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LTFRB opens 200 slots for taxi units in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY - The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) recently approved the opening of some two hundred slots for taxi units in the city to help provide convenience to residents and tourists alike who want to move around the city.

LTFRB chairman Martin Delgra said that the available taxi units will be offered to transport cooperatives that have already consolidated pursuant to established rules and regulations that were crafted for the purpose considering that the franchises that will be issued will be on a fleet management scheme.

He explained that a maximum of 50 units will comprise one fleet that is why the grant of the franchises to the newly opened taxi units will be granted to registered transport cooperatives that were able to avail of the consolidation.

"We were able to receive a number of applications from local transport cooperatives that were able to consolidate and we are currently evaluating the said applications before granting the franchises to the approved units of taxis in the city," Delgra stressed.

The LTFRB chairman pointed out that the additional slots for taxi units that were opened by the board was pursuant to the

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THE OUTGOING AND THE INCOMING FATHER OF THE CITY—Incoming Mayor Benjamin Magalong pays tribute to outgoing mayor Mauricio Domogan for his good leadership for the past 18 years (longest serving Mayor) with flying colors putting the City Government in national limelight for its various regional and national awards for its good governance during City Hall flag raising ceremony./By Bong Cayabyab

Ne, kasanu ngayen jay moratorium? Apo Mayor Magalong ken Apo Konsehales, kasanu ngay daytoy Apo?!



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LTO, LTFRB get new officers

BAGUIO CITY – The Cordillera office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO-CAR) and the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) will be headed by newly installed officers assigned by the central office of the Department of Transportation and Railways (DOTR) to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of their services to Cordillerans.

LTO Director for Law Enforcement Services Francis Ray Almora assumed the position of LTO-CAR regional director and officer-in-charge of the DOTR-CAR while Engr. Lalaine Sobri Monte was designated as the LTFRB-CAR regional director.

DOTR Undersecretary for Transportation and Infrastructure Mark Richmond de Leon and LTO Assistant Secretary Edgar Galvante presided over the twin turnover ceremony that paved the way for the much awaited changing of the guards in both the LTO and LTFRB.

Almora, who is a true-blooded Cordilleran, said that it is high time for LTO to elevate its services to a higher level in the region pursuant to the marching orders of higher authorities so that

such improved services will result to better client satisfaction.

He also solicited the uncompromising support of stakeholders to the programs, projects and activities of the LTO and the DOTR to prove to their critics that Cordillerans are not disorganized as earlier perceived of them by outsiders.

“Let us work hard to elevate our services to a higher level so that we will be able to prove our critics wrong. Let us try to embrace the needed change for us to be able to achieve our goals and objectives in rendering quality services to our clients,” Director Almora stressed.

After serving as administrative officer of the Cordillera office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH-CAR), Almora served in LTO Region I before being assigned in the LTO central office as Director for Law Enforcement Services.

Undersecretary de Leon said that the newly assigned heads of offices in the region will not be congratulated because they have just assumed their posts, thus, they have still to prove themselves in the effective and

efficient discharge of their assigned duties and responsibilities in their respective offices.

For his part, Assistant Secretary Galvante asserted the need for the continuous cooperation between LTO officials and employees and the stakeholders for the agency to be able to achieve the desired upliftment in the level of the services being rendered to their clients who frequent their different district offices to transact businesses.

Almora urged stakeholders to bring to his attention the issues and concerns that need appropriate action so that he will look into the matter and act on the same the soonest as part of the government's thrust of providing the people quality services.

He claimed that it will not be difficult for him to adjust to his new position because he is familiar with the situation in the region being a Cordilleran and that he will be hitting the ground going once he will assume his position for the benefit of the people living in the different parts of the region.

Among the responsibilities of the LTO is the issuances of licenses to drivers and the reregistration of motor vehicles, private or public. **Dexter A. See**



NEW LTO OFFICE – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan gives a message to the officials and employees of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and concerned stakeholders during the opening of the driver's license license renewal office at the second floor of the Porta Vaga mall along Session Road Wednesday. The occasion was also attended by LTO Assistant Secretary Edgar Galvante. **Rosalia T. See**

Domogan's political career turned into skit in tribute program

and Greenest City where the city won in

B- The three-decade political career of outgoing Mayor Mauricio Domogan was turned into a skit presentation by the department and assistant department heads of the city government during a tribute ceremony on Monday, June 17.

The tribute was initiated by the Association of City Executives (ACEx) led by City Budget Officer Leticia Clemente who said Domogan as the “longest serving mayor” of Baguio.

Domogan served as mayor of the city for 18

years but his political career spanned for more than 30 years having served the city council for one term prior to becoming the city's representative to the House of Congress for nine years.

Clemente said under Domogan's leadership, the city had many innovations “sustaining good public services at all times.”

“We have seen the best in local governance from what may be termed as the Domogan lens, proven by numerous awards that the City has received thru him, notably, the Cleanest

three consecutive years thus attaining its hall of fame status. The Child Friendly City award, Top Ten Next Wave Cities in Information and Communication Technology, Presidential Gawad Pamana Award, Top 20 in the Cities Competitiveness Evaluation, Seal of Local Good Governance, and many more, these awards with corresponding cash incentives for city projects made the city proud,” Clemente furthered.

