Another eco-tourism mountain climbing activity, the first Mt. Purgatory-Mangisi Invitation Traverse organized by the municipality of Bokod also in Benguet, placed third in the same category.

The annual Mount Ugo summer climb is organized by barangay Tinongdan, home to the second highest mountain in Luzon, in partnership with the local government of Ito gon and sponsored by SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet, Inc. (SNAP-Benguet).

It attracts hundreds of local and out-of-town mountaineering enthusiasts and promotes environmental and cultural awareness. Held from March 30 to April 1, 2012, the 10th Mt. Ugo CLimb had the theme, "Celebrating a Decade of Nature and Culture Appreciation with Leisure."

SNAP Chief Corporate Services Officer Mike Hosillos said this further proves that the municipalities Bokod and Ito gon have a lot to offer in terms of eco-friendly and wellness activities that can also provide livelihood for local residents. The company also sponsored the Mt. Purgatory-Mangisi Invitation Traverse.

SNAP-Benguet owns and operates the 100-megawatt (MW) Binga Hydroelectric Power Plant is located at barangay Tinongdan in Ito gon and the 105-MW Ambuklao Hydroelectric Power Plant in barangay Ambuklao in Bokod./JBZ PIA-CAR

ized the 'lapat' system to protect and conserve its forest, and rationalize the exploitation of their natural resources.

Mayor Elias Bulut Sr. said the LGU in 2007 formally institutionalized the practice through Sangguniang Bayan Ordinance No. 06-2007, "An Ordinance Institutionalizing Lapat", an Isnag indigenous tradition declaring a certain area of land or a kaingin field (pagoomanan), portion of a forest (ginubat), river (apayaw) or creek (awweg) under individual or village protection.

He said all barangays have declared their identified communal lapat in various areas, creeks and forest which are now the breeding areas of different species of fish and wild animals.

The Lapat declarant prohibits anyone, even himself to enter, touch, catch or gather any product from the declared area until such time that the declarant opens or lifts (waswas/mangukas) the ban. At present, it is now one of the distinct and traditional ways of environmental preservation in the locality.

Some advantages are the prohibition of outside incursion, extraction of products, wildlife, aquamarine products and preserved habitation for a certain period of time.

Some lapat areas are registered with the barangay and the municipal government for record purposes and taxation, Bulut said.

"The municipality since 1971 has included in its Tax Code the regulation of the practice with the registration of all lapat declarations in the locality with a corresponding fee recognizing the valuable contribution of lapat to the environmental programs of the government, particularly on the conservation and preservation of the depleting natural resources of the land and water," he explained.

Traditionally the lifting of a Lapat is done during the death anniversary of the deceased family member (Minatay) whom the Lapat is offered. The declarant sets the day and informs his neighbours in the community that he's going to lift (mangukas) the lapat for them to participate and partake of its harvest. The family prepares all the necessary things for the feast (Say-am) especially the foods and drinks followed by some rituals including butchering of animals depending on the capacity of the declarant./PAB/PIA-CAR/Kalinga

Fire Incident Leaves more than 50 Homeless in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - More than 50 individuals

were left homeless after a fire razed their houses along Marcoville Barangay here in this city Friday morning.

Baguio Fire Department Fire Marshall Joe Fernand Bangyod said that the fire incident burned down three houses and partially damaged at least three more.

Bangyod said the fire incident started at around 10:30AM from the second floor of the house of a senior citizen then spread quickly to the nearby houses which are made mostly of pine wood and other light materials. He added the houses were old which were built in the 1950s.

Firemen from Baguio City and volunteers from the different nearby municipalities and private establishments helped put out the fire that lasted for at least two hours.

Baguio Water District which was just in front of the fire site helped with supply water. The Victory Liner also opened its compound for the firetrucks and water deliveries.

911 on call Rescue and Medical Team President Rafael Valencia said that the firemen and volunteers had a rough time convincing residents to leave their houses as they tried saving their things.

Bangyod said there was no casualty but a man was brought to the Baguio General Hospital for suffocation.

Affected residents are now at the barangay hall and the day care center. The City Social Welfare and Development Office immediately dispatched social workers and family packs to the fire victims.

As of press time, the Fire Department is still conducting investigation on the incident./RC-PIA CAR

DOLE Pushes Institutionalization, Strengthening of PESO Nationwide

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is pushing for the institutionalization and strengthening of Public Employment Service Office (PESO) nationwide in line with the government's goal of ensuring decent work and inclusive growth down at the grassroots level.

DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz stressed this in her keynote address during the opening program of the 12th National PESO Congress at the Baguio Country Club here. The event is participated by DOLE officials and PESO service officers from the 17 regions of the country.

Baldoz disclosed that the country, through the reforms being initiated by President Benigno Aquino III, is making headway in terms of competitiveness in investment and human capita both at the local and international scene. This she said is shown in the recent economic performance, business outlook and global competitiveness surveys and ratings.

She stressed the important role PESO plays in ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth by ensuring the availability of decent jobs down to the community or grassroots level, and the need to bring in additional capacity building activities to equip the PESO in their task of harnessing the talent environment in their localities.

"Within this context, the capacity of our PESOs must be progressively enhanced so that they can better respond to the ever changing global labor market and business environment. We have many programs toward this end. The fact is the annual National PESO Congress is one track that allows us to understand and appreciate PESOs' efforts to improve the delivery of employment-related services at the local level", Baldoz said.

She told the participants that DOLE is exploring complementary approaches that will provide the PESO with new technologies in program management and monitoring, and strategies on how to effectively evaluate performance indicators relative to DOLE or PESO-initiated programs.

"Hopefully, in the succeeding years, the goal of professionalizing the PESO will become a lasting strategy towards the institutionalization of all PESOs nationwide, and the creation of realistic and sound mechanisms and interventions that will aptly respond to the 'full cycle employment services approach'. Be assured that the Department shall continuously think of ways to improve our strong partnership", she said.

The National PESO Congress is an annual event being initiated by DOLE in coordination with PESO Philippines, Inc. This year's event adopts the theme, "Tugon ng PESO: Wastong Trabaho at Agarang Serbisyo". /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Ifugao PNP Director Bares Programs to State Workers

BANAUUE, Ifugao - The newly installed Officer-in-charge (OIC) of the Ifugao police force bared his plans and programs to state workers during the flag ceremony at the capitol compound last Monday.

Police Senior Superintendent Angelito Casimiro disclosed that he would enhance

communication engagement through intensified communication awareness/information activity and intensify police operation against illegal gambling, logging, drugs and other forms of illegal activities.

"The office will intensify intelligence and counter intelligence operation with our case op-

eration plans and intelligence fusion and strengthen legal offensive and human rights-based advocacy," he stated.

Casimiro also plans to enhance the unit's capability (equipped) and capacity (human resource trainings) in investigation, internal security

41 Benguet Coops Get Livelihood Assistance

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - An aggregate amount of P4.25 million was allocated to cooperatives in the province to fund livelihood projects to complement their existing income generating projects.

The funding comes from the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) of Benguet Lone District Representative Ronald Cosalan wof which amount ranging from P50,000.00 to P300,000.00 is allocated for 41 cooperatives.

