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DOTR, LTFRB told to respect moratorium

BAGUIO CITY - The City Council requested the Office of the President, through the Department of Transportation and Railways (DOTR) and the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB), to stop issuing certificates of public convenience (CPCs) covering routes in the city under the transportation network vehicle service (TNVS) except when issued exemption by the local government through an approved resolution.

The resolution authored by Councilors Benny Bomogao, Faustino Olowan and Michael Lawana noted that there were several CPCs that were issued by the LTFRB covering UHOP and TNVS that resulted to the sudden increase in vehicles using the said type of transport services in the city.

The local legislative body underscored the fact that there is a need for the DOTR and LTFRB to respect the existing moratorium on the **Cont. on page 6**



As of 12:00 noon of May 31, 2017, the washed out detour road at Nacagang, Sabangan in Mountain Province along Baguio - Bontoc road is now open to traffic using the river bed as detour. Only heavy equipment or vehicles with high clearances are advised to cross. (JBS-PIA CAR, Mt. Province)

**Attn: DOTC-CAR
Regional Director
Natividad, ano na
namang kalokohan
ito??!!**



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No extension in BIBAK Mayor formed CHAcT

demolition deadline

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said the local government is not inclined to grant another extension on the June 30, 2017 deadline for the voluntary demolition of the illegal structures constructed by informal settlers within the 5,000-square meter Benguet-Ifugao-Bontoc-Apayao-Kalinga (BIBAK) lot along Harrison Road because it was the group that committed to voluntary remove their structures on or before the prescribed deadline.

The local chief executive said city officials do not want to lose their credibility by granting another extension on the self-imposed deadline for the voluntary demolition of the illegal structures within the property so the decision for removal of the illegal structures on the prescribed deadline remains.

He claimed he has no personal knowledge on the alleged endorsement made by former Rep. Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. addressed to the central office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

(DENR) for a local businessman to develop the property, saying that such plan is not within the powers of the lawmaker.

Domogan explained that once the illegal structures are removed from the property, the agreed plan among the local chief executive and officials of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the DENR is to fence the property and subsequently work out a comprehensive master development plan.

Earlier, the informal settlers signed a notarized commitment assuring city officials that they will voluntarily demolish their illegal structures on the lot on or before June 30, 2017, and that the local government will demolish the remaining structures after the committed deadline.

He added officials of the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) have been in close coordination with city officials and municipal officials of La Trinidad for the conversion of the identified relocation site for the informal settlers from agricultural to residential

to allow for the preparation of the development and subdivision plans.

Further, he received a formal communication from the Housing Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) that the La Trinidad municipal government is empowered to approve the development and subdivision plans of the identified relocation site for the qualified informal settlers.

Domogan urged the informal settlers to comply with their signed and notarized commitment that they will voluntarily remove their illegal structures on or before their committed deadline so they relocate to the relocation site in La Trinidad.

The NCIP has been tasked by the Office of the President as the caretaker of the BIBAK property that is planned to house a dormitory for qualified Cordillerans.

Domogan asserted the BIBAK lot should serve the purpose for which it was apportioned by the DENR from Original Certificate of Title No. 1 that covers most portions of the area and its vicinity. /By Dexter A. See

BAGUIO CITY - Mayor Mauricio Domogan recently created a Human Rights Action Team (CHAcT) and at the same time establishing a Human Rights Action Center (HRAC) in the city of Baguio through Administrative Order 064.

It is recalled that the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Commission on Human Rights issued DILG-CHR joint memorandum circular no. 1; mainstreaming human rights through rule of law and access to justice at the level of provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays, mandating all LGUs to create their HRACs and establish HRACs.

Domogan stressed that the creation of the CHAcT ensures that the LGU's offices will operate in a human rights-based local services delivery and

governance.

Moreover, the City Human Rights Action Center will be stationed at the office of the city legal officer, city hall where all human rights matters including human rights promotion and complaints of human rights violations will be acted upon.

The CHAcT will be chaired by the city administrator and co-chaired by the city legal.

The members include the city social welfare and development officer, city planning and development coordinator, city health officer, city information officer, PNP human rights affair officer, school city superintendent, BHRAO association president and at least one representative from the civil society organizations/non-government organization/people's organizations that advocate human

rights.

The team will develop and implement the human rights plan of the LGU; propose to the sanggunian the integration of human rights programs, projects and activities in the annual budget appropriation; recommend appropriate legislation to the Human Rights Committee of the sanggunian; utilize available resource for human rights promotion activities at their respective LGU levels' spearhead and coordinate the implementation of human rights programs, projects and activities; serve as hubs for access to Justice Network; posting of human rights programs, projects and activities at websites, bulletin boards and newsletters; provide legal and/or paralegal assistance to victims of human rights violations; encourage par-

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Underground system for TELECOM and electric power lines on the way

BAGUIO CITY - With the city's plan to convert the existing overhead lines to underground lines in the central business district area, mayor Mauricio Domogan recently formed a technical working group (TWG) to conduct a feasibility study in coming up with an underground system for telecommunication and electric power lines.

Domogan directed the city engineering office to chair the said TWG and sangguniang panlungsod committee on public utilities, transportation and traffic legislation

chair as the co-chairperson.