In addition to the long list of Domogan's accomplishments, Clemente

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Mayor warns market stallholders against sub-leasing

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan warned market stallholders against the alleged sub-leasing of stalls in the different parts of the public market

considering the ongoing campaign of the local government to rid the market of such illegal practice.

The local chief executive claimed that the recent conduct of the public

bidding of stalls which were recently discovered to have been sub-leased should serve as a stern warning against legitimate stallholders from being tempted to sub-lease their stalls simply for the desire of guaranteed income instead of being burned to manage their awarded stalls.

“We were able to discover a number of sub-leased stalls in the different parts of the city public market that is why the local government was constrained to include the sub-leased stalls as part of the market stalls that werebidded out,” Mayor Domogan stressed.

He admitted that the issue on the alleged

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City pursues LED streetlights after Beneco cuts subsidy

streetlights effective

The city government of Baguio is currently evaluating an unsolicited proposal for the management and maintenance of streetlights through a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) scheme.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the private investor proposes a 12-year contract with the installation of light-emitting diode (LED) streetlight fixtures to replace over 10,000 compact fluorescent

lamps (CFLs) in the city. Domogan said the Local Finance Committee of the city is yet to come up with its evaluation report of the proposal before negotiations and the crafting of the terms of reference.

The local government was left with over 10,000 streetlights to maintain after Benguet Electric Cooperative (Beneco) decided to end the management and operation of the city's unmetered

February 26, 2019 following the substantial losses the rural electric cooperative incurred during the six years it subsidised and maintained the streetlights.

The city government and Beneco in 2013 signed an agreement for the subsidy, maintenance and operation of the city's streetlights pending the plan of the city to convert the CFLs into environmentally

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No military-style rule at city hall – Magalong

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor-elect Benjamin Magalong assured that his management style at City Hall will not mirror his military background but instead will gear towards establishing a good rapport with the employees.

“Don’t think that just because I came from the military, I will run things the same way because I intend to do it in a different way,” he told heads of the city departments in a briefing last June 18.

He said he does not want employees to feel uptight around him but wants them “working inspired, motivated, incentivized and professionally cared for.”

“I don’t want people jumping and running as I call on them. I want them to feel that they can approach me anytime. Believe me, we will have a good relationship,” he said.

City Human Resource Management Officer Agustin Laban said the city government has a total of 1,721 employees in its 18 departments distributed as follows: 16 elected, 58 co-terminus, 1,260 career, 387 casual and 166 job order employees.

During the briefing, Magalong urged Laban to facilitate the filling up of vacant positions as well as

the promotion of deserving employees.

“Let’s promote them and let’s not delay. I have no issue with old employees as long as they are competent and they have the skills and leadership,” he told Laban.

To the department heads, Magalong urged a shift to a more strategic approach in handling the city’s affairs.

He explained that government service being an unproductive enterprise limits chances for a leader to become proactive and thus ends up being reactive but in his administration, he wants department heads to adopt a strategic mindset.

“I want you all to think ahead and move forward,” he said.

The briefing where Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the department heads informed Magalong and his staff members of the processes,

Beneco pursues technology, renewable energy dev’t

BAGUIO CITY – The Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) continues to focus its direction on two major thrusts, technology and engagement in renewable energy develop-

status of existing programs and future plans of each

department was in preparation for the new mayor’s take-over on June 30.

To follow through, Magalong requested the conduct of an initial joint executive-legislative meeting on his first day of office on July 1 where more comprehensive presentations will be made by the Local Finance Committee on the financial status of the city, by the City Planning and Development Office on the development plans and the City Buildings and Architecture Office and the City Engineering Office on the infrastructure works.

They will also discuss expiring contracts of third party service providers like the security service and garbage hauling.

He said the joint meeting will be done weekly to make the relationship between the executive and the legislative departments a transparent one./Aileen P. Refuerzo

ment, to contribute in its efforts to deliver cheap and quality power to its increasing number of consumers.

BENECO general manager Gerardo P. Verzosa said that the rural electric cooperative

LTFRB is an attached agency of the Department of Transportation and Railways (DOTR) that is mandated to issue the certificates of public convenience (CPCs) to applications for issuance of franchises to individuals and cooperatives interested to operate the public transport industry in various places around the country.

He urged local transport cooperatives to complete their requirements before filing their applications for the issuance of franchises to the available 200 slots of taxi units and the premium taxis so that the same could be immediately processed by the board considering the stringent procedures required for the said purpose pursuant to existing rules and regulations that were crafted for the said purpose./Dexter A. See

Magalong bucks political pressure, pushes for unpopular but good programs

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor-elect Benjamin Magalong Tuesday said no political or personal pressure will hinder him from pursuing unpopular but good programs for the city as he is set only for one mayoral term and is “not after getting votes or establishing any mass base.”

During the briefing with outgoing Mayor Mauricio Domogan and the department heads held June 18, Magalong assured the department heads that he can pursue good moves including the strongly opposed proposal to increase the schedule of real property market values and business taxes because he is not beholden political-wise.

“I can assure you that

I have set my sights only for the next three years revised the real property values was in 1995 and

and I’m not after getting votes or establishing mass base so if you think (that pursuing Domogan’s lead in adopting the tax increase) is the right thing to do then let’s do it,” Magalong told the department heads who along with the outgoing mayor had for years pushed for the long overdue adjustment of the tax rates to no avail.

