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Cordillera autonomy: rectifying historical injustice

BAUKO, Mountain Province – The granting of autonomous status to the Cordillera by the national government is the only justification to rectify the historical injustice committed in its neglect of the region's development in the past, Baguio City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said here during the historic re-engagement forum organized by the Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC) Monday.

Domogan, who is the chairperson of the RDC and Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC), revealed a perusal of the minutes of the Constitutional Convention (ConCon) that drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution showed the framers of the fundamental law of the land recognized the fact that the national government neglected the development of Mindanao and the Cordillera in the past several decades and the ultimate justification for it to correct this historical injustice to the two regions is to grant the said geographic areas autonomous status. **Cont. on page 5**



Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan receives his award as Outstanding Local Chief Executive from ALSWDOPI National President, Betty Fangasan, DSWD Undersecretary for institutional group Mae Fe Ancheta-Templa and Mr. Raffy Gamad, founder and first president of ALSWDOPI. / Photo by Ryan Mangusan

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Exemption from new city truck ban outlined

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio g. Domogan issued Administrative Order No. 50, series of 2017 exempting trucks loaded with perishable goods, water delivery trucks and those containing mine ore of large-scale mining companies from the coverage of the provisions of Ordinance No. 05, series of 2017 or the new truck ban ordinance in the city.

Domogan met with La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda, officials of vegetable and cutflower truckers and traders, owners of water delivery companies and lawyer Eduardo M. Aratas of the Philex Mining corporation to discuss the details of the extent of the exemption granted to them while awaiting the amendments to be introduced by the local legislative body to the pertinent provisions of the ordinance.

Under the mayor's order, a maximum of thirty (30) trucks loaded with perishable agricultural products bearing the duly authorized stickers shall be exempted daily from the coverage of the provisions of Ordinance No. 05, series of 2017.

Further, a maximum of ten (10) trucks loaded with cutflowers will be exempted from the

coverage of the same ordinance on Thursdays to Saturdays while a maximum of seven (7) trucks with a similar load will be exempted from the truck ban on Sundays to Wednesdays.

On the other hand, water delivery trucks will be exempted from the coverage of the truck ban but owners of water delivery companies should coordinate with their clients to arrange the schedule of delivery beyond the prescribed truck ban.

A maximum of seven (7) trucks of Philex Mining Corporation will be exempted from the coverage of the truck ban in the morning while a maximum of seven (7) trucks of the same company will also be exempted from the coverage of the truck ban in the afternoon.

The city government, in coordination with the concerned associations of truckers and traders and the Baguio City Police Office-Traffic Management Branch (BCPO-TMB), shall issue two hundred ten (210) transferrable stickers specifically to the vegetable truckers for the use of the group in determining the trucks that will avail of the exemption from Mondays

to Sundays.

However, the mayor's order shall take effect after the City Council shall have confirmed the same after it was forwarded to the local legislative body for immediate action.

Earlier, Domogan suspended the implementation of the new truck ban ordinance for the fourth consecutive time finding merit in the clamor of the truckers relative to their schedules in meeting their clients in the lowlands and Metro Manila markets to allow the sale of their perishable goods.

Domogan appealed to the concerned truckers to cooperate with the agreed conditions that allowed them to be granted the pertinent exemptions to allow the smooth implementation of the ordinance once he will decide not to suspend the implementation of the new truck ban ordinance once the latest 10-day suspension will expire by the end of the month.

The stickers that will be used to the concerned group of truckers will be issued to the officials of the organization which will be in charge of disposing the transferrable stickers to their members who will be exempted from the truck ban. /By Dexter A. See#

Anti-smoking ordinance approved

BAGUIO CITY - The amended anti-smoking ordinance; no. 24, series of 2017 was approved last Monday

at the city council with more stringent provisions including increased fines.

Dubbed the "Smoke Free Baguio," it is also

known as "An Ordinance prohibiting the use, sale, distribution and advertisement of cigarettes and other tobacco products

in certain places, imposing penalties for violations thereof and providing funds therefor and for other purposes."

The new ordinance amended Ordinance 8,

Significant decrease of crimes in Baguio reported

BAGUIO CITY - Acting city director police senior superintendent Ramil Saculles disclosed that the crime rates in the city of Baguio decreased.

The total crime volume recorded from January to March this year is 944 crime incidents with a decrease of 1,099 crime incidents or 54% compared to the same period last year which is 2,043.

For the first quarter, 268 index crimes were recorded compared to the same period last with 923 crime incidents. Meaning a decrease of 655 cases or 71%.

There are 676 non index crime recorded for the 1st quarter which is a decrease of 2,160 crime

incidents or 76%.

While on crimes against property, cases on theft decreased by 467 crime incidents or 79% compared to the same period last year. Robbery decreased by 106 crime incidents or 80% from 132 cases to 26 cases.

Carnapping decreased by one incident or 20% from five cases last year's 1st quarter.

On the other hand, physical injuries decreased by 84 crime incidents from 180 cases to 96 cases or 47% decrease. Rape cases increased by four incidents from 11 cases to 15 cases; homicide increased by two crime incident from two cases to four cases.

No case of murder was

recorded for the period compared to three cases last year.

Moreover, the average Index Crime Clearance Efficiency for the 1st quarter is recorded at 78% which increased by 46% compared to the same period last year of 32%. The Average Index Crime Solution Efficiency is recorded at 62%, increased by 35% compared to the same period last year of 27%.

"The collaborative actions of the Baguio's Finest coupled with the active support of the different stakeholders in the implementation of anti-criminality plans and strategies resulted in the significant decrease of crimes," said Saculles. /Jho Arranz#

on national and local health systems."

