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BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET

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Mayor opposes opening of 200 taxi slots

The recent opening of 200 taxi franchise slots for the public to apply by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Cordillera is being opposed in Baguio City as it may cause more road congestions.

Mayor Benjamin Magalong aired his opposition to the LTFRBs opening of some two hundred slots for taxi units in the city in consideration to the carrying capacity of city roads.

In a dialogue held July 16, 2019 at the city Multipurpose Hall, informed LTFRB Cordillera officer-in-charge Lalaine E. Sobremonte that he opposes additional 200 taxi franchise units to ply the city streets.

Sobremonte on the other hand explained that the LTFRB gave consideration

to the plight of taxi operators who are unable to acquire franchise due to the nationwide moratorium being imposed by the by the agency.

Baguio since 1996 has imposed a moratorium on the issuance of new franchises to limit the number of vehicles in the city due to the limited width of roads however; some 3,000 franchises were still issued.

To date, Sobremonte said there are 3,429 franchise holders in the city with 185 abandoned due to death of its owners. She explained that the 200 slots being opened now are not new franchise but to fill up the abandoned slots.

However, the available franchise slots cannot be applied individually as it is being offered to transport

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PARALYMPIC MEDALISTS - Tina Bantiloc (in Wheelchair) and Elizabeth Bayla chanced upon mayor Benjamin Magalong at the city hall lobby during the NPDR Week Wareness Exhibit tuesday morning. Both are medalist in paralympics and are seeking sponsorship in their stint in Sea Games come September ./Rosa Moresto

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City readies relocation site of night market

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong ordered the City Engineering Office and the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO) to identify the possible relocation site of the night market area to ensure the safety and security of the night market vendors and the public patronizing the nightly activity of the city.

The city chief executive claimed what is important to him is that the vendors adhere to the prevailing health standards in the conduct of their trade aside, from them being assured of their safety through a secure area that will serve as the permanent site for the night market operations.

He recognized the contribution of the night market operation in the generation of income for the over 1,000 vendors participating in the night market activity that is now over a decade old.

Earlier, City Building Official Engr. Nazita F. Bañez claimed the public works department already sent the required notice to the city for the relocation

of the ongoing night market operations along Harrison road as the same is a national road where such activities are actually prohibited with the temporary closure of the road for the said purpose.

The mayor said the city government will strictly implement the no-cooking policy in the new site of the night market to ensure the area will be orderly.

According to him, investigation is also underway on the alleged anomalies in the distribution of slots for interested night market vendors where some presidents of associations of night market vendors have been investigated for such illegal activities in the allocation of slots in the night market area.

Magalong gave the concerned offices of the city government two weeks to prepare the plans on the proposed relocation site of the night market within the concrete portion of the Baguio Athletic Bowl wherein the same will be presented to the members of the local legislative body

for appropriate action.

Initially, Magalong said requested a survey of the existing Ganza parking area for as a relocation site for the night market operation but the same is not enough to accommodate the number of night market vendors.

He also instructed the same offices to look for other feasible areas potential as relocation sites for possible consideration by the members of the City Council once the proposed transfer of the night market operations will be such through in consideration of the notice from the public works department for the local government to relocate the nightly activity.

City Accountant Antonio Tabin disclosed the night market operations generate some P14 to P16 million income to the city coffers from the collection of the regulatory fees from the vendors.

A portion of Harrison road is closed every night for this night market operations that has become popular among visitor. */Dexter A. See*

Irisan property to be used as socialized housing, evacuation center site

BAGUIO CITY – The local government is setting its sights on the city's 1.8-hectare property in barangay Irisan as the site for the put-up of tenement housing for the city's socialized housing project and the establishment of an evacuation center to cater to the needs of calamity victims who will be displaced during the natural and man-made calamities.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong ordered the City Planning and Development Office, in coordination with

concerned offices, to fastrack the plans for the area to accommodate the proposed tenement housing project and the put up of the city's evacuation center to complement its evacuation center within the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CDRRM) building located within the City Engineering Office compound in Lower Rock Quarry barangay.

The local chief executive claimed he was able to access some P50 million from the National Housing Authority (NHA) for the city's socialized housing project thus

concerned offices must fastrack the completion of the requirements to cause the release of the funds for the implementation of the tenement housing project for the housing needs of the marginalized sectors in the city.

Earlier, the previous administrations of the local government identified the city-owned property as a site for the housing project of government employees but the same did not materialize through the years.

Magalong asserted tenement housing is the most practical way of providing decent housing to the marginalized sectors as the city does not have sufficient land area for single-detached houses for the beneficiaries of socialized housing project.

According to him, the local government's socialized housing project and the planned evacuation center will have to be built side-by-side to maximise the space and fastrack the implementation of the said projects at the same time that the city is working on the implementation of other priority devel-

Mayor wants better state of Burnham Park in 3 months

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong ordered the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), in coordination with other offices of the local government, to introduce the appropriate innovations to improve the state of Burnham Park in the next three months to sustain its identity as the city's premier park located at the heart of the city.