Members are representatives from the City Buildings and Architecture Office, City Administrator's Office, Department of Public Works and Highways- BCDEO, City Planning and Development Office, Globe Telecom, Smart Communications, Inc., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company and Baguio Electric Cooperative.

It is recalled that in order to address the top-sy-turvy wiring and cable networks of public utility companies that create eyesores and poses threat

to public safety challenges, councilor Leandro Yangot, Jr. proposed an ordinance requiring all public utility companies utilizing wires and cables to install underground lines and obliging them to convert overhead lines in the CBD into underground lines.

Public utility and cable companies previously are amenable and are in support to the city's plan not only to eliminate eyesores in the city but also to prevent any threat to public safety most especially during the onslaught of natural calamities. /Jho Arranz

CBAO uses on-line system for speedier delivery of service

BAGUIO CITY – The City Buildings and Architects Office (CBAO) is currently in the trial stage of an “electronic-on-line system” for permit applications that

will allow its clients to track the status of their applications at home or wherever there is an internet connection.

CBAO chief Nazita Banez said the system is

initiated and supported by the Management Information System under the City Budget Office headed by Leticia Clemente and is in consonance with the Anti-Red

Tape Act or ARTA law.

“There will be speedier delivery of service and minimal or no employee-client contact. Transparency will be established since fees to

be paid will be reflected on-line, therefore, eliminating corruption,” Banez stressed.

Banez revealed that if CBAO is provided with the needed computer resources, the office intends to fully establish the system by the end of this year.

“At present, simple permit applications like

occupancy, fencing, electrical, excavation and demolition permits can be processed in a maximum of five days while complex permits are processed in a maximum of fifteen days,” Banez said.

Banez explained, however, that these permit applications must be complete in form and complying with the National Building Code and its referral codes including the City Land Use Plan and Environmental Code.

Her office has also prepared a checklist for easier guide to private architects and engineers preparing building plans and what documents or requirements to submit. /Gaby Keith

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Anti-squatting drive boosted with passage of env't code

BAGUIO CITY – The newly approved Environment Code of Baguio City has given the city government “more teeth” to intensify its anti-squatting campaign.

City building and architecture office (CBAO) head Nazita Banez said the code contains specific

provisions that mandate concerned offices to demolish on-going constructions on road rights-of-way, parks, forest and water reservations and other protected areas.

It also tasked the city environment and parks management office (CEPMO) “to primarily

lead the collective actions of various agencies including the CBAO, Dept. of Environmental and Natural Resources, Dept. of Public Works and Highways, city engineering office, barangays and the city legal office to file cases against the illegal settlers and to impose the

penal provision of fine or imprisonment.”

In her report before city officials and employees led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog last Monday, Banez said that for this semester, the investigation section of the CBAO has received 290 complaints

on squatting activities.

As per CBAO’s procedure, the complaints are subjected to investigations with the results forwarded to the anti-illegal squatting committee for deliberation.

“Demolitions are scheduled on a first-in-first-out basis with the

occupants given 30 days to voluntarily demolish and vacate the area or the city demolition team will destroy the structure and even confiscate the materials to be used for government projects,” Banez said.

She said that while the **Cont. on page 4**

JHMC urged to submit list of businesses

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan lauded incumbent officials of the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), the subsidiary of the State-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), for granting his request to submit the list of companies doing business within the 247-hectare John Hay Special Economic Zone (JHSEZ) for the local government to have a reference in monitoring those that do not comply with existing business rules and regulations in the city.

The local chief executive explained JHMC president and chief executive officer Allan Garcia agreed to his contention that businesses operating inside the JHSEZ that are not registered with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) should secure their business permits from the city which is empowered by law to grant business permits to establishments and companies that are actually involved in business activities.

For PEZA-registered businesses, the companies reportedly enjoy tax holidays and that they are only mandated to pay to the government a total of 5 percent of their annual gross receipts whereby 2 percent will be directly remitted to the host local government.

Personnel from the City Permits and Licensing Division previously attempted to inspect business establishments within the former American rest and recreation center to compel them to secure business permits from the city but JHMC officials refused to allow them to enter the zone.

“We are elated that we have JHMC officials who know how to work with local officials to ensure the smooth conduct of business operations inside the economic zone. We are optimistic that we will be able to harmoniously work together in ensuring improved economic activities inside the zone and the city as well,” Domogan stressed.

He emphasized it would be unfair to the city if businesses operating inside the zone will not secure their permits from the local government because in cases of the problems on peace and order inside the zone, it is the nearest police station that responds.

According to him, the local government is just waiting for this list to be submitted by the JHMC management to allow personnel from the City Permits and Licensing Division to inspect the business operations for their compliance with existing rules and regulations.

He warned business- **Cont. on page 6**

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Duterte to end martial law when Mindanao 'stable'

MANILA, Philippines (UPDATED) – President Rodrigo Duterte claims he'll be the first to call for an end to martial law once Mindanao is "stable."

"The earlier we attain the equanimity of the community, the stability, I'd be the first to clamor for the lifting of martial law," said Duterte on Thursday, June 1, during the oath-taking of government appointees in Malacañang.

He said the rising death toll of soldiers and police under his administration is pushing him to "hurry up" the war.

"I lose about 3, 4 [security personnel]. It keeps on increasing every day for as long as that war rages on. I am one of those who are really hurrying it up," he said.