Augustus Gayudan of the Office of the Congressman said the funds will be channeled to the respective local government units for disbursement. Regular monitoring and evaluation will be undertaken, he added.

Gayudan admitted they cannot accommodate all the requests for additional capital due to limited budget which cover the soft portion of the Congressman's PDAF.

He identified the recipients of the livelihood assistance program as follows: For Atok municipality, Pasdong Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MPC), Naguey MPC, Caliking Proper MPC, Sowe MPC, Busoc MPC, Bentew Timpyog Credit Coop with allocation of P100,000.00 each and Atok Arabica Coffee Growers Marketing Coop, P75,000.

For Bakun, Kayapa-Bakun Domoco MPC, P100,000. For Buguias are Babudemco, P100,000 and Bileng MPC P75,000. For Bokod is Karao Tribe MPC in the amount of P75,000.

For Itogon, Balococ-Cashit-Tabulangay MPC, P240,000; Itogon Government Employees MPC, P300,000; Agno River MPC, P150,000; and Tocmo-Abkil-Labilab MPC, P100,000.

For Kabayan, Anchokey MPC, P50,000; Lusod MPC, P100,000, and Tawangan MPC, P200,000.

For Kapangan, Tacumpc-Tabao Credit Consumers, Petall MPC Labuer Credit Consumers, and Kapangan Central SC Coop with P100,000 each; Datakan MPC Credit Consumers, P150,000.00; Sagubo MPC Credit Consumers, Mabuhay MPC Credit Consumers, and Gadang Agrarian Reform Community MPC, with P50,000 each.

For the capital town of La Trinidad, Lubas Women's Credit Corporation and Latop MPC with P75,000 each.

For Sablan, Bagong Credit Co-op, P75,000; Bagong Farmer's Co-op and Kamog Credit Co-op, P100,000.

For Tuba, Taloy Norte MPC, P200,000; Lupitan MPC, P50,000; Nangalisan MPC, P160,000; Taloy Sur MPC, P200,000, and Parasipis MPC, P100,000.

For Tublay, Ba-ayan -Togoy MPC, Basil-Aduyon MPC, Ambongdolan-Batwag, Tuel-Sampc, and Caponga-Palew MPC, with P100,000 each, and Duhot MPC, P75,000.

Gayudan urged the co-op grantees to properly carry out and manage the projects in order to apportion some amounts in the succeeding year to other co-ops also needing some funding.

He admitted they cannot accommodate all the requests for additional capital due to limited budget./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

operations, legal offensive, disaster preparedness/search and rescue and environmental protection.

He said the province will acquire seven patrol cars and one motorcycle including a fair share of the gluck and assault rifles.

He also disclosed that one repeater system and

a base radio will be installed at the provincial police office, and hand-held radios for municipal police stations.

The OIC stressed to enhance the moral recovery program of the PNP in the province and sustain facility development with the completion of Tinoc

Municipal Police Station and Phase one of Kiangnan MPS.

Also in the pipeline are the construction of an ecumenical chapel inside the PNP Camp, a new provincial police headquarters and a mini-gym for Ifugao Provincial Police Office. /JDP/MBL-PIA-CAR/Ifugao

UNWFP Launches Disaster Preparedness And Response Project Phase II in Benguet

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Disaster Preparedness and Response Project Phase II under the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) is all set to expand to two towns in the province.

The good results of the Phase I UNWFP-funded project on disaster preparedness and response propelled the second wave of the project to include the municipalities of Kibungan and Kapangan.

Michelle Mc Gonagle, UNWFP-Philippines Disaster Preparedness and Response (DPR) Coordinator, said the results of the DPR Phase I project in partnerships with the province and the local government units (LGUs) of Tublay and Atok, were encouraging. The DPR project was an offshoot of their feeding operations during the disaster wrought by typhoon Pepeng in 2009.

Mc Gonagle said UNWFP looks forward to work with partners in the Phase II of the project involving P20 million in accomplishing activities until April 2013. These include additional technical trainings, contingency plans, needs assessment and logistics, establishment of emergency response teams, establishment of Incident Command System (ICS), strengthening of early warning and communication system, installation of weather stations, IEC campaigns to raise community awareness, and provision of key emergency equipment.

Team of experts from the University of the Philippines Baguio will enhance stakeholders' capability in utilizing rainfall threshold in the landslide early warning system in the municipality of Tublay.

Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. will support the four LGUs in strengthening institutional and community capacities to plan and implement disaster risk reduction management strategies integrating disaster preparedness, mitigation, and recovery.

Component projects per area are as follows: Province - Augmenting Institutional Capacity to Raise Awareness; Atok - Strengthening Capacity and Enhancing the Resilience; Tublay - Developing Early Warning Systems and Establishing a Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council; Kapangan - Strengthening Institutional Capacity and Engaging Barangay Emergency Responders; and Kibungan - Strengthening the Municipal DRRM Council on DPR.

In the first wave of the project, the province was able to strengthen Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Council (PDRRC) through capacity building and contingency and strategic planning, developed provincial emergency operations guide, established Incident Command System (ICS), and developed ICS manual.

For Tublay and Atok, agro-forestry projects were implemented such as tree planting activities, establishment of nurseries for planting materials, planting of vetiver grass for stabilizing slopes and reduction of the occurrence of landslides.

Mc Gonagle believes that the active involvement of partners is the key to the success of the project.

Other institutional partners of the Phase II project are the Australian Aid, United States Aid and Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Governor Nestor Fongwan, who was on top of the disaster operations in 2009, acknowledged the need for additional resources in pushing for the project saying that getting more help would mean saving more lives.

Mc Gonagle recounted that UNWFP's mission was to feed the hungry during disaster operations but soon realized in working across the globe that the people who are most hungry are those affected by natural and man-made disasters.

UNWFP now has committed to reduce the risk of these disasters and build government and communities to be prepared and to respond to these disasters.

The aim is to implement small scale high impact projects to mitigate specific climate change-related risks, build resilience and manage response to natural disasters, and boost the government's technical capabilities.

UNWFP has also projects among disaster prone areas in the Luzon such as Laguna, Sorsogon and Cagayan./JDP/SCA-PIA CAR, Benguet

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE

Upon extra-judi-
cial for sale of Real
Estate Mortgage un-
der Act No. 3135, as
amended, filed by
the petitioner-mort-
gagee, JOHN L.
BAYAO, of legal
age, married to

GRACE M. BAYAO, Filipino and resident of JE-120 Central Pico, La Trinidad, obligation of respondent-mortgagor, WILLIAM MIGUEL, of legal age, married to Judith Juan, Filipino and with residence and postal address at Bridal Camp 1, Tuba, Benguet, hereinafter referred to as the mortgagor, in order to satisfy his obligation to the mortgagee which as of 11 May 2005, is in the principal amount of FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P 50,000.00) PESOS., Philippine Currency, which amount has been due and which amount stated excludes the interest thereon, attorneys fees, publication costs, sheriff's commission and other necessary fees and incidental expenses to be incurred in the foreclosure proceedings. The undersigned Sheriff announces that he will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on 7 November 2012 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, one (1) parcel of registered land, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

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CERTIFICATE OF
LAND OWNERSHIP
AWARD NO.
00285186

"A parcel of agricultural land situated in Barangay Tabaan Sur, Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, Island of Luzon, Philippines, containing an area of FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FIVE (14,745) square meters, more or less, x x x"

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

In case of failure in the auction sale as scheduled, the same is hereby rescheduled on 29 November 2012 at the same time and place without need of republication.