Data also provides that a number of Filipinos die of tobacco-related diseases such as stroke, heart disease, emphysema, nicotine addiction, and cancers related to smoking.

Evidence show that there is no safe level of tobacco smoke ingested, and that advertising and the like increase tobacco use, as with bans on tobacco promotion and sponsorship decrease same. Minors exposed to tobacco promotion are likely to use and initiate tobacco use. A ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship is then recommended to lessen its ill effects, it was known.

There should be no smoking; allowing, abetting or tolerating smoking, inside a public utility vehicle; and in all public places; selling, distributing, purchasing tobacco products from or through a minor.

Selling or distributing tobacco products or Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS), posting, displaying through posters, leaflets in point-of-sale establishments

where prohibited, or where minors frequent, are not allowed.

Vaping or Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) is included in the ordinance, where devices whether or not used to deliver nicotine through vaping, or resembles the act. Or outward appearance of smoking.

Displaying and promoting tobacco and/or ENDS, except in enclosed, opaque and single-colored storages is not allowed, as stated in the amended ordinance.

Further, smoking areas need to be approved by the City Health Services Office, where smoking and/or vaping is allowed.

Persons-in-charge of areas and premises intending to put up a designated smoking areas (DSA) need to secure a certification/permit from the duly authorized officer; or the Civil Service Commission, or from the City Buildings Official and City health Services Officer. A smoke-free task force is also designated for the purpose; chaired by the mayor with members from the City Health Services Office, Health Education and Promotion

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200 leaders vow support to autonomy towards federalism

BAUKO, Mountain Province – Close to 200 local officials, civil society organization and tribal leaders from the different parts of the Cordillera signed the Mount Data declaration of support for the establishment of the Autonomous Region of the Cordillera

(ARC) towards the realization of the planned shift from the existing presidential to federal form of government by the Duterte administration.

The signing of the declaration was done by the Cordillera officials and tribal leaders after the conduct of a

forum entitled “Pioneer Autonomy Advocates, Getting Together” which was spearheaded by the Office of the Presidential Assistant on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and the Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) at the historic Mount Data hotel

here last April 24, 2017.

“We, the Cordillerans recognize our differences but we remain united by our shared goal to achieve regional autonomy in order to establish our permanent Cordillera identity, to accelerate the region’s socio-economic development and to have

responsive policies for the Cordillera within the context of our common and distinctive historical and cultural heritage, economic structures and other relevant characteristics do declare our commitment to support the establishment of an autonomous region of

the Cordillera towards federalism,” the declaration stated.

The Cordillera leaders, tribal elders and civil society heads declared their commitment by collectively urging President Rodrigo R. Duterte to certify as priority and

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DICT provides online connectivity to 43 gov't offices in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY, - The Department of Information and Communication Technology provides online connectivity to 43 government entities in this city under its Regional GovNet (Government Network) Internet projects DICT Regional GovNet Infrastructure Project manager Alona Isidro, during the regional launching of the Baguio GovNet at Crown Legacy last week said the DICT internet connectivity uses Fiber Optics Cable (FOC) technology. He disclosed that the FOC cables are already finished and the next step is to test the connectivity of the beneficiary agencies.

The Regional GovNet will eventually feature frontline services and important programs especially of key government agencies.

Isidro shared that under the Regional GovNet – Phase 1, similar projects were also implemented in the National Capital Region, San Fernando City, Pampanga, Iloilo City, Tuguegarao, Butuan City, Legaspi City and Palo, Leyte.

Under the Regional Gov Net Phase 1, about 500 government agencies benefitted with FOC internet connections. With the Phase II project, they hope to provide internet connectivity to 1,000 agencies within this year, she added.

Isidro explained that DICT Internet projects do not compete with private telecommunications companies. Rather, it aims to complement it which is why they are prioritizing the countryside and the un-served or under-served.

Eventually, this regional GovNet will be integrated to the National Broadband Plan that DICT will implement, Isidro added.

DICT Secretary Rodolfo Salalima, in his video message during the regional launching, shared that President Rodrigo Duterte has just approved the national Broadband Plan that involves the setting - up of a telecommunication network that will run from the northern to the southern parts of country so that even those in the countryside will have internet connectivity.

This aims for the government to have one digitized, interconnected and interactive network with a common database for important government services and decisions that is accessible to the people anywhere, Salalima stressed. //JDP/CCD-PIA CAR#

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Duterte to block renewal of ABS-CBN franchise

President Rodrigo Duterte says he will file a complaint with Congress against the network giant for 'swindling'



TIRADE VS MEDIA. President Duterte intends to block the franchise renewal of ABS-CBN which he accuses of 'swindling.' Photo by Pia Ranada/Rappler

MANILA, Philippines – President Rodrigo Duterte is taking his fight against media up a notch by formally seeking to block the renewal of ABS-CBN's franchise.

Responding to questions in a media interview on Thursday, April 27, Duterte accused the network of "swindling." He claimed ABS-CBN did not show his political ads during the 2016 campaign season though they were already paid for.

"[The franchise] has been there for 25 years. The law said it's okay, only if you adhere to journalistic standards. What did you do to us? Estafa, swindling, not only me but Chiz Escudero, many of us. Son of a bitch, you collected outright then you commit estafa," he said.

EDITORIAL "So I will file a complaint. Congress, no need to renew it. But to operate is something else, so I will point this out, your garbage, then we'll see," he added in an ambush interview right after he gave a joint press statement with Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah of Brunei, who was on a state visit.