He made the same pitch for contracts and other projects of the city saying he has no political or personal obligation or linkage with any contractor that can influence the result of any bidding or award.

During the briefing, Domogan, City Treasurer Alex Cabarrubias and City Assessor Almaya in their separate talks, vouched for the adoption of the new schedule of market values and market tax rates which remained pending before the city council.

Domogan had time and again blamed the failure of the unpopular measure to gain ground to political pressure despite the urgency of adopting the revised rates mandated by the law.

“The last time that we

hesitate to provide internet connections to all schools and other institutions within its franchise areas.

On the other hand, Verzosa explained that the second thrust underscores BENECO’s bid to engage in power generation by tapping the renewable energy resources within its franchise area.

Currently, the electric cooperative is pursuing the construction of the 3-megawatt minihydro power plant in Sebang, Buguias and that the said project is still in the works.

“But what comes as equally exiting is getting the consent of the indigenous peoples and indigenous cultural communities of Kabayan for the development of a 20-megawatt and a separate 10-megawatt hydro facility in the town,” Verzosa stressed.

The BENECO official emphasized that the looming partnership between the electric cooperative and the IP organization of Kabayan is anchored on the IPs’ well recognized right to dictate how their natural resources should be used and developed pursuant to the exercise of priority rights which Republic Act (RA) 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) has guaranteed for the IPs.

Last June 14 2019, BENECO and the Onjonni Kasikuran-shi Kabayan (ONKASKA) entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) that would mutually benefit the cooperative and the communities wherein the proposed project will assure the member-consumer-owners a lot from employment and taxes to the local government to cheaper electric rates.

Verzosa reported the matter to the 39th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) of the rural electric cooperative which was held at the Baguio Athletic Bowl last Saturday.

BENECO is one of the top performing rural electric cooperative in the country because of its single digit systems loss and close to 100 percent collection efficiency./Dexter A. See

LTFRB opens 200 slots...

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identified need for more taxi units that will ply the city’s streets for the convenience of the increasing number of motorists wanting to roam around the city.

Delgra was in town to witness the turnover of leadership of both the LTFRB-CAR and the Cordillera office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO-CAR) Thursday morning.

Chairman Delgra also announced that Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade approved the opening of franchises for premium taxis in key cities in the country that includes Baguio city.

According to him, premium taxis are those top of the line car models and high capacity vans that will be converted to taxi units to service the needs of high-end visitors.

He claimed that the premium taxis that will be made available in key cities in the country will provide the opportunity for high-end visitors to leave their cars in their hotels and lodging areas to allow them to freely roam around their desired tourist destinations instead of being stressed due to traffic in their places of destination.

Delgra claimed that owners of top of the line vehicles can apply with the LTFRB for the issuance of the appropriate franchise for their vehicles to be converted into premium taxi units to entice more high-end visitors to spend their well-deserved break in key cities in the country that are also major tourist destinations.

China vs Filipino fishermen: Where is Duterte's 'tapang at malasakit'?

By: JC Punongbayan (www.rappler.com)

Even while betraying the country, the Duterte government could not get its act together.

Last June 12, on Independence Day, we learned from Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana that a Chinese vessel rammed and partially sank a Philippine fishing boat near midnight of June 9.

Worse, they left the Filipino crew stranded in open sea. Hours later, thankfully, Vietnamese fishermen came to help.

Just as frustrating as this act of aggression are the government's chaotic statements and dovish stance on it. The otherwise simple series of events also got wildly spun not just by the Chinese government but also by our very own.

To wit, the Chinese embassy originally said that the Chinese vessel was "besieged by 7 or 8 Filipino fishing boats" – even if the fishermen's testimonies and satellite imagery belied such claim.

Meanwhile, since Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana's original statement, it took a full 5 days for President Rodrigo Duterte to publicly say anything about the incident.

EDITORIAL When he finally did, he simply dismissed it as a "little maritime accident" – eerily echoing the Chinese foreign ministry's claim it was "an ordinary maritime traffic accident."

There's a lot more to be said about the government's woeful handling of this crisis.

But in this article let's focus on the economic impact of China's increasing aggressions in our fishing industry. Aggressions like this will, sad to say, only serve to worsen the already sorry plight of our fisherfolk.

More than ever, we need President Duterte's touted "tapang at malasakit" (courage and compassion). But where is it?

Poor and vulnerable

Data consistently show that Filipino fisherfolk are some of the poorest people in our economy.

Despite a reduction in poverty incidence from 2006, about one in 3 fishermen is still considered poor as of 2015.

Fishing: one of the country's poorest sectors

A recent study by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies also found that fisherfolk are among the most economically "vulnerable"; that is, likely to fall into poverty in the future.

In 2015, a third of fishermen were deemed "highly vulnerable" while more than half were "relatively vulnerable"

Fishing: also one of the most vulnerable sectors

Economic vulnerability by basic sector as of 2015. Vulnerability refers to likelihood of falling into income poverty in the future.

Vulnerability in the fishing industry comes from many fronts, most notably overfishing. Open access to fishing grounds induces fisherfolk to capture as many fish as they could, thus depleting fish stocks rapidly.

This so-called "tragedy of the commons" stems from ill-crafted and poorly-enforced fishing laws and regulations.