Duterte did not specify his definition of a "stable" Mindanao but he reiterated his faith in the military and police to make the proper recommendations based on the situation on the ground.

"Ask the military or police, 'Are we okay, because if we are, let's lift it immediately,'" said the President.

But he warned he may seek the extension of the current 60-day martial law declaration if the military tells him more time is needed to stabilize Mindanao.

"But for as long as the military says, 'Sir, hindi pa talaga kaya' (Sir, we still cannot do it), and it's beyond 60 days, Congress must understand that I may need more time," said the President.

He blasted critics who say he did not consult the military before deciding to declare martial law on May 23. Senators earlier said Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana told them that he believed the Marawi crisis could be resolved without martial law.

"You can hardly talk to the fools... You do not declare martial law without asking the soldiers and the policemen," said Duterte on Thursday.

The President previously said he would lift martial law only if the military and police recommend that he do so. He said he would not listen to others.

Critics took this as a warning that the President intends to ignore the Supreme Court and Congress. The 1987 Constitution requires Congress' approval for any extension of martial law.

On Wednesday, May 31, Duterte modified his earlier statement that he might expand martial law coverage to include the Visayas and Luzon. He said he is considering suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in the Visayas, not put it under martial law.

Duterte made no specific mention of the military air strike which accidentally killed 11 soldiers on Wednesday, but expressed regret for the death of security personnel in general due to the clashes.

"I have many dead, I am very sad. I have many dead soldiers, I have many dead police," he said. /Rappler.com

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city has a set of procedure in tackling existing illegal structures on private lots, the city through the CEPMO should also focus on establishing a system on the prevention of the squatting activities in critical areas and the filing of charges against those responsible using the provisions of the environment code.

Banez said the code's provisions focusing on critical or high-risk areas and the protection and management of special lands should also be strictly implemented in line with the city's disaster risk management thrust.

"During calamities and rainy or typhoon season, it is the illegal settlers that are affected the most since their structures are built on critical slopes without any compliance to the National Building Code, National Structural Code of the Philippines and these structures are not permitted," Banez said.

The code specifies that the city will not allow constructions on critical slopes without conducting soil tests and introducing appropriate engineering interventions.

Approved last year, the code serves as a blueprint to maintain the city as an eco-cultural tourist destination with emphasis on the protection and management of lands particularly the protected areas covering national parks, natural monuments, parks, protected landscapes, resource reserves, strict nature reserves and wildlife sanctuaries. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

How powerful Congress is **INQUIRER.NET**

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"...after the executive sessions, Congress should have voted NO to ML. There was not enough factual basis for it. But its members roared their approval. They should be charged with dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance. Too bad 'sipsip' is not a crime." – Prof. Winnie Monsod

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KAKAMPI MO ANG BATAS

Treachery by senators on Marawi siege



BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO

LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people..." (1 Peter 2:13-15, the Holy Bible).

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"FIND THE HIGHEST TREE AND HANG THEM THERE": As a consequence of the treacherous leak that some senators who belong to the opposition gave to media regarding what Secretary Delfin Lorenzana of the Department of National Defense told them in confidence during an executive session of the Senate on the Marawi City rebellion and invasion, I was compelled to remember the late Court of Appeals Justice and Civil Law bar reviewer par excellence Desiderio Jurado.

I took my bar review in Civil Law under him at the UP Law Center when I was about to take the bar examinations in 1982. To assure me and my fellow bar reviewees then to seriously study the subjects he was tackling, he would often say, "If this question on civil law will not appear as a bar question, you can find the highest tree in the Supreme Court and hang me there."

This style was so effective that all of us studied harder, including his daughter, Roxanne, also reviewing then. After the exams, nobody tried to find the highest tree, of course. Now, minority senators feeding the media with Lorenzana's confidential report that there was allegedly no need for martial law in Marawi City, I hope somebody will not try to find the highest tree in the Senate grounds and hang them there.

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TREACHERY BY SENATORS ON MARAWI SIEGE: I say what these senators did was treachery of the highest order, not only to Lorenzana, and to their fellow senators and the Senate as an institution, and to President Duterte, but more as against Filipinos in Mindanao, and in Luzon and Visayas as well. It was treachery because publicizing a highly confidential report, given to them in strict confidence, undermined national security and public interest.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson, a former general of the Philippine National Police, also bewailed that what the minority senators did could jeopardize the lives of law enforcement officers and men who are battling the rebels and the invaders that are clearly heavily armed, highly funded, and deriving support from international terror organizations.

Many citizens could only ask, in disgust: what were the minority senators thinking when they released to the media what was told them by Lorenzana in executive session? Surely, **Cont. on page 5**

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The Curse of Discord in the Filipino Nation



BY: CLYDE B. SACPA

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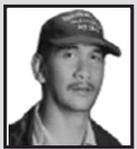
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BY: NESTOR "PAKEN" CASTRO

When we read the news today a lot of noise is about the Martial Law in Mindanao. It is embarrassing to see how our nation from top to bottom can't agree on this topic. What we are right now is a divided nation in our fight against the invader.

One might ask, how did we become like this? The answer is, maybe we have been like this all along. Maybe the Filipino nation has been like this since the beginning of time. Let's review our history to see if that answer is true.

