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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

Mayor Gives Back Market Walkways to Public

It's what residents have been clamoring for long - the return of discipline -, this time by giving back the alleys and pathways to the public at the overcrowded city market.

Housewives and other market-goers can now walk through with comparative ease and relief after mayor Mauricio Domogan ordered the clearing of walkways occupied for years by vendors selling whatever are also offered inside legitimate stalls.

The clearing, implemented swiftly by the public order and safety division led by retired police officer and now executive assistant Paul Cambod, came as a pleasant surprise to the buying public who had to daily inch their way through what little space is left unoccupied by the maze of goods or skip these like it were a game of hopscotch.

The clearing drive was unexpectedly swift, even with some vendors threatening to march to city hall and protest their dislocation from spaces that were - for all intents and purposes - designed for access, not only for the public but for stallholders bringing in their goods.

Aware of this, mayor Domogan last Monday called on members of the city council to support the executive thrust of finally breaking the rule of indiscipline. He reiterated that while the city is finding ways to allow peddling in areas to be designated on certain hours, the initial success of the clearing drive can only be sustained with city officials pushing the same.

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Mayor Mauricio Domogan reacts and give his sentiments before the City Council during a public hearing on the unabated titling of lands in the city by the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples- Cordillera Administrative Region (NCIP-CAR) last August 5./By Bong Cayabyab

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Councilors Yangot & Bilog, the BEST!!! Pork Barrel Scam- Ano Yun?!? Pasugalan sa Baguio- Ala Naman!

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BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Mayor, sana ay tutuhanan at pangmatagalan na ang paglinis at pagsaayos ng mga pasilyo at daanan ng mga mamamayan. Ipatupad ninyo ang kinaukulang disiplina na katulad ng isinasagawa ni Mayor Duterte ng Davao, walang palakasan at para sa kapakanan at kabutihan ng mas nakararami.

Red Cross says Blood not For Sale

BAGUIO CITY – The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Baguio chapter administrator reiterated that Red Cross is not selling blood.

“We do not sell blood”, said Annie Tamayo, stressed explaining that the payment collected from persons availing blood from the Red Cross is for the processing and screening tests and the paraphernalia used in extracting blood.

Blood is free for it comes from volunteer donors but the blood has to be screened for illnesses before it can be given out to patients. Tamayo said they use several reagents to detect diseases that might be in the blood and these reagents are not cheap.

The Red Cross collects standard screening cost of P1,500 for one unit of whole blood, P1,100 for packed red blood cell, and P700 each for platelet concentrate, fresh frozen plasma and cryoprecipitate.

Meanwhile, cancer and blood diseases specialist Dr. Jasmin Reyes-Igama explained the health benefit of blood donation that include shedding extra calories and reducing blood cholesterol level.

After donating blood, the number of blood cells in our body decreases, this stimulates the bone marrow to produce new, fresh red blood cells in order to replenish the loss, Igama said.

Blood donation is the voluntary act of allowing one's blood to be drawn out of the body which has many advantage and is an act of charity. The donated blood is stored in blood banks to be used for transfusion./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

Former CPLA Members Turn Over Firearms; Employment as Forest Guards Underway

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - Thirty members of the former Cordillera Bodong Administration - Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) formally turned-over their firearms at the Police Regional Office - Cordillera (PRO-Cor) as their reintegration as forest guards under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is underway.

The turn-over ceremony was held at the Log Cabin of Camp Bado Dangwa in this

capital town yesterday with PRO-Cor Regional Director Chief Superintendent Benjamin Magalong receiving the firearms from the 30 members of the CPLA Benguet Zone headed by their commander Tomas Tanacio.

The event was witnessed by Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) Project Management Office (PMO) head Director Alexander Umpan, Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan, DENR-CAR Forest Man-

agement Service Regional Technical Director Augusto Lagon, CBA President Marcelina Bahatan and CBA Secretary General Gabino Gangangan.

Umpan clarified that under the 2011 Government of the Philippines - CBA-CPLA Memorandum of Agreement, the CPLA is now registered as the Cordillera Forum for Peace and Development (CFPD) and the forest guard project with the

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Mayor Seeks Strengthening of City Clean Air Ordinance

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Monday urged the city council to fortify the city's existing Clean Air Act to make it more responsive to the city's anti-pollution programs.

The mayor said this is in line with the city's thrust for green governance where one of the focal points is the improvement of the city's air quality.

“Perhaps the city council can adopt new ordinances to augment the existing one or strengthen the provisions that are lacking,” the mayor told city councilors during the department heads' meeting.

The mayor said the city will strictly implement the random vehicle smoke emission tests through the Roadside Inspection, Testing and Monitoring Team (RITMT) following the adoption of the guidelines contained in the memorandum of agreement signed by representatives of the city and other government agencies, the transport sectors and private emission testing centers (PETCs).

Under Ordinance No. 61 series of 2008 or the Clean Air Act of the city, public utility vehicles have to pass smoke emission tests before operating.

He said one concern that the city council can address is how the city can stop the operation of PETCs that will continue to violate the testing standards.

“We are serious in implementing the guidelines and we want everybody to cooperate on this. We just need to have a hand in stopping those who will continue to disregard these guidelines,” the mayor said.

The authority to cancel the PETCs' accreditation lies with the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) central office which issues the same and this prevents the city from pouncing on erring PETCs.

The mayor said that during deliberations on the RITMT operations, it was found out that the problem on the disparity in the testing results was triggered not by the city's testing machines as earlier claimed by vehicle owners but by PETCs not following the testing standards. He said the city's testing machines were found to be fully compliant with established testing benchmark.

However, he said the city agreed to give the PETCs a leeway to comply with the standards but after the grace period, the city intends to clampdown on those that will continue to violate.

“These matters have all been ironed out during the dialogues of course through the cooperation of the transport sector and the PETCs so I see no reason not to implement the guidelines,” the mayor said.

The mayor once again encouraged vehicles owners to avail of the voluntary smoke emission tests for public utility vehicles PUVs being conducted by the city on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The voluntary tests will be conducted by the RITMT through the City Air Monitoring Unit (CAMU) for a fee of P50 to be paid at the city treasury office.

Drivers, operators or owners of the PUVs will be issued Certification of Voluntary Testing (CVT) upon determina-

tion that the PUVs have passed emission levels. The CVT shall indicate the emission level of the tested vehicles, the operators/owners and drivers of the PUV, the make and model of the PUV, the plate number of the vehicle and validity period of the CVT.

Moreover, the operators, owners or drivers who have voluntarily submitted their vehicles for emission testing shall be exempt from side testing for one month for diesel engines or two months for gas engines, which shall be reckoned from date of issuance of the certificate of voluntary testing provided that the

DOLE-CAR Heightens IEC Campaign on Kasambahay Law

BAGUIO CITY - The Department of Labor and Employment - Cordillera Regional Office (DOLE-CAR) is now focusing its effort in the information, education and communication (IEC) campaign on a Republic Act 10361, otherwise known as the Domestic Workers Act or “Batas Kasambahay”.

DOLE-CAR Mountain Province Head, Samuel Lasdacan, in an interview over the PIA Hour radio program, disclosed that the Batas Kasambahay is the government's response to help address the social welfare concerns of domestic or household workers.