Let the foregoing be published at THE JUNCTION NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks before the date of the auction sale. La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 10th day of October, 2012.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF OF
BENGUET

By: (SGD) HENRY
B. LONGAY, JR.
Sheriff IV

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Bontoc LGU Organizes Eco-Tourism Council

BONTOC, Mt. Province - In its desire to promote the tourism industry of this capital town, the local government recently organized the municipal tourism council.

Called the as Bontoc Eco-Tourism Council, it is chaired by Mayor Pascual Sacgaca with Councilor Constancio Miranda, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Tourism chairman, and Paulino Tumapang, Jr. representing the private sector as vice chairpersons.

The council is tasked as the sole coordinating and decision-making body on all tourism programs of the municipality and shall be responsible for marketing and promoting Bontoc, domestically

and internationally, as an eco-tourism destination, highlighting the natural wonders and tourism products and services.

Among the tourists attractions in Bontoc are the picturesque Maligcong and Bayyo Rice Terraces, the Mainit Hotsprings, the Bontoc Museum, the Ganga Caves of Alab and the Bontoc culture.

The council will also prepare a 10-year Tourism Master Plan for the municipality which shall be used as guideline in the implementation of all tourism programs. The master plan shall be guided with the following policies: it should have a low impact on protected areas and natural resources; in-

volves stakeholders in the planning; development, implementation and monitoring phases; strictly observes a high respect for local cultures and traditions; generates sustainable and equitable income for local communities and other stakeholders as possible; generates income for protected and conservation areas; and educate stakeholders on their role in conservation.

Also created to serve as technical working group of the council is Tourism Coordinating Board chaired by Zenith Rose Dalog of the Mayor's Office and Lambert Kisofen, Jr. - tourism Officer-designate as the vice chairperson.

Members of the Council include

Councilor Bryan Byrd Bellang, President of the Association of Barangay Chairmen; Provincial Director Anthony Ballug of the Department of Interior and Local Government; Municipal Health Officer Diga Kay Gomez; Rene Ramel, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Anthony Waking of the Bontoc Federated Association of Tricycle Operators and Drivers; Engr. Florante Mejia of the Bontoc Chamber of Commerce and Bontoc Business Circle; Mabel Banggawan of the Department of Trade and Industry; Paula Acofo of the Bontoc Market Vendors' Association; Reynaldo Waytan of the Tour Guides Operations Group; Johnny

Martinez, Jr., President of the Sangguniang Kabataan Municipal Federation; Jay Maris Ayochok of the Mt. Province State Polytechnic College; Jose Bogwana of the Department of Education; Apollo Padaan of the Radyo ng Bayan-Bontoc; Benedict Gan-aen of the Philippine National Police; Engr. Esther Taynec of the Department of Public Works and Highways; Miguela Limmayog of the Department of Labor and Employment; Joel Fagsao of the Xijen College of Mt. Province; Henry Fesway of the CLIKLATO Photography Club Inc., and the Philippine Information Agency./JDP/JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province

Study on Kalinga Heirloom Beads Highlights IP Month Celebration

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Varied and highly valued indigenous heirloom beads known as 'bongor' of the Kalinga people would be put on display come October 27 at the provincial capitol gym in an event dubbed "Kalinga Bongor 'Heirloom Beads' Congress".

The activity intends to gather Kalinga heirloom beads owners, collectors, sellers and enthusiasts to exhibit their beads for photo documentation for research materials and public information.

National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) Kalinga Director and Provincial Tourism Council President Natividad Suguiyao said the event aims to provide better understanding on the role of beads in the Kalinga culture, where it actually originated, and how it became a part of

their lives.

"We will be inviting resource people to talk about this during the event to discuss the origin of the beads in an attempt to trace the history of Kalinga through the beads," she said.

Suguiyao shared that based on a study conducted by Benjamin Abellera, author of 'The heirloom beads of Lubo, Kalinga-Apayao,' heirloom beads in Lubo, Kalinga "are closely related to the social, economic and aesthetic components

of the society and culture."

Beads he said are "social differentiators since they are the index of their owners' wealth and social position in the community."

According to Suguiyao, antique beads are highly prized in Kalinga but little is known and studied on where they actually originated as they were used for trade and barter during the early times.

"Since beads also serve social and spiritual roles, they offer new paths for understanding those aspects of culture most commonly concealed from archaeologists. Their disposal whether in grave, an offering, a cache, rubbish heap, trap, or just scattered around a site encodes information

about past activities," she related.

To preserve this Kalinga culture, she said they are inviting secondary, tertiary and graduate schools in the province "to raise awareness of the importance of beads and for the graduate students to take interest in conducting further research on the Kalinga heirloom beads and its historical importance to the Kalinga people."

The event culminates the province's celebration of the 9th Regional Indigenous Month with the theme, "Transforming Cordillera through Harmonized Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices and Modern Technologies under and Autonomous Region."/JDP/ GGD-PIA-CAR, Kalinga

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We believe that the Golden Rule applies to animals, too. We don't accept the prevailing notion that "people come first" or that "people are more important than animals." Animals feel pain and suffer just as we do, and it is almost always humans making animals suffer and not the other way around. Yet in spite of how cruelly people behave towards animals - not to mention human cruelty to other humans- we are supposed to believe that humans are superior to other animals. If people want to fancy themselves as being of greater moral worth than the other creatures on this earth, we should begin behaving better than they do, and not worse. Let's start treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

- Public Service Message from Linis Gobyerno www.linisgobyerno.org

COMELEC Confirms 27 Senatoriables While 57 others Still On The Waiting List

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process on the line is a "nuisance candidate". Participating in elections costs a lot of money so why do they still do it despite their obvious eventual disqualification? Is it the same blind ambition that drives millions to join American Idol even if their voices shriek otherwise? Or is it because they feel that they can really make that change?

Out of a total Eighty Four (84) Certificates of Candidacies (COCs) at this point only 27 have been officially accepted and the remaining 57 still have to prove their legitimacy and appear before the poll body. here-with is the list of the 27 confirmed and legitimate candidates and also the remaining unconfirmed 57 candidates: **AKBAYAN-Hontiveros**, Ana Theresia N., **ANG KAPATIRAN**- 1. De Los Reyes, John Carlos G., 2. Llasos, Marwil N., 3. David, Rizalito Y., **LABAN NG DEMOKRATIKONG PILIPINO (LABAN)**- 1. Angara, Juan Edgardo M., **LIBERAL PARTY**- 1. Aquino, Paolo Benigno IV A., 2. Madrigal, Maria Ana Consuelo A., 3. Magsaysay, Ramon Jr., B., **MAKABAYAN**- 1. Casino, Teodoro A., **NACIONALISTAPARTY**- 1. Cayetano, Alan Peter S., 2. Trillanes, Antonio IV F.,

3. Villar, Cynthia A., **NATIONALIST PEOPLES COALITION (NPC)**- 1. Enrile, Juan Ponce Jr., C., 2. Legarda, Lorna Regina B., **PDP-LABAN**- 1. Pimentel, Aquilino Martin III D., **UNITED NATIONALIST ALLIANCE (UNA)**- 1. Binay, Maria Lourdes Nancy S., 2. Cojuangco, Margarita R., 3. Ejercito, Joseph Victor G.

