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MABUHAY ANG PILIPINO!!!

BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

LONG LIVE THE FILIPINO!!!

# Measles cases in region up by 1,481%

**B**AGUIO CITY - The Cordillera office of the Department of Health (DOH-CAR) reported over 1,481 percent increase in measles cases in the different parts of the region for the first four months of this year after recording some 680 cases during the period compared to the only 43 measles cases registered during the same period last year.

Karen Lonogan, senior health program officer of the DOH-CAR's regional epidemiology and surveillance unit, said that there were 3 reported measles-related death this year compared to the zero deaths last year which was a 300 percent increase in terms of deaths due to measles.

Based on the data obtained from the DOH-CAR, Benguet registered the highest number of measles cases with 267 cases followed by Baguio city with 250 cases; Apayao - 61 cases, Abra - 46 cases, Ifugao - 22 cases, Mountain Province - 19 cases and Kalinga - 15 cases.

Last year, Apayao recorded the highest number of recorded measles cases with 18 cases followed by Benguet and Ifugao with 6 cases each, Benguet - 5 cases, Mountain Province - 4 cases, Abra - 3 cases and Kalinga - 1 case.

Lonogan reported that all the measles-related death were from

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*Liberation tayaw - Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan dances the traditional tayaw during the 74th Baguio Liberation Day celebration at the Veterans Park on April 27, Saturday./RMC PIA-CAR*

Bantayan yu nga usto dagita ubbing yo, lalo dagita babies, saan yu nga ir-irwar dagiti babassit nga ubbing nu saan nga kasapulan ta baka makaala da pay ti sakit.



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# Builders urged to upgrade structure quake resistance standard to intensity 8

**B**AGUIO CITY – Owners and builders of public and private structures in the city have been urged to upgrade the earthquake resistance standard of their buildings to as high as intensity 8 to ensure the safety and soundness of these structures.

City Building Official Engr. Nazita Banez said that while the National Structural Code of the Philippines still requires designs to withstand intensity 6.5 temblors and private engineers on their own volition now use the intensity 7.2 benchmark, her office encourages everyone to still go beyond these levels for optimum safety.

During the City Hall Hour press forum last April 30, Banez said the structural resiliency of the

city's structures depends on whether these were built according to the approved standards set in the building permits.

Banez said when structures have been issued building permits, their integrity is assured provided that the building specifications are strictly followed.

However, a lot of structures in the city particularly residential ones at present lack building permits thus their integrity cannot be measured.

Banez encouraged those without permits to apply for one even as she appealed to private engineers and architects to be prudent in charging fees to applicants so as not to discourage them from securing government permits.

Banez said a report reached her office that some private practitioners charge hefty amounts allegedly for the permit processing.

She clarified that the City Buildings and Architecture Office (CBAO) only charges minimal fees of P6,000 per every 100 square meters for the permit.

An applicant however has to secure the services of private engineers and architects for their plans, bill of materials, structural design and soil analysis but these should be based on the standard professional fees of these practitioners.

Banez also clarified that the building's integrity not its height determines its resiliency against earth-

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# Employers told to register

## domestic workers

**B**AGUIO CITY – The city's Public Employment Services Office (PESO) is calling on all residents to register their domestic workers with the said office to ensure the proper monitoring of their compliance to the provisions of the Kasambahay law.

Based on the data obtained from the PESO, there are some 180 domestic workers that are registered in the city but local officials believe the number of

domestic workers employed by residents is far more higher than their existing number as per registration previously conducted by the PESO.

Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan said that the registry of domestic workers that is available in the PESO will serve as one of the basis in the formulation of programs, projects and activities of the local government to help in extending whatever appropriate assistance to them

that is why it is best for employers to register their domestic workers so that there will be sufficient basis in crafting the mandatory programs that will uplift their welfare pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

Earlier, the Cordillera office of the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity board (RTWPB-CAR) approved a new wage order that pegged the monthly minimum wage for domestic workers in cities and first-class municipalities at P4,000 while domestic workers in other municipalities in the region will be receiving a monthly minimum pay of P3,000.

Domogan pointed out that the domestic workers play a key role in ensuring the welfare of their employers that is why it is worthy for concerned government agencies and local governments to formulate appropriate programs, projects and activities that will advance their status

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**FIL-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP TREE** - Mayor Mauricio Domogan, members of the visiting Chinese delegates from 49th Tsinghua University Overseas Leadership Class, event sponsor Fernando Tiong (2nd from right) with the participation of Fil-Chinese respected elders jointly plant a Norfolk Pine Tree symbolizing the close friendship ties between Philippines And China during a tree planting activity held at Fil-Chinese Friendship Park, Botanical Garden last April 29./By Bong Cayabyab

# Few barangays complied with profile requirement – city council

**B**AGUIO CITY – Only 43 out of the 128 barangays in the city submitted their profile as required under Resolution No. 240 series of 2017, according to a legislative monitoring report of the City Council Research Division.

Because of this, the division under local legislative staff officer V Protacio Tangalin Jr. suggested the reiteration of the measure and to require the rest of the barangays to prepare and submit their updated profiles to the City Planning and Development Office.

In the report submitted to Vice Mayor Edison Bilog recently, Local Legislative Staff Assistant III Nechel Occasion

concluded that the resolution “was not fully complied with.”

The resolution authored by Bilog stressed the importance of having an updated profile of the 128 barangays which contains the barangays’ history, famous landmarks, tourist sports and other significant data about them.

Such profiles when readily available would be of great help to tourists, researchers and students.

“With complete information and updated profile, the city would be able to showcase its tourism assets, historical landmarks and other important features of each of the barangays of the city,” the resolution noted.