The city chief executive inspected the different parts of the park recently and raised the observation that it is not properly maintained considering the sorry state of most portions of the park.

Magalong will be meeting with bicycle concessionaires late next week to discuss the issues and concerns confronting the operation of bicycles in the area that needs to be reduced considering it is not safe to bike in the congested bicycle area designated for the said purpose.

City Environment and Parks Management Officer Ruben Cervantes said the local government is heavily subsidizing the operation of the park with the city is shelling out more than P30 million annually to augment the over P40 million generated from the concessions in the different parts of the park for its upkeep.

He disclosed that some 99 personnel, working in two shifts, are assigned to maintain the order and cleanliness in the different



parts of the park to ensure the areas frequented by people are clean and safe to help entice more people to patronize the park.

Executive Order No. 224, series of 1995 which was signed by former President Fidel V. Ramos transferred the administration, maintenance and operation of the 34-hectare Burnham Park complex to the local government with an annual subsidy of some P18 million from the former Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA).

However, the annual subsidy was unreasonably reduced to P10 million until it was totally scrapped in 2000 leaving burden to the local government to solely shoulder the expenses for the administration, maintenance and operation of the city's premier park.

On September 1, 2009, former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 695 which enhanced Executive Order No. 224 on the local government's power to

administer, maintain and operate the park which was the former Chief Executive's gift to the city when it celebrated its centennial founding anniversary.

Magalong also directed the concerned offices to prepare the required comprehensive master development plan of the park taking into consideration previous plans prepared by public and private institutions for the local government to be able to craft the annual and strategic plans in the maintenance and operation of Burnham Park.

The Burnham Park complex includes the Rose Garden, the Orchidarium, the Ibaloi heritage garden, children's park, bicycle area, the famous Burnham Lake, Melvin Jones football ground, Ganza parking area, picnic grove, former old auditorium and city library, Baguio Athletic Bowl, Pine Trees of the World, Lion's Club among other strategic areas. */Dexter A. See*

Jeepney groups air grievance in dialogue arranged by mayor

BAGUIO CITY – Officers and members of the jeepney associations in the city aired their grievance and concerns in a dialogue with the Land Transportation Office and the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Cordillera brokered by Mayor Benjamin Magalong last July 16.

The Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association Baguio-Benguet (FEJODABB) headed by president Patricio Evangelista expressed their position

on the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) of the Department of Transportation before LTO-CAR Regional Director Francis Ray Almora, LTFRB-CAR Officer-in-Charge Regional Director Lalaine Sobremonte and former Undersecretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure of the Department of Transportation Tim Orbos.

FEJODABB members said they do not oppose the modernization plan in its entirety but they want the replacement scheme

to be realistic and considerate of the financial standing of an ordinary operator.

They said the government-endorsed loan-based group purchase sets costs that are prohibitive to a common jeepney operator.

They suggested that instead of totally decommissioning their units, they be allowed to upgrade or replace only the parts that need improvement to achieve a road worthy status.

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Cordillera lawmakers to re-strategize for new autonomy bill

CITY OF TABUK, Kalinga -- The new set of Cordillera lawmakers will re-strategize on the pursuit of regional autonomy in Congress.

"We should sit down and re-strategize to push for the Cordillera regional autonomy," Kalinga Congressman Allen Jesse Mangaoang said during the sidelines of the Cordillera Unity Gong Relay kick off here last week.

Mangaoang said the three re-elected congressmen (himself, Cong. Mark Go of Baguio City and Abra Cong. Joseph Bernos), will have to meet with the new ones to discuss on how they are going to push for bill creating the Autonomous Region of the Cordillera.

In the last Congress, House Bill 5343 reached second reading. Mangaoang hopes that this time, the bill goes all the way and pass the congress, the senate and for signing by the President.

Mangaoang said he is hoping to work smoothly with the new Cordillera lawmakers namely Apayao's Elias Bulut Jr., Benguet's Nestor Fongwan Sr., Ifugao's Solomon Chungalao and Maximo Dalog Jr. of Mountain Province.

Bulut and Fongwan are known autonomy advocates during their terms as governors and they expressed support to pursue Cordillera regional autonomy.

Mangaoang added that they will also be

working closely with the Regional Development Council for the drafting of autonomy bill.

He recommends that there should be consistent conduct of information, education and communication campaign in the grassroots to ensure that the pursuit of autonomy and development would be known by the people even in the far flung areas in region.

The establishment of autonomous region in the Cordillera is provided under the 1987 Constitution. (JDP/RMC-PIA CAR)



ROAD CLOSED: The Mogao Section of Bakun, Benguet along Acop-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun National Road (Gov. Bado Dangwa Road) is closed due to road slip./Bakun-MDRRM

Magalong pledges support to Cordillera autonomy bid

TABUK CITY, Kalinga - Baguio City Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong assured autonomy advocates of the all-out support of the city's officialdom to the renewed quest for regional autonomy to allow the region to move on to greater heights with a better pace of development.