4. Gordon, Richard J., 5. Honasan, Gregorio B., 6. Maceda, Ernesto M., 7. Magsaysay, Maria Milagros Esperanza H., 8. Zubiri, Juan Miguel F., **INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**- 1. Escudero, Francis Joseph G., 2. Llamanzares, Mary Grace P., 3. Hagedorn, Edward S., 4. Montaña, Ramon E.

List of the fifty seven (57) unconfirmed candidates pending their proof of legitimacy and capability to run. 1. Baguio, Florentino F., 2. Bantolo, Rosario S., 3. Bernardino, Aeric P., 4. Bula, Leonardo C., 5. Cabrera, Rafael M., 6. Cadag, Victorio Angelo A., 7. Cailing, Patrocino A., 8. Capular, Elizabeth S., 9. Dazo, Catalino A., 10. Dimaya, Arsenio T., 11. Donato, Juanito E., 12. Escosura, Anicio B., 13. Espinosa, Manuel P., 14. Factor, Generoso J., 15. Fernandez, Eduardo Syamasundar-Das P.,

16. Garay, Roque F., 17. Gorostiza, Byron Adriano D., 18. Handumon, Benjamin Jr., S., 19. Insigne, Manuel E., 20. Jolongbayan, Edwin S., 21. Lacan Luisong Taguean, Salam Ed Jr., E., 22. Lagata, Merlito O., 23. Lawag, Victor S., 24. Lope, Wendell H., 25. Magtira, Daniel R., 26. Maluenda, Severo Jr. L., 27. Mandap, Elena L.,

28. Ning, Carlito P., 29. Nocon, Valeriano III P., 30. Penon, Richard L., 31. Po, Manuel A., 32. Rirao, Marlon G., 33. Rojas, Ericson Eli Felix B., 34. Salangsang, Pepito S., 35. Santosidad, Rebecca C., 36. Soriano, Cosme Omie P., 37. Suerte, Orlando G., 38. Sulibit, Nonato M., 39. Talag, Alfonso, Jr. E., 40. Tomol, Rogelio C.

41. Villamor, Ulyn E., The Comelec will

meanwhile summon the following on October 19, 2012 **KILUSANG BAGONG LIPUNAN**- 1. Abella, Alma L., 2. Chavez, Melchor G., 3. Gundayao, Virgilio G., 4. Lozano, Oliver U., 5. Nueva, Norma C., 6. Pancho, Jr. Wenceslao P., 7. Wood, Victor N., **DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES**- 8. Belgica, Greco Antonious Beda B., 9. Falcone, Baldomero C., 10. Señeres, Christian M., **SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIETY**- 11. Alcantara, Samson S., **INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**- 12. Cadion, Leo M., 13. Galang, Virgilio J., 14. Ajel, Remelyn T., 15. Marcos, Francis Leo A., 16. Sy, Johnny Chris H./A. Pedronio, The Junction Researcher/Consultant

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Domingo added.

At the end of the forum, I assisted the seafarers in asking the POEA to re-deploy them under the "name hire" rule, even if their local agency is still under suspension.

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REACTIONS? Please call me at 0917 984 24 68, 0918 574 0193, 0922 833 43 96. Email: batasmauricio@yahoo.com.

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ang pagka talo ay hindi masyadong kahiya-hiya ang numero ng nakukuha mong boto. Ika nga, it is ok to loose with pride and with your dignity intact, but how can you loose with pride and with your dignity intact if you only get very few votes and all you can talk about is all **CRAP, DUNG, TRASH, BASURA and your FANTASY WORLD.**

Kaya ipatuloy mo ang pakiki deal mo sa iyong Executive "BOBO" Secretary at yun isang sidekick mo na isang sabit na opisyal sa gobyerno (huy sabit baka filan ka namin ng reklamo sa Ombudsman etc..., iwasan mo maging partisan, oras ng gobyerno ginaganmit mo para sa amo mo na hinuhutot mo lang). Kung sa dati ay mahigit One Thousand (1,000) Votes ang iyong nakuha aba eh, sa ngayon malamang ay less than 1,000 votes na ang makukuha mo kapag patuloy kang pinapaligiran ng mga dakila mong sip-sip at pag huhut lang ang lakad nila sayo. Actually, k Babaleyan wala kang dapat alalahanin na mayroon sisira sayo kasi mismong mga taong nakapaligid sayo ang sumisira sayo at wala naman ng sisirain sayo sapagkat dati ka ng isang **Sirang Komiko** na walang Sumiseryoso sa iyo. **Hi! Hi! Hi!**

The Peace Combatant

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will be significantly revised. Recall that many bills in Congress are being attended to. Thus, in effect, what we have is a situation of a sword of Damocles on our heads: Filipinos will be restrained from exercising freedoms because of restrictions under the anti-cybercrime law. Thus, given the foregoing, the Peace Combatant joins the Filipino people in protesting against this law and recommends that the law be significantly improved.

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Lawmaker

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defamation.

"There is a need to repeal the criminal defamation laws in the country since the present laws create a chilling effect on the community. We need to balance the need to promote the right of freedom of expression and the government's duty to hold accountable those who abuse it," he said.

Cayetano considers the move to amend the Anti-Cybercrime Law as a catalyst for the decriminalization of libel in the country. He added that legislators should pass laws that further promote the positive use of technology and not pass laws that curtail people's freedom of expression and creativity.

The senator said that prior to the passage of the controversial law, very little attention has been given to the proposal to decriminalize libel - notwithstanding the fact that most, if not all, civil democratic societies today do not prosecute libel both as a criminal and civil case.

He stressed that decriminalizing libel will greatly minimize the use of it as tool for harassment against members of the media particularly those in the community media.

The minority leader further noted that those who are defending the measure don't really understand the Internet as a medium being a non-traditional media.

"This new media is about individual expressions, freedom, empowerment and our democracy. This means that the freedom of expression guaranteed by the Constitution has taken a new life in this medium," he said.

He pointed out that the public's reaction to the passage of the law should serve as a notice to lawmakers that although they were given the mandate by the people to represent them, people also want to be empowered./Office of Senator Alan Peter Cayetano

Questions.....

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might also be in violation of Republic Act 9184 or the procurement law which requires a procurement plan. The project, he said, should be included first in the city's procurement plan.

Fianza said the TOR also does not conform to any of the seven development options provided under the BOT law.

He said these concerns along with the maintenance requirement of the LED lights should be considered by the technical working group that drafted the TOR.

He also suggested that the city consider undertaking the bulb replacement on a phase-by-phase basis to enable it to shoulder the high cost required.

Fianza also questioned the projected cost-savings sharing scheme for lack of definite basis.

"We are speculating on the savings (to be generated). We are actually gambling," he said.

Councilor Perlita Rondez echoed Fianza' observation saying this should not be a "guess work" and that a feasibility study should first be conducted to determine the proposed project's viability.