The barangays that complied were St. Joseph

Village, Greenwater, Hillside, Lower

Dagsian, Balsigan, Burnham-Legarda, Imelda Marcos, Phil-Am, Sto. Rosario Valley, City Camp Proper, Palma-Urbano, A. Bonifacio, Camp Allen, Fairview, Upper Market Subd., Padre Zamora, Bayan Park Village, North Central Aurora Hill, San Antonio Village, South Central Aurora Hill, Harrison-Carantes, Country Club Village, Lucnab, Kias, Loakan-Apugan, Loakan-Liwanag, Loakan Proper, Camp 7, Camp 8, Military Cut-off, Poliwe, San Vicente, Bakakeng Central, SLU-SVP, San Roque Village, Irisan, Middle Quezon Hill, Upper Quezon Hill, Kayang Hilltop, Rizal Monument, Upper Magsaysay, Aurora Hill Proper and East Modern-site./Aileen P. Refuerzo

# City infra contracts’ resolution strictly implemented

**B**AGUIO CITY - A city resolution crafted in 2016 as to infrastructure contracts with warning sign installations being implemented by the City Engineers Office (CEO), Baguio City District Engineering Office (BCDO) of

the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) office is recommended for local legislators’ amendments.

The early warning signs and devices needed in on-going roads, sidewalk and alley construction

should be compliant with international standards, City Engineer Edgar

Victorio Olpindo and DPWH head Tiburcio Canlas clarified.

The details are contained in the Sangguniang Panlungsod status monitoring and report on City resolution

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# Simple farm tool turned tourist attraction: The Banaue Wooden Scooters

## Who says only Formula One cars and motorbikes revved with powerful engines can race?

Up in the mountains of Banaue, Ifugao, the thick crowd of people in Barangay Viewpoint is not an unusual sight.

But once every year, foreigners and locals flock not to take a snap of the scenic Banaue Rice Terraces but to witness intricately designed wooden scooters bolt down winding roads.

As the afternoon heat sets in, spectators with ready phones and cameras also start to swell.

Racers begin to haul up their carved wooden scooters to the starting line. They begin to gear up not with the usual helmets and knee pads but with their bright red "wano" (G-string) and traditional clothes complementing their "momma" (beetle nut)-reddened smiles.

After a few safety checks and speed tests, the police mobile arrives to lead and clear the road for the race.

Around 20 racers start up their wooden scooters

with pure muscle strength as the police car siren serves as the race sound signal.

The crowd cheers as the wooden scooters start to dash down catching up with each other.

Gravity revved with firm legs speeds up each scooter as the racers maneuver through the uneven loops of Barangay Viewpoint to the finish line at the Public Market.

### "Taltallak"

Just as it is a vital part of the annual celebration of the Imbayah Festival, wooden scooters are not relatively new for the people of Banaue.

The wooden scooters displayed in the races performed are patterned from the traditional "taltallak."

"These taltallak have been used by our parents ever since before it was converted into scooters," Oliver Tundagui, President of the Banaue Wooden Scooter Racers, shared.

"Taltallak" is a simple two-wheeled cart which is used to transport firewood and root crops from the gardens.

### "Taltallak" 2.0

From a simple farm tool, the "taltallak" has become one of the famous attractions in the municipality.

Different animal figures and traditional symbols are now incorporated in the wooden scooters.

Aside from being a tourist attraction, the designed scooters have also become an additional source of income for the family.

"The wooden scooter is helpful for our livelihood since we get to sell the scooters and receive orders," said Robert Duyyugen who is a three-time champion of the Wooden Scooter Race.

Banaue Wooden Scooters Association

In 2001, following the increasing interest for the wooden scooter racing, the Banaue Wooden Scooter Racers Association was formed.

The association, with 35 active members, is now in charge of the Wooden Scooter Racing exhibition for the yearly Imbayah Festival.

"The Local Government Unit of Banaue gives us incentives every time we

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*Rice terraces - Candidates in the province of Ifugao destroy the beauty of their rice terraces with the placement of their campaign materials at the rice fields. Despite the rules on the placement of campaign material on common posting areas only, many are still violating and the COMELEC is awaited to take action./RMC PIA-CAR*

# Davao Igorots show solidarity with CAR Paloro contingent

DAVAO CITY - The Igorot community in Davao celebrated with the coaches, chaperones, and athletes composing the contingent of the Cordillera Administrative Region in the Palarong Pambansa 2019 during the solidarity night held jointly by DepEd CAR and Cordillera Mindanao (CORMINDA) on the evening of May 2, 2019, at Kapitán Tomas Monteverde Elementary School, Ponciano Street here, where the CAR contingent are billeted.

The supposed potluck dinner was turned into a mini festival as the Igorots danced to the sound of gongs that reverberated in the gym of the school, as a way of celebrating the victory of some contin-

gents, the solidarity of the Igorots, and the support shown by Igorots to their fellow.

During the Palarong Pambansa, the Igorots who migrated and are now living in Mindanao, likewise showed their support to their kababayan ranging from cheering on some of their games and visited in their billeting area to boost the contingent's morale.

Retired Colonel Fidel Francis B. Pumihic, the Vice President and one of the elders of CORMINDA, expressed his happiness on the show of culture by the Igorot community and the contingents.

"Our culture of solidarity lives on even if we migrated here in Mindanao. The partici-

pation of our kababayan in the Palarong Pambansa brought us back home in Cordillera and we reciprocated it by making them also feel at home," Pumihic said.

The Davao Igorots were welcomed by the contingents led by their Head Delegation, Mr. Agustin Gumawang.