For example, catching young fish is bafflingly not prohibited by our laws. Unsafe and pernicious methods like cyanide fishing also often go unpunished because government spends relatively meager resources on maritime law enforcement.

Unless government abates overfishing soon, more and more Filipino fishermen will resort to bad fishing methods and head out to farther fishing grounds like the West Philippine Sea just to haul a good catch.

Overfishing therefore puts our fishermen directly into the path

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KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

Only God has the solution to Metro
water crisis

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



LIFE'S INSPIRATIONS: "... Who among the gods is like you, LORD... The LORD reigns forever and ever..." (*Exodus 15:11 and 18, the Holy Bible*).

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ONLY GOD HAS THE SOLUTION TO THE METRO WATER CRISIS: Water and its on-going shortage and impending total disappearance especially in Metro Manila is an issue that I wish to dwell on one more time here in today's Kakampi Mo Ang Batas column. This is to underscore the imperative point that there is no other solution to this problem but our God and Savior whose name is Jesus, our God and Savior who is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It is not the Duterte government nor its leader, and not the concessionaires who have already profited, and are continuing to profit much, even now, in their distribution and sale of water to the residents of Metro Manila and other nearby places, which have the capacity and the savvy to solve this water crisis, especially its forthcoming complete disappearance in the next several days.

It is therefore very important for all of us to immediately realize that only God, and no other, who can make water flow again to millions and millions of customers listed under the concession agreements of Maynilad and Manila Water, and, of course, of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS). The more basic question, however, is: how are we to ask the help of God so we can have water again?

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HOW ARE WE TO SEEK GOD'S HELP SO WATER WILL ALREADY RETURN TO METRO MANILA? Many have been saying that we need to pray now, so water will come back and be available again in Metro Manila and, come to think of it, they are mercifully correct. We need to pray, really. The only problem, however, is, we cannot deny the truth that not all who pray or call on God will have their prayers favorably answered by God.

The fact is that there is a condition before God will condescend to respond favorably to those who pray to Him. That condition says, only those who have been obeying the will and the commands of God will have their prayers favorably answered. The people who do nothing but ask and ask, but who have not been studying His will and who have not been obeying His commands, will not get anything, even the courtesy of a negative response.

Therefore, before we even begin to pray and seek God's intervention to allow water to return to Metro Manila households once **Cont. on page 5**

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again, all of us must endeavor to read His Bible first, because it is only in the Bible where we can discern and know His commands. Thereafter, we should commit whatever we have read in our hearts and in our minds, and subsequently carefully obey all of these all our lives.

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ASIDE FROM SEEKING GOD, IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY TO SOLVE THE ON-GOING WATER CRISIS? The Bible is full of stories showing God's providing water to the believers of old, the Israelites. One such story pertains to the absence of potable water in a place called Marah (Exodus 15), because all the water therein tasted bitter. The Israelites besieged Moses with complaints, prompting God to directly provide drinking water to them by a miraculous hand.

Then, in a place called Rephidim, the Israelites also did not have water to drink. They complained to Moses once again, who sought God right away. Following God's command, Moses struck the rock in Horeb, and fresh drinking water flowed from it immediately. They later called this particular place as Massah and Meribah.

The lesson here is clear: if we Metro Manilans want to solve the on-going water shortage and impending water lack, we should all learn to ask God, but we have to subject ourselves first to Him and His commands, for the return of water to our faucets. Many may consider this proposal of mine as one fit only as a joke, but do they have any other solution to this water problem?

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REACTIONS? Call 0977 805 9058, 0918 574 0193, 0933 8251308, or my Messenger account in Facebook, Melanio Lazo Mauricio Jr. Or you could email me at batasmauricio@yahoo.com, mmauriciojr111@gmail.com, or send your comments or queries at www.facebook.com/attybatas.

Mayor warns market...*from page 2*

sub-leasing of stalls in the city public market had been an issue that confronted his administration through the years but concerned offices of the local government had difficulties in finding sufficient pieces of evidence that will cause the outright cancellation of the award made to a stallholder once it will be found out that the same was sub-leased to another individual which is contrary to the award of the rights to operate the market stalls being given by the city.

According to him, it is clear in the condition of the award made to the stallholders that the same should not be sub-leased but it is unfortunate that there are still numerous stallholders who continue to sub-lease their stalls when in fact what was only given to them by the local government is their right to operate such stalls.

The outgoing mayor stated that the local government will not hesitate to cancel the award that was made to stallholders once they are found to have sub-leased their awarded stalls and subject the same to public bidding sob that the same will be **Cont. on page 6**

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of the Chinese navy and militia now encroaching our territories and exploiting our natural resources in the West Philippine Sea, particularly in areas like Panatag Shoal or Reed Bank.

This might only compound our fishermen's poverty and vulnerability.

China vs Filipino fishermen

The June 9 incident is the worst aggression of what is believed by some to be the Chinese militia against a Filipino vessel.

Yet it is by no means unique. Between 2014 and 2018, China also rammed Vietnamese vessels at least a dozen times, often near the Paracel Islands.

Past aggressions against our fishermen, however, helped us win our case against China in the arbitral tribunal in The Hague.

As expounded in the book *Rock Solid* by Rappler's editor-at-large Marites Vitug, fishermen from Masinloc, Zambales and Infanta, Pangasinan testified that Panatag Shoal, found off the coast of Zambales, has been a traditional fishing ground for their families for several decades.