With the law just enacted January this year and with its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) released only last June 4, there are still a lot of orientations needed to be done to fully inform the public about the said law.

Aside from radio programs and interviews, DOLE-CAR also conducts orientation on the Kasambahay Law at its regional office. Last week, DOLE-CAR also conducted orientation for the barangay captains from Baguio City and the Benguet municipalities of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba, Tublay and Mankayan.

Lasdacan explained that the Kasambahay law covers household workers such as general house help, yaya, cook, gardener, laundry person or any person who regularly performs domestic work in one household in an occupational basis, whether on a live-in or live-out status.

The Kasambahay Law provides a minimum wage of P2,500 for those employed in the National Capital Region; P2,000 for those employed in cities and first class municipalities, and P1,500 for those employed in other municipalities. It also provides for the payment of a 13th month pay.

There are also provisions pertaining to the social welfare and protection of the household workers sector. The law provides mandatory payment for the household workers' Social Security System (SSS), PhilHealth, or PAGIBIG membership, however if the Kasambahay is receiving a monthly wage of P5,000 and above, he/she must also pay a proportionate share in the premium contribution as provided by the law.

Lasdacan explained that though the law provides minimum salary caps to household help, it also does not mean that employers who are already providing a bigger or higher salary to their existing helpers will bring down their salaries.

Moreover with more social benefits, it does not mean that a household worker should also lessen the regular household works that he or she performs.

Both the employer and the kasambahay have their own duties and responsibilities, which is why there is a need to provide more orientations and information campaign about the law's IRR so there will be no neglect or abuse of the law from either party, Lasdacan stressed./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

CVT is presented upon flagging down of the vehicle.

The certificate of voluntary testing shall be revocable on any of the following circumstances: when another person uses the CVT for another vehicle; when the motor vehicle is seen to be emitting unusual volume of smoke, is flagged down, and upon road side Cont. on page 6



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Mayor Issues sos Anew on Burgeoning CALT Problem

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio Domogan last week appealed anew for help in stopping the titling of forest reservations in the city which he reiterated has become the city's biggest ordeal.

During the city council session on Monday, Domogan lamented that one-fifth of the city's total land area has now been covered by Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) including the spurious ones issued on the city's vital forest reservations.

"We say this again that the most serious problem confronting our city at present is the ti-

tlung of our reservations which is clearly a wanton violation of section 78 of Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous People's Rights Act. To us, (the act) is unscrupulous because these are not legitimate claims," the mayor said clarifying that the city does not question CALTs issued on legitimate claims.

"Imagine what will happen to our city if we lose the legal battles to reclaim these reservations," the mayor be-

moaned.

The mayor said the city is now faced with legal battles to cancel the CALTs over Forbes Park, Botanical Garden and Wright Park and to drive away squatters at the vital Busol watershed and the Casa Vallejo area along Session Road. He said the city will also tackle the CALT reportedly issued over the Loakan Airport including portions of the Philippine Military Academy.

He expressed hopes that the recent pronouncements

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Lawmaker calls Corruption in Customs, the New 'Wangwang'

"A new 'wangwang' reform should take effect in the whole bureaucracy."

Senate Majority Floor Leader Alan Cayetano made this statement Friday as he compared the rampant corruption and other forms of anomalies in the Bureau of Customs (BOC) as the new 'wangwang' irking the President and the people.

In a press conference, Cayetano urged the government to introduce not just proposals, but "major, bold, (and) radical reforms" to put an end to alleged corrupt practices among officials and employees of the BOC.

"Raising the issue in his SONA is already a stern warning and I believe [President Aquino] will effect changes himself in the BOC should nothing happen in the next few weeks," Cayetano said adding that he would support major reforms being pushed by the administration to cleanse agencies known for being 'corruption hotspots'.

Cayetano likewise said this is the best time for Customs Commissioner Rufino "Ruffy" Biazon to have the political will to lay down workable and pragmatic yet comprehensive reforms in his agency.

"I do understand the difficulty of having to effect a reform, but now that Commissioner Biazon and Commissioner (Danny) Lim are in the middle of this issue, and they have the support of the President and the people who want radical reforms in the agency, they should take this as opportunity to address the problem of corruption in the BOC," Cayetano pointed out.

He said Biazon's move on instructing the agency's port directors to resign from their respective posts as well as leading the bureau's reorganization is "a good first step" but added that "there should be a next big step towards reform."

BOC in bad light since 2009

To reaffirm the gravity of the issue, Cayetano cited a statement from the President's SONA, claiming that over P200-Billion worth of government money is lost due to corruption within the bureaucracy.

This amount of money, according to Cayetano, could have been spent on building 800,000 7x9-meter classrooms, providing 20 million scholarships for primary and secondary education, paying 650,000 public school teachers, loans for about 10 million small scale enterprises, or even on increasing

Mayor Steadfast in' no Vending Campaign'in

CBD BAGUIO CITY – despite protests from some

vensections pathways and frontages, sidewalks fronting carinderia section and Rillera Building, sidewalks and alleyways along Blocks 3 & 4, vendors along Parungao Pharmacy to Lower Magsaysay area, sidewalk and roads between Dimalanta and Rice section, between Fowl and chicheria section to Hangar market and vendors along the sidewalk and streets from abanao square to Empire Cinema.

Clearing operations started August 1 which was the deadline for vendors to voluntarily dismantle illegal structures and obstructions in the city's public market and areas within the CBD.

Domogan however said, "vendors are not being totally stopped from selling as they are given vending sites and time to ply their trade."

"We have given them a place to sell from 5 am to 9 am and from 5:30 pm onwards, I am appealing to them to grab this opportunity and not sell in areas which are totally prohibited," he said.

Domogan also said, "there are also vacant stalls in blocks 3 and 4 for interested vendors to occupy if they are qualified."

"We are also studying other requests from vendors regarding vending sites for as long as they cooperate with our policy and that they will ensure cleanliness and orderliness," he said.

Domogan said, "the city might open the parking area of block 4 for temporary vending and the alley between Blocks 3 and 4 but encourages vendors to apply for vacant stalls with the BCMA."

Domogan also said, "a scheme to divide the group of vendors who will sell in the morning and afternoon is also underway to give them all a fair chance to sell."

The mayor also said all vending areas are temporary in nature until the city finds a more suitable and permanent site for them.

"We discourage vendors to sell in our sidewalks and roads, there is absolutely no selling in those areas and we have identified them as zero vending," he said.

Meantime, the mayor said crime volume in the city public market decreased as reported by the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) which is largely attributed to the clearing operations being implemented by the city government./paul rillorta

Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) beneficiaries by about 13 million – all of which would have improved the lives of many Filipinos.

The Senator said even if government tried to fire everyone working within the BOC, this "radical" move would not entirely put an end to corruption since the replacements may be just as corrupt as the old officials.

"I am not generalizing but corruption is still widespread," he added.