CORMINDA is an organization of Igorots in Mindanao organized five years ago in Davao City to continuously ignite the love of the Igorots to their culture and sustain their solidarity although away from home. The group is presently headed by Dr. Jon Bayugan, the President of Davao Del Norte State College./*Ezra L. Balagtey CORMINDA*

## Measles cases...

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Benguet and that they were also below the age of children that are supposed to be vaccinated for the illness.

Among the age groups of individuals who were reported to have contracted measles during the reckoning period include 9 months - 119, 9 months to 1 year old - 51, 1 to 4 years old - 120, 5 to 9 years old - 49, 10 to 14 years old - 27 cases; 15 to 19 years old - 74 cases, 20-24 - 106 cases and 25 years old - 134 cases.

Of the reported measles cases, 354 cases were said to be individuals that were unvaccinated, 268 individuals were said to be vaccinated while 58 persons were either vaccinated or unvaccinated as per the DOH-Car report.

The symptoms of measles generally appear about seven to 14 days after a person is infected.

Measles typically begins with high fever, cough, runny nose (coryza), and red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis).

Two or three days after symptoms begin, tiny white spots (Koplik spots) may appear inside the mouth.

Mouth of a patient with Koplik spots, an early sign of measles infection.

Three to five days after symptoms begin, a rash breaks out. It usually begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck,

trunk, arms, legs, and feet. Small raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots. The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the rest of the body. When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104 Fahrenheit.

Earlier, health authorities conducted a massive measles immunization on children aged 6 months to 12 years old to ensure that they will be protected from contracting the said illness which has rapidly increased over the past several months in different parts of the country that caused alarm among health officials assigned in different health units around the archipelago./*Dexter A. See*

# Cordillera dengue cases rise by 76%

BAGUIO CITY - Health authorities reported a 76 percent increase in dengue fever cases in the region for the first sixteen weeks of this year after it was able to register some 1,681 cases from January 1 to April 20, 2019 compared to the

957 cases recorded by the agency during the same period last year,

Karen Lonogan, senior health program officer of the Cordillera office of the Department of Health's regional epidemiology and surveillance unit, said that there were

3 dengue-related deaths that were recorded by the agency for this year which was the same as the number of death during the same period last year.

Based on the data obtained from the DOH-CAR, Benguet recorded the highest number of dengue fever cases with 366 cases followed by Apayao with

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## Ang pantasya ng 'matrix' ni Duterte

**H**indi na namin iinsultuhin ang mga kutsero at tatawagin itong kuwentong kutsero.

Hindi na sana kapatol-patol ang pinakabagong kahunghangan na pinakulo ng Palasyo – ang “matrix.” Hango na naman ito sa pantasya ng punong-abala ng bansa na mahilig sa mga pelikulang Hollywood. Naaalala n’yo pa ba ang red-tagging na Red October? At ang dalawang bersyon ng narco list?

Pero ayon, hinimay-himay ng Rappler ang mga datos at ipinakita na laway lang ni Duterte ang nagdidikit sa kunwaring matrix.

Hindi kailanman ikinalat ng mamamahayag na si Ellen Tordesillas ang “Ang totoong narco list” video.

Hindi kailanman itinago ng PCIJ, Vera files, at Rappler ang foreign funding nila.

At hindi bawal ang foreign funding, tanging 100% ownership ang bawal. (At 100% Filipino-owned ang Rappler.)

Naglista nga ng mga website IP address ang matrix fantasy story ng Manila Times, pero wala naman itong napatutunayan maliban sa marunong sila mag-extract ng IP address. Duh.

At higit sa lahat HINDI reliable source ang Presidente.

Nainggit ba sila sa mapa ng disinformation ng Rappler at mga mananaliksik na hinalaw sa masusing pagsusuri ng big data at kayang patunayan lahat ng mga konklusyon?

**EDITORIAL** Sabi nga ni Vergel Santos (at hindi na namin ito isasalin): “Here, in other words, is a tale that bears the hallmarks of that one told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.”

Tulad ng 7 milyong durugista sa bansa sa utak ng Presidente, na noong 2016 ay 3 milyon lang, na lumobo mula sa 1.8 milyon noong 2015, lumalaki ang kuwentong walang kwenta. Kahit pulisya’y napapakamot ng ulo dahil sa namamagang mga pseudo-datos ni Duterte.

Wala palang bisa ang gyera laban sa droga? Bakit dumoble pa ang bilang ng itotokhang?

Tinawag din ni Santos ang Manila Times na naglathala ng “matrix” na “newspaper once.” Ayon sa Rappler, may leksyon dito: “How not to write an investigative report or even straight news.”

Bread and butter ng may-ari ng Times na si Dante Ang ang PR. Siya ang pinakabagong bersyon ng car salesman – inilalako lahat ng pipitsuging kotse at laos na conspiracy theory kahit salat sa lohika at pananaliksik. Kahit kay Sara Duterte at sa Department of Justice ay di bumenta ang “matrix.”

Matapos ang lindol sa Luzon at Kabisayaan, ang kailangan natin ay matinong pamumuno sa panahon ng krisis – hindi mga ouster plot na ipinanganak sa pilipit na imahinasyon ng isang PR man at kanyang amo sa Malacañang.

Nanawagan ang Rappler sa mga nananatili ang katinuan at propesyonalismo sa gobyerno at sa loob ng Times. Tulad ni Ipe Salvosa, ang Times managing editor na nagresign matapos kwestyunin sa Twitter ang pinasabog ng kanyang pahayagan – kumibo rin kayo.

Ngayong, Mayo 3, Press Freedom Day sa buong mundo, kailangan ng mga journalists ang inyong suporta – upang manatili ang malayang pamamahayag; upang tumigil na ang walang humpay na legal at verbal harassment ng mga mamamahayag. Akmang-akma ang tema ngayong taon: “keeping power in check.”