During the Spanish time, the KKK (all of us knew what it means) leaders and members are already having misunderstanding which lead to their division. Regionalism is so strong that unification is impossible. On top of that, the leaders have their personal agenda impeding the vision of the group. This led to the execution of the Founder Gat Andress Bonifacio and the fall of the entire organization. Had they came together as one without any reservation, we might be reading a different history today.

Here comes the Americans after deceiving us. Again during the Filipino American War, the Filipinos are still divided. Personal agenda is the prioritized than that of the dream of Freedom. The assassination of General Antonio Luna is the proof that this is the case. Now, the trace of Americanization is still prevalent to us up to this day. One of the result of the disunity in us.

Now, comes another invader in the form of terrorism. An invader far deadlier than those that came and went. Everybody have seen the damages and brutalities they brought in Mindanao and despite of this, it amazes me to see that we are still divided in this issue. While we write #support #etc we do different things. What if we come together and support the effort of the government and let go of your personal and political agenda for a while. Let us support the effort of our government for our friends in Mindanao. Let us support our government for a change and break this chain of disunity that have bound us since the birth of our nation. After all, you still want your head to be connected to your neck, right?

If we continue to this discord in our nation, I will not be surprise if someday the Philippines will become the "It's more Fun Nation of the ISIS. We don't want that so let's focus our effort on fighting them not fighting our government.

Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 2015-017, Provisional Authorities or PAs to operate Transport Network Vehicle Service (TNVS) were issued to applicant members of Uhop Company by DOTr-CAR Regional Director Atty. Jose Eduardo Natividad. The said Provisional Authorities authorize the grantee to operate TNVS Service and to carry passengers on the route: Baguio City to any point of Luzon and Vice Versa, pending approval of their filed CPC applications.

Supposedly, these Provisional Authorities have a life of only forty five (45) days after which they should already be operating on the basis of Certificates of Public Convenience issued to them by the LTRFB en banc in Quezon City, since these applications are of inter-regional character of which DOTr-CAR has no jurisdiction to grant.

Question is, why are these Uhop units still operating even when their respective Provisional Authorities have expired after the lapse of 45 days? Since these PAs were no longer renewed by the DOTr-CAR, isn't it the duty of the law enforcing unit of LTO which we call the "Flying Squad" to apprehend and impound these units as required under Joint Administrative Order No. 2014-01 which put a price of P200,000 per unit of van as penalty for operating without a franchise or as colorum.

Because DOTr-CAR is not doing anything to address this violation of the rules, is this is not a confirmation that DOTr-CAR has truly been taken, similarly as when they were taken when it allowed these vans to operate even without having filed any application to operate as TNVS Service or have not been issued Provisional Authorities? We understand that each Uhop member was assessed and required to pay P170,000 each for them to be included in the list of Uhop applicants to be issued immediately with PA upon filing of CPC application.

No matter in what angle one would look at it, there could be no other conclusion that can be made out of this inability of the "Flying Squad" of the LTO under the DOTr-CAR Regional Director to enforce JAO No. 2014-01 but that this failure, just like in the many failures to enforce the laws and the rules in the past, is what is known as blatant inutility of public officials.

Most notorious among them were the failure of the DOTC-CAR now DOTr-CAR to implement the Cease and Desist Order yet issued by the Board en banc in 2007 against the out-of-line operation of the Bua operators in Sitio Trail, Itogon, Benguet, as well as, the continuous operation of colorum taxis and vans for hire in Baguio City and CAR since DOTC-CAR was established way back 2003.

As affected resident-taxpayers of the city, perhaps it will not be too much naman to ask Regional Director Natividad and his now efficient looking Assistant Regional Director Mohammad Abbas what can be done about these lingering blatant inutilities to enforce the laws and the rules by the LTO Flying Squad under them.

In short, what now?

ML na dapat sa buong Pinas - Dapat lang siguro na mag martial law na sa buong Pilipinas para pagkatapos ng martial law ay ma-appreciate naman nating lahat ang hindi martial law. Sabi nga nila, in order to have a better appreciation of the good one, must go through the bad. Sino nga ba ang nagsabi nito? Sa pagkakaalam ko ay 6 feet below the ground na ang nagsabi nito. Hi! Hi! Hi! Pero sa tutuo lang, ano ba talaga ang agam-agam natin sa kasalukuyang martial law samantalang ito ay ibang istilo na ng martial law at hindi katulad ng martial law nung panahon ni Macoy (my idol). Bakit mga dear readers, wala ba kayong tiwala kaw PDigong? Dapat ay alisin na ninyo ang inyong duda at ibigay na ninyo ang 101% na suportang kay PDigong. Bakit ano bang kaduda-duda mga ginawa ni PDigong?? Ang layunin ng ML ay para magkaroon ng tunay na katahimikan. Sabi nga nila, dead men tell no tales. O di ayun, kung patay na tayong lahat ay tunay na matatahimik ang buong bansa. Hi !Hi! Hi! Kaya ang dapat na ang sigaw ay ML NA, ML NA, ML NA. NOW NA!!!