Cayetano cited a 2012 SWS Survey of Enterprises on Corruption saying that although the Bureau of

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ORIENTATION ON KASAMBAHAY LAW - Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Councilor Betty Lourdes Tabanda jointly share their views on the rights of household helpers including employers during the Orientation on Republic Act 10361 (Kasambahay Law) which was participated in by various sectors of the society. The orientation was also attended by City First Lady Rebecca Domogan, which was sponsored by the Gender Equality and Development Council (CEAD) chaired by Councilor Tabanda and the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) under PESO Manager Designate and Mayor's Executive Assistant IV Jose Atanacio./By Bong Cayabyab

Benguet Solon Explains Congress' Role in LGUs

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet, - Congressman Ronald M. Cosalan of the Lone District of Benguet explained the role of House of Representatives in the development of local government units.

Apart from the main legislative work of filing and approving of bills of local and national application, a district solon takes on a supportive role making assistance available to the LGUs and organizations, according to Cosalan.

He explained that a congressman receives a share of P70million annually representing the Priority Development Assistance Fund or the so-called "pork barrel". Of the total amount, P30M is allotted for soft projects such as livelihood assistance with funding ranging from P100,000 to P2M while 40M is allotted for small infrastructure projects with funds ranging from P500,000 to around P10M.

Those usually funded are approved barangay resolutions endorsed by municipal councils requesting for funding of small infrastructure projects like foot trails, footbridges, waiting sheds, multi-purpose buildings, day-care centers, and livelihood programs such animal raising, loom weaving and meat processing, among others.

It is also used for medical assistance of indigent constituents.

In his case, Cosalan said he continues to infuse medical financial assistance to Baguio General Hospital, Benguet General Hospital and the Philippine Heart Center for indigent patients.

Cosalan also stressed that his legislative efforts are geared towards wrangling for shares of funds allotted to the Department of Energy for the province's remaining un-energized barrios based on a list prepared by the Benguet Electric Cooperative.

This is also true with other line government agencies as in the case of the Department of Agriculture that provides funding for farm to market roads (FMR), and the Department of Public Works and Highways that funds projects on national roads in the provinces.

The funds allotted by the line agencies for soft and infrastructure projects are normally infused or inserted by the congressmen prior to approval in the General

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Leapfrogging infection

Doctors dub it "metastasis." That's when a disease leapfrogs from one part of the body to another. The Commission on Audit has documented persisting metastasis of the pork barrel.

Mid-July, Benhur Luy blew the whistle on the P10-billion pork allegedly cornered by Janet Lim-Napoles of JLN Corp. through 20 bogus nongovernment organizations. Senators Ramon Revilla Jr., Juan Ponce Enrile, Jinggoy Estrada, Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and Gregorio Honasan, plus 23 congressmen, delivered the shekels.

The COA sifted through pork chits from 2007 to 2009, Chair Maria Grace Pulido-Tan revealed. It found that 98 administration and opposition lawmakers shoveled P2.19 billion in pork through 15 bogus NGOs. That's metastasis.

Senator Lito Lapid burned P20 million of pork in 2011 for "antidengue inoculants" for Polillo, Teresa, Baras, and Pililla. These towns "had no dengue fever case." Last Friday, whistle-blower Merlin Suñas tagged the agriculture department's gatekeeper for NGOs as a conduit of a web of fake NGOs controlled by JLN.

EDITORIAL

"Greed is a tree that grows even on arid soil." Were the eight

congressmen who had ladled tax money into the Kaupdanan Para sa Mangunguma Foundation Inc. conned? The two-figure donors include Masbate's Scott Davies Lanete (P30 million), Lanao del Sur's Mohammed Hussein Pangandaman (P15 million), An Waray's Neil Benedict Montejo (P14.2 million), and Davao City's Isidro Ungab (P13 million). Or were they happy to be fleeced?

"Even if only half of the allegations [are] true, Napoles ... qualifies as the country's foremost expert on corruption," the Inquirer's Randy David wrote. "Should she land in prison, and need a benign intellectual pursuit... I recommend she write a participant-observer account of the social system of corruption." Thomas Jefferson once warned: "If we allow the process of earmarking, pork barrel spending, to go forward, it will be an eternal scramble among members who can get the most money wasted in their state. And they will always get most who are the meanest."

The tag "pork barrel" bobbed up in the West in the 19th century, when households stored a barrel of salted pork. "I hold a family to be in a desperate way when the mother can see the bottom of the pork barrel," James Fenimore Cooper wrote in his 1845 novel "The Chainbearer." The term became derogatory by 1873, the Oxford English Dictionary notes.

Filipinos do not have a monopoly of this abuse. Poles speak of "kelbasa wyborcza," which translates into "election sausage." Finns say "siltarum pupolitiikka" or "culvert politics." It pinpoints politicians who construct culverts and projects to curry favor with voters. Danes call poll pork "valgflæsk."

During the 2008 US presidential campaign, the Gravina Island bridge in Alaska was slammed as the "Bridge to Nowhere." Republican senator Ted Stevens' pork barrel underwrote the projected \$398-million bridge to serve the island's 50 residents.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines has called for scrapping the pork barrel as institutionalized sleaze. That resonated with the 1984 counsel of Cecilia Muñoz Palma, the first woman to be appointed to the Philippine Supreme Court, against accepting P2 million in pork. She had, by then, been elected Quezon City assemblywoman. "Tiene cojones" (She has balls) was the irreverent but heartfelt accolade paid to this lady.

Senators Grace Poe, Bam Aquino and Antonio Trillanes agree that the pork barrel should be scrapped. Indeed, the pork barrel costs are much greater than its benefits, the Inquirer's Solita Monsod wrote. Yet, it flourishes. Why?

"Simply because those who benefit are the ones who decide whether the system should continue or not," Monsod wrote. At least P21 billion a year of taxpayers' money is squandered through pork, she wrote. "The 'servants' of the people screw their bosses with impunity. ... [N]ot all legislators are involved. True. But they haven't done a thing about it either."

"Ang tawo nga mahakug, wala pagkabusog," goes a Visayan proverb. A greedy person is never satisfied. Most strident in the squeal of protests against the proposed abolition of the pork barrel are 29 congressmen who've banded into the "Visayan bloc."

"Our districts and constituents have benefited from [pork barrel]," Iloilo Rep. Jerry Treñas said, adding that pork is used for scholarships, hospitalization and infrastructure projects.

Non-Visayan members are Cesar Sarmiento of Catanduanes, Sonny Collantes of Batangas and Pedro Acharon of South Cotabato. The bloc's viewpoint is shared by many legislators who fret that their names could well surface in scam reports yet to come.

Meanwhile, senators in the pork mess dismissed out of hand Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago's suggestion: Take a leave of absence pending formal investigation. Delicadeza, alas, is the first victim when corruption metastasizes.

Since then, Senator Santiago has bounced back. She filed a resolution for the phased scrapping of pork. She suggests slashing senators' pork from P200 million to P100 million in 2014, to P50 million in 2015, then zero in 2016. Also, chop congressmen's pork from P70 million to P35 million in 2014, to P15 million in 2015, and nil in 2016.

Plug, meanwhile, those loopholes that allow legislators to slurp pork. How? Release it for "hard projects" and directly to national government agencies. Cut out NGOs. "This strict rule should be nonnegotiable." In the past, local chief executives—often spouses or other kin of legislators—squandered pork. Bar the LGUs, too.