Upang huwag na ma-empower ang mga alagad ng kasinungalingan at ang makinarya ng disimpormasyon.

Upang manatili ang access ng mga Pilipino sa facts, sa katotohanan – at hindi pantasya. – Rappler.com



### DISPATCH FROM CRAME

On San Francisco Board of Supervisors' Resolution on the Philippines

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

**I**lang buwan lamang ang nakalipas nang bumisita sa ating bansa ang ilang miyembro ng Liberal International. Parliamentarians journeyed from different corners of the world to come to the blessed islands that is the Philippines in search of an explanation why thousands of Filipinos have perished in a mayhem orchestrated by the Duterte Administration.

Noon pa man nagtataka na sila sa mabilisang pagkawatak ng ideya ng hustisya sa ating bayan, sa pagsira sa karapatang pantao ng ating mga kababayan, at sa pagsawalang-bahala sa buhay ng mga Pilipino nang sa mga labi mismo ng Presidente namutawi ang salitang sesentensya sa kanila bago pa man bumagsak ang gavel ng hudikatura.

They met with the wives widowed, and children orphaned, by Duterte's Drug War. It was a tearful engagement between legislators from around the globe and helpless families forced to survive in a world where life is so mercilessly taken away only to satisfy the thirst for blood and power of a sick and perverted man who is so drunk on his idea of “justice” that he so hastily decided to butcher Filipinos like pigs in a slaughterhouse, pull families apart and steal all hope left in Filipinos.

Nakapangilabot ang mga kwento ng batang hilaw pa sa edad ngunit hinog na sa karanasan nang marinig nila ang mga putok na bumasag sa kanilang katahimikan, nang makita ang dugong lumunod sa kapayapaan ng kanilang mga buhay, at nang isa-isang bumagsak ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay sa kamatayan. Nursing babies torn apart from the bosoms of their mothers who were labeled as drug peddlers, wives who are forced to raise their children in a society where human rights are wantonly disregarded.

Nag-iwan sila ng pangako sa mga lumuluhang mga pamilyang biktima ng EJK, mga salitang para bang musikang nagpagaan sa kanilang mga kalooban. “The world is watching,” sabi nila. And like a song sung across oceans, one international body after another started voicing out their concerns about the senseless killings. Tunay ngang nanonood ang mundo – na siya namang nagpapalawig sa takot at kaba ng Palasyo sa papalapit na pag-uusig.

How very frightened is this Administration, that the Palace just recently, through Spokesperson Panelo, quickly reduced the Resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco supporting US House Resolution No. 233 condemning the Philippine Government for the “state-sanctioned extrajudicial killings by police” into an issue of colonization – still under a false and blind **Cont. on page 5**

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## Employers told to register... from page 2

aside from fixing their minimum wage considering that they also have their own families to work for and help in improving their living condition.

The PESO intends to have the real data on the number of domestic workers in the city so that the office could monitor the compliance of their employers to the other benefits that are supposed to be provided to them for their security.

The RTWPB-CAR official the wage order shall apply to all domestic workers, whether or in a live-in or live-out arrangement, such as but not limited to general household, yaya, cook, gardener, laundry person or any person who regularly perform as domestic work in one household in an occupational basis.

However, those who are not covered by the wage order are service providers; family drivers; children under foster family arrangement, and any other person who perform as work occasionally or sporadically and not on occupational basis.

The wage order provided that the wages of the domestic workers shall be paid in cash at least once a month and no deductions from the wages of the domestic workers shall be made other than that which is mandated by law.

In the case of hiring or contracting of domestic work services through a licensed private employment agency, Aquillo pointed out that the wage rates that have been fixed under the order shall be borne by the principals or clients of the agencies and that the contract shall be deemed amended accordingly.

In the event that principals or clients fail to pay the prescribed wage rates, the agencies shall be jointly and severally liable with his principal or client./Dexter A. See

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belief that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the state policy of murdering thousands to "solve" the drug problem in our country.

Nakakapagtaka lamang na imbes na patunayan nila na matagumpay ang kanilang Drug War na palagi naman nilang ibinabandera sa taumbayan, mas pinili palabasin na ang pagkokondena ng San Francisco Board of Supervisors ay pag-atake sa soberenya ng Pilipinas.

Ang pagbingwit ng mga higitang kabibe sa West Philippine Sea, ang patuloy na pagsira sa mga karagatan ng Pilipinas sa kamay ng mga mangingisdang Tsino, ang pang-aagaw ng mga Chinese workers sa mga trabahong dapat ay nakareserba sa mga Pilipino lamang, ang napipintong pagkawasak ng paraiso ng Kaliwa Dam para isakatuparan ang mga China-funded loans, ang pangmamaliit sa mga mangingisdang Pilipino ng mga Tsino sa sarili nating teritoryo – ang ilan lamang sa mga pagkakataon ng malinaw na pag-atake sa soberenya ng bayan kung saan dapat sana ay nagsalita ang administrasyon – sa halip, nanahimik ang Palasyo, minsan pa nga ay dumepensa.

Hindi sa mga pagkakataon tulad nito, na ang hangad lamang ng mga nagsasalita laban sa Drug War ay ipaglaban ang buhay at karapatang pantao ng mga Pilipino. What kind of government do we have that it takes offense from the concern and care of others for the lives and human rights of Filipinos – fundamental rights that our government never seem to put premium on? Isang gobyernong mananatiling tikom ang bibig habang unti-unting winawasak ang bayan sa patuloy na pagkalulong sa masamang bisyo nito na kumitil ng buhay at pag-asa.