Rondez also suggested that the city undertake the LED lights replacement on its own through other financial means like loans or available allocations like the LED lighting project implemented along Camp 7 funded

by Rep. Bernardo Vergara's Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF).

Councilors Nicasio Aliping Jr. and Isabelo Cosalan Jr. said the sharing scheme should be more definite.

Assistant city accountant Almaya Addawe, a member of the technical working group promised to consider the observations of the members in further refining the TOR.

Mayor Domogan earlier convened the technical working committee which drafted the TOR led by city administrator Carlos Canilao and the council committee on laws under Councilor Richard Carino to adjust the terms and resolve the gray areas.

He said it was agreed that the TOR should be geared towards obtaining the best offer to improve the lighting service along streets and public buildings to better serve the lighting needs of the public.

Under the venture, the city hopes to cut down its power costs through a cost-saving share scheme with a qualified company.

The city at present incurs P42.32 million electric bill per year for a total of 8,200 lighting fixtures lighting streets, alleys, parks, overpasses and flyovers plus P24.08 million for the lighting of government offices and schools.

The winning firm is expected to undertake replacement at no expense to the city within six months upon signing of the contract and to take charge of the repair and maintenance of all installed LED lighting equipment for a period of 12 years. - A Refuerzo

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spectations of various establishments continue by the city monitoring team composed of the city licensing office under Cristo Lagyop, the public order and safety division under Fernando Moyaen and the city police under acting police chief Supt. Jesus Cambay.

Last June, the mayor ordered the census of business establishments operating in the city's 128 barangays "to establish a benchmark on the actual number of business establishments operating with or without business permits in the city and to provide a database for our revenue-generating and service-oriented establishment."/A Refuerzo

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

NELSON SAGISI

Applicants

Case No: 98-BC-490

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TAXI Service for the transportation of passengers and freight 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 October 24, 2012 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Poadal, 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 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 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 deems necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAYER, Regional Director for the 4th day of October 2012. (SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
Attorney IV

Advocacy Mindanow.....

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core policy to continue to be responsible "almost indefinitely" on "life after mining" to the communities and the mined-out areas.

Dr. Antonio Moran, Chair of UP Mindanao's Department of Social Sciences, evidently worried about the future, asked Xstrata until when its team intended to stay to do water treatment and monitoring, biodiversity projects (for the birds, the bats, etc.) area rehabilitation and restoration. Xstrata's answer: "We really don't know until when. Indefinitely, I guess. For as long as there is work to do and we are needed." A biodiversity expert dreamed of making the mined area a sanctuary of wildlife and showed us later some bird's nests when we walked on mine waste at the dam area.

"That's a project of a lifetime", remarked Lawyer Rogelio "Bicbic" Garcia, a Jaycee International Senator from General Santos City. Bicbic had been a strong proponent and a leader of JCI's nation-wide advocacy for responsible and sustainable mining.

IN LOVE ---- Despite the harsh weather conditions, all of us except for a few made the steep climb to a high point and watched how the open pit mine was now a fresh water lake and the tailings dam a dried up sandy deposit with some developing organic but still thin top soil from 20 years of grassy vegetation.

When our bus slowly crawled out of Brenda Mines at the end of the day and headed for the night towards Kelowna, Okanagan Valley, (famous for resort living, skiing in winter and its winery) Businessman Marfin Tan, a fishing magnate and official of the GenSan Chamber of Commerce told me: "Bro, I fell in love with Brenda today." Yes, many of us did. And Brenda Mines will be long remembered when we return home.

(Next episode: "visiting a big Canadian operating mine")

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sectoral representative in the city council.

The body said it is the NCIP's function in coordination with the Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG) "to determine and certify the minimum IP threshold required for the IPs to be entitled to a sectoral representative in the city council" in line with the DILG-NCIP Joint Circular No. 001 series of 2011 which provides the guidelines for the determination of the minimum threshold for IP and Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICC) population in a local government unit to allow the mandatory representation in the local sanggunians.

The representation of the IP is mandated under the implementing rules of the Local Government Code of 1991.

The committee on education noted that there is no data on IP/ICC population in the city and the only available data on ethnicity is household population by mother tongue for 2000 and 2007.

"Without the IP/ICC population, the minimum number to be met for an IP mandatory representative in the sanggunian may not be computed," the committee noted.

"While the threshold can also be com-

puted on the basis of land area occupied by IP/ICC, data on IP/ICC landholding cannot also be obtained as would provide basis for the determination of minimum five percent of the total land area of the LGU for a representative in the sanggunian."

The committee further observed that there are various IPs in the city and the "computation of the threshold may not be proper to be based on the aggregate IPs population because of diverse culture." /A Refuerzo

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Johnson.

This was followed by sessions on Full Cycle Employment Facilitation System by Asian Development Bank principal economist Kelly Bird and Active Labor Market Policies and Related ILO Conventions and Standards on Employment Services by ILO senior employment services specialist Donna Koeltz.

Capping the first day was the awarding of the 2012 Best PESOs in the country.

Other sessions covered were on Career Development on Agribusiness Industry tackled by Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food Inc. chair Alejandro Escano; Career Development on Tourism Industry by Philippine Travel Agencies Association vice president for inbound Fe Ablang Yu; Career Development on BPO-ICT Industry by Business Processing Association executive director for human resource Nathan Andaya; and PESO-DepEd Program Complementation on Career Advocacy by DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro.

A business meeting by the PESOPhil Inc., a fellowship and city tour capped the congress. /A Refuerzo

SOFAD.....

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SOFAD Bacolong shall be the city's top man while SOFAD Malafu presides over her fellow Scout officials, councilors for a day, as they work on their proposed resolutions and ordinances.

SOFAD Ramil Ico of Pines City National High School (PCNHS) shall take charge of Councilor Nicasio Aliping, Jr.'s Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation committee, as SOFAD Diane Nazarro of UCLHS replaces Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda as chair of the Social Services, Women and Urban Poor committee.

SOFAD Ian Cristopher Mangaogang of Don Bosco High School (DBHS) shall be Urban Planning, Lands and Housing committee chair, vice Councilor Isabelo Cosalan, Jr.

Councilor Elmer Datuin who chairs the Tourism, Special Events, Parks and Playgrounds shall be replaced by SOFAD Glydel Ann Daniel of the University of Baguio Science High School (UBSHS), as Carlos Gabriel Blanco of PCNHS replaces Councilor Peter Fianza as chair of the Education, Culture and Historical Research committee.

University of Baguio High School's SOFAD Avegail Dominguez replaces Councilor Edison Bilog as chair of Human Rights, Justice, Public Protection and Safety, Peace and Order committee; Franklin Ian Wayang of UBSHS shall be chair of the Laws committee, vice Councilor Richard Carino.

SOFAD Ana Marie Cacayuran replaces Councilor Perlita Chan-Rondez as chair of Market, Trade and Commerce committee,

SOFAD Carlos Escaler for Councilor Fred Bagbagen as chair of Employment, Livelihood and Cooperatives, Handicapped and Differently-Abled Persons committee; and SOFAD Kristian Angelo dela Pena for Councilor Phillian Louise Weygan-Allan as chair of the Ethics, Governmental Affairs and Personnel committee. The scout officials are from UB Science High School.