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Casino attack, kaduda-duda - Medyo naguguluhan ako sa umatake sa Resorts World Casino. Parang hindi nagkakatugma ang mga naipapabalita. May nagsabi na mayroon siyang binaril, may nagsabi na ninakaw niya ang mga chips ng casino. (Saan kaya niya gagamitin yuon ninakaw niya? Maari sigurong meron siyang balak na bumalik sa casino para maglaro uli kapag naayos na yung mga sinunog niya na mga lamesahan sa casino.) Ano kaya at sino kaya talaga ang tao na yun na nagbaril na ng kanyang sarili at nagsunog pa? Ang tanong ko tuloy ay nag-baril kaya muna siya o nagsunog muna o sabay kaya niyang ginawa yun sa kanyang sarili? Habang nagsusunog siya ay binabaril niya ang kanyang sarili, multi-tasking ika nga? Hay, naku ang dami kong katanungan sa ngayon. Bagamat at least ay makasisiguro na raw tayo na hindi siya isang terorista o miyembro ng ISIS. Pambihira talaga ano, natalo lang siguro ng malaki sa casino ay nag hard loose na at ayun daming na tigok!

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3 lang ang pwiding i-rape ng bawat sundalo - Sa tutuo lang mga dear readers, medyo nalilito ako dun sa spits ni PDigong kung saan sinabi niya na sagot niya ang sundalo na mag re-rape ng tatlo. Hinggil sa kanyang assurance na ito na kulang ng linaw ay nais ko malinawan, kaya eto ang ilan sa aking mga katanungan para sa aking klaripikasyon: (1) Paano kung ang ma-rape is 2 or 4 or 5 sagot pa rin ba ni PDigong? (2) Ang pwede lang ba reypin ay babae, eh pano kung lalake ang ma-rape o transgender, o bata (menor de edad) o senior citizen (amoy lupa na) hindi na ba sasagutin ni PDigong? (3) Yun bang pag rape ay pwede gawin kahit na weekends and/or day-off or kelangan gawin during official time, office hours ika nga, o good for 24/7 ang pribilehiyo? (4) Kapag mag re-rape ba ng hindi tao, o hayop, animal halimbawa, pwede rin ba 3 o kahit na mahigit 3 times? (5) Kapag mag re-rape ba kelangan Pilipino lang o pwede rin foreigner? Marami pa sana akong nais linawin, ngunit sa kakulangan na ng espasyo sa kolum ko ay next time na lang. O nga pala, sarcastic lang ako ha!!! Hi! Hi! Hi!

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issuance of CPCs covering routes in the city to prevent the occurrence of tremendous traffic jams that might affect the robust growth of the tourism industry.

It will be recalled that the City Council passed Resolution No. 316, series of 1995 which requested the LTFRB to issue a moratorium on the issuance of franchises for public utility vehicles plying the city because of the tremendous traffic jams.

Because of the said resolution, the LTFRB issued Memorandum Circular No. 96-002 which suspended the acceptance for PUV services in the city.

On November 17, 2003, the LTFRB further issued Memorandum Circular No. 2003-028 directing a nationwide moratorium on the acceptance of new applications and petitions for the issuance of certificates of public convenience, except trucks for hire services.

After 13 years, the LTFRB again issued Memorandum Circular No. 216-008 dated July 21, 2016, suspending all UHOP TNVS applications that took effect on 22 July 2016.

Further, the LTFRB issued Memorandum Circular No. 2016-012 suspending the acceptance of TNVS applications nationwide which immediately took effect after it was published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Some of the councilors expressed surprise that the despite the effectivity of the moratorium, there were some UHOP TNVS applicants who were issued franchises within the existing moratorium which is in violation of the LTFRB's own issuance.

The City Council underscored that in such cases, the LTFRB should refer such applications for the issuance of CPCs to the local government to seek its conformity before acting on the matter to avoid contributing to the worsening traffic congestions around the city because of the unregulated issuance of franchises to vehicle owners.

The resolution urged the LTFRB to cancel all the CPCs it issued for PUVs and TNVS applicants that fall within the moratorium period because the said issuance is considered anomalous and fraudulent that warrants the conduct of the necessary investigation by concerned government agencies and anti-corruption units. /By Dexter A. See

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participation of local government officials and CSOs in human rights promotion activities; mobilize sectoral groups and locally-based people's organizations and civil society organizations in the community to participate in human rights activities' publish feature articles on various human rights concerns and issues in local government websites, newsletter and bulletin boards; strengthen linkages with the regional/field offices of CHR and DILG, other human rights service providers and civil society organizations in the implementation of human rights programs, projects and activities, among others.

In the order, Domogan enumerated the specific duties and responsibilities of the CHARcT such as to provide technical inputs on human rights to the City Human Rights Committees, consolidate semestral human rights situationers reports submitted by the Barangay Human Rights Action Team (BHRAcT) and have it published in the city websites, newsletters and bulletin boards and submit the same to the CHR and DILG regional offices, assist the BHRAcT in referral of complaints of human rights violations to CHR regional offices and other agencies and monitoring their status, and assist the BHRAcTs in the conduct of human rights advocacy, information and education activities. /Jho Arranz

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they were not thinking of the interest of the people of Marawi City and of Mindanao. Then, they could not have been thinking likewise of the interest of our soldiers fighting the terrorist. Perhaps, they were thinking to simply discredit Duterte, so it would be easier ousting him?