The whole world knows: an addiction is spreading like wildfire in the Philippines – but it is not of illegal drugs – but of the breaking of laws, of raping of lady justice, and of flagrantly disregarding human life. To this administration: you can lie, you can offer your flimsy excuses, you can even defend your wrongs – but you can never run far away from the fangs of justice.

# Cordillera Peoples Alliance reiterates genuine FPIC on geothermal projects

By: Bestang Dekdeken, Secretary General,  
Cordillera People's Alliance



The Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) reiterates its stand against any violations of our rights to our ancestral lands and Free Prior and Informed Consent by the government and private companies investing in geothermal power projects.

An estimated 20% of the country's geothermal reserves is found in the Cordillera region. For more than a decade, these have been targeted for extraction by various private corporations including Chevron, the world's leading energy company that has a notorious track record of violating human rights and indigenous peoples rights in countries where it operates.

One of Chevron's applications for geothermal energy projects in the region covers 26,000 hectares of land in Tinglayan, Lubuagan and Pasil towns in Kalinga province. The project is in partnership with Aragorn Power and Energy Corporation (APEC) and Guidance Management Corp.

In the said project, FPIC has been manipulated as in the case of Barangays Tulgao and Dananao, Tinglayan around 10 years ago. Despite clear opposition of communities, the project has not been withdrawn and its FPIC process is still continuing.

## City infra contracts'... from page 2

176, series of 2016 requesting concerned agencies to designate areas for signage and early warning devices on-site for city road, alley and sidewalk projects being implemented.

Engr. Canlas however said that signage installation by contractors is within the provisions of the DPWH road works safety manual which they have always complied with. Proper distancing is also observed, and signage installation is BCDEO-supervised as to office Department Order 193, series of 2016, Canlas noted.

Engr. Olpindo through Maintenance department acting Division head Richard Lardizabal reported that all contracts on roads, sidewalks, alleys and horizontal infrastructure duly approved for implementation have signages which are of standard format and size indicating the project title, contractor's name, amount of project, duration and scope of work.

Photos of signages are also required from the contractor before the completion and acceptance of the project, it was reported./Julie G. Fianza

Over the past year, CPA received reports of bribery in the affected communities in the 3 municipalities.

We call on the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Department of Energy, Kalinga provincial government, and the national government to investigate the reported bribery, deception and other violations of FPIC in the communities affected by the said project.

FPIC must not be similarly undermined in the other six applications for geothermal projects in the region that have been awarded by the Department of Energy.

The government and private companies should also not use as reason the purported "national significance" of such projects to undermine our inherent rights to our ancestral lands and self determination. Sacrificing indigenous peoples' lands and resources in the name of profit is not development.

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quakes.

City Planning and Development Officer Engr. Evelyn Cayat said the city's susceptibility to earthquakes was integrated in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in ways that all hazardous areas were declared as no-build zones and areas with higher slopes were declared as low density zones./Aileen P. Refuerzo

## Night earthquake drill... from page 6

center aside from serving as an evacuation center during the onslaught of natural and man-made disasters.

Lardizabal appealed to residents to cooperate with the local government in the conduct of the proposed night earthquake drill so that the real awareness of the people could be ascertained which will serve as a guide for policy makers and decision makers in the crafting of whatever IEC materials that could be produced for whatever purposes.

Under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, local governments are required to establish their own local disaster risk reduction and management councils to cater to disaster risk reduction and management initiatives in their areas of jurisdiction./Dexter A. See

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER**

Notice is hereby given that the Estate of the late ERLINDA S. SAL-ONGAN and LAURO I. SAL-ONGAN, who both died in Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet on April 13, 2004 and July 24, 2006, respectively, without will, consisting of an agricultural land located at Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-10041 had been the subject of EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER on 16 April 2019 as per Doc. No. 438, Page No. 088, book No. XLIV, Series of 2019, of the Notarial Registry of Atty. James S. Valeros of Baguio City

*April 20, 27 & May 4, 2019*

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE FERDINAND J. MARCOS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Ferdinand J. Marcos who died on January 7, 2019 at Houston, Texas without any will, consisting of real properties and savings accounts as described in the document dated April 17, 2019 and docketed as per Doc No. 369; Page No. 74; Book No. XXIX; Series of 2019 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Robles G. Calabias of Baguio City has been the subject of an extrajudicial Settlement among the heirs

*April 20, 27 & May 4, 2019*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late Jose Cuenca Panganiban consisting of Savings Accounts at RCBC Baguio Branch has been the subject of an affidavit of self-adjudication by heir Ar-Jay C. Dewit on June 1, 2018 before Notary Public Vicente Jose M. Angeles of Baguio City as per Doc. No. 452, Page No. 79, Book No. VII, series of 2018.

*Apr. 27, & May 4, 11, 2019*

**SALE OF PUBLIC LAND**

Notice is hereby given that the Patent and Deeds, DENR-CAR at PENRO Benguet, Wagal, La Trinidad, Benguet will sell through oral bidding at exactly 10 o'clock (10:00) A.M. on July 27, 2019 the tract of land described below:

Location:	Res. Sec. "L", Irisan, Baguio City
Description:	RESIDENTIAL LAND
Area:	270 Square Meters
Appraised Value of Land:	Php 575.00 per square meter
Improvements:	Php 1,850,000.00
Reference:	TSA 131102-3863 VICTORIO J. AFALLA

No bid shall be accepted that does not equal at least two-thirds (2/3) of the appraised value of the land. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in the bidding, he must, before the commencement thereof, make a deposit of at least ten percent (10%) of his bid. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power-of-attorney and presentation of any authorized identification card. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit every time his bid is raised to complete the 10% of his raised bid; otherwise, such bid as raised shall not be accepted. The chairman of the Bidding Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Only deposits in cash, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check and manager's check can be accepted.