That'd be the day when metastasis of a corrupt institution would recede. "Turn off the pork barrel spigot," former US President Bill Clinton once urged, "and deliver for our children's future." E-mail: juan_mercado77@yahoo.com/Juan L. Mercado



ADVOCACY MINDANOW

RE-VISITING VILLA MEDICA BANGKOK

BY: JESUS DUREZA



BANGKOK — I am writing this while inside Room 1621 of ARNOMA HOTEL. My room mate BOBET CASTILLO, admin/finance whiz man of the University of Mindanao and MINDANAO TIMES is fast asleep, somehow disappointed after having failed to get a Thai massage from a fully-booked spa across the street. We are actually part of a 12-person team that is enjoying an all-expense paid for 3-day holiday in the Thai capital courtesy of TIMES "Boss" WILLIE TORRES. Why the trip? Well, it has to do with some sales targets that EDITOR AMY BANDIOLA and I (as Publisher) are not too privy about or aware. Aside from putting out the daily newspaper, taking on trips like this is what we are always interested in! Meaning, we'd like to have this trip regularly, never mind how the business goes. (Hahaha!)

Day 2 was the day to visit the HOLISTIC MEDICAL CENTRE along Asoke Road, Bangkok, by the way, is a regional base of VILLA MEDICA (VM) of Germany which provides the now world-famous and pioneering "regenerative" FRESH STEM CELL THERAPY (FCT) that draws world leaders, celebrities and ordinary mortals (who can afford) who want to experience "regeneration".

Our day's host was VM CEO BOBBY CHIA, a Thai entrepreneur who four years ago acquired controlling interest of the 35-year old German medical facility located in EDENKOBEN, just outside of Frankfurt. He hosted lunch and introduced us to the pioneering world of health and wellness by bringing us to the centre. It was actually a re-visit for me, having been there in September, 2012 with my wife BETH when we were still researching and doing due diligence then in preparation for her FCT for her ailing kidneys in the VM clinic in Germany (which was in fact done in November that year).

Also, I was "escorting" our daughter LIZA KRISTEL for her orientation and briefings being a new business partner and representative of VM to handle FCT clients in the country. She joined Ms. SUZETTE LOPEZ and MS. ROSEMARIE FERNANDEZ who just recently joined as top executives of VM Philippines.

Let's all just wait for EDITOR AMY's report about the trip and the VM facilities. I understand she was fascinated by the wonders of FCT and its regenerative effect. (Going to Germany too, Ms. Amy? No sweat, KRISTEL will arrange.)

TOURISM BOOM — The sidewalks and malls in downtown BANGKOK are all teeming with tourists. Although traffic is still bad in most city streets, Bangkok is cashing in on tourism. There's a lot of catching up we Filipinos have to do to be at par with Thailand, although ironically, Filipinos' facility in English is supposed to be an added advantage. But we are still lagging behind.

Their night markets are tops. Yes, their clubs and bars and fun areas remain open until wee hours of the morning. (Sorry but they won't enjoy the recently-imposed 1 a.m. liquor ban in Davao City for sure.)

CHALLENGING CHINA? — I read somewhere while abroad about some sectors clearly swooning and bragging about the arrival of a new Philippine Navy vessel "to deal with China". Wow, let's hold it folks. While we should jubilantly welcome another addition to our AFP capabilities, please let's not frame those developments as if we can already challenge or confront other big countries who threaten our shores. Warmongering leads us nowhere! **ADVOCACY MINDANOW FOUNDATION, INC. (AMFI)** Follow us at Twitter: [AMFI_Mindanao](https://twitter.com/AMFI_Mindanao)/Email us: info@advocacymindanow.org/Visit us: www.advocacymindanow.org

KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Making it harder for whistleblowers in RP

BY: BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Just as it pleased the Lord to make you prosper and increase in number, so it will please him to ruin and destroy you..." (Deuteronomy 28:63, the Holy Bible).

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IT DOES NOT PAY TO EXPOSE OIL SMUGGLING? I agree with lawyer Dante Vargas, a former Ombudsman prosecutor, that it would have been a lot better if his client, Felicito Mejorado, cooperated with oil smugglers, instead of reporting their smuggling activities to the government, considering the refusal of Budget Secretary Florencio Abad and Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima to pay the reward money due Mejorado.

Mejorado was supposed to receive some P272 million as a reward from the government for information that led to the busting of an oil smuggling syndicate, but, up to now, he has been paid only about P68 million. Abad, in particular, is said to be refusing to release the rest of the reward money to Mejorado, even if the money was already released by the National Treasury to the Department of Budget.

The point of Vargas is therefore well-taken: if Mejorado did not squeal on the oil smuggling, and instead cooperated with the smugglers, he would have earned much more than the P272 million that he is to be paid with. Now, the question is: why are Abad and the Finance Department refusing to pay? They want to give the message that it does not pay to expose oil smuggling under the Aquino government?

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MAKING IT HARDER FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS IN RP: Because of what is happening to Mejorado, who else will dare expose smuggling activities in the Philippines if the very government officials who are supposed to fight smuggling themselves are acting against whistleblowers, unjustifiably at that, particularly in withholding the reward money due them, which has already been made available anyway?

It would have been alright if there was a valid reason for refusing to pay the whistleblowers. But then, in the case of Mejorado, his right to be paid was already recognized by this government earlier, since he had been given an initial payment of about P68 million.

The sudden refusal of Abad and the Finance Department to effect further payment raises suspicions that they are merely trying to make it harder for Mejorado, in particular, and for all whistleblowers, in general. The impression one gets from what Abad and the Department of Finance are doing to Mejorado is this: discourage exposes against smugglers. In short, the impression is that, this government wants smuggling to continue.

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RAISING PROBLEMS TO GOD: Consequently, I also agree with what Vargas had done as a lawyer for Mejorado: bring this matter to the Ombudsman. As President Aquino is fond of saying whenever he is confronted with the shenanigans of his officials and subordinates, let the chips fall where they may, and let's see whether the Ombudsman will act in the greater interest of the Filipino nation.

But I urge Vargas and Mejorado to bring their issues not only before the courts of men, but even before God—in particular, through prayers and constant study of His Word, the Bible, with expectation in their hearts that in His great mercy and omniscience, God will act with fairness and justice as the ultimate "Judge" or "Justice" in their complaint against Abad and the Department of Finance.

For, in Hebrews 4:12, we are told: "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing **Cont. on page 6**

MAGKASANGGA TAYO

Councilors Yangot & Bilog, the BEST!!! Pork Barrel Scam- Ano Yun?!?! Pasugalan sa Baguio- Ala Naman!