Asked if he would "block" the franchise of ABS-CBN, Duterte said, "Yes, if you're engaged in swindling."

The President bared his decision to block the franchise renewal days after he signed a law renewing the franchise of ABS-CBN's rival, GMA Network.

House Bill 4349 seeking to renew the franchise granted to ABS-CBN for 25 years is still at the committee level. The franchise will expire in 2020. ABS-CBN chairman Eugenio "Gabby" Lopez III had earlier sought to ease stockholders' concerns about the franchise renewal in view of Duterte's rants against the company, saying the anger of an towards media is "part and parcel" of the work of media.

Lopez had assured ABS-CBN stockholders on April 9 that he didn't "anticipate any significant issues" with regards to the franchise renewal, saying the company had plenty of time to work on it.

He gave the assurance to his stockholders after the President, in a thinly veiled threat, said in a public address on March 30 that karma was sure to catch up with ABS-CBN and the Philippine Daily Inquirer for their supposed unfair reports on his presidency.

"Tingnan kung magslant. Ewan ko ba. But someday – hindi ko tinatakot – but someday, 'yung karma, dadating 'yan (See how they slant. I don't know. But someday – I'm not scaring them – but someday, karma will come)," Duterte said nearly a month ago.

ABS-CBN has denied this. Chief Strategy Officer Raymund Miranda maintained the media company's "balanced" reporting.

"From a news and current affairs perspective, we have, and always will be, striving to report in a fair and balanced manner," he said. / Rappler.com#



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December 2016 ang nagsasabing mahirap sila 44% o 10 MILLION

March 2017 ang nagsasabing mahirap sila 50% o 11.5 MILLION

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

ICC is barred from immediately probing Duterte



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ..." (Colossians 2:8, the Holy Bible).

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ICC IS BARRED FROM IMMEDIATELY PROBING DUTERTE: Before the critics and political foes of President Duterte start daydreaming that they have already put in motion a deadly investigation that could derail his presidency with the complaint that they filed with the International Criminal Court (ICC) against him and 11 other officials in his government, here's a surprise coming to them.

Even with the filing of the charges by a Filipino lawyer, the ICC is not about to immediately carry out any investigation against the President. Under Art. 17 of the Rome Statute (the international treaty that created the ICC), it is required to find out first, before it can even start to investigate, whether a case that was brought before it is "inadmissible" or "admissible."

Art. 17 of the Rome Statute says in part about this issue of "admissibility" or "inadmissibility" of a case that was referred to it, in the following manner: "Having regard to Paragraph 10 of the Preamble and Article 1, the Court shall determine that a case is inadmissible..."

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WHAT ARE THE CASES THAT THE ICC CAN INVESTIGATE? Now, what are the circumstances that make a case---like the one that was filed against Duterte---"inadmissible," or incapable of being acted upon by the ICC? The aforesaid Article 17 enumerates them.

First is, if the case is being investigated or prosecuted by a State which has jurisdiction over it, unless the State is unwilling or unable genuinely to carry out the investigation or prosecution.

Second is that, if the case has been investigated by a State which has jurisdiction over it and the State has decided not to prosecute the person concerned, unless the decision resulted from the unwillingness or inability of the State genuinely to prosecute.

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"SUCCESSIVE JURISDICTION" IN ICC INVESTIGATIONS: The third circumstance is that the person concerned has already been tried for conduct which is the subject of the complaint before the ICC, and a trial by the Court is not permitted under the Rome Statute. The fourth circumstance is that the case is not of sufficient gravity to justify further action by the court.

The foregoing circumstances create what is known as the doctrine of "successive jurisdiction" in ICC, which means that the State where the supposed crime was committed is given the priority right to act on

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"The mere fact that the national government admitted the neglect of Mindanao and the Cordillera in terms of development in the past should be one of the unifying factors why the Cordillerans should aggressively grab the opportunity to establish its permanent identity as a legitimate region that will translate to progress for all once Cordillerans will be empowered to govern themselves in an autonomous set up," Domogan stressed.

The Baguio chief executive underscored that achieving autonomy will not be for the present generation of Cordillerans but for the benefit of future generations who reap the fruits of the region's overall development as a result of the devolution of most of the functions of the national government to the autonomous regional government in the future.

According to him, most of the existing policies of the national government run counter to the actual situation in the region thus the struggle for self-governance to allow the autonomous regional government to craft the appropriate programs and projects suitable to the actual situation on the ground.

He cited, as an example, the priority of the agriculture department is for the aggressive promotion of rice and corn but for the Cordillera, the relevant commercial agricultural crops being produced are high-value crops and highland vegetables, except for some low-lying areas in Kalinga, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Abra, and Apayao.

He added the construction of mountain roads is far more expensive than the building of roads in the lowland communities, thus, standards in the lowlands should not be applied in the Cordillera which is characterized by its mountainous terrain thereby needing additional features such as proper drainage systems and slope protection walls.

Domogan pointed out the snowballing support of various sectors to the region's renewed quest for regional autonomy will definitely chart the real future developmental thrust of the region and it will definitely give justice to the sacrifices of those who have fought for the protection of the ancestral domain of the indigenous peoples from being trampled upon by multinational companies in the guise of bringing development that significantly affects the state of the environment, resulting in the displacement of indigenous peoples from their domain, among others. /By Dexter A. See

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the complaint. If it is shown that the State is already addressing, through its own processes, the acts or issues that have been brought to the ICC, the ICC is not to commence any investigation anymore.