All persons interested to participate in the scheduled public auction sale shall submit pre-qualification requirements and subjected to pre-qualification screening on or before fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the auction sale as provided for under the provisions of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-11, series of 2007.

Any bidder must possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to acquire a parcel of land in consonance with the provisions of law; he or his spouse should no be an owner of any home lot within the City of Baguio; he must be equipped with a Certificate of No-Home lot to be secured at the City Assessor's Office and a Voter's I.D. (to verify citizen); marriage contract; and birth certificate, which ever is applicable to be presented to the Bidding Committee before the start of the bidding. non-compliance thereof will be an outright ground for disqualification of any interested bidder.

The successful bidder, if other than the applicant, shall reimburse the latter within a period of 120 days from the date of bidding of the total value of the improvements, the expenses for the publication of the notice of auction sale and the survey cost of the land.

DENR-CAR, Wagal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines

(SGD) CARLOS S. ARIDA, SR., PHD  
PENR Officer

*Apr. 27 and May 4 & 11, 2019*

**Night earthquake drill to be conducted in Baguio**

**B**AGUIO CITY – The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) will be conducting a night earthquake drill in the city anytime to ascertain the preparedness of residents when a strong tremor will hit the country's Summer Capital.

LDRRMO II Louie Glenn Lardizabal said that the conduct of the night earthquake drill is part of the local disaster risk reduction and management plan to inform and educate the residents on the appropriate things that will be done when emergency situation comes to the fore to help in sparing lives and limb from being exposed to eminent danger.

The LDRRMO is a newly created office of the local government under the City Administrator's Office to oversee the implementation of disaster risk reduction and management initiatives and the preparedness of people in confronting the onslaught of natural and man-made disasters that could strike anytime.

Lardizabal said that the LDRRMO is now preparing the mechanics of the night earthquake drill which will be cascaded to the residents for their information prior to the conduct of the drill.

"We hope that we will be able to achieve our overall objectives in the conduct of the first ever night earthquake drill so that we will be able to assess how our residents will react once the earthquake will happen anytime," Lardizabal stressed.

He explained that no one can predict the occurrence of an earthquake and its magnitude that is why the only way to combat its serious negative effect to life and limb is to make sure that people are aware of the basic dock, cover and hold and to await the situation to stabilize before looking for an open space where to evacuate.

According to him, the ability of the residents to effectively and efficiently react to emergency situations when there are no sufficient lightings and when the situation does not call for it will be assessed and evaluated so that the LDRRMO will be able to formulate the required information and education campaign materials for the guidance of the residents form them to be updated on what to do when emergency situation strikes.

At present, the LDRRMO is currently providing appropriate trainings to ensure that emergency responders in the barangays for them to be capacitated to respond to emergency situation presents itself considering that they will be the frontlines in disaster response.

The local government was able to construct a multi-storey LDRRMO building within the compound of the City Engineering Office that will serve as the city's main disaster operation

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**Cordillera dengue cases...**

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364, Ifugao – 173 cases, Mountain Province – 1333 cases, and non-CAR provinces – 322 cases while the areas that recorded a decrease in dengue fever cases included Kalinga with 128 cases or 53 percent decrease compared to last year's figures, Baguio City – 80 cases or 32 percent decrease and Abra – 115 or 4 percent lower than last year's recorded number of dengue cases.

Lonogan claimed that there were 898 males who were afflicted with dengue fever which represents some 53 percent of the total number of individuals who contracted the dreaded viral disease.

On the other hand, she disclosed that the age range of the persons who contracted dengue were from 4 days to 98 years old with a median of 13 years.

According to her, clustering of dengue cases were noted in some municipalities in Abra, Apayao, Benguet and Mountain Province which were noted to have exceeded the epidemic threshold.

Health officials explained that dengue fever is caused by any of the 3 zero types of the dengue virus which are all reportedly present in the Cordillera, thus, the need for people to be wary of the presence of mosquitoes in their houses.

Dengue fever is caused by the female day-biting aedes mosquito which transmits the viral disease through humans.

Lonogan said that dengue cases are reported

"I made smaller wooden scooters for the children to practice so that they can take over the craft in the future," Duyyugen said./  
**JDP/JJPM-PIA CAR**

throughout the year but usually the number significantly increases during the rainy season wherein the same may reach wide-spread proportions if preventive measures of control are not

**Simple farm tool turned...**

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perform," Tundagui said.

Each racer is given Php 500.00 from which ten percent is given to the association fund.

The establishment of the association also led to more developments.

In 2013, the association started to build a wooden scooter showroom to house their crafts.

The facility will make it easier for the members to access the scooters whenever there are requests from visitors.

"The showroom can also be a good place to display and market our products," Tundagui explained.

Passing on the need for speed

Just as it is passed on to them from their parents, the Banaue Wooden Scooter Racers ensure that the craft will see a new breed of speedsters.

taken by the people.

Among the dengue prevention and control measures include the observance of the prescribed steps which are the search and destroy breeding ground of dengue carrying mosquitoes that are often clear and stagnant water; self-protection measures; seek early consultation and say yeast to fogging only during impending dengue outbreaks in certain areas.

Symptoms of dengue fever usually begin four to six days after infection and last for up to 10 days, may include Sudden, high fever, Severe headaches, Pain behind the eyes, Severe joint and muscle pain, Fatigue, Nausea, Vomiting, Skin rash, which appears two to five days after the onset of fever and Mild bleeding (such a nose bleed, bleeding gums, or easy bruising)./  
**Dexter A. See**

# Prohibited and unlawful political activities for the 2019 midterm national and local elections

**B**AGUIO CITY Commission on Elections (COMELEC) issuances, the Omnibus Election Code and other issuances including those from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) have provisions for the conduct of free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections through fair practices.