But since April 2012 they were routinely expelled and denied access there by the Chinese Coast Guard, who sometimes even fired water cannons at them. In that same year, China also unilaterally and illegally imposed a fishing ban across a huge swathe of the West Philippine Sea. They expanded such ban in 2015.

The Chinese have since dealt catastrophic, incalculable, and permanent damage to the natural resources and the marine ecosystems in the West Philippine Sea.

For instance, they have routinely used blast fishing to harvest giant clams and sea turtles.

They also dredged – and continue to dredge – coral reefs to construct artificial islands on our reefs. What nature took millennia – even millions of years – to build, the Chinese undid in just a couple of years.

According to a previous director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, China's incursions have caused "a deep sense of fear among Filipino fishermen" and "significantly curtailed their fishing activities and severely impacted their ability to earn a livelihood."

Coincidentally, the total volume of marine municipal fishing production dropped by 11.2% from 2012 to 2017. The value of such output, meanwhile, grew by a measly 0.2%.

Sure, these aggregate changes may be due to factors other than Chinese aggressions. But for many Filipino fishermen forced out of their traditional fishing grounds, China's aggressions have invariably depressed their livelihoods and incomes.

Some fishermen in Zambales were forced to take on land-based jobs like being security guards. Others were forced to retire early.

When China attacked the fishing boat *Gem-Ver* on June 9, the Filipino crew was already heading home with a harvest of about 3 metric tons of fish.

But after their vessel sank, their catch – amounting to P1 million – went bad and got wasted. Along with boat repairs and lost supplies, the total damage to the owner and crew of *Gem-*

DISPATCH FROM CRAME

*The Filipino People are United
Behind the Gem-Vir Fishermen*

BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA

Treason is one thing. Forcing the fishermen to tow the line of the traitors is another.

Yesterday, we were treated to the spectacle of Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol coming down hard on Barangay San Roque, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, with what appeared to be a PNP invasion force. Piñol ordered the police to surround the fishermen and forced them to sing the government tune in the Recto Bank ramming incident.

Not only helpless abandonment, but the shock of blatant betrayal, was etched on the faces of the *Gem-Vir* crew as they were lined up like criminals by Sec. Piñol in a press conference that revealed more in what it showed than in what was said.

Halatang pinwersa at diniktahan ang mga mangingisda na sumakay na lamang sa linya ng gobyerno.

The Chinese puppets of the Duterte government have become the puppeteers to their own countrymen, and so on down the line, in what has become the fate of our country as a province of China under the new Makapili traitors of our time.

Ganito na kagarapal ang pagtataksil ng mga opisyaes ng gobyerno. Naiwan ang mga mangingisda na malunod sa gitna ng karagatan pagkatapos palubugin ang kanilang bangka, muli silang iniwang nalulunod sa kataksilan ng sarili nilang gobyerno.

The *Gem-Vir* fishermen were abandoned the first time by the Chinese who rammed their boat. More than being abandoned the second time around by their own government, they were actually thrown overboard and fed to the sharks. After barely surviving the first, it is doubtful if the fishermen can still survive the second.

Masakit iwan na palutang-lutang sa gitna ng dagat ng mga banyagang mapagsamsam. Pero higit na kalunus-lunos na ipatapon sa dagat ng sariling gobyerno na kumampi pa sa banyaga.

Sa mga mangigisda ng *Gem-Vir*, nakakasiguro kayo, pinagkanulo man kayo ng mga pinuno ng ating bansa, hindig-hindi kayo iiwan ng inyong mga kababayan. Kasama ninyo ang buong sambayanang Pilipino sa laban na ito.

No amount of excuses, charades, denials, and lies by Duterte, Pinol, Cusi, Panelo, or Locsin will alter the inevitability of a nation and a people united against traitors and their foreign master.

Ver totaled P2.2 million.

For workers at the fringes of our economy, that loss is simply catastrophic.

Neither tapang nor malasakit

On June 19, Agriculture Secretary Manny Piñol went to Occidental Mindoro to give 22 fiberglass boats and other fishing implements to the embattled Filipino fishing crew.

Presumably this is the government's way of commiserating with the fishermen and helping them get back on their feet after their life-threatening ordeal.

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FIRST JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT La Trinidad, Benguet

FOR: EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY, INC.)

-Petitioner,

-versus-

ANASTACIA CHING and SPS. ERMALYN AND HILARIO DOMOGEN;

-Respondents,

CASE NO. 19-EJF-2123

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 filed by Petitioner, SUMMIT BANK (RURAL BANK OF TUBLAY (BENGUET), INC.), a banking institution duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with office address at 3rd Floor, Sia Lian Ting Bldg., 35 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City, Philippines, against herein respondents, Anastacia Ching, of legal age, Filipino and with residence address at Bangao, Buguias, Benguet; and Spouses Ermalyn and Hilario Domozen, of legal age, Filipino citizens, and with residence address at Pappa, Sablan, Benguet, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 03, 2019, the date the petition was filed, amounts to ONE MILLION EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SIX PESOS & SIXTY SEVEN CENTAVOS (P1,082,666.67), including interest and penalties,

but excluding attorney's fees and all cost and expenses of the foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on JULY 09, 2019, AT 11:00 IN THE MORNING, at the main entrance of the BULWAGAN NG KATARUNGAN, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the real property, together with all existing improvements thereon, with the following description, to wit:

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CLOA-6529

Lot Number: Lot 787, Case 2, CAD. 1008-D, Sablan Cadastre

As surveyed for: Sps. Luis and Arsenia Olsing Location :Pappa, Sablan, Benguet Boundaries : SE., along line 1-2... Lot 795, CAD. 1008-D

SW., along lines 2-3-4... Barangay Road along lines 4-5-6-7... Lot 788, CAD. 1008-D NW., along line 7-8... Lot 779, CAD. 1008-D NE., along line 8-1... Lot 789, -do-

Beginning at point marked "1" on plan being N. 32 deg. 17' E., 1660.22 m from BLLM #1, CAD. 1008-D, thence:

1 - 2 S. 15 deg. 22' W., 106.33 m. 2 - 3 N. 76 deg. 22' W., 54.63 m. 3 - 4 N. 60 deg. 09' W., 41.27 m.

4 - 5 N. 15 deg. 16' W., 5.55 m. 5 - 6 N. 08 deg. 33' E., 48.59 m. 6 - 7 N. 14 deg. 17' W., 46.88 m. 7 - 8 N. 22 deg. 32' E., 74.65 m. 8 - 1 S. 43 deg. 41' E., 136.44 m.

Area : FIFTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED ONE (15,601) SQ. M. xxx

TAX DECLARATION NO. 2010-02-07-00088 Location of Property : Amalgamated, Toktoking, Guinaoang, Mankayan, Benguet Boundaries : North: Cristina Cupas South: Bawmanguiet D. Salic-o D. Diwas, W. Severino

East: Alumpit Abyado and Pacita Ganasi West: Basag Guilando and Cristina Cupas Kind of property assessed: Land Classification: Agricultural Land Area: 2,000 ha, 3.481 ha. xxx All S E A L E D bids

Mayor warns market... awarded to individuals from page 5

who are interested to operate the said stalls without sub-leasing the same.

He claimed that market stallholders are so lucky because the local government did not increase the existing market rentals that is why they are actually paying minimal rental fees to the city that is why he is wondering why some of the stallholders are still inclined in sub-leasing their stalls to interested parties.

The rentals of stalls in the city public market is one of the sources of income of the local government that is used to bankroll the implementation of priority development projects and enhance the delivery of basic services to the people.

Domogan said that a number of stallholders who were found to have sub-leased their stalls in the city public market approached him and sought reconsideration of the decision of the Baguio city Market Authority (BCMA) to bid out their stalls but he could not unilaterally decide on the matter, thus, the public bidding of the stalls pushed through recently.

He urged the public who have knowledge and possess pieces evidence on sub-leased stalls in the public market to provide the concerned offices with the same so that appropriate action will be done against the stallholders who continue to blatantly violate the prescribed rules and regulations in the award of stalls in the city market for individuals to operate and not to sub-lease./Dexter A. See

Domogan's political... said Baguio City has from page 2

opened its doors to various global platforms, thus counting the city as one of the pioneer signatories in globally sanctioned sustainable development declaratins in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Other government line agencies such as the National and Economic Development Authority - Cordillera Administrative Region likewise commended Domogan for his tenacity in pursuing the long proposed autonomy in the region. The private sector led by Dr. Virgilio Bautista, a former member of the Constitutional Commission created by President Rodrigo R. Duterte to review the 1987 Constitution also gave a plaque of appreciation to Domogan being an outstanding leader in public service.

In his message, Domogan thanked the city officials and employees for supporting his advocacies and programs. He reminded the city employees not to neglect their health and spirituality as he challenged them to improve in their work and surpass their accomplishments as in the past weeks./ Jessa Mardy Samidan

City pursues LED... from page 2

acceptable LED.

However, the conversion into LED streetlights was never realized due to numerous technical issues that were not resolved by the city's Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) created for the said purpose.

The City Engineering Office earlier informed local legislators that the city needs at least Php257 million for the conversion./Jessa Mardy P. Samidan

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family member at Php4 million in violation to the "no selling, no subleasing" rule at the public market.

Domogan warned the public not to be duped by stalls being sold or being subleased. He said interested individuals should only transact with the BCMA office and personnel at the market./Jessa Mardy P. Samidan

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City MARIO A. VILLANUEVA Applicant CASE No. 89-CAR-343 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on May 23, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO PLAZA - SCOUT BARRIO and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTFRB Office, Paodal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 14th day of June 2019, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City GL/LIZARDO TRANSPORTATION CORP. Applicant CASE No. 2007-CAR-0305 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on May 23, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - TABUK CITY via AMBUKLAO ROAD, BAYOMBONG and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTFRB Office, Paodal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 14th day of June 2019, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City GL/LIZARDO TRANSPORTATION CORP. Applicant CASE No. 2007-CAR-0308/CO-2009-1583 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on May 23, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate PUB Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY - TABUK (KALINGA APAYAO) via CARMEN, SAN JOSE CITY and Vice Versa with the use of two (2) units. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTFRB Office, Paodal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 14th day of June 2019, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Cordillera Administrative Region Baguio City JOANN KARROLE L. BRETT Applicant CASE No. 2016-CAR-446 NOTICE OF HEARING This is an application filed on June 4, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit. NOTICE is hereby given that this Board shall hear this application on July 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM the LTFRB Office, Paodal Baguio City in which date and time applicant shall formally submit his/her/their evidences. At least ten (10) days prior to the above date, the applicant/s shall publish the NOTICE once in one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant/s and if they so desire, appear during the hearing. This application shall be acted upon the Board on the basis of its records and the documentary evidences submitted by the parties, unless the Board deem necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. ROBERT ALLAN I. SANTIAGO, Regional Director, this 14th day of June 2019, Baguio City. ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT Hearing Officer