Magalong, together with a 51-member delegation from Baguio City, attended the 32nd Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) founding anniversary hosted by the Kalinga provincial government and co-hosted by the infrastructure committee of the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera last July 15, 2019.

"As a Cordilleran by choice, I fully support the quest for autonomy primarily due to its expected positive

effects in enhancing bottom-up governance. Our diverse culture and heritage should serve as the unifying factor in our common struggle for self-rule. Let us use our commonalities in beefing up the snowballing autonomy movement for us to convince the members of the 18th Congress to pass the long-overdue organic act and for President Rodrigo Duterte to certify the autonomy bill as a priority administration measure. Everything is not actually lost in our cause," Mayor Magalong stressed.

The local chief executive assured stakeholders that city officials will do their part in making people understand the true essence of autonomy, especially in charting the overall development thrust of the region, so that they will vote for the ratification of the third Organic Act once it is submitted to the Cordillerans for ratification

that will guarantee the unity of the region in an autonomous status.

Magalong also acknowledged former Baguio City Mauricio G. Domogan, who chaired both the RDC and Regional peace and Order Council (RPOC), for having set the tone in the region's vibrant quest for self-governance as he has no doubt done his valuable share in advancing the region's clamor in the national level by being a staunch advocate of self-rule.

According to him, the Cordillera and Muslim Mindanao are the only regions in the country granted the authority to establish autonomous regions as enshrined in the pertinent provisions of the 1987 Constitution.

However, Cordillerans have twice rejected the autonomy laws that were crafted for such purposes for various reasons while

our Muslim brothers and sisters have gone so far in the establishment of their autonomous region which is now known as the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Magalong said that with the passion of our Cordillera lawmakers in pursuing the passage of an organic act for the Cordillera, coupled with the overwhelming support from the people, we will be able to have our own autonomous region the soonest.

CAR was re-established by virtue of Executive Order (EO) 220 that was signed by former President Corazon C. Aquino on July 15, 1987 that brought together the provinces of Abra, Benguet, Mountain Province and Baguio City from their former mother Region in the Ilocos Region and the provinces of Ifugao, Kalinga and Apayao from the Cagayan Valley Region, tasked to administer the affairs of government in the region, accelerate the socio-economic development of the region and prepare the region for autonomy./Dexter A. See

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rules and regulations that prohibit the presence of piggeries in highly urbanized cities.

Under the contract growing concept, the cooperative that will be organized will be required to raise certain number of hogs in a given time and sell the same to a guaranteed buyer wherein the same will be beneficial to the members of the group.

Magalong urged the full cooperation of the hog raisers in the city to the planned establishment of a technology-based piggery farm so that they will be able to sustain their source of livelihood considering that the local government does not want to put a stop on their established livelihood source but instead local officials are providing them with the alternative for them to be able to continue earning income from hog raising.

The technology-based piggery farm will be composed of air-conditioned pig pens with computerized operations among other amenities that will ensure its state-of-the-art operations./Dexter A. See

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cooperatives that have already consolidated as cooperative or corporation pursuant to the Department of Transportation's Department Order 2017-011 or the Omnibus Franchising Guidelines where franchises that will be issued will be on a fleet management scheme.

A maximum of 50 units will comprise one fleet and new franchises will only be granted to registered transport cooperatives with financial capability and vehicles with Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC).

Melanio "Jun" Panayo, Jr., chairman of Polaris Transport Service Cooperative, was whining on the LTFRB requirements as the financial capacity being asked is too high for operators to comply despite the consolidation into a cooperative or corporation.

"If we are to compute 50 franchise by Php800 thousand as minimum cost, a cooperative or corporation must show financial capacity of Php40 million before they qualify, and where do we get that

amount?" Panayo asked the LTFRB.

He said the LTFRB should instead focus on apprehending colorum operators to lessen traffic congestion and relax the requirements for the 200 taxi slots.

Meantime, Magalong asked several taxi operators and organizations to help the city government in curbing vehicular traffic situation by abiding to traffic rules and for them to report illegal or colorum operators./Jessa Mardy P. Samidan

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opment projects beneficial to the greater majority of the populace.

The city mayor explained that once the proposed evacuation center is established in the city-owned property, the local government will forego the evacuation center within the CDRRM building and convert the same to other worthy uses, especially related to disaster risk reduction and management, among other purposes in the future.

He emphasized the need for informal settlers and other marginalized sectors to have decent housing to prevent them from squatting on private properties and public lands that have been identified to be used for public needs, among others, that often complicate the proliferation of informal settlers in the different barangays.