The circular covers all local chief executives, provincial board members, provincial vice governors, city and municipal vice mayors, sangguniang panlungsod and pambayan, local government leagues, DILG regional directors and all others concerned.

Campaign periods are designated, thus, those that done outside of the campaign period are deemed unlawful. Foreigners are also prohibited from aiding any candidate or political party, to take part or influence, or contribute, or make any expenditure in connection with any partisan political activity.

Removal, destruction or defacement of lawful election propaganda, except by legal personalities. For printed materials, printing and payment should be clearly indicated in the copy, as with any election materials including newspapers, newsletters, gazette, magazine, stickers, streamers, posters, comic books, and others. Free of charge advertisements should also be identified as such.

Posting of election materials outside of common poster area is also prohibited, in public or private places, specially if without the consent of the owner. Printing, publishing and showing of any campaign material that violates gender sensitivity, obscene or offensive, or constitute violation of

Magna Carta for Women. Radio or television stations shall not be granted franchise or permit to operate during the election period, as government-owned or controlled radio or television stations shall give free of charge equal time and prominence to an accredited political party.

Peaceful rallies may be held, with permits posted in conspicuous places acted within three days of filing application, and a political entity would within seven working days submit a statement of expenses incurred in the occasion.

Contributions or loans may not be given by persons operating a public utility or those in possession or of exploiting any natural resources of the nation, those with contracts or sub-contract to supply the government, with goods or services or those who perform construction or other works. Even officials or employees in the civil service, members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, educational institutions which received public fund grants not less than P100,000; and those granted loans in excess of P100,000, and those granted government privileges or concessions, including government-owned or controlled corporations.

Soliciting or receiving contributions from foreign sources are also considered unlawful, specially if done for the purposes of influencing the results of the election.

The use of pseudonyms in contributions is also prohibited, as this shall be reported to the Comelec not later than 30 days after the election date.

A candidate should only spend one peso and fifty centavos for every

voter currently registered in the place where he is running for a position, with an itemized report given after the elections.

Acts that are considered unlawful includes: vote-buying and vote-selling; appointment of new employees, creation of new position, promotion or giving salary increases, transfer and intervention of officers and employees in the civil service, except for exemptions duly stated in issuances. Undue influence, unlawful electioneering, prohibition against dismissal of employees, laborers or tenants, use of policemen, agents are not allowed.

Use of public funds, carrying of firearms and deadly weapons, use of armored land, water and air craft, wearing of uniforms and bearing arms are also prohibited. Prohibition against the use, release, disbursement, expenditure of public funds, public works, delivery of materials is followed, except in certified immediate need.

The holding of fairs, cockfights, boxing, horse races, jai-alai or any other similar sports is prohibited, on election day.

Discrimination of air time sale in radio or television stations, specially if it discriminates against political parties, coalition or agroupment of parties or candidates, is also prohibited.

Selling of liquor and intoxicating materials is banned during election day, except for establishments certified by the Ministry (Department) of Tourism, with prior authority of the Commission.

In Baguio 378 additional police personnel were deployed for peace and order in voting places and other public areas. Though no

**'Dap-ay system kindles...**

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ment process.

Aware that involvement of elders in policy making and governance increases community participation, Ballangan has sought the assistance of the Council of Elders even in planning for projects in order to identify the appropriate response to the community needs and problems.

Because Tubo has always been isolated during the rainy seasons, it was inevitable that construction/improvement of roads and bridges came out as the top priority needs.

Given the limited funds as local government unit rely heavily on their share in the Internal Revenue Allotment, the Municipal Development Council in collaboration with the local finance committee and the Council of Elders decided to construct spillways instead of tall bridges that cost much.

With the 20 percent Economic Development Funds out of the IRA and augmented by their share in RA 7171 funds otherwise known as Tobacco Excise Tax, the LGU was able to construct eight spillways to connect all the barangays and sitios with the Supo-San Emilio, Ilocos Sur Spillway as high-impact project that provides them all-year round access to the outside world.

The municipality of Tubo is crisscrossed by three major rivers namely the Utip River, Damanil River and the Diling Valley River.

Ballangan said they have also built additional three footbridges to serve the farmers and school children and save them from drowning when rivers swell.

Moreover, through collaboration with the Council of Elders, the local government unit was able to work the improvement of the Sabnangan, Luba - Amtuagan, Tubo which is part of a national road, and the provincial road in the boundary of Pega, Luba to Poblacion, Tubo. They also worked for the concreting of the Poblacion - Dilong Road which is part of the Abra-Cervantes National Road.

All 10 barangays and four sitios have also covered

courts where they can hold their cultural activities on special occasions like their Begnas or thanksgiving fiestas.

In pursuit of special community development projects, the people of Tubo participate in the "Ganap", their indigenous system of sharing free labor.

Aside from the dap ay system, the Maeng tribe of Tubo is also known for their lapat, a community-based resource management system of regulating and prohibiting the harvesting of forest and water by-products to maintain biodiversity.

With their limited local revenues but with good governance and guidance of the elders and the good values of the people, Tubo is moving forward slowly but steadily.

Through Congressman JB Bernos, three vital infrastructure projects are being implemented in Tubo. These are the flood control in Wayangan and Supo, the opening of Tubtuba, Tubo - Besao Mountain Province Road, and the widening and clearing of the Tourism Road to Mainit Waterfalls and Hot Spring in Brgy. Kili./JDP/MTBB - **PIA CAR, Abra**

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Job applicants also enjoyed some perks with TESDA in partnership with technical - vocational institutions providing free health and wellness services such as haircut, massage and manicure/pedicure. Government-assisted micro, small and medium enterprises also had product display.