SOFAD Kristine Arlyce de Guzman replaces Councilor Nicasio Palaganas, chair of Public Works committee; SOFAD Nizza Ann Payap-a for Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, chair of Health and Sanitation, Ecology and Environment Protection; SOFAD Gian Carlo Guanzon for Councilor Joel Alangsab, chair of Barangay Affairs; and SOFAD April Joy Quirimit for Councilor Karminn Cheryl Dinney Yangot, chair of Youth Welfare and Sports Development. The scout officials are from UB High School.

City Administrator Atty. Carlos Canilao shall be replaced by SOFAD Eull Jay Guevara (UBSHS), as SOFAD Leanna Rebekah Saldivar (UBSHS) is City Accountant for a day, vice Antonio Tabin.

Department heads shall also be replaced by scout officials; City Building and Architecture Officer Oscar Flores' position is handed over to Shaine Badongen (UBHS), and City Budget Officer Atty. Leticia Clemente shall be replaced for a day by R-Jay de Guzman (UBHS).

SOFAD John Vee Uminga shall be city civil registrar, vice Ms. Sylvia Laudencia; and Renaliza Juanbe takes care of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), vice Ms. Cordelia Lacsamana. Both scouts are from UC Lab High School.

SOFAD Amundsen Peary Tai (UBHS) replaces City Engineer Leo Bernardez, Jr.; SOFAD Nikki Sandra Perez of St. Louis University Lab High School (SLULHS) for General Services Officer Romeo Concio; SOFAD Jan Lee Barela (UBHS) for Health Services Officer Dr. Florence Reyes; SOFAD Clarisel Bateria of Baguio City National High School (BCNHS) for City Human Resource Management Officer Dr. Estrella Bisquera; SOFAD Oliver Abulencia Jr. (BCNHS) for Planning and Development Officer Engr. Evelyn Cayat; and SOFAD Mary Faith Pizarro (DBHS) for City Legal Officer Atty. Melchor Carlos Rabanes.

City Secretary Prudencio Parnacio, Jr., shall be replaced by SOFAD Juherm Geor Venus (UCLHS); City Social Welfare and Development Officer Betty Fangasan, by SOFAD Kimberly Anne Lynne of (BCNHS); Assistant Treasurer/In-charge of Office Alicia Onoza, by SOFAD Rheyman Gonatic of Quezon Hill Elementary School; City Veterinarian Dr. Brigit Plok by SOFAD Pernell Bagsan of Easter College Elementary Department (ECED); OIC Schools Division Superintendent Atty. Agustin Laban III by SOFAD Johnny Daliling of Special Education Center (SPED); Assistant City Assessor Nilda Navarro by SOFAD Parvaneh Bagsan (ECED); and, City Register of Deeds Atty. Noel Aperocho by Francis Vhan Pascual of Dona Nicasia Puyat Elementary School.

Baguio City Police Office's just-installed Director Jesus Cambay is unseated for a day by SOFAD Keisha Therese Rigos (SPED), while City Fire Marshall Chief Inspector Joe Fernan Bangyod shall be re-

placed by SOFAD Maverick Bondad of Quezon Hill Elementary School (QHES).

City Jail Warden - Bureau of Jail Management and Penology head Wilson Banasen is replaced by SOFAD John Carlo Martos (SPED); Scout State Auditor IV Noemi Tagudar by SOFAD Anne Drew Bautista of University of Baguio Lab Elem School (UBLES); City Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) Edgardo Flor by SOFAD Mikaela Abelanes of Lucban Elementary School (LES); City Director Evelyn Trinidad by SOFAD Jameze Rae Villanueva of SPED; City Prosecutor Gloria Agunos by SOFAD Mary Grace Diane Lazatin of Mary Immaculate School (MIS); Senior Transportation District Officer, Land Transportation Office Teodora Caguicla by SOFAD Asher Rifani of Lucban Elementary School.

Baguio Central School's SOFAD Danielle Louise Chua takes over the Baguio Customer Service Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) headed by Engr. John Gerald Marasigan; SOFAD Kevin Joshua Ancheta (Mary Immaculate School) shall take charge of the Baguio Water District (BWD) as headed by General Manager Teresita de Guzman; and SOFAD Ma. Ysabelle Verzosa of Magsaysay Elementary School takes over Benguet Electric Company (BENECO) head Gerardo Versoza.

SOFAD Aira Mae Jordan (Magsaysay Elem Sch.) sits as Regional Trial Court (RTC) Judge Branch 3, vice Judge Rose Mary Molina-Alim; SOFAD Eric Jon Luis Jucutan of UB LES for RTC Branch 4 Judge Mia Joy Cawed; SOFAD Nichole Trinidad of Josefa Carino Elem. School for RTC Branch 5 Judge Antonio Esteves; SOFAD Zayne Lee Abad of ECED for RTC Branch 6 Judge Cecilia Corazon Dulay-Archog; SOFAD Kyla Sophia Nicole Advincula of UC Lab Elem. School (UCLES) for RTC Branch 7 Judge Mona Liza Tabora; SOFAD Leandro Rey Gepila (UCLES) for RTC Branch 59 Judge Iluminada Cabato; SOFAD Angel Nicole Bacani (UCLES) for RTC Branch 60 Judge Edilberto Clavarall; and SOFAD Steven Balanza (ECED) for RTC Branch 61 Judge Antonio Reyes.

RTC Clerk of Court IV Atty. Linda Montes-Loloy shall be replaced for a day by SOFAD Angelique Gabrielle Agua of A. Mabini Elem. School; SOFAD Paul Ysrael Bulatao of Mary Immaculate School takes over Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) Branch 1 Judge Robert Mabalot; SOFAD Shiann Nicole Anama of Quezon Hill Elementary School for MTCC Branch 2 Judge Glenda Soriano; SOFAD Keri Ervince Kosiej of Loakan Elementary School for MTCC Branch 3 Judge Leody Opolinto; SOFAD Aileen Julienne Fernandez of Quezon Elem School for MTCC Branch 4 Judge Ma. Clarita Casuga-Tabin; SOFAD Adrienne Nicole Gama (UCLES) replaces MTCC Clerk of Court IV Armando Ydia.

The scout official for a day is part of the celebration of Scouting month, being done nationwide. Boy and Girl Scouts from the city's elementary and high schools are screened by the Boy and Girl Scout of the Philippines, Baguio Chapter, and would perform the duties of the officials as to designation. - juliegfianza

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in serving the people, he said.

Congressman Vergara through Atty. Fortea asked that the local officials serve their constituents with dedication as to be "worthy of emulation," and serve as inspiration to the general public.

RD Castaneda, in his speech advocated the "good governance" legacy left by the late DILG Secretary Jesse Robredo. He also pointed out the need for organized participation between the public and private groups, accountability of public officials, responsiveness to the needs of the general public; full disclosure and transparency; and clarity of rules and regulations being imposed. Public officials are expected to be "mahusay, matino at karapat-dapat," he said.

He also lauded Baguio's award for good housekeeping in 2011 which gained P3M for the city. RD Castaneda also advocated the need for Baguio to maintain good relations between and among neighboring towns; the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tublay concept. Expansion within the neighboring areas may also offer economic gains, business prospects, and solutions for Baguio's problems, he said.