BY: NESTOR CASTRO



Councilors Yangot & Bilog the BEST!!!- Sabi nila nagbabangyan daw ang dalawang konsehal na si Leandro Yangot at Atty. Edgardo Bilog (the No 1 Councilor) tungkol sa katas ng mga iligal na pasugalan. Teka nga muna, meron bang mga iligal na pasugalan sa ngayon, sa aking pagkakaalam ay wala naman iligal na pasugalan sapagkat pinatigil na lahat ni Mayor. Kung tutuo na mayroon silang bangyan ano naman kaya ang tutuong kuwento ng pinagawayan ng dalawang superyor na Konsehal? Hi !Hi ! Hi !. Sa palagay ko maraming naiingit at nagagalit kay Konsehal Bilog sapagkat siya ang naging numero unong (**NUMBER 1**) konsehal na siyempre naman ang ibig sabihin ng numero unong konsehal ay kapag siya ay nag pasya na tatakbo for higher office katulad ng pag ka Vice Mayor, Mayor o Congressman ay maaaring may matinding laban at ibubuga itong si Atorni Bilog. Hingil sa mga chismis na awayan nila hingil sa katas ng pasugalan o yun sinasabing ginalaw daw at isinolo ni Atorni Bilog ang intelihensya para sa mga ibang konsehal ay marahil ay isang haka-haka lamang at isang malisyosong chismis at hangang hindi aminin mismo ng nagbigay ng datong o aminin mismo ni Atorni Bilog na mayroon siyang tinaggap ay mananatiling isang haka-haka lamang at chismis ang info na yan. Pero sa palagay ko, marami lang **NAIINGIT AT NAIINSECURE**, umamin mga naiingit at naiinsecure kay Konsehal Bilog dala ng kanyang pagiging isang Numero Unong Konsehal na sa ngayon malaki ang pag-asa na siya ay maging future Vice Mayor o future Mayor !!!

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Pork Barrel Scam- Ano Yun?!?!- Maniniwala ba kayo sa mga binabalita na itong si Janette Lim Napoles ang siyang may utak ng isang 10 billion pesos pork barrel scam? Maniniwala ba kayo na karamihan ng mga mambabat na nadawit ay tunay na mga sangkot sa nasabing pork barrel scam? Maniniwala ba kayo na mula fifty to seventy (50% - 70%) ang siyang parte ni mister tongressman o mister senatong kapag siya ay pumayag na idaan ang kanyang pork barrel sa isa sa mga kompanya daw di Napoles? Hanep, nga naman ano, ilang pirma lang nila tongresmen at senatongs ay milyones na agad, no sweat ika nga! Maniniwala ba kayo na para daw ma ilusot ang ganitong uri ng scam ay kakontsba rin ang mismong mga diumano ay mga benepisaryo sa local government at pati na rin ang mga taga Department of Budget and Management (DBM) at pati na rin ang mga taga Commission on Audit (COA) ? Sa mga katanungan na yan, kung ako ang inyong tatanungin sa aking panananaw at opinion ay **WALA YAN SCAM NA YAN, WALANG PORK BARREL SCAM, GAWA GAWA LANG YAN NG MGA NAIINGIT AT NANINIRA KAY JANETTE LIM NAPOLES AT SA MGA IBANG SENATONGS. Hi ! Hi ! Hi ! It's really more fun in the Philippines!!!**

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Pasugalan sa Baguio- Ala Naman!- bakit

PALSIIT

MAKORIENTE DAGITI LAMES?

BY: LEONARDO ROSQUETA AGUNOY



ITI laksiid nga adda existing laws/ordinances a maipawil iti panagkoriente kadagiti lames, adu latta dagiti illegal fisherman. Isuna laeng ta kaaduanna a makalkaluban dagitoy kinukusit nga aramid babaen met laeng kadagiti protector a law enforcers ken basta met kadagiti public officials (puera de los buenos). No apay a kastoy ti panangipapantayo? Maibatay met laeng iti pammaliw babaen iti maysa a pagpasao: ADDA, AYA, ASUK NO AWAN TI APUY? Ania ti masaoyo, kakabsat nga agipatpatungpal kadagiti paglintegan? Saan koma a pitik iti pidit-piditoy daytoy a mai-PALSIIT kadakayo, ngem ketdi, padasen/aramidenyo man laeng daytoy a kas pangmurmuray kadakayo. Sapulenyoy kadi, a, ti disso a pakaisaysayangan dagiti illegal fishing a kas iti panagkoriente kadagiti lames. No ngamin makoriente dagiti lames, babassit ken dadakkel, sangapada a biktimaen ti koriente. Kasla massacre met ti nakaam-ames a pannakadangran/pannakapapatay dagiti lames. Naimimbag la koma no sigay ti maipakat a pagkalap ta mapili laeng ti kadadakkel dagiti maalana a lames, batay iti kadadakkel ti abut ti sigay. Daytoy maar-aramid nga illegal a panagkalap, ipasimudaagna ti kinagamrud, kinatulisan nga aramid. Saan nga ibibiang dagiti masalungasing a paglintegan. Kakabsat a violator iti illegal fishing, apay, dakayo la ketdin, aya, ti kayatna ti agbiag ken mairanud kadagiti taraon a masarakan iti uneg ti danum? Saanyo man laeng, aya, a masirmata ti kinapateg ti lames a mapadakkel a nasayaat santo kalaapen iti umno a ppanawen?

Ti makitatayo kadagitoy a mapaspasamak, mapatured dagiti kakabsat nga agkalap iti illegal gapu ta dagiti law enforcerstayo, managpabus-oyda. No saan, gapu ta maimasanda ti aglak-am iti pasuksok a kuarta ken kasta met ti lames a makalapan iti illegal, ay, awan ti agtagtagari lattan, a.

Malagiptayo man daydiay bambanti (scarecrow) a maipan iti pinagayan no umadanin nga agluom dagiti dawa ti pagay. Maaramat daytoy a bambanti (sinan-tao) tapno adda kabuteng dagiti billit-tuleng nga agduom kadagiti agluom a dawa ti pagay. No agangin, agsala ti bambanti. Ngem, ti agbisin a nabiag, kabuteng pay ngata, aya dagiti billit-tuleng ti bambanti? No nagapaston ti pagay, maikkatto metten ti bambanti. Di ngata nasaysayaat a ti pagay laeng panagluom dagiti dawa, duomen aminen dagiti billit-tuleng tapno maisakbayen a maigibus ti akem ti bambanti? Ngem, saan, a. Nasaysayaat met laeng no maatipa ti panagduom dagiti billit-tuleng kadagiti dawa tapno addanto met laeng pakairanudan dagiti kakabsat a mannalon.

Kasla bambanti dagiti paglintegan a di met maipatpatungpal kadagiti aglabsing (violator). Kailala ti bambannog dagiti lawmakers a nangpampanday dagiti a paglintegan a maipapaigid met gapu iti kasasaad dagitoy a kasla bambanti.

Law enforcers, sapay koma ta positive ti pannangawatyo dagiti pammaliwtoy. Saan, aya, a gagemtayo amin a matuntunan ti kinapudno? Tapno agsayaat ken maidaydayawtoy amin.

PAGPAMPANUNOTAN: Between truth and the search for truth, I opt for the second. - BERNARD BERENSON.#

mayroon mga ibang nagsasabi na mayroon daw mga iligal na pasugalan sa Baguio? Sa aking pagkakaalam ay puros sarado naman sila dala ng kautusan ni Mayor na sila ay magsara. So ano ang mga kiao kiao ng mga kung sino-sino na mayroon daw mga iligal na pasugalan sa Baguio, baka imahinasyon lang yan ng mga talunan nitong nakaraang eleksyon. Hoy kayong mga talunan, sa puntong ito ay dapat naka rekober na kayo at galingan at pagbutihan na lang ninyo sa taong 2016!!!