Driver's license 10-year validity not absolute: LTO chief

BAGUIO CITY - Land Transportation Office (LTO) chief Edgar Galvante said Thursday the 10-year validity of driver's licenses will only be enjoyed by motorists who follow traffic laws as "demerits" can cause its revocation and suspension.

"From the one-year validity of the license, we made it three years. Now, we made it five and so it would be 10 [years] so that you don't have to come back every five years but rather, 10. You have to come back only

once every 10 years for you to renew your license but that is if you are not delinquent meaning, you do not have violations," Galvante told the Philippine News Agency (PNA). He said the license can be revoked any time if the driver has accumulated several traffic violations.

President Rodrigo Duterte ordered the LTO to extend the validity of drivers' license to 10 years for the public's convenience.

On Tuesday, Galvante and officials of the LTO-Cordillera Adminis-

trative Region (LTO-CAR) led the formal opening of student permit and drivers' license renewal center in a mall on Session Road.

The center is complementary to the LTO-Bagui office in Barangay Pacdal, some four kilometers away from the central business district.

Galvante said motorists who want to renew their licenses can proceed to the center.

He said even if the driver's license is still valid, it can be invalidated for incurring demerits

and the driver will be suspended or barred from driving a motor vehicle during the suspension period.

"It will be confiscated. You will be suspended and you will have to serve the suspension before you can get it back," Galvante said.

He said on the 10th year when the license will be renewed and the LTO sees that the driver has incurred several demerits, its validity will only be for five years or less.

Galvante said such sanctions have been placed to instill discipline among the drivers who are given the privilege of handling a motor vehicle./ *Liza Agoot (With reports from Argielynn Gem Ramos, OJT/ PNA)*

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

CRISTINA C. KIGIS
Applicant
CASE No. 2001-01-2434
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 13, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

FELIPE M. COSALAN JR.
Applicant
CASE No. 99-01-1263
NOTICE OF HEARING

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

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

FRANCIS F. TUDLONG
Applicant
CASE No. 2004-BAG-CAR-2039/
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on May 23, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LONCIO A. NABULAY, who died intestate last March 2, 2018 in Semirara, Caluyan, Antique, consisting of a Prepaid Account at Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) – Baguio Magsaysay Branch bearing account number 003-3-73312299-5 and BDO – Abanao Square Account bearing number 005460214069 have been the subject of an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate by his surviving spouse and the heirs as per Doc. No. 266; Page No. 54; Book No. 07; Series of 2019 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Renato B. Mana-a of Baguio City.

June 8, 15 and 22, 2019

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

MICHAEL LOPEZ
Applicant
CASE No. 2012-CAR-433
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on June 13, 2019 for the approval of EXTENSION of VALIDITY of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate TX Service for the transportation of passengers and freights on the line: BAGUIO CITY TO ANY POINT IN CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION with the use of one (1) unit.

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ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

ERRATUM

In the Notice of AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION for the intestate estate of the late Jose Cuenca Panganiban by heir Ar-Jay C. Dewit published in this paper on April 27, May 4, and 11, 2019, the notice should read: **"Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late Jose Cuenca Panganiban consisting of real estate and Savings Accounts at RCBC Baguio Branch."** and not as inadvertently published.

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during the last quarter following the series of arrests that were made by authorities on suspected drug pushers and users who were earlier recorded as drug surrenderers from the different police stations citywide.

The police official asserted that the momentum of the local police force in the anti-drug campaign remains at a high level considering the standing order from higher authorities for an intensified campaign against illegal drugs in the country to help in the efforts to curb the proliferation of illegal drugs that ruin the bright future of the youth in the different parts of the archipelago./ *Dexter A. See*

Drugs surrenderers in city... from page 8

their families. Olarte claimed that there are still drug pushers from other parts of the country who come to the city to try their luck in selling prohibited drugs to drug users but efforts are being done to neutralize their operations that could lead to their arrest and the eventual filing of the cases against them.

According to him, there are still a few number of high value targets and drug personalities who continue to be involved in the illegal drug trade amidst the government's aggressive campaign against illegal drugs although authorities are now closing on them through their close coordination with the concerned stakeholders.

Earlier, the Regional Oversight Committee on Drug Clearing declared that 8 barangays in Baguio city passed the parameters for drug cleared barangays prescribed under existing rules and regulations that were crafted for the said purpose.

The recently declared drug cleared barangays in the city include Cabinet Hill and Engineer's Hill under the jurisdiction of BCPO Station No. 3, Burnham-Lgarda and BGH Compound under the jurisdiction of BCPO Station No. 5, Aurora Hill and Lopez Jaena under the jurisdiction of BCPO Station No. 6 and Upper Market Subdivision and New Lucban under the jurisdiction of BCPO Station No. 7. Last year, the number of drug affected barangays in the city increased from 18 to 27

LTO opens Baguio driver's... from page 8

parking spaces to clear roads from obstructions that impede the smooth flow of traffic in the vicinity of their offices./ *Dexter A. See*

BCMA bids out 62 market... from page 8

leaseholder cannot personally tend to the stall, the lease contract must be surrendered to the BCMA for it to be published for bidding.