He stated the urgency of having to access the funds

committed to him by NHA officials, thus, the need for concerned offices to closely coordinate with each other for the completion of the requirements that will warrant the release of the funds for the immediate implementation of the city's socialized housing project pursuant to its established local shelter plan compliant with the prevailing standards of housing prescribed by the housing-related national government offices./Dexter A. See

Duterte's word replaces the Constitution

by: ww By: Vergel O. Santos (www.rappler.com) w.rappler.com

How did we manage to descend so low?

You can deny it to yourself all you like, but you and I and the rest of the nation have, for all intents and purposes, completed our descent into authoritarianism.

When President Duterte said, on national television, that the Constitution is nothing more than toilet paper, yet provoked in us little more than sparse and momentary lip protest, he got us where he wanted us; he got us in the same situation we had found ourselves when his professed idol Ferdinand Marcos put us under martial law, in 1972. We also had refused to believe that Marcos, despite his own broad-enough insinuations, was taking us down that route.

He made his move in the dead of night, giving his targets no chance of escape from a roundup, before revealing a pre-signed proclamation installing himself as the law. The Marcos experience prompted a rewrite of the Constitution; it now provides that, before any extreme emergency, like martial law, goes into force, Congress should vet it and the Supreme Court should resolve all questions of law arising from it. But, with both institutions coopted into the regime, as evidenced by their assent to just about Duterte's every wish, what's the point?

Duterte got gang mates out of legal trouble (plunder mainly) or jail; on the other hand, he has taken his critics to court on implausible charges or otherwise persecuted them. He got Marcos a hero's burial. He has so far gotten away with thousands of kills that have the hallmarks of executions in his war on drugs. For two

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and a half years now he has kept Mindanao, one of our 3 main islands, under martial law, supposedly because of lawlessness gone out of control. If he seems to have stopped threatening to extend the emergency to the rest of the country, the only reason would be that, with the Constitution now in the sewers, he no longer feels the need for formalities. How did we manage to descend so low?

We must have hit the point of no return when we allowed Duterte to cede control over our geopolitically strategic and resource-rich West Philippine Sea to the Chinese, who promptly took it over exclusively for themselves and proceeded to plunder it not only for fish but for corals and other endangered marine species. Betraying expansive designs, they also began to build an island on its shallows – it's now an air base and a missile installation.

Chinese mainlanders, meanwhile, have been swamping Manila to take up jobs in enterprises set up on Chinese capital (online gambling mostly) and government projects financed with odious Chinese loans, grabbing business and livelihood opportunities from Filipinos. Estimates put the number of these exploitative immigrants between 400,000 and close to a million. The immigration bureau has not released a definite count; the influx must have been too overwhelming for the bureau – and too alarming for us. At any rate, a special gesture of Filipino hospitality is extended to these interlopers; for one thing, instant visas await them at the ports.

And, flying home on July 17, from a second trip out of the county this year, I notice for the first time that the immigration "ARRIVAL CARD" has a Chinese translation of the instructions from the previously English-only one.

To anyone who yet doubts that Duterte cares at all, his attitude should have been revealed conclusively when he arbitrarily let off a Chinese patrol that had rammed and destroyed a Philippine fishing boat and abandoned its 22-man crew, who had been pitched overboard. It happened in the same Philippine waters that he had handed over to the Chinese, in fact in the very area designated as Exclusive Economic Zone.

The Constitution explicitly prohibits the exploitation of such zones by foreigners.

Warned that, by exempting the Chinese from the prohibition, he committed an impeachable offense, he ditched the Constitution and threatened to have anyone who dared impeach him arrested. That no one has dared is a testament to the sense of dread or futility or both struck among the political opposition, whose number in the House of Representatives, where any impeachment charge should emanate, does not even approach the required one third of the membership to bring it off, the precise excuse made for the default.

In fact, by and large, default it is, if not outright collaboration, that has been the attitude of the oversight institutions, including, most regretfully, the Church and the press, toward Duterte. Again, with Marcos, it was the same attitude that enabled him to rule as a dictator for 14 years. And, with Duterte as a worshipper of his memory and protector of his heirs, the Marcos dynasty, coupled now with the Dutertes, lives on. – *Rappler.com*



KAKAMPIMO ANG BATAS

LP: kung ano ang isinuksok, iyon ang huhugutin

BY: ATTY. BATAS MAURICIO



INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Ang lahat ng ating gawa, hayag man o lihim, mabuti man o masama, ay ipagsusulit natin sa Diyos..." (Mangangaral 12:14, Bibliya).

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LP: KUNG ANO ANG ISINUKSOK, IYON ANG HUHUGUTIN: Totoo talaga ang kasabihang "kung ano ang isinuksok, iyon din ang huhugutin." At ang lahat ng ating mga gawa, hayag man o lihim, mabuti man o masama, ay laging may epekto sa mga buhay natin, at ang lahat ay ipagsusulit natin sa Diyos, pagdating ng takdang panahon, gustuhin man natin o hindi.