Mayor give Back...

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"Walang mangyari sa atin kung di tayo magtulungan", the mayor told fellow city officials during their Monday morning meeting after the weekly flag ceremony.

He pointed out that no less than President Aquino, in his order creating a multi-agency body to work for the preservation of the lure of Baguio and the world-renowned Boracay beach in the Visayas, noted the need to prevent use of sidewalks for vending.

Domogan warned that affected vendors who resort to barricade in protest of the city's drive for restoration of order in the market will be disqualified from vending in the areas to be designated for such.

Years back, the mayor earned the ire of peddlers for his clearing the Hilltop Road of obstructions, with some reportedly threatening not to vote for him in the next elections.

"If the report of threat is true, I wouldn't care if they don't vote for me as long as we can clear the roads and passageways in themarket," he had said.

Last week, he acknowledged that the drive for restoring the simple discipline that was the mark of Baguio during its formative years is still a long way to go.

For one, city tourism officer Benny Alhambra called for another round of information campaign on the (anti-) "King of the Road" ordinance introduced by city councilor Fred Bagbagen three years ago.

The ordinance requires drivers to fully stop and yield for five seconds before pedestrian lanes for the safety of and as courtesy to those on foot crossing the city's streets. This regulation has yet to sink in among drivers who also have yet to acknowledge the presence of so-called "blue lanes" or street crossings for the elderly and persons with disabilities who are observing "White Cane" week this month.

Motorists, on the other hand, claim it's a two-way traffic that would also require a crackdown on jaywalkers and pedestrians who are oblivious to stop-and-go signals and cross streets with the red traffic light on./Ramon Dacawi.

Kakampi mo ang Batas...

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soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart..." And in Romans 1:16, we are reminded: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."

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Mayor Seeks...

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testing, its emission level has been determined to have exceeded emission standards of the Anti-Smoke Belching Ordinance; and when the CVT issued has been defaced or water-damaged, or some information on the CVT has been altered./ A Refuerzo

Former CPLA...

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DENR is part of the economic reintegration and livelihood component for the members.

He disclosed that OPAPP aims to complete the hiring of the CFPD members who are applying as forest guards this month so they can also commence their training for their work.

Lagon, in an interview, explained that under the "Bantay Gubat" or forest guard program, they will be hiring 325 former CPLA members from all over the region, including the 30 beneficiaries from Benguet. Their work will include information dissemination on forest protection, establishments of tree nursery and other forest community-based works.

For his part, Fongwan highlighted the importance of such project in the protection of the rich natural resources and forest reserves of Benguet in which he also expressed his gratitude to the government, as aside from ensuring peace and order in the region, the project also provides socio-economic development to its beneficiaries and their communities.

For the project beneficiaries, Fongwan advised them not to abuse the opportunity that the national government is giving them and do their part by protecting the environment as forest guards.

Umpar also expresses OPAPP's gratitude to the provincial government of Benguet, other local government units, and government agencies who are their partners in implementing peace and development projects under the GPH-CBA-CPLA 2011 MOA/JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

Police Cordillera...

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the PNP is now focused on engaging the youth and students is because they believe the youth will be crucial partners especially in the upcoming barangay and SK elections.

"The most important factor to heighten your social and political awareness is leadership. And this is the focus of this training - to lead you to become leaders," Magalong stressed.

"Reforms and organizations must always be leadership-driven. Everything must emanate from the leader. There is no substitute to leadership by example. Everything should always start from a leader," he added.

During the summit, Jane Bugtong of the Department of Public Works and Highways in Baguio City and Lt. Christopher Ayensa of the Philippine Air Force discussed the traits and principles of an effective and efficient leader while Capt. Randy Sta. Maria and Sgt. Baldomero Espiritu of the Philippine Army tackled the threats to national security.

The youth training was organized with the help of the Baguio-based youth organizations, the Alpha Phi Omega (APO)-Gamma PSI of the University of the Philippines-Baguio City and the Youth for Peace Philippines (YPP).

Participants were the APO of UP Baguio City; the YPP, youth leaders from the University of Cordilleras (UC), University of Baguio (UB), King's College of the Philippines (KCP), and the Abra Youth

BLISTT Cooperation Shaping up - Domogan

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Wednesday said initial signs of cooperation are taking shape among the city and provinces included in the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Sablan-Tuba-Tublay (BLISTT) development concept.

The mayor cited the collaboration transpiring between Baguio and La Trinidad in tackling their mutual waste problem which he said is an offshoot of efforts to revive the BLISTT development concept, mapped out almost 20 years ago.

He expressed hope that more cooperation will emanate from said efforts as the city and Benguet towns pursue the development framework.

"I hope those days when negative attitudes persist are gone now because it is not true that only the city of Baguio will benefit from the BLISTT cooperation. Of course, the city will have gains out of this but other municipalities will also mutually reap benefits as much as the city," the mayor said.

Domogan earlier lauded La Trinidad mayor Edna Tabada and other officials for helping the city in its time of need which he said is a symbol of cooperation which embodies the true spirit of the BLISTT concept.

Domogan attended the first development council held last Monday convened by the Regional Development Council Cordillera (RDC-CAR) and hosted by the city at the Baguio Country Club with mayors Tabada, Victorio Palangdan of Itogon, Arthur Baldo of Sablan, Florencio Bentrez

of Tuba and Ruben Paoad of Tublay.

The meeting was also attended by RDC-CAR Vice Chairperson and National Economic Development Authority CAR Director Milagros Rimando, Dept of Interior and Local Government CAR Director John Castañeda, DILG Benguet Provincial Director Rufina Fegcan, DILG Baguio City Director Evelyn Trinidad and Environment Management Bureau-Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources CAR Director Oscar Cabanayan.

The mayor said the discussions centered on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed in July 2012 which charts the BLISTT heads' roles in the implementation of the development framework which aims to make the BLISTT a "model regional growth center."

The mayor said the MOA will be subject to consultations with the BLISTT's legislators and public and private organizations to gather inputs on the avenues of cooperation that the BLISTT may pursue.

According to Shah Balaw-ing of the RDC-CAR, the development council also agreed to involve line agencies to beef up its technical capabilities.

"It was agreed that the BLISTT mayors will comprise a governing body which will approve the recommendations of the BLISTT Development Council. The specific functions of the governing council and its relationship to the rest of the BLISTT structure shall be determined in the next council meeting," Balaw-ing said.

"The members are encouraged to study the MOA and make proposals on further cooperation. It is expected that before the end of the year, more consultations shall had been conducted to generate comments and issues that must be addressed and lead to a commitment for a BLISTT re-planning."