Of course, this rule on "successive jurisdiction," as Art. 17 has shown, is not absolute, and is susceptible to the exceptions listed therein---which is that, the State is unwilling to carry out its processes to address the acts or issues in question, or, even if it has acted, it has failed to genuinely carry the appropriate proceeding to address them. We will have more of this in succeeding issues.

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MAGKASANGGA TAYO

- *Hustisya sa Pinas isasabit si Maryjane Veloso?!!*
- *ASEAN Summit 15 Billion pesos ang budget!!!*

**BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO**

Hindi ko lubos na maisip ang nangyayaring brouhaha hinggil sa pakikipag usap ni PDigong sa pangulo ng Indonesia na si Jako Wydodo sa nagaganap na ASEAN Summit hinggil sa pagpapalaya o pag-bigay ng reprieve o executive clemency kay Mary Jane Veloso na matagal ng nakakulong sa Indonesia sa sala ng pagpuslit ng droga sa Indonesia. Hindi ba at nagkaruon na ng maraming balita na si Mary Jane ay na set up lang daw at talaga raw na inosente siya at ang nag set up sa kanya ay ang kanyang recruiter kaya na aresto ang recruiter at kasalukuyan ay nililitis ang kaso laban sa kanya? Yan ang aking pagkaka-alala hinggil sa kaso ni Mary Jane.

Ako ngayon ay takang taka sa ating gobyerno na kung ganoon nga ang sitwasyon ay bakit hind na lang i-fast track ang paglitis sa kaso laban sa recruiter para sa ganoon ay magkaalaman na nga kung biktima rin itong si Mary Jane o kasabwat siya talaga sa pagpuslit ng droga?! Sapagkat kung ang magiging resulta ng paglilitis ay walang kinalaman itong si Mary Jane ay sigurado ko na ang desisyon na ito ay mabibigyan ng konsiderasyon ng gobyerno ng Indonesia, at ng sa ganoon ay hindi maiipit itong si President Wydodo na mag-bigay ng reprieve o executive clemency kay Mary Jane. Hindi po ba na dapat ay ito ang inatupag ng ating pamahalaan sa agarang nakaraang panahon? O ngayon, ano ang aasahan ninyo kay Pres. Wydodo ay mag-astang polpolitikong Pilipino at mag baback-track sa kanilang war on drugs at lalambot? No way! Iba si President Wydodo. Pinakita na niya na dala niya ang kanyang bayag pagdating sa laban sa China, etc. at mismong sa kanilang war on drugs, na katulad sa batas sa Indonesia, China, Singapore at Malaysia hindi katulad dito na dedbol agad, o bayad agad para lusot na. Sa kanila ay nililitis muna bago bitayin.

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Kinse bilyones o 15 Billion Pesos ang budget na gagastusin ng ating gobyerno para sa nagaganap na ASEAN Summit! Wow naman, totoo ba ito? Ayon sa balita ay ganito daw talaga ang gagastusin.

Hanep din talaga ang Pinas, bigtime at isang first world country na nga. Hi! Hi! Hi! First World Country barya-barya lang yan. Hi! Hi! Hi!

Ayoko ko ng komentohan ang justification or non-justification hinggil sa laki ng budget na ito, bagamat nais ko lang kayong iwanan ng ilang katanungan hinggil dito.

- Ilang paaralan kaya ang magagawa ng P15Billion?
- Ilang mahihirap na walang makain at may mga sakit ang matutulungan ng P15 Billion?
- Gaaano karaming hanap buhay ang maisasagawa ng P15 Billion para sa ganoon ay mabawasan ang kahirapan?

- Ilang estudyantye sa kolehiyo ang mapapagalar ng P15 Billion nang madagdagan ang mga edukadong Pilipino at mabawasan kaming mga TANGANG DUTERTARDS. Hi! Hi! Hi! Hi!

Kayo ang mag isip (esep-esep lang konti mga dear readers) at sumagot ng aking mga katanungan. Isa tayong third world country at ang daming mahihirap sa ating bansa. Ang dapat sana ay huwag na tayong mag-host ng mga ganitong event sapagkat hindi natin kayang gumastos ng ganito kalaki. Katulad ko halimbawa, gusto ko ng isang malaking bahay, gusto ko nga magagarang sasakyan bagamat hindi ko kaya. Kaya nagco-commute lamang ako at simpleng barong-barong lang ang aking tirahan. Ganuon po ang buhay. Dapat ay mamuhay tayo sa ating kakayahan at huwag maging HAMBOG!!! **Tama bo imo Dong Digong!**

EL MAESTRO SPEAKS

8 Ways to Win in Philippine Politics (a satirical analysis)

**BY: CLYDE B. SACPA**

Politics in the Philippines is the most entertaining, idiotic, horrendous, and best way to make (dirty) money rolled into one. Whether the Barangay elections will push through this year or not, I'm going to give you tips that I have gathered from my observation on how you'll win the game in the political arena. These methods are tried and tested and has proven its effectiveness.

1. Work in the show business and make a name. This was the most effective way of winning in politics. A lot of actors and actresses in the Philippines had it easy in transitioning to politics, heck we even have a former actor who became the president of the country. We almost had two if one of them was not cheated. Though it's very effective, it won't give you a hundred percent assurance of winning.

2. When you have project funded by the government, make sure that everyone will know that you are the project initiator. A common practice that everyone does which we usually call an "epal" move. Make sure that your face is included larger when you post the information about that project. In that way people will think that it is your "project" that you are really helping them.