Ito ang maliwanag na nararanasan sa ngayon ng mga kasapi ng Liberal Party, sa pangunguna ng kaniyang pinaka-mataas na opisyal ng bayan, si Vice President Leni Robredo, at ni Sen. Leila De Lima, at pati na ang iba pa nilang kanilang mga kasamahan sa partido.

Sila naman ngayon ang inuusig, at isinasangkot sa kung anu-anong mga kaso, partikular ang kaso ng sedisyon, o yung pagkilos upang alisin ang katapatan o tiwala ng sambayanan sa Pangulo ng Pilipinas at sa kaniyang pamahalaan. Of course, sumisigaw na ng "foul" ang Liberal Party, pero ganito din kasi ang ginawa ng partido noong panahong ito ang namamayagpag sa Malacanang. Tunay nga, kung ano ang ginawa mo, yun din ang gagawin sa iyo.

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LP, GINAWANG KAAWA-AWA NOON ANG SC: Naalaala ba ninyo yung ginawa ng Liberal Party kay dating Pangulong Gloria Arroyo matapos na maluklok noon sa Malacanang si dating Pangulong Benigno Aquino III? Sa pamamagitan ng noon ay Justice Secretary (at ngayon nga ay senador) Leila De Lima, pinigilan nila ang pag-alis ni Gloria papalabas ng bansa upang magpagamot sana sa mga duktor sa ibang bayan.

May pahintulot noon ang Korte Suprema sa pag-alis ni Arroyo. Pero binalewala ng Liberal Party ang kautusan ng Korte Suprema, bagamat sa batas ay magkapantay lamang ang kapangyarihan ng Korte at ng Pangulo. Hinarang si Arroyo ng mga ahente ng Bureau of Immigration noon, sa ilalim ng Department of Justice ni De Lima, at hindi pinahintulatang makaalis.

Nagmukhang kaawa-awa noon si Gloria, pero mas nagmukhang kaawa-awa ang Korte Suprema, at ang sistema ng katarungan sa bansa, dahil sa maniobrang iyon ng Liberal Party. Sa totoo lang, marami ang nabahala sa mga ginawang iyon ng partido, na noon ay pinamumunuan ni Aquino III, dahil lumitaw na wala na ang paggalang ng ehekutibo sa hudikatura.

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SANA AY MATUTO NA TAYO: Ganundin ang nangyari kay dating Chief Justice Renato Corona. Bagamat hindi naman batayan sa impeachment o pagpapataalik sa isang mahistrado ng Korte Suprema ang hindi tamang Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Networth (SALN), iyon ang ginamit ng Liberal Party upang patalsikin si Corona.

Di nga ba, yung ipinalit ng Liberal Party kay Corona, si dating Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, ay natanggal din sa tungkulin? Sabi **Cont. on page 5**

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DISPATCH FROM CRAME*The spike of underage marriages in Marawi
Locsin's response to the UNHRC Resolution***BY: SEN. LEILA DE LIMA****On the spike of underage marriages in Marawi**

I'm deeply concerned over a recent report by Deutsche Welle (DW) published last July 12 about the increasing number of underage marriages—some even as young as nine years old—in Marawi City after the siege by terrorist groups more than two years ago.

Though child marriage exists under Islamic traditions, I share the same concerns of humanitarian aid workers on the ground that these underage marriages undoubtedly resulted from the conflict and chaos that has left many parents resigned to the idea that there is no other choice but to marry off their young daughters.

From having difficulties to observe the Muslim tradition of segregating young girls and boys in evacuation centers, to a sense of insecurity after witnessing the horrors of a five-month battle that has claimed thousands of lives and left over 400,000 homeless, the government should address the core challenges of poverty and displacement in conflict-ridden areas.

Ito nga po ang kinahihinatnan ng karahasan, lalo na ng maling pamamalalakad ng isang gobyerno na walang pakundangan sa paghihirap ng mga biktima ng kaguluhan. Imbes na pabilisin ng gobyerno ang proseso ng rehabilitasyon sa Marawi, si Duterte pa mismo ang nagsabing ipapaubaya na lang niya sa iba ang pagpondo rito.

As conscientious citizens and public servants, what is expected of us is to help and encourage our children to build better futures by showing them there are other options and opportunities awaiting them.

Ika nga, "minsan lang sila bata." Hangad at dalangin natin na mas mapanghawakan nila ang kanilang kinabukasan; na magabayan sila sa tamang landas, at sa mga pagpapasyang makatarungan para sa kanila.

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On Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin's response to the UNHRC Resolution

In his statement on the UNHRC Resolution calling for a UN investigation on the killings under the Philippine drug war, DFA Secretary Teodoro "Teddyboy" Locsin, Jr. recalls the crimes against humanity committed in the past by the countries who voted for the resolution, while at the same time reminding them of the supposed "unblemished" human rights record of the Philippines throughout its history.