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FOREIGN INVASION WAS PRESENT IN MARAWI CITY, AFTER ALL: To say that this is unfortunate would be the greatest understatement of all. The fact is that, a Reuters report, written by one Tom Allard, talks about the reality of an invasion against the Philippines by foreign armed elements in the Marawi City siege. The report said as much as 40 to 50 foreigners were fighting with local terrorists when they attacked the city.

Clearly, the basic elements of a martial declaration contained under Section 18, Art. 7 of the 1987 Constitution, were very much present here. There was invasion, as shown by the foreign armed terrorists who descended to Mindanao from Malaysia, Indonesia, and from the Middle East. Then, there was rebellion, because the terrorists, local and foreign, hoisted the flag of their group when their attacks began.

Only the rabid critics and bitter political foes of Duterte will reject the existence of these realities on the ground. This could only mean that, either they are on the side of the terrorists and would want martial law lifted so terroristic activities could proceed unhampered, or they do not want martial law to continue because that would mean obstacles in their plan to kick Duterte out.

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es found to be operating without business permits will be issued the appropriate notices for them to process their permits with the city or face closure for non-compliance within a prescribed period of time.

Among the city government requirements for the issuance of permits to business establishments include barangay business clearance, fire safety certificate, health certificate of employees in case of food establishments, clearances from the Social Security System (SSS), PhilHealth Corporation and Bureau of Internal Revenue. /By Dexter A. See

City to utilize vacant lot for parking, offices

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan directed relevant offices of the local government to study the possibility of utilizing a vacant lot for the construction of a multi-storey building for parking and to accommodate the expansion of other offices of the city government.

The local chief executive admitted the existing city hall building is already overcrowded aside from the fact that there is no available space for expansion that is why the local government must take back the 1,500 square meter vacant lot near the Baguio fire department to build the proposed multi-storey structure.

"There is no more available space within the city hall premises where we could construct structures to accommodate the expansion of existing city hall offices. We have to look for other alternative properties of the local government within the vicinity of city hall where we could build a multi-storey structure primarily for parking and other government needs in the future," Domogan stressed.

He revealed the local government ceded the 1,500-square meter property near the Baguio fire department to the Registry of Deeds for the construction of its building but the project never pushed through for still unknown reasons.

Aside from the construction of a multi-level parking building in the vacant lot, Domogan claimed part of the structure that will be built will be used as extension offices of other local government offices to make sure that services are effectively and efficiently delivered to the residents and visitors alike.

Further, he instructed the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) to include in the project plans and specifications the construction of a bridge that will connect the multi-storey structure and the main city hall building to allow for the smooth transactions to be done in the different government offices that may be located in separate structures within the city hall compound.

He added once the building will be completed, the city government will have a parking area for government vehicles and the current city hall parking area could be used by people who are transacting business with the different offices.

According to him, since the Registry of Deeds has not utilized the areas for its prescribed purpose the city will take it back as it now as the city needs additional structures that could be **Cont. on page 7**

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maximized for expansion of other offices and primarily for parking of government and private vehicles to reduce the overcrowding of motor

vehicles within the city hall premises during peak business hours.

He pointed out the rapid increase in motor vehicles and individuals transact-

ing business is inevitable so it is important for the city government to respond to the situation to support officials and employees effectively and efficiently delivering quality service. /By Dexter A. See

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workers.

Other speakers during the forum were Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Rita Papey, who focused on the theme of this year's nutrition month talking points; "Healthy diet, gawing habit-For

Life!"; Dr. Ramona Abat, for stress management; and Sangguniang Panlungsod's officer Jonalyn Pagada, for workplace character.

Dr. Ferdinand Brawner of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) spoke

on sports and nutrition benefits and effect, with a sports exercise demonstration; and additional alternative and conventional health knowledge.

The theme for the gathering is "Healthy living and nutrition awareness to fight trending diseases." /Julie G. Fianza

Residents, bizmen urged to comply with building standards

BAGUIO CITY – City building official Engr. Nazita Banez urged owners of residential and commercial buildings in the city to strictly comply with the building standards to ensure the safety and soundness of their structures.

In her report before city officials and employees led by Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Vice Mayor Edison Bilog last Monday, Banez said that while the city building and architecture office (CBAO) imposes only the minimum requirements and guides through the issuance of building permits, the responsibility of ensuring the structural soundness of their buildings still rests with the owners and the contractors.

"The National Building Code and the Civil Code of the Philippines place the responsibility and the accountability to the owners and their contrac-

tors to build their structures safe for occupancy," Banez said.

The reminder was made in line with the city government's disaster risk management thrust which she said compelled the CBAO to be more strict in imposing the safety requirements under the National Structural Code of the Philippines (NSCP), the Fire Code of the Philippines, the Mechanical Code and the recently approved Environmental Code of Baguio City.

She said the NSCP requires the structural design of buildings to withstand 6.5 magnitude earthquakes but in the case of the city, owners can "command their engineers to design their buildings sturdier to withstand up to 8 magnitude, though, it will cost much."

As per the Environment Code, soil tests and slope stability tests should be conducted to determine

the holding capacity of the lot and any additions or alterations of buildings should not be allowed unless reviewed and certified by an accredited structural engineer, Banez added.

Furthermore, the Fire Code and Mechanical Code require buildings to have fire alarm systems and firefighting paraphernalia. Firewalls should be built with fire-resistant materials and should have no opening.