Domogan said the BLISTT development council will hold its next meeting August 23 with La Trinidad as host./A Refuerzo

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
ELMER K. BIOYO
Applicants
Case No:2010-CAR-371
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application of Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the Line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SAN CARLOS HEIGHTS EXTENSION via QUEZON 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 August 28, 2013 at 10:00 A.M./P.M. at the LTRFB Office, Paodal, Baguio City in which date and time the applicant shall formally submit his/her evidences.

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honorable CELINA B. CLAVER - Regional Director this 31st day of July 2013.

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

Organizations Society (AYOS) of Abra.

After the training proper at Loakan Airport, the Abra youth leaders had their planning workshop at Camp Bado Dangwa in La Trinidad, Benguet with Carmelita Bersalona of the Abra Peace Conveners' Group and her staff as facilitators.

As a result of the workshop, the participants came up with their organizational framework and structure with the five committees namely membership, governance and social participation, economics, education, and environment. (JDP/MTBB-PIA CAR,Abra)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City
RACHEL G. BOGNADON
Applicants
Case No:2011-CAR-872
NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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(SGD) Atty. ANABEL A. MARZAN-NULLAR
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Republic of the
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REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT
First Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF COURT
&
EX-OFFICIO
SHERIFF
Baguio City

HOME DEVELOP-
MENT MUTUAL
FUND (Pag-IBIG
Fund),

Mortgagee,

-versus-

GORDONE GARIN,
Mortgagor,

FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 13-432-S
FOR

EXTRAJUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135,
as amended.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE
OF AUCTION
SALE

Upon verified petition for foreclosure and sale extra-judicially under Act 3135, as amended, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund), hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGEE, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness of GORDON E. GARIN, hereinafter referred to as the MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 21, 2013 now amounts to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR and 36/100 (P 1,335,154.36) PESOS, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalties, but excluding other charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and expenses incidental to the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or any

duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on August 28, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the lobby of the Justice Hall Building, Baguio City to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the property/properties together with all the improvements existing thereon, more particularly described as follows:

**TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 018-
2010001742**

A parcel of land (Lot 1-5-A-8-D, Psd-CAR -015596, being a portion of Lot 1-5-A-8, Psd-CAR-014299; situated at rurban code 131102, Res. Sec. "D", City of Baguio, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along lines 5-1-2 by Road Lot 1-5-A-9, Psd-CAR-014299; on the NE., along lines 2-3 and on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 1-5-A-8-1 (Alley) of the Subdivision Plan; on the SW., along line 4-5 by Lot 1-5-A-8-C of the Subd. Plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N. 69 deg. 39, W., 2283.96 m. from BLLM No. 1, called BAGUIO, to corner "1", THENCE: N. 30 deg. 07' E., 5.45 m. to point 2; S. 34 deg. 47'E., 23.23 m. to point 3; S. 69 deg. 32'., 22.13 m. to point 4; N. 25 deg., 57' W., 18.92 m. to point 5; N. 68 deg. 39' E., 14.00 m. to point of beginning. Containing an area of FOUR HUNDRED (400) SQUARE METERS. More or less.....xxxxxxx. Prospective buyers/bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

Baguio City,
Philippines, July 31,
2013.

By: (SGD) LINDA G.
MONTES-LOLOY
Clerk of Court VI/
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LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT OF
THE LATE
A Q U I L I N A
PAGUIO -
ALCANTARA

AUGUSTO WAR-
REN,
Petitioner,

SPL. PROC. CASE
NO. 1993-R

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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

This Court, after having approved the designation of Atty. Renato Rondez as Administratrix of the estate of the deceased Aquilina Paguio-Alcantara and he having taken his oath, gives NOTICE to all persons having money claims against the decedent Aquilina Paguio Alcantara arising from contracts express or implied, whether the same is due, not due or contingent, including claims for funeral expenses for the last illness of the deceased, as well as claims arising from judgments for money against the same deceased, to file their claims thereto with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Justice Hall, Baguio

City, within seven (7) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and at the same time serving a copy thereof to Administrator Atty. Renato Rondez at his address at 58 Guevarra Subd., Pacdal, Baguio City.

WITNESS the
H O N O R A B L E

Lawmaker Calls...

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Customs improved its net sincerity rating in fighting corruption, the Bureau (still) distinguishes itself as the sole institution with a Bad rating.

According to the senator, the survey showed that out of 20 government institutions rated for sincerity in fighting corruption, 17, including the BOC, improved their net sincerity ratings from 2009 to 2012. Despite the increase, however, the BOC's rating remains to be the only bureau recorded to have a Bad net sincerity rating of -45.

Politics of 'Lagayan'

"Corruption still exists according to my consultations with the business sector and brokers. Even legit(imate) kargamento, may pottitika at lagayan... May lagay sa bawat container, lagay sa kulang na papeles," he said.

Cayetano added that corruption in the BOC has been the problem of past and previous administrations, with reports about the rampant smuggling of oil through special economic zones and agricultural products that is costing the government billions of pesos.

"The past administrations encountered problems when the government tried to thoroughly investigate the employees and officials before. But I'm sure if the President will do this now, he will not back down," the Senate majority leader said, adding that he has high hopes that the BOC will be cleansed through the Aquino administration's campaign "Tuwid na daan".

"I think this is the time" for real reform (referring to the BOC). In our country, reforms will not start until the perpetrators are caught and punished," Cayetano said. /
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Mayor Issues...

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of National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Chairman Zenaida Brigida Hamada Pawid on an upcoming issuance from their end would be for the nullification of the subject CALTs.

"I'm praying that actions will be done on this pending very serious problem confronting the city," he said.

As a result of the dialogue, Councilor Fred Bagbagen who initiated the council inquiry on the CALTs, proposed a resolution asking President Aquino to order the NCIP to stop the issuance of the CALTs in the city and another requesting the Senate and the House of Representatives to conduct a congressional inquiry and investigation on the said CALTs on reservations. The said resolutions will be discussed by the body on Monday.

During the dialogue, the mayor appealed

to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) to help the city in its efforts to have the CALTs over reservations cancelled and to stop issuing more titles over forested areas.

Members of the city council joined the mayor in asking the NCIP to implement its Resolution No. 090 series of 2009 establishing the Baguio Ancestral Land Clearing Committee (BALCC) that will initially screen and evaluate applications before the same can be acted on by the NCIP.

They said the problem on the titling of the reservations should not have worsened had this been implemented.

NCIP-Baguio lawyer Bernadette Badecao who attended the dialogue said the NCIP has not started processing new claims in view of stoppage order since 2010. In 2012 she said, they accepted applications but no formal processing was done.

She said the NCIP's position is that Baguio is covered by the IPRA and that they are "banking on the IPRA provision that ancestral lands can be claimed."

She however informed that "there is an exemption order that if the claim is still intended for public use, it will be not given to them (applicants) and will only be recognized to compensation purposes only."

She said there are also "new Omnibus Rules for the delineation of the ancestral land under the 2012 Revised Omnibus Rules that includes a provision on the titling of ancestral lands over reservations so it would be identified, it will be processed for recognition and then it will be recommended for CALC if it is not used by the public anymore or if it is still being used, (it will be processed) for payment and compensation to the legitimate claimant if they will prove that it is their ancestral land."

Badecao acknowledged that the reservations in question are for public use.