Locsin's posturing confounds logic and good sense. It's so off.

The history of the formulation and recognition of the inalienable rights of human beings is a product of the history of the crimes against humanity committed in the past by colonizers against the colonized. This is the historical basis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Indeed, we must remember and not forget the atrocities of the European powers of the 19th and 20th centuries committed against the rest of the world. In not forgetting, the world will not allow its repeat.

But the European atrocities of the past does not mean that it is now our turn to commit the same crimes against our own countrymen. **Cont. on page 6**

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nga sa wikang Ingles, do not be deceived, God cannot be mocked, and a man reaps what he sows. Huwag tayong padadaya, hindi puwedeng hamakin ang Diyos, at anumang itinanim ng tao ay kaniyang aanihin.

Ang mga nangyayari ngayon sa mga →

Praise Duterte for lowering inflation?*He didn't do it*

(Part 2)

**BY: JC PUNONGBAYAN
(WWW.RAPPLER.COM)****Rice tariffication**

If you listen to the economic managers only, you will hear from them no mention of this base effect.

Instead, they will attribute lower inflation to policies they pushed, like the Rice Tariffication Act signed into law by President Duterte in this year's Valentine's Day.

This is not to say that the Rice Tariffication Act will have no impact on the general price level in the coming months and years.

But as consumers reap the benefits of cheaper rice, the government must also look out for the welfare of our poor rice farmers, who are already reportedly reeling from depressed incomes due to farmgate palay prices that are dropping like a rock.

The Rice Tariffication Act also features a hefty P10-billion fund raised from the tariff revenues and earmarked for rice farmers.

But it's too early to tell whether this fund will dodge the problems encountered by similar agricultural funds before it, and sufficiently offset the hardships of our farmers.

Bumbling response

The government's overall response to the inflation situation last year was also hardly praiseworthy.

First, the Duterte government itself partly caused the price acceleration.

Apart from the TRAIN law which directly imposed higher excise taxes on goods like petroleum products and sugar sweetened beverages, incompetent rice management and infighting in the National Food Authority Council caused the delayed importation of rice that drove rice prices through the roof.

Second, the economic managers were virtually stymied into inaction.

Duterte himself did not offer any clear policy direction on how to deal with the situation, and was seemingly unaware and unconcerned about what was going on. It was former House speaker Gloria Arroyo – an economist by training – who first convened the economic managers to list down concrete steps to fight inflation.

Third, amid people's hardships, the economic managers took turns downplaying the situation, often callously.

Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia told us to "just tighten our belts." Meanwhile, former budget secretary and current Bangko Sentral Governor Benjamin Diokno said these were mere "hiccups" and "if you're hardworking, you won't go hungry in the Philippines."

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez was even glad about high inflation at some point. He said it should be taken as a "sign of [a] growing and robust economy." One of his assistant secretaries also said year-on-year inflation was just an "abstract concept" and "not how people experience prices."

Fourth, the Cabinet floated the idea of meddling with the very definition of inflation.

For instance, Secretary Dominguez said they thought of

pangunahing personalidad ng Liberal Party ay pagpapatotoo lamang sa nasabing kasabihan, na sa totoo lang ay hango sa Galacia 6:7 ng Bibliya. Mas maganda pa nga ang katayuan ng mga kasapi ng Liberal Party ngayon, dahil hindi naman gaanong masakit ang mga ginagawa ng gobyernong Duterte sa kanila sa ngayon. Pero, anuman ang kahihinatnan nito, sana ay matuto tayong lahat: may karma sa buhay na ito!

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removing tobacco products from the CPI. Meanwhile, former agriculture secretary Manny Piñol even wanted to remove the food category altogether, insofar as it was the main driver of inflation. (Piñol also claimed repeatedly that rice prices weren't to blame for inflation.)

Fifth, the economic managers habitually passed the blame on private sector actors: first on economic forecasters for inaccurate forecasts, and then on analysts, and even media for doggedly pursuing inflation stories.

All in all, the economic managers' handling of the inflation situation last year left much to be desired.

More Kool-Aid

Make no mistake: lower inflation today is desirable. But it would be a mistake to say that Duterte and his economic managers were largely responsible for it, and therefore deserve praise.

This is not the first time that the Palace heaped praise on Duterte's supposed economic management skills.

Previously, Panelo also said lower inflation is proof of Duterte's "competence in managing our country's economy," as well as his "political will and decisive action in addressing this national issue."

Expect more servings of economic Kool-Aid from the Palace in the run-up to Duterte's fourth State of the Nation Address. – Rappler.com

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Jeepney Groups air...*from page 2*

unit is too high and many of us will not be able to afford it so why not allow us to undertake our own upgrading after all with Baguio's terrain, we cannot afford to have units that are not well-maintained," Rey Bacoco, president of the United Metro Baguio-Benguet Jeepney Federation (UMBBJF) said.