3. Win the hearts of the minority groups. Whatever projects, or publicity you've got, it will always guarantee a hundred percent effectivity if it is addressed to the poor or to the indigenous people. You must also create a catchy phrase the will best describe you as one of them. Example: Joseph Estrada's "Erap para sa mahirap", Gloria Labandera of GMA, and iGOrotak of Mark Go, Congressman of Baguio City.

4. Find a way to link yourself to their Family. Filipinos are fond of having a clan reunion tracing the family roots up to the 10th generation don't matter as for Filipinos, family is family. So if you are an aspiring politician you must attend all reunions where your parents belong. And you must also do the same with your spouse's clan. Make sure that everyone will know you. That will make you earn more votes.

5. To gain momentum, use MONEYchinery. Money can't buy everything but it can buy many things. And yes, people's vote is one of them. Buying votes as a tactic never failed and has propelled a lot of politicians to the position.

6. Use all types of media for publicity. There is an adage that say "All publicity whether good or bad is publicity." To be in the eyes of the public, use all types of media. Get interviews to voice out even your most idiotic idea, or to voice out your support to whoever has the larger number. If majority of the population is in the opposition then support the opposition. Go to where the grass is greener.

7. Use your talent to bring you to the foreground. Find your talent. Get good at it and be famous using it. To explain this briefly, look at the career of Senator Manny Pacquiao.

8. Be Different. As time goes by, people get tired of the old ways things are done. To get on top be different. Play on the ails of the majority of people. If your opponent wears suits, wear rugged suits. If your opponent is tactful be tactless. Show a character that is totally different from the norm and sooner or later you'll get the big W.

There you go. Different way of getting in the political arena of our country.

Note: This is sarcastic presentation of what was observed in the political arena of our country. Some are true and some are against the law but it was seen and observed so it was written.

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

IN THE MATTER
OF ADOPTION
OF THE MINOR
CHILD LANDER
AYKE APOLONIO
AND CHANGE
OF NAME FROM
LANDER AYKE
APOLONIO TO
LANDER LIWAN
WACNISEN,

R O M E O
W A C N E S E N
also known as
ROMEO LIWAN
WACNISEN,

Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF
BAGUIO CITY
Respondent.

Special Proceedings
Case No. 17-A-1059
X-----X

ORDER

Petitioner, through
counsel, filed this verified
petition for the adoption
of minor Lander Ayke
Apolonio praying that
after due notice, publi-
cation and hearing,
judgment be rendered
granting this petition
for adoption and that said
prospective adoptee be

declared the child of the
petitioner for all legal
intent and purposes.

WHEREFORE, finding
the Petition to be suf-
ficient in form and
substance, the petitioner
is directed to meet and
confer with the Court
Social Worker for the
conduct of the Child and
Home Study in relation to
this Petition. The Court
Social Worker therefore
is directed to conduct a
Child and Home Study
and submit to this court
her REPORTS, incor-
porating therein her
findings and recommen-
dations, fifteen (15) days
before the initial hearing
set on September 21,
2017.

Let this Order be
published at the expense
of the petitioner in the
JUNCTION, a newspaper
of general circulation in
Baguio City and Benguet
Province, once a week
for three (3) consecutive
weeks, the first publica-
tion to be made not later
than April 30, 2017.

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

Furnish copies hereof
together with a copy
of the petition and its
annexes to the Office
of the Solicitor General,
Makati City; the Pro-
vincial Prosecutor of
Benguet; the Local Civil
Registrar of Baguio City;
the Court Social Worker;
the Administrator and
Civil Registrar General
of the Philippines Statis-
tics Authority; the peti-
tioner and his counsel.

SO ORDERED.

La Trinidad, Benguet,
Philippines, this 17th day
of April 2017.

(SGD) MARIETTA S.
BRAWNER-CUALING
Presiding Judge

Publication Dates: April
22, 29 and May 6, 2017

Macliing Dulag, Lumbaya Gayudan and Pedro Dungoc Sr. CPA and the kin of the Chico heroes are grateful to Architect Vladimir Longid and solar artist Jordan Mangosan for designing the monument.

Cordillera Day 2017 served anew as the organized expression of the peoples of the Cordillera of the assertion to self-determination and condemnation of the shameful historical revisionism of the Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army and Philippine government, which has been organizing its own version of Cordillera Day. Let us not forget that it was government's Philippine Army troops that killed Macliing Dulag. Philippine Army troops killed Macliing Dulag for leading the opposition against destructive government projects. So how can they honor him and remember his legacy? We condemn their attempts to revise history and co-opt the people's Cordillera Day. We condemn the OPAPP pronouncement in its press release claiming that the Cordillera Peoples Alliance was part of the OPAPP event in Bauko, Mountain Province also on April 24, in a so-called step "towards healing and reconciliation as they strongly pushed for Cordillera autonomy towards federalism". The Cordillera Peoples is not just any "group" or any "rebel faction" as claimed in the press release! CPA will never be part of such event that revises our people's history, promotes bogus autonomy and undermines the people's struggle for self-determination. We also condemn the OPAPP's claim that the unveiling of the marker for Chico heroes on April 23 was part of the OPAPP event. Such attempts to deceive the people is a dishonor to the memories and struggle of Macliing Dulag, Pedro Dungoc Sr., Ama Lumbaya Gayudan, the other people's martyrs and heroes and the whole Cordillera people. As published in a

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

ROY B. RAMIREZ

Applicant

CASE No. 2001-01-395

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on March 30, 2017 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - BROOKSIDE and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit which CPC expire on January 4, 2018.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on May 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM the LTRFB Office, Pacdal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

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

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Feature

Cordillera Day 2017 a Big Success

The people continue to retell the history of how they wield their unity against national oppression and other social injustices in tribute to Cordillera martyrs and the continuing people's struggle.