The jobs fair opened a with a short program

at 8:00AM with DOLE - Regional Director Exequiel Ronnie Guzman and Assistant RD Jess Atal, DTI - CAR Regional Director Myrna Pablo, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA CAR) Regional Director Manuela Peña, Mayor Maurio Domogan and Congressman Mark Go.

During the program, OWWA distributed

livelihood checks to 11 beneficiaries (P20, 000 each) of the agency's "Balik Pinas, Hanap Buhay" program, a package of livelihood assistance intended to provide immediate relief to returning distressed OFWs.

DOLE - CAR also distributed livelihood assistance amounting to P372, 825, for the various livelihood undertakings of 19 program beneficiaries./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

## NCCA calls for...

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gusto natin na ang mga guro sa wikang Pilipino, political rivalries are noted within the city, there were reported gun ban violations, involving a paltik, a caliber 38, caliber 9mm with ammunition, and 6 1/2 inch bladed daggers./Julie G Fianza

kayo, ay maging mga huwaran kung paano gagamitin ng matalino ang ating Wikang Pambansa," he stressed.

He also encouraged the KaSuGuFil congress participants to report to NCCA universities or colleges that are taking

out Filipino subjects in their curriculum.

Almario bared that the NCCA has also already talked with Senate President Vicente Sotto III for the enactment of another law that will preserve and strengthen the use of Filipino and other indigenous language of the country./JDP/CCD-PIA CAR

# NCCA calls for strengthening of Filipino as national language

**B**AGUIO CITY - National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Chairperson Virgilio Almario calls for the strengthening of Filipino as a learning subject and as a medium of instruction up to the tertiary level.

Almario, in his keynote message during the KaSuGuFil (Kalipunan ng mga Superbisor at Guro sa Filipino) 10th National Congress at the Teachers Camp here last April 27, Almario stressed that protection and usage of Filipino language is provided in the Constitution. Even though it is a non self-executory provision, it must be implemented because a national language is an inherent part of any country, he

said. He disclosed of reports reaching their office that some colleges and universities are closing or taking out Filipino subjects from their curriculum, which also threatens the job of Filipino teachers.

Almario clarified that it has been the position of NCCA through the Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino that Filipino and Philippine literature must be taught up to the tertiary level for the enrichment of the national language and in widening its intellectual usage.

“Kailangan patuloy na ituro ang Filipino at panitikan sa tertiary level. Hindi sapat ang pagtuturo sa batayang edukasyon kung nais nating umunlad ang

wikang pambansa at maging tunay na

intelektwalisado ang paggamit nito. Dapat na tuloy- tuloy na itinuturo at ginagamit ang wikang Pilipino sa pagtuturo ng wika at panitikan hanggang sa mga unibersidad,” Almario said.

Almario also called on Filipino teachers to continue capacitating themselves with the right teaching competencies and training and to help in researching ways to further enrich the country’s national language and to widen its intellectual usage.

“Ang aming pangarap para sa inyo at sa lahat ng guro sa wikang Pilipino ay magpatuloy kayong mag-aral, magpakahusay sa pagtuturo, lalo na ngayon sa pagsasaliksik dahil sa

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# Baguio Labor Day Jobs Fair draws 2,401 registrants with 349 HOTS

**B**AGUIO CITY - - The Department of Labor and Employment led Labor Day Jobs Fair at the Baguio City National High School on Wednesday drew 2,401 registrants with 349 of them hired on the spot (HOTS).

Of the total applicants that registered, 1,723 applied for local jobs while 678 applied for work abroad. 1,839 of the applicants were near hires

or those who just need to submit a documentary requirement or go for a final interview; 160 job seekers were referred to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for business opportunities and 47 were referred to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority for free skills training.

With the jobs fair anchored on the slogan, “Trabaho, Negosyo at

Kabuhayan” (Work, business and livelihood), DTI –Cordillera also conducted a business forum at the venue to provide aspiring entrepreneurs with the needed information and on other related government services that they can avail.

DTI – CAR also set up a Negosyo Center along with the one – stop – shop government center that were joined in by various regional line agencies.

In line with the “Build, Build, Build” program of the government, 12 contractors of the Department of Public Works and Highways also set up booths to hire skilled workers for their projects.

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**Labor Day Market Visit** – Cordillera agency heads Dir. Myrna Pablo of DTI, Dir. Exequiel Ronie Guzman of DOLE and Atty. George Fortea of PESO-Baguio visit cooperating stores in Baguio that agreed to offer discounted prices of commodities for a week following the May 1 jobs fair and business forums where government agencies converged for job seekers and entrepreneurial assistance at the Baguio City National High School. /Art Tibaldo

# ‘Dap-ay’ system kindles development for Tubo

**T**he “Dap-ay” system, the distinct indigenous way of governance of the Maeng tribe of Tubo, Abra plays crucial role in the development of the town while preserving culture.

ago. It involves the principle of collective decision-making, tribal solidarity, and collective leadership with indigenous peoples leaders and elders as major players.

of transparency and accountability in the stewardship of government, Ballangan had displayed his dynamic leadership by respecting the integrity of the Council of Elders in all phases of the develop-

Guided by the principle

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“The old system of the Dap-ay had made governance easier for me as a local chief executive because through the help of the Council of Elders, I get a full grasp of the priority needs of my constituents,” said Mayor Guilbert Ballangan.

Dap ay is a system of governance among the Maeng tribe that dates back centuries

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