Almora said the program addresses said concerns with the provision of schemes to make the acquisition and settlement of the loan doable and ensure that operators can pay for their modern units and at the same time pay their drivers regularly.

He said the government will give the transport groups a free hand to decide what units to acquire.

According to the LTRFB, the PUVMP fleet modernization aims to provide "modern PUV designed to be environment-friendly, safe, secure and convenient with due consideration to our Persons-with-Disabilities (PWDs) passengers."

"The PUVMP also encourages industry consolidation or the strategic merging of smaller transport industry players to form into a consortium either by forming cooperatives or corporations; and to soften the impact and assist small operators who will be affected by the PUVMP, a special loan program with Landbank and DBP is being proposed which will provide access to operators and drivers to

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Department of Transportation and Communications
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

NORMA R. PENULLAR

Applicant

CASE No. 2006-CAR-0231**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONTTE, OIC-Regional Director, this 12TH day of JULY 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court, Branch 64
First Judicial Region
Abatan, Buguias, Benguet

IN THE MATTER FOR ADOPTION OF HANNAH FAITH TICLAO PAKILO,

VICENTA SAKIWAT CASALDO.

-Petitioner,

-VERSUS-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BAUKO, MT. PROVINCE AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA),
-Respondents.

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SPEC. PROCEEDINGS CASE NO. 6419-A-037

AMENDED ORDER

Petitioner Vicenta Sakiwat Casaldo, through counsel, filed the instant verified Petition, praying that after due notice and hearing, the subject child, Hannah Faith Ticao Pakilo, be decreed her legitimate child, for all legal intents and purposes.

Petitioner alleged that she is of legal age, single, in possession of full civil capacity, Filipino citizen, and presently residing at Cotcot, Bulalacao, Mankayan, Benguet.

Petitioner further alleged that the subject minor was born on July 25, 2018,

At the Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (HMRH), Bauko, Mountain Province, the fifth child of Spouses Levi Bekesen Pakilo and Jinggel Martin Ticao. A copy of the child's Certificate of Live Birth is attached to the Petition as Annex "A". The subject minor was voluntarily committed for adoption, as shown in the Social Case Study Report, with the Deed of Voluntary Commitment

attached, by the Social Worker of MSWDO Mankayan, Benguet, as well as, the Affidavit of Consent executed by the biological parents of the subject minor (Annexes "B", "C" and "K", respectively, of the Petition). Petitioner took custody of the subject child sometime in October 2018.

Alleging that she has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to adopt the said minor, petitioner filed the instant Petition.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, it is hereby set for hearing on December 10, 2019 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Session Hall of this Court, and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Meanwhile, let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the The Junction, a newspaper of general circulation in Baguio City and Benguet Province, once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made not later than July 21, 2019.

Furnish copies hereof, together with a copy of the Petition and its Annexes, to the Provincial Prosecutor of Benguet; the Municipal Social Welfare Officer of Mankayan, Benguet; the Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development-Cordillera Administrative Region (DSWD-CAR), # 40 North Drive, Baguio City; the Office of the Solicitor General, #134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; The local Civil Registrar of Bauko, Mountain Province; and the National Statistics Office, Manila, for their information and guidance.

SO ORDERED.

Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, Philippines this 8th day of July 2019.

(SGD) DANIEL DAZON MANGALLAY Presiding Judge

July 13, 20 & 27, 2019

Magalong heads anti-squatting committee

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin Magalong assumed chairmanship of the city's Anti-Squatting and Anti-Illegal Structures Committee which is tasked to spearhead action on complaints and issues on illegal structures, illegal activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates.

In Executive Order No. 21-2019, the mayor retained erstwhile members City Legal Officer, City Building and Architecture Official, Baguio City Police Office Director, Presidential Commission on Urban Poor representative and the Public Order and Safety Division chief.

The mayor also retained the restructured procedures and guidelines in the demolition of illegal structures as spelled out in Administrative Order No. 72 series of 2013 of former mayor Mauricio Domogan save for the involvement of the POSD in the investigation which was now fully relegated to the CBAO.

As per the approved process, complaints for alleged illegal constructions will be filed with the CBAO which will conduct an investigation on the complaint based on their own investigation procedures.

The city imposes different demolition procedures depending on the circumstances of the structures being complained.

For on-going illegal constructions

situated on titled properties or areas covered by an order of award, the owner of the structure if he happens to also be the owner or awardee of the lot will be given 60 days to legalize his structure. Otherwise, the owner will be charged for violation of Presidential Decree 1096 and the structure will be subject for demolition.

For illegal structures built on lots not owned by the structure owner and for structures built on unregistered lots, the structure owner will be asked to discontinue the construction or dismantle the structure within 24 hours. If the owner refuses, then the city will undertake the demolition and file a criminal complaint against the owner.