In connection with the celebration, the biggest loser in line with Healthy Lifestyle spearheaded by the City Nutrition Council (BCNC) and Health Services Office was also awarded.

According to Health Officer Angelita Sabado, the participants in the pound-by-pound weight loss program exerted effort as to aero exercise, healthy lifestyle and diet which resulted to four to twelve-kilo-loss within a four-month period, from June to September this year.

The weight-loss program was done with professional trainers and evaluators where Janet Francisco of North Central Aurora Hill won with the most number of excess pounds shed off. Second, third and fourth placers are: Joan Vister of New Lucban, Margarita Zapanta of Upper Quezon Hill, and Imelda de Vera of Trancoville, respectively.

Active participants also in the program are: Luz Laop of Irisan, Myla Marie de Los Santos of Imelda Village, Jenny Dang-as of East Quirino Hill and Annabelle Felicio of Lopez Jaena barangays.

It is envisioned that the weight-losers shall serve as examples to those who aspire to be fit and healthy./juliegfianza

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poor African women, particularly those positive with HIV/AIDS or other contagious diseases for the main reason that if arrested, these drug mules will not be detained in jails because the authorities will opt to deport the disease-infected couriers rather than lock them up.

Meanwhile, PDEA - CAR Regional Director Ronald Allan Ricardo disclosed that most prevalent modus operandi of the ADS operative is to make a Filipina his girlfriend, who subsequently will be the one to recruit fellow Filipinos to become drug mules. Usually recruited are tourist-visa holders.

In which Ricardo advises Cordillerans to keep themselves from falling into the hands of the ADS or from becoming drug

mules.

"Be vigilant on people offering easy money and work abroad especially when you are unsure of the nature of the job. Check if your recruiter's or recruitment agency's papers and documents underwent the proper process. Avoid bringing other people's luggage or packages especially when you do not know what is contained inside even when they are offering money," Ricardo stressed.

For victims that were already recruited as drug courier, Ricardo advised them to immediately seek help and report illegal drug activities to proper authorities such as the PDEA, the Philippine National Police (PNP) or the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

For those victimized abroad, they can go to the Philippine Embassy in the country where they are staying for immediate assistance and coordination for the needed appropriate actions, Ricardo added./JDP/CCD-PIACAR

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process, minimize queuing and avoid inconvenience.

"The EO (Election Officer) may establish satellite offices within his area of jurisdiction to ensure wider voter participation, subject to the following conditions: The EO shall approximate the number of prospective applicants per barangay/sitio which will maximize the capacity of the voter registration machine; he shall submit a request to the Provincial Election Supervisor on the establishment of the satellite office at list five days before the scheduled registration therein; Written notice of the schedule for registration in the satellite office shall be disseminated and posted in the bulletin boards of the office of the EO, municipal hall and in barangay/sitios concerned; the satellite office shall be established in a public place; the EO shall make arrangements with the local government unit through the local DILG for the use of its government transportation facilities; there shall be satellite registration and validation of registration records of detainees in detention centers, and there shall be no extra/additional cost to the Commission in the establishment of the satellite registration," he said.

Bulintao further said that in case the machine and or its peripherals become defective during the registration period, the accomplished application forms shall be accepted with the condition that the applicants shall return for the taking/capturing of their biometrics.

Meanwhile, college students going home to the provinces during the semester break are urged to register until October 31 so they can vote in the May 2013 national and local elections.

Some college schools in the country start their semester break October 12, allowing enough time for qualified student-voters to register.

Tabuk City City Election Officer Leman Solbita elaborated even students turning 18 on the day of election in May 2013 are encouraged to register since they are considered as qualified voters. They are required to bring authentic birth certificates to prove their birth dates.

To avoid the long queue in the usual "last minute" move, students are told not to wait for the deadline, instead go to their municipal election offices and register ahead.

Solbita also announced that COMELEC-Tabuk is now issuing voter's identification cards to newly registered voters./JDP/VDB&LL-PIA CAR

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fare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Dinky Soliman.

There are permissible activities for children but the bottom line is they should be in school, stressed Baldoz. She said one of the main goals of the government's Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program is to ensure that children of the household beneficiaries stay in school.

Based on the National Statistics Office (NSO) 2011 Survey on Children, out of the estimated 29 million Filipino children aged 5 to 17, around 5.49 million of them have already experienced work in their life and about 2.99 million have been engaged in hazardous labor.

Baldoz stressed government is working hard to prevent children from being exposed to hazardous occupation, exposure to intense heat or hazardous chemicals/pesticides and to other worse forms of child labor.

Baldoz informed that they are already working for a multi-year work and financial plan that aims to cut the country's problem on child labor by 50 to 70 percent by 2016. They will submit this plan for approval to the Cabinet Cluster and the Social Development cluster of the National Economic Development Authority.

A convergence program of various government agencies and private organizations which also aims to address such concern is already in place, the Secretary added.

The DOLE is also spearheading the Child Labor Free Barangays advocacy campaign which the agency is now launching in pre-identified barangays in various parts of the country where risks of child-labor are monitored.

Baldoz is launching today said campaign in Sagada, Mountain Province in coordination with the local government unit of Sagada and the barangay captains of the six identified barangays in the municipality.

In the campaign, DOLE will present the memorandum of agreement on child labor-free barangays, the anti-illegal recruitment and Trafficking in Person (AIR-TIP) campaign.

Baldoz will also spearhead the distribution of educational supplies under DOLE's "Project Angel Tree" program, and the awarding of livelihood projects under several programs of the Labor Department.

With these government programs in place, Baldoz stressed the need for the cooperation of parents and the barangays in addressing the concerns of child labor and the protection of children against exposure to risk of child labor.

The government can do much such as giving free-education, alternative learning sessions, giving parents livelihood, among others but without their cooperation, no program or advocacy campaign against child labor will be successful, the secretary noted./JDP/CCD-PIACAR

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ate an inspection team chaired by the committees on health and peace and order tasked to inspect in responding to complaints filed before the group.

The ordinance provides that a complaint filed will be a sufficient ground for investigation and any appropriate action deemed necessary.

Penalties range from P1,000 to 2,500 or imprisonment or both depending on the offense of the violator. Violation of the ordinance will result in the cancellation, revocation or confiscation of business permit or license issued to said establishment upon recommendation of the inspection team.

The measure was referred to the committee on peace and order of the provincial board for favorable review./JDP/SCA-PIACAR, Benguet

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Community Involvement of OFW and Family (20%), Success in OFW and/or Family Member Education and Profession (20%) and Success in managing family finances (10%)./JDP/CCD-PIACAR

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Case No: 2006-CAR-0236

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 freight on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - AURORA HILL and Vice Versa with the use of One (1) Unit.

Notice is hereby given that this application shall be heard by the Board on October 24, 2012 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 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 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 deems necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER-Regional Director in 4th day of October 2012.

(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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DTI-Benguet Invites Helmet Owners to its Free ICC Sticker Registration Program

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is inviting motorcycle owners or riders to avail of the free helmet Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) and Product Standard (PS) inspection and marking of stickers the office is conducting until December 31 this year.