The 33rd Cordillera Day commemoration or Cordillera Day 2017 held from April 23-25, 2017 in Kalinga province was successful and meaningful, as it addressed pressing issues confronting the Cordillera people such as the need for just and lasting peace, human rights violations, imperialist plunder of ancestral lands and militarization. 3,000 delegates from the Cordillera provinces of Abra, Apayao, Kalinga, Benguet, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Baguio City, other Philippine regions, including indigenous groups and advocates from Taiwan, Cambodia, Japan and the US participated.

Cordillera Day 2017 was observed in three main events: April 23 for the unveiling of monument dedicated to heroes of the Chico struggle, April 24 for the 33rd Cordillera Day events through inputs, keynote speech from Rev. Fr. Rex Reyes Jr and cultural presentations and resolutions; and April 25 in a caravan and rally against militarization in front of the 503rd Infantry Battalion headquarters. Cordillera Day 2017 was also observed by compatriots and advocates overseas: April 15 in Montreal, Canada and April 23 in Hong Kong.

As in past Cordillera Day commemorations headed by CPA, Cordillera Day 2017 was owned and embraced by the people, shown by their full support from planning, hosting the Cordillera Day, doing the necessary preparations up to running the program itself. For instance, the construction of the monument dedicated to heroes of the Chico struggle was done with members of the Butbut tribe especially the kin of

Sunstar online story on April 23, we want to set the record straight that it was NOT the CPLA that carried out an activity in Balbalan last April 24. It was the Cordillera Peoples Alliance during Cordillera Day 2017.

We also condemn the harassment of the 503rd Infantry Battalion and Philippine National Police during Cordillera Day 2017. During delegates' travel to Cordillera Day 2017 up to the departure, we experienced unlawful checkpoints, illegal search, scattering or spikes along the road meant to deflate the vehicles of delegates departing from the venue, taking videos and photos of the delegates.

Among the important results include the 3,000-strong delegation's support for the ongoing peace talks between the NDFP and Philippine government, renewed commitment in local campaigns against destructive mining and energy projects, militarization and human rights violations, including government and the CPLA's historical revisionism and attempts to coopt Cordillera Day.

CPA is thankful to all individuals and organisations for their presence, support and solidarity during Cordillera Day 2017, including those who sent numerous messages of solidarity. We congratulate the host community of Bolo and the local hosts KALASAG and Balantoy Farmers Association with CPA Kalinga chapter. Once more, we have shown what the true Cordillera Day is—and that is, Cordillera Day is a people's struggle. Thus its continuing relevance for the past 33 years. ***

Reference:

ATB Anongos, Secretary General



Anti-smoking ordinance...**from page 2**

Office, City Building Office, City Legal Office, Public Information Office, Permits and Licensing, Civil Society Organization, Philippine National Police, City Treasurer, City Environment and Parks Management Office, Department of Education/Commission on Higher Education, Parents and Teachers Association, and President of the Liga ng Mga Barangay.

Other members may be included as identified by

the chair.

Violators of the ordinance as to smoking or vaping would have P1,000; P2,000 and P3,000 penalties, or imprisonment, or suspension or revocation of business license, if applicable; and violation of the ban for advertising and promotion would be meted P2,000; P3,000 and P5,000 penalties. Imprisonment, suspension or revocation of business license or permit could

be done in such cases.

Trainings would be in order, thus funding of P100,000 for the first year of implementation would be included in the city's budget; with P50,000 for the subsequent years. Proceeds from the payment of penalties will be used for printing of information, education and communication materials, meetings, inspection and enforcement, incentives for private citizens who report violations, and the apprehending officer. / Julie G. Fianza#

200 leaders vow support...**...from page 3**

urgent House Bill No. 5343 which is an Act establishing the Autonomous Region of the Cordillera; exert all necessary efforts available to ensure that HB 5343 will be enacted into law without substantial change; support the establishment of regional autonomy in the Cordillera while awaiting the establishment of a federal system of government, and pushing as separate federal state by itself once a federal form of government is operationalized; adopting the 2017-2019 road map for achieving autonomy towards federalism as our guide in pursuing autonomy in the region.

The leaders also

committed to continue capacitating themselves on the current discourse on federalism vis-à-vis autonomy to become effective advocates; conduct consistent information, education and communication activities to increase awareness and support among our fellow Cordillerans and constituents; active in engaging in programs, projects and activities of the RDC-CAR in forwarding autonomy at various levels; pursue a process of healing, reconciliation and building back cohesive relationships to advance the advocacy for the attainment of regional autonomy and support the initiatives of the OPAPP that facilitate the region's

autonomy advocacy together with Muslim Mindanao.

Key personalities who were present during the said forum were Presidential Peace Adviser Jesus Dureza, RDC-CAR Chairman and Baguio City Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, Mountain Province Gov. Bonifacio Lacwasan, Jr., Mountain Province Vice Governor Francis Tauli, Kalinga Governor Jocel C. Baac, Kalinga Vice Governor James Edubba, all provincial and municipal officials of Mountain Province and leaders and members of the fragmented Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) and numerous representatives from various civil society organizations. /By Dexter A. See#

Baguio toasts athletes' victories

BAGUIO CITY – The city government toasted the victories of its local athletes in recent international and national competitions.