Banez said that based on their monitoring and inspections, the most common violations found in city buildings were the non-provision of fire protective systems, elevators and the conversion of parking areas to rentable spaces.

To address the said violations, CBAO has initiated filing of cases in court against the erring owners for violation of the National Building Code. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

Abra Comelec officer qualifies for Japanese fellowship grant

BANGUED, Abra – Human resource development is given special attention by the new administration with more scholarship grants being awarded to people in the bureaucracy to level up in their performances. The Commission

on Elections this time had opened the two-year master's program of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship for the academic year 2017-2018 to their personnel nationwide. Following a series of

rigid selection process for the JDS Fellowship program, lawyer Mae Richelle Belmes-Beronilla, the Provincial Election Supervisor of Abra, emerged as one of the only two qualifiers among the 50 applicants from all over the COMELEC



ANTI-DRUG SLOGANS - A student read the slogans and scan art works in front of the the City Police Office as part of Baguio's Finest under newly designated City Police Director Samil Saulles' war against dangerous drugs in the city./By Bong Cayabyab

Lesser Loan Interest with DTI's P3

Baguio City - In support to the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to assist small businesses that habitually depend on 5-6 lending, the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso (P3) is now ready to assist micro-enterprises such as market vendors, agri-business and workers of cooperatives and industry organizations. The Small Business Corporation will administer the P3 program.

This was bared by DTI-CAR Regional Director Myrna Pablo during the P3 Regional Roll Out Program held in Baguio City recently participated by about 40 micro financing institutions (MFIs) from all the provinces of the region.

The P3 as explained by Pablo is intended to help the underprivileged Filipino entrepreneurs who want to grow and

expand their businesses through an easy access to loans without any hassle like collaterals.

With sufficient funds to provide to borrowers, the DTI and its micro-financing arm Small Business Corporation (SB Corp) will lead the implementation that will assist micro entrepreneurs financially and enable them to grow their businesses.

Venus Albay, the Officer-in-Charge of SB Corp's Northern Luzon Group briefed the participants on the accreditation and implementation guidelines of the P3 program stressing the importance of the client's capacity to pay and good track record as a borrower. Albay however added that P3 Micro-financing Institutions (MFIs), cooperatives and non-bank institutions or association must be accredited by the SC Corp as a conduit to assist in the

distribution of the funds to micro-entrepreneurs.

The P3 program is a P1 Billion financing program primarily intended to give micro-entrepreneurs better access to finance and to reduce their cost of borrowing. Said program will likewise make it easier for borrowers since it will only require minimal documentation requirement, easy to access with only one day processing of application, low cost interest at 2.5% per month and easy payment with repayment terms on a weekly or daily basis depending on the business cycles. Borrowers can avail a loan from P5,000 up to P100,000 with no collateral. The P3 Program was initially in the country's 30 poorest province. Now it is being implemented in provinces where 5-6 is prevalent. Art Tibaldo /DTI-CAR

offices nationwide. The selection of Beronilla together with lawyer Grace M. Faustino, the election officer of Bontoc, Mountain Province, to the said Japanese Scholarship Grant was unanimously approved in the COMELEC en banc meeting on April 4, 2017. Beronilla will take up Masters in International Relations major in Politics and International Studies at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan.

The academic year in Japan starts in September. But the scholars will be given a formal send-off ceremony in Manila in July to give them time to prepare for their travel. The JDS Fellowship was established by the Philippine Government with the assistance of the Government of Japan in 2002. The scholarship program aims to support human resource development through masters programs that would enhance learning

areas that develop the skills and competencies of the people in government to ensure optimum performance of work and the achievement of their full potential. Thus, the program supports the promotion of the mandates of the government agencies. In Beronilla's absence for two years, Comelec -Cordillera Assistant Director Vanessa M. Roncal will oversee the operation of Comelec -Abra. (JDP/MTBB - PIA CAR, Abra)

16th Fil-Chi Friendship Day to include gift sharing, MOA signing

BAGUIO CITY – A Ribbon cutting and gift sharing activity will highlight this year's 16th Philippine-China Friendship Day Celebration at the Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road, here, on June 9 starting 10 a.m. with Wang Jianqun, Consul and Head of Post Consulate of the People's Republic of China, as guest of honor and speaker.

Aimed at promoting friendship among the Filipino and Chinese communities, the event is spearheaded by the city government and Baguio Filipino-Chinese

Community (BFCC) in cooperation with the city social welfare and development and environment and parks management offices.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan and Congressman Mark Go will deliver inspirational messages while the event's chairman, Peter Ng, will give the welcome remarks.

Jianqun and Domogan will lead city officials and officers of the BFCC executive committee in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Arc Garden while lawyer

Cristeta Leung, program chairman and overall coordinator, will talk on its significance. A memorandum of agreement will also be signed between the city government and the BFCC.

A gift sharing will ensue led by the Mayor assisted by the BFCC executive committee to the city's Persons with Substance Use Disorder (PSUDs). Words of gratitude will then be given by a PSUD representative.

BFCC executive committee member Thomas Kho will deliver the closing remarks to end the activity. /Gaby Keith

Ibaloy group sets workshop

BAGUIO CITY – The Onjon ni Ivadoy, Inc., the largest organization of Ibaloyos in the Summer Capital and Benguet province, will conduct a seminar-workshop on June 7 from 8 am to 5pm at City Hall's multi-purpose hall.