DTI - Benguet Provincial Director Freda Gawisan, in an interview, is calling on motorcycle owners in the Baguio-Benguet area to come to their office for free helmet inspection and ICC/PS sticker markings. This protective measure being undertaken by the government through DTI, is primarily for their own benefit and safety especially with the numerous recorded accidents involving motorcycles where the rider and/or passenger is not wearing a helmet or using a substandard one, she said.

Gawisan disclosed that around 3,000 motorcycle riders or owners have already availed of the program but their target is to reach out to all the Land Transportation Office-registered motorcycles in the Baguio Benguet area which number over 10,000.

She reiterated that by January 2013, availing of inspection and certification through the ICC/PS mark stickers will no longer be free and at the same time the government will also be strengthening its campaign against motorcycle drivers/riders without the ICC/PS stickers.

Gawisan also announced that this October 13, in line with the observance of Consumer Welfare Month this October, DTI in coordination with Guanzon Company, will conduct the "Handog Namin Ligtas at Maayos na Pagmomotorsiklo" at the Baguio Convention Center.

The activity will feature free safe motorcycle riding and demonstration and preventive maintenance as well as anti carnapping, Helmet Law, and zero violation seminars.

During the same event, DTI will also conduct free motorcycle helmet inspection and ICC/PS sticker issuance./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Benguet Town Officials Want Installation of Sound Proof Devices in 'Noisy' Establishments

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Installation of sound proofing devices may soon be required in videoke bars, billiard halls, internet cafes in the mining town of Mankayan to minimize noise emanating from such establishments.

Mankayan town officials passed Ordinance o. 2012-03 requiring the installation of sound proof devices or noise absorbers to cushion the impact of loud sounds coming from videoke bars, billiard halls, internet cafes and similar establishments operating near schools, public and government offices and churches.

The measure was passed in response to complaints from residents on the nuisance of loud sounds emanating from such establishments.

One of the provisions of the measure is to create

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Awareness on Newborn Screening Increasing in Baguio City

BAGUIO CITY - Acceptance and awareness of the New Born Screening (NBS) program of the government through the Department of Health (DOH) is increasing in this city.

Dr. Eleanor Cuarte of the Pediatrics Department of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) bared this in the a DOH- led media forum, Wednesday, to promote the health events in October which includes the observance of National Newborn Screening Week.

Cuarte disclosed that in the past, only around 10 to 20 percent of babies born at the BGHMC had undergone NBS. Last year though, BGHMC recorded a 70 percent NBS rate with 5,409 of the 7,600 babies born in said hospital undergoing NBS.

In September alone, BGHMC reached an 85 percent screening rate and with the continuing advocacy among pregnant women of the importance of the NBS, they hope to achieve a 100 percent screening rate, she said.

Cuarte explained that NBS is a simple screening procedure administered to newborn babies within 24 to 72 hours after birth, to find out if a baby has metabolic illnesses that may lead to mental retardation or even death if left untreated.

Majority of the babies being screened turn out negative, though the screening is still important as it would save the new born babies from possible metabolic illnesses, she added.

For babies who turn out positive in the NBS, additional tests are proposed to further diagnose the extent of the possible illness so that proper counseling or treatment can be applied at the earliest possible time, according to Cuarte.

An NBS costs P600 but for PhilHealth members, fee is covered. It also has no cost to indigent Filipino families covered by the Conditional Cash Transfer program. /JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

OWWA Recognizes Cordillera's 2012 MOFYA Winners

BAGUIO CITY - The Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) families of Otelia Saloquen of Sallapadan, Abra and Alberto Antonio of Tuba, Benguet are Cordillera's Model OFW Family of the year Award (MOFYA) 2012 regional winners in the Land-based and Sea-based category, respectively.

Otelia Saloquen, a widow, worked as a household service worker first in Athens, Greece from 1985 to 1987 and then in Hongkong from 1988 to 1997. When she returned in 1998, she continued her work as a teacher in her hometown in Abra.

Otelia and her late husband Solomon have four children who are now all professionals - a dentist, mechanical engineering graduate, nursing graduate and a mass communication graduate. The family runs the Riverside Café, a variety store, a videoke business and a dental clinic.

Otelia, now 69, is also active member of their community and still teaches Sunday school.

Meantime, Alberto Antonio has been working since 1999 with Magsaysay Maritime Corp, a leading provider of quality crew and crewing services for the world's maritime and cruise industries, where he started as a room attendant and is now working as cabin steward. Alberto and his wife, Milagros, have six children - five sons and a daughter. Two of their sons already graduated from college and have work, while the rest are still in school.

The Antonio family's income is augmented by a vinegar fermentation business, selling frozen goods and carpentry production. The family is also an active member of the church and lead the church's music ministry.

The Saloquen and the Antonio families will represent the region and will be competing with the winners in the 16 other regions for the national search in Manila this December.

The MOFYA regional awarding was held at Pines View

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TIMPUYOG AND UNA TICKET - Timpuyog Ti Baguio led by incumbents running for the position Congressman Bernardo Vergara, Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas running under the banner of United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) raise their hands with incumbent city councilors Joel Alangsab, Fred Bagbagen, Elmer Datuin, Betty Lourdes Tabanda. Philian Weygan-Allan with former city councilors Federico "Bong" Mandapat Jr., Bobby Ortega, Elaine Sembrano and Edilberto Tenefrancia. Joining also the local alliance are lawyers George Dumawing and Ron Perez and barangay leader Mabini Maskay after filing their Certificate of candidacy (COC) at the COMELEC office October 2./By Bong Cayabyab

Addressing Child-Labor Concerns a Government Priority- Sec. Baldoz

BAGUIO among the here Thursday as CITY-Addressing government's priorities. she disclosed that child-labor concerns and prevent- Labor Secretary Rosalinda risk or exposure to Dimapilis-Baldoz hazardous occupa- stressed this in a ment of Social Wel- tion or work is media interview Cont. on page 11

Hotel here on Tuesday with Overseas Workers Welfare Administration Cordillera Welfare Office (OWWA-CAR) Regional Director Manuela Peña, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, and Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan spearheading the awarding of the cheques, plaque of recognition and other gift items from the award sponsors.

Other nominees who were also given certificate of recognition were the families of Eladia Acosta of Tabuk City, Kalinga; Anthony Anniban of La Trinidad, Benguet; Leonardo Biasura of Tuba, Benguet; Francisca Gacoscos of Itogon, Benguet; Inocencia Mayos of Baguio City and Sario Pio of Itogon, Benguet.

Peña, in a statement, said the MOFYA is an annual event of OWWA since 2005, whose objective is to give proper recognition to the OFWs and their families from both the land-based and sea-based sectors, to highlight their successes which exemplify the best practices of OFW families towards optimizing the gains of overseas migration.

This year's Regional Search Selection Committee was spearheaded by Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Assistant Regional Director Ted Delson and with Department of Foreign Affairs Baguio Regional Consular Office Director Edgar Canta, PIA-CAR Regional Director Helen Tibaldo, Baguio Association of Barangay Council president, Councilor Joel Alangsab, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Cen-

tral Philippines represented by Fe Damaguen and the Catholic Diocese of Baguio represented by Erlinda Tindo.

The MOFYA nominees were judged based on the criteria: Wholesome OFW Family (50%), Civic/ Cont. on page 11

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