The city council approved on Monday resolutions of commendation to the Team Lakay mixed martial arts (MMA) fighters led by lightweight world champion Eduard “The Landslide” Folyang for a sweep of the “ONE: Kings of Destiny” championship held last April 21 at the Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

Folyang successfully defended his title by a unanimous decision after five rounds of intense action over Malaysian Ev Ting in the main event

while his teammates also lorded it over their respective opponents.

Bantamweight Kevin “The Silencer” Belington, defeated Finnish Toni “Dynamite” Tauru by submission (verbal Tapout) at 2:27 minutes of round 1; Lightweight Honorio “The Rock” Banario defeated Czech Jaroslav Jartim by Knockout at 1:31 minutes of round 2; Flyweight Danny “The King” Kingad defeated Malaysian Muhammad Aiman by unanimous decision after 3 rounds; and Women's Atomweight Gina “Conviction” Iniong defeated Filipino-English Natalie Gonzales Hills by unanimous decision after 3 rounds.

Arrangements are being made for a victory parade to honor the fighters.

In Resolution No. 141 series of 2017, the body hailed their feat saying it brought great pride to the city and the Cordillera region.

“The agility, strength, endurance and discipline that the Team Lakay Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighters displayed are remarkable and proof that Filipinos particularly the Cordillerans are born to conquer every field of sport the world has,” the resolution noted.

“The Officialdom of the City of Baguio recognizes the dedication of Team Lakay Mixed Martial Arts



BSP CORNER AT THE CITY LIBRARY - The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) now has a corner at the Baguio City Library featuring a collection of leaflets, brochures, journals and other reading materials for distribution to library readers. It was set up last April 19 through BSP La Union regional office director Rogel Joseph Del Rosario. The corner is shown in photo with the City Library staff headed by Fe Requilman.

23,017 jobs up for grab in Labor Day fair

BAGUIO CITY - Some twenty three thousand seventeen jobs will be up for grab by job seekers during the institutionalized Labor Day jobs fair at the Baguio Convention Center on Monday, May 1, 2017.

Jose L. Atanacio, Executive Assistant IV and Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Manager-designate, revealed there are 51 local and overseas employment companies that will participate in the whole day jobs fair wherein 36 are local companies while 15 are overseas employment agencies.

Of the available jobs, the local companies are offering some 2,814 vacancies while the 15 overseas employment agencies are making available some 20,803 jobs in the different parts of the world.

The participating local companies include government agencies, call centers, hotels, education-

al institutions, construction companies, department stores and groceries, fastfood chains among others.

The available jobs being offered by overseas employment agencies are found in the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, United States of America, Taiwan, Brunei, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Singapore, Palau, South Korea, New Zealand, Japan and Cyprus.

The Labor Day jobs fair is being spearheaded by the local government, the Cordillera Offices of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE-CAR), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and the Commission on Higher Education.

Atanacio called on job seekers to be at the venue earlier than the scheduled

start of the activity and for them to bring along with them sufficient copies of their documents which they could farm out to the different companies offering the vacancies that need their qualifications.

Further, he reminded the job seekers to wear the necessary attire considering that there are instances when they will be interviewed by their prospective employers on the spot, thus, the need for them to be also prepared for the on the spot interviews.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan will deliver the inspirational message during the short opening program prior to the start of the Labor Day jobs fair while regional officials of concerned government agencies will be on the jobs fair site to extend assistance to the applicants and the local and overseas companies in case their assistance will be requested. (Dexter A. See)

(MMA) fighters for the glory they earned. It is a pride of the whole Cordillera and it serves as a constant reminder that Filipinos most specially the Cordillerans are born to win;

“The victories of Team Lakay Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighters deserve commendation for bringing glory and pride to their families, the country and the City of Baguio as well and for making their mark in the field of Mixed Martial Arts internationally.”

In another move, the body approved Resolution No. 140 citing young archers Albert Gambican, Mitzi Mae Tabayag, Denny Hanz Binhaon, Darick Faroden and their coach Franklin Espiritu for winning three gold medals and one silver medal in the Manila Polo Club-Boysen Archery Invitational Tournament held at Manila Polo Club, Makati City last March participated in by bowmen from various provinces in Luzon.

Ten-year old

Gambican, eight-year old Darick Faroden of Dominican-Mirador Elementary School, 12-year old Mitzi Mae Tabayag of Saint Louis University-Laboratory Elementary School and Denny Hanz Binhaon delivered the medal haul.

“Their impressive achievement brought pride and honor not only to their families but also to the City of Baguio having been placed in the glare of publicity once again,” the resolution noted. /Aileen P. Refuerzo#

72nd liberation of Baguio commemoration

BAGUIO CITY – Freedom from oppressors of different dimensions were expounded on by the 72nd liberation of Baguio speakers Benguet Governor Crescencio Pacalso and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog last Thursday morning at the Veterans Park along Harrison road.

Pacalso, detailed how freedom was won through blood-wrought hardships of veteran forefathers including his father Alejo. He also delved into civilians' difficulties during World War II in Benguet areas, where supporters including children risked lives to deliver sustenance to guerillas hiding in the mountains.

Everybody, including older people and children often had to scamper and hide during air raids, inspection happens in roads and individuals were shot when suspected of being spies, Pacalso detailed. He conveyed gratitude for all sacrifices and the veterans' gallantry during World War II and expressed hope for peace for the future generations.

"We should never allow another war to come and destroy our peace,"

Pacalso ended.

Vice-Mayor Edison Bilog on one hand, said the soldiers' sacrifices would never be forgotten. "Hindi po naming makakalimutan ang mga dakilang bayani na nagpalaya sa ating lunsod mula sa mga mapang-aping dayuhan."