"If the leaseholder died, the heir or family member shall apply for the stall if they want to continue operating business at the public market, however, the stall is not an automatic inheritance since they have to comply with the bidding process," Domogan said.

He furthered, the BCMA found out that one stall whose leaseholder died is being sold by a **Cont. on page 6**

LTO opens Baguio driver's license renewal office

BAGUIO CITY – The Bland Transportation office (LTO) recently opened its driver's license renewal office inside a mall right in the heart of the city, particularly at the second floor of PortaVaga mall along Session road, to ease the burden of driver's in having to fall in long lines to have their licenses renewed.

LTO Assistant Secretary Edgar Galvante, Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan and former and incumbent DOTR-CAR officials led the opening of the driver's license renewal office which is among the more than 30 renewal offices that was established by the transportation office in the different parts of the country since the start of the present administration three years ago.

Galvante said that the services that will be provided by the Baguio driver's license renewal office is the processing of the renewal of driver's license and applications for the issuance of student permits and renewal of the same to make the agency's services available to the public as well as for their convenience.

At present, the LTO

Baguio district office is based in barangay Pacdal which is around 3 kilometers away from the central business district area which makes it taxing for individuals renewing their driver's license to travel to the location of the office and fall in long lines just to have their licenses renewed.

The new LTO Baguio driver's license renewal office will be open from 9 am to 6 pm Mondays to Saturdays so that it will provide the needed services to individuals who are busy in their offices and businesses.

"We are grateful to the PortaVaga management for allowing LTO free use of a space in its mall for us to operate our driver's license renewal office to provide convenience to people wanting to renew their driver's licenses and apply for the issuance or renew their student permits," Assistant Secretary Galvante stressed.

He said that the LTO embarked on a program to partner with owners of malls and other private institutions wanting to offer the use of a portion of their establishments for the free use of the agency to establish their

satellite offices, particularly the driver's license renewal office to help in reducing the

congestions in their district offices in the different parts of the country.

According to him, there were long lines of people daily in the LTO Pasig City district office which caused inconvenience to the transacting public but when a mall offered the use of a portion of its space for the put up of its driver's license renewal office, the long lines of people transacting business transferred to the mall extension office.

Assistant Secretary Galvante asserted that LTO continues to look on how to effectively and efficiently deliver its services to its clients with the least convenience that is why it is also interested to partner with owners of big tracks of land where their district offices will be situated so that there will be substantial spaces where motor vehicles will be parked so as not to contribute in congestions along major streets near their offices.

He underscored that LTO district offices should not use roads as parking spaces for motor vehicles that are mandated to register and that management should locate for available spaces that will be used as **Cont. on page 7**



CITY HALL MINI-PARK SOFT OPENING – Mayor Mauricio Domogan and his wife Rebecca, cut the ceremonial ribbon during the soft opening and walk-through of the rehabilitated and facelift of City Hall Mini park during City Hall flag raising ceremonies and tribute to the outgoing City mayor which was attended by incoming mayor Benjamin Magalong, former and incumbent city officials, heads of lead agencies and respected private leaders and elders in the community./By Bong Cayabyab

Drug surrenderers in city going back to old trade

BAGUIO CITY – The Baguio City Police Office (BCPO) disclosed that a number of drug surrenderers are allegedly going back to their old trade of selling illegal drugs to their clients.

Police Maj. Nicomedes Olarte, chief of the BCPO dug enforcement unit,

renderers to prevent most of them from going back to their old trade considering the situation that some of them had been re-arrested by authorities for selling illegal drugs to pusher-buyers.

The BCPO continues to engage barangay officials where the drug surren-

derers come from to help in closely monitoring the activities of the surrenderers considering validated reports that a good number of them started going back to their old trade after undergoing rehabilitation because of the need to have sources of livelihood for

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BCMA bids out 62 market stalls

Sixty-two stalls at the Baguio City Public Market were bid out on Wednesday, June 19 for new leaseholders.

The Baguio City Market Authority (BCMA) published the bidding of the said stalls early this month after contracts were terminated

due to failure of the leaseholder to pay rentals while other stalls were found out to be subleased and some were even sold to private individuals.

Most of the stalls were located at the Meat Section including some stalls at Block III, Vegetable Section and at

the Second Hand Hangar area.

Mayor Mauricio Domogan said the BCMA oversees the management and operation of the city's public market to ensure that leaseholders abide to policies such as timely payment of rental obligations, cleanliness and orderliness with the help of the Public Order and Safety Division (POSD) personnel.

"The city government owns the city public market and therefore, subleasing or sale of stalls to another individual is in violation of the lease contract and is a primary ground for termination of contract," Domogan explained.

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said that a number of drug surrenderers who underwent plea bargaining agreements in their cases and those who reportedly underwent rehabilitation have been re-arrested for selling illegal drugs during drug buy bust operations.

He claimed that law enforcers and anti-narcotics agents are now closely monitoring the activities of the drug sur-

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