Onjon president Eroll Tagle said the whole-day activity will tackle the specific duties and guidelines for its officers and members with lawyer-businessman Moises Cating and Jimmy Fong of the University of the Philippines – Baguio, as resource speakers.

He explained that one of the organization's aims is the preservation of the Ibaloy culture especially among the younger

generation and instilling in them the importance of taking pride in their unique way of life.

The Ibaloyos are the original inhabitants of Baguio formerly known as "Kafagway" where its patriarch, Mateo Carino, was named by the Philippine Centennial Commission as a Centennial National Hero in 1998. His bust is at the Luneta Park in Metro Manila with other Centennial heroes.

Earlier this month, Benguet Governor Cresencio Pacalso inducted the Onjon's new set of officers at the Ibaloy Heritage Garden, Burnham Park with Tagle as president and Francisco Golingab as vice-president. Other

officers include Ana Marie Diwas, secretary; Betty Satur, treasurer; Vicky Macay, auditor; Joselito Shontogan and Michael Alos, press relations officers;

Business managers are Sonny Bahod, Pilando Menzi, Norberto Antonio while board of directors are Erlinda Toquero, Freda Zarate, Sandy Calado, Leopoldo Lamsis and Felix Siplat.

Basilio Binay-an chairs the board of advisers with Tedler Depaynos, Julie Cabato, Moises Cating, Victor Cosalan, Jose Molintas, Peter Fianza, Nestor Fongwan, Isabelo Cosalan, Jr., Manuel Cuilan, Modesto Andong, and Jackson Chiday. /Gaby Keith

Baguio day plans firmed up

BAGUIO CITY – The city's 108th charter day on September 1 is celebrated alongside the commemoration of

National Heroes' Day; August 27 and Victory day (Yamashita's surrender); on September 3.

This was taken up during the 2017 Baguio Day executive committee meeting at the SP Session hall last

week, with the Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), academe heads, city officials, the business sector and concerned agencies present, as presided by Tourism committee chair Councilor Elmer Datuin.

The Baguio Day celebrations and activities will be launched during the flag raising ceremonies at city hall, on August 28, followed by a press conference at the multi-pur-



PEACE AND ORDER UPDATE - Newly-designated City Police Director PSSUPT Ramil Saculles briefs Mayor Mauricio Domogan on the city's peace and order situation particularly the fight against illegal drugs during the regular Monday meeting at the Mayor's Office. /By Bong Cayabyab

Nutrition summit in the city

BAGUIO CITY – Baguio nutrition workers and counterparts from Ifugao, Quezon, Laguna and Mandaluyong; numbering to more than 600 were called to renewed enthusiasm for their advocacies in a two-day nutrition summit in the city last week.

USAID program Luzon health representative and speaker Cecille Agpawa emphasized on community nutrition goals achievement with goals on better health condition for everyone. From the 2011-2016 goals, there are now 12 thrusts for 2017-2022, she said, needing to lessen nutritional performance gaps along the way.

A call for response pose hall.

On September 1, the presence of "Champions of Baguio" highlight the program and activities; with honorees; performers and achievers in national and international sports, culture and arts, other fields and equally stand outs in the local setting.

Centenarians are also given recognition in the main ceremonies.

A socio-civic parade follows with the schools and colleges presenting the history of Baguio through a well-prepared and costume tableau. Other school-based, barangay-based, and sports activities are

to hunger, malnutrition, undernutrition, micronutrient deficiency, obesity needs action from Filipinos and its leadership, Agpawa said. It entails "malasakit" (protective concern), "pagbabago" (change), "kaunlaran" (development), and a commitment to the global community, she added.

Said goals are anchored on the global target for maternal/infant and young child development, the 2030 sustainable development goals, and the international conference on nutrition.

With fluctuating statistical data on all nutritional aspects presented, Agpawa focused on the barangay nutrition

workers as responsible frontliners to act on observed deficiencies; and the Filipino, families, the community and the government and other sectors' duty assist others to enjoy good health. "We work together with passion for our (health and nutrition) vocation, as we could not accomplish things alone," she said. We remain a passionate team for our work and clients, she ended.

The representatives were similarly inspired by Mayor Mauricio Domogan in a courtesy call before a city tour to barangay nutrition sites, accompanied by City Nutritionist Angelita Sabado and nutrition

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scheduled, as with a photo contest, cultural programs, Miss Baguio, Little Miss Baguio, and concerts later in the day.

Assistant Health Services Officer John Tinoyan earlier requested for a health and wellness fair with a medical mission; and University of the Cordilleras (UC) representative Leonarda Aguinalde asked that the everlasting plant be revived, as part of the city's environmental legacies.

Government-led activities follow: river clean-ups, tree planting at the parks and city-owned vacant areas, with private

groups for additional manpower. Steve Cating representing the business sector advocates floral aesthetics along the roads and building façades, with three months to go on a campaign to persuade his colleagues.

A golf tournament, a forerunner of the Victory day celebration is sponsored by the Veterans' Bank on September 2. Awarding ceremonies is at the US Embassy, John Hay.

The commemoration of Yamashita's surrender is on Sept. 3, as advocated by Mayor Mauricio Domogan as Victory day. /Julie G. Fianza

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