Vice Mayor Daniel Farinas asked the NCIP to go by their rules for the protection the people's interest. He said they anticipated bigger problems ahead as those awarded CALTs especially at the Forbes Park area are now selling the lots to the public/A Refuerzo

Benguet Solon...

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Appropriation Act, explained Cosalan.

The Benguet solon also bared that in this 16th Congress, where he was recently elected again to chair the powerful Committee on Public Works, he will continue to work for the conversion of schools for purposes of increasing fund assistance from the national government.

Cosalan said he hopes to finally convert one of the schools in Kabayan into a technical school for students coming from far-flung sitios in the northern part of Benguet who cannot afford to enroll in La Trinidad or Baguio City.

Meanwhile, Cosalan disclosed that the bills converting provincial roads to national roads particularly the road linking Tublay to Kibungan, the Gurel-Kabayan-Abatan road, Asin-La Union road, and the Ambiong-Tawang road that are all being reconstructed are ready to be signed by President Benigno S Aquino III/JDP/JBZ-PIA CAR

DOH-CAR Partners With Healthy Lifestyle Group for Pilipinas Go 4 Health Movement

BAGUIO CITY - The Center for Health Development of the Department of Health (CHD-DOH) in the region has linked up with the Regional Healthy Lifestyle Coalition for its healthy lifestyle movement dubbed Pilipinas Go4Health.

During the recent meeting of the coalition, the group initially agreed to institutionalize the said movement in their respective organizations and to conduct the regional launching by November.

Terry Foman-eg, nurse coordinator of (CHD-DOH) explained that the Pilipinas Go4Health is the nationwide healthy lifestyle movement being spearheaded by the DOH which aims to inform and encourage Filipinos from all walks of life to practice a healthy lifestyle focusing on four key health habits: Go Sigla, which urges physical activity; Go Sustansya, for proper nutrition; Go Smoke-Free and Go Slow sa Tagay, for prevention or cessation of smoking and use of alcohol. It was launched nationwide last June 6, 2013.

"Healthy lifestyle is a way of life that promotes and protects health and well-being. It is a choice made by an individual, a commitment made for his own good and that of his loved ones", Foman-eg stressed.

The following are suggested activities which the public can support and adopt and help spread the word on Pilipinas Go4Health: Musical Water Pipes Installation - water pipes and fountains are source of entertainment for people who visit parks and establishments and taglines such as "Moderate the alcohol, not the fun", Juice Pong Competition where games and activities can still be fun even without the alcohol. This will even give people the opportunity to drink plenty of healthy fresh juice.

"Other activities include mud trail race where family members can rough it up in the dirt and get their dose of exercises at the same time; carinderia fiesta, public service announcements, street art, photo and short film exhibits, exercise buddy system, daily morning exercises, healthy lifestyle-themed National Service Training Program, healthy lifestyle story, and cooking competition.

The public may visit the website for Pilipinas Go4Health Movement where anyone can register to get updates. They can also follow DOH and Go4Health on Twitter and use the hashtag #Go4HealthPH to get involved by asking questions or sharing tips regarding healthy lifestyle, according to Foman-eg.

The Regional Healthy Lifestyle Coalition is composed of representatives from the national government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, religious groups and the academe./JDP/MAWC - PIA CAR

DSWD Adds 571 Social Pensioners in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY - Five hundred seventy one senior citizens have been added to the list of beneficiaries of the Social Pension Program (SSP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)- Cordillera for this year.

DSWD regional director Leonardo Reynosa said that the additional 571 beneficiaries have been identified from the "good performing" municipalities which have accomplished 100 percent distribution rate of stipend.

In Abra, these are from the municipalities of Bucay, Bucloc, Daguioman, Danglas, Dolores, La Paz, Lagayan, Langiden, Manabo, Pidigan, San Isidro, San Juan, San Quintin, Tayum, Tubo and Villaviciosa.

In Apayao are the municipalities of Calanasan, Conner, Flora, Kabugao, Luna, Pudtol and Sta. Marcela.

In Benguet are the towns of Bokod, Kabayan and Mankayan.

Additional recipients in Ifugao are from Kiangnan, Lagawe, Lamut, Mayoyao, Tinoc and Alfonso Lista while in Kalinga are from Lubuagan, Paisl, Rizal and Tabuk. In Mountain Province are from the municipalities of Besao, Bauko and Sabangan.

There were 9,090 social pensioners in the region at the beginning of the year, and with the additional, the record now is 9,661 with a total allocation of P 28,983,000.00 for their social pension for July to December 2013.

The social pension expansion, Reynosa said is a result of the intensified efforts of the government to provide social services and assistance to the disadvantaged sector of the society while providing incentive to those who have exerted efforts to improve themselves.

The SSP distribution is intended to augment the basic needs of the senior citizens,

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PAFC-Benguet Pushes for Inclusion of Local Suppliers in the Procurement of Livestock, Planting Materials

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet - The Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Council of Benguet (PAFC-Benguet) is pushing for the inclusion of local suppliers in the procurement of needed supplies to ensure the high survival rate of livestock and planting materials.

AFC-Benguet passed Resolution No. 13 series 2013 asking the Department of Agriculture Field Unit (DARFU)- CAR to allow local bidders in the procurement of livestock, seedlings and planting materials.

The resolution is backed up by the provincial board who also passed a measure strongly supporting the PAFC's move.

Based on facts and findings of the committee on agriculture chaired by Board Member Florence Tingbaoen, there is high mortality rate of livestock, seedlings and planting materials provided by the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit (DARFU)- CAR which accordingly are purchased from private suppliers and entities.

As observed by Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Councils (MAFCs) and end-users of such, these livestock and planting materials have high mortality rate and poor growth rate. The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist is also a recipient.

Findings reveal that these were not acclimatized to the highland weather considering that these are procured from the lowland areas.

The move also aims to ensure a better survival rate and in the process prevent the entry of pests and diseases that may damage the local agriculture industry, Tingbaoen's committee report stated.

It is in this light that the inclusion of local suppliers to be included during DARFU-CAR's bidding processes is being pushed.

The board's resolution will be forwarded to DARFU-CAR for its consideration./JDP/SCA- PIA CAR, Benguet

zens, including medicine and other nutritional and health needs.

The P500 monthly stipend is provided to indigent, frail, disabled or sickly senior citizens aged 77 years old and above./JDP/JBZ- PIA CAR

Police Cordillera Chief Challenges Youth Leaders not to Settle For Mediocrity

BANGUED, Abra - The Cordillera police chief challenged youth leaders in the region to take the courage to speak up no matter how outrageous it is and not to settle for mediocrity.

"If you want to emerge as a leader, you must take the courage to speak up no matter how outrageous it is. Don't settle for mediocrity and convenience", Chief Superintendent Benjamin B.

Magalong told youth participants of the recent Youth Leaders Training and Strategic Planning Workshop conducted in Baguio City by the PNP in cooperation with the Civil Military Operations Office of the 5th Infantry Division,

Philippine Army.

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COOLING OFF - Members of the Baguio City Police Office take time out under the shade of trees at City Hall's Bio-Resource Center after an anti-riot drill./By Bong Cayabyab

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