War against ignorance, drugs and destruction of the environment should be fought, too, Bilog emphasized. We should never allow drugs to destroy this generation and the next, as we wage war against those that destroy our natural resources, the fount of life, he further said.

In unity with the government, everybody will fight against the evils that pry on our youth thru drugs. As our valiant veteran heroes did, we protect our homes, our freedom, and work full of hope for tomorrow, Bilog added.

The commemoration started with a wreath-laying ceremony by the veterans; widows, sons and daughters; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fleet Reserve Association, Philippine Veteran Affairs Office personnel led by

Marilyn Ngayodan, Philippine Veterans Bank-Baguio branch, City officials led by Vice-Mayor Bilog, and speaker for the event Benguet Governor Pacalso.

Veterans who were able to attend the ceremonies are; Raymundo Gadgad, Jose Tiangao, Garcia Wakit, Marciano Miles, Esteban Esco, Tino Aticao, and Albert Bugtong, mostly in their 90s while Eduardo Peralta is the youngest at 87. Accordingly, the veterans were in their teens when war broke out in the 40s.

Volley of fire were given by the Police Regional Office-Cordillera band; as invocation, intermissions and special numbers were given by the Girl Scouts of the Philippines-Baguio, and veteran descendant Paciente Balnges.

The Chiva ni Itogon also performed, as Pacalso and Councilor Lilia Farinas danced the Benguet Tayaw.

The theme for this year's commemoration is, "World War II Veterans: The Guiding Light of our Mother Land." /Julie G. Fianza#

Sludge treatment unit at STP opens

BAGUIO CITY – Water flowing from the city to Balili river tributaries would be cleaner with the official launching of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) sludge treatment unit, last Friday morning.

According to City Environment and Parks Management Office - Water, Wastewater Ambience Management Division (WWAMD-CEPMO) head Engr. Moises Lozano, the volute dewa-

tering press technology would hasten sludge drying from the one-and-one-half-months

usual processing time at the drying beds. The new process, Lozano added, would prevent sludge accumulation, and at times overflow, usually during rainy season at the STP.

The new technology would release treated water to the Balili river, with dry component used as fertiliz-

Domogan, the city is mandated to maintain water cleanliness from headwater source, its quality being measured, and a fee paid to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) once the water quality goes down. The thirty-six barangays along the Balili river are thus obligated to maintain sewer connections, have septic tanks and refrain from disposing their garbage in the river.

The technology was bought from the city's Good Governance prize; where 15M assures the machinery being run with complete parts and maintenance within two years. Amcon, the supplier, with Yusuki Suzuki as



WINNING THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS - City Acting Police Director PSSUPT Ramil Saculles informs the city officials and employees during City Hall flag raising ceremonies that the Baguio's Finest is winning its campaign against illegal drugs with only 12 remaining barangays out of the total 128 categorized as slightly affected barangays with the arrest of 208 drug personalities through police operations and 2,362 who surrendered through Oplan Tokhang and Oplan Taphang. PSSUPT Saculles revealed also that the city's crime incidents has significantly decreased by 54 percent compared to the same period last year. / By Bong Cayabyab

108th Baguio Charter Day celebration exe-com formed

BAGUIO CITY - With the upcoming 108th Baguio Charter Day celebration this September, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently formed its executive committee to come up with activities.

The mayor will chair the committee with city administrator Carlos Canilao and sangguniang panlungsod committee on tourism councilor Elmer Datuin as the co-chairpersons.

The members include the lone district of Baguio representative, ABC president councilor Michael Lawana, city accountant Antonio Tabin, city budget officer Leticia Clemente, city treasurer Alex Cabarrubias, city engineer Elpidio

Garrabiles, city building official Nazita Bañez. City general services officer Romeo Concio, officer-in-charge of the Department of Education Baguio District Office, principals of the Baguio City National High and Pines City National High School, CCA director of Saint Louis University, presidents of the University of Baguio and the University of the Cordilleras, executive assistant Rafael Tallocoy, executive assistant and PESO manager Jose Atanacio, city environment and parks management officer Cordelia Lacsamana, city health officer Rowena Galpo, city sports development officer Gaudencio Gonzales, Baguio City Police Office OIC city

director Ramil Saculles, information officer Aileen Refuerzo, Atty. Moises Cating, Baguio City Tourism Council chairman and acting supervising tourism operations officer.

The committee will plan for various activities of the 108th Baguio Charter Day celebration and to oversee its proper implementation, to prepare policies, guidelines, and measures to ensure the successful conduct of the program and activities lined up, and to find ways and means for all the lined up activities.

As expected, the recognition and awarding of outstanding citizens of Baguio will highlight the 108th Baguio Charter Day. /Jho Arranz#

representative, would check on the machinery as often. Suzuki, further said that his company would focus on solving problems of sewerage, and work on maintaining good relations between Yokohama, Japan and the country.

The mayor added that the sludge dewatering technology is a project, as

from the JICA STP in the 1980s, and further, after the 1990 earthquake.

According to CEPMO head Cordelia Lacsamana, the project is implemented after planning and hardwork, for clean waters in Baguio and neighboring towns of Benguet and La Union.

The machinery was prayed over and blessed

by Father Joseph Paduyao of the Don Bosco Parish Church with barangay officials, city employees led by Mayor Domogan, and Councilors Benny Bomogao, Peter Fianza and Leandro Yangot, Jr.

Lozano added that another septage treatment facility would stand in the same venue. /Julie G. Fianza#

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