For illegal structures completed or built after January 1, 2006, the same procedure apply for those where the owner of the structure is also the owner of the lot if the lot is titled while for those who do not own the titled lot and for those who built on unregistered lots, the investigation report will be endorsed to

the anti-squatting committee for deliberation and appropriate action.

For structures built within the right of way of national roads, the complaint will be endorsed to the Dept. of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Baguio City Engineering District pursuant to Dept. Order No. 52 while those built on public places, right of way of city or barangay roads and danger areas, forest reservations, water reservation and similar areas, the investigation report and notices of violations will be endorsed to the city administrator for immediate issuance of demolition order.

Appropriate offices will be tasked to issue the certifications regarding the location of the structure.

"All complaints not covered by the order shall be dismissed without prejudice to the parties taking alternative legal remedies... However, even if the complained illegal structure was constructed prior to January 1, 2006 if the same is already the subject of an issued Demolition Order and a case has been filed in court, the said complaint shall not be dismissed to allow the case already filed in court to continue until its judicial determination and resolution," the order notes.

As to the guidelines for the implementation of demolition orders to be implemented by the city demolition team, the owner of the property subject of the demolition order will be duly notified by furnishing him a copy of the Demolition Advice and Demolition Order at least 30 days before the date of demolition.

The implementation of the order will be done in coordination with the BCPO.

The following safeguards will be complied with: Notice through the Demolition Advice at least 30 days prior to the date of demolition; Proper identification of all persons taking part in the demolition; execution of demolition will be done only during regular office hours from Mondays to Fridays except during inclement weather and disasters unless the affected parties consent otherwise; no use of heavy equipment for demolition except for permanent and concrete structures; and use of proper uniforms for PNP who should occupy the first line of law enforcement and observe proper disturbance control procedures; and all those provided in Republic Act 7279. /Aileen P. Refuerzo

SALE OF PUBLIC LAND

Notice is hereby given that the Patent and Deeds, DENR-CAR at PENRO Benguet, Wangal, 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", Irsan, 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 not 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, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines

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

July 13, 20 & 27 2019

Dispatch from Crame

The past can never be used as a

justification that the Philippine State now has the right to kill its own people in the guise of defending itself against criminals and illegal drugs.

Locsin of course conveniently forgets that the Philippines' human rights record is not "unblemished". He only has to remember the Marcos dictatorship and martial law that he proudly reminds everybody he fought and struggled against. Of course, Locsin now accepts the murder of suspected criminals as the necessary consequence of the State defending itself, the same pretext used by the dictatorship he once fought to cover up the thousands of murders, tortures, and abductions being repeated by the Duterte regime he now speaks for.

In his hysterical response to the UNHRC Resolution, Locsin reminds us of the history of atrocities of the West while conveniently forgetting the Philippine State's past and present crimes against its own people. Whether committed under Marcos or Duterte, these crimes against the Filipino people belie Locsin's claim of an "unblemished" human rights record for the Philippines. Locsin cannot be ignorant of this.

What he is actually telling the West and those who voted for the UNHRC Resolution is this: "You had your own human rights violations perpetrated in the past by your own countries, we therefore reserve our right to commit the same human rights violations against our own people".

This "what-aboutism" betrays the hypocritical and self-serving nature of Locsin's argument against the UNHRC Resolution. He posits that States have a right to murder their own people, and that Europe and the West should adopt a quid-pro-quo attitude now that it is third world countries who are committing the same crimes against their people.

This is fascist thinking to the core, and it disappoints us so much that Locsin has gone so far down the rabbit hole he can no longer recognize the character he actually plays in this nightmarish "Wonderland" created by his boss.

**Jeepney groups air...
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adequate funding.”

To have a better understanding of the PUVMP, Mayor Magalong urged the jeepney groups to attend the caravan on July 30 where the new units will be showcased and where the program will be explained further.

The mayor said he will hold another dialogue at 10 a.m. on the same date at the City Hall Multipurpose Hall.

He said the caravan serves as information drive and as a coercing tool to force local drivers to accept the program.

“Let’s listen first and then let’s decide and let ourselves be heard,” the mayor said.

On the reckoning period of compliance to the program, Orbos reiterated the earlier assurance of the DoTr that jeepney groups in the city will not be

forced to comply with the June 2020 deadline if the specified prototype unit prescribed for the city and the Cordillera region’s topographic condition will remain unavailable.

The reckoning period for compliance to the modernization will begin once the suitable unit which is Class 4 for mountainous areas like Baguio City, will become available.

At present, only the Class 1-3 types are obtainable so the reckoning period for compliance in the city remained unenforceable.

On the association’s long pending petition to increase the fare rate by P1, Almora and Sobremonte assured that it is being worked out with DoTr Secretary Arthur Tugade who had committed to speed up the review of and decision on the petition.

Sobremonte said jeepney groups can expect a development on the petition within the next two weeks./ **Aileen P. Refuerzo**

Mayor explains proposed rehabilitation of Baguio

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong explained that the proposed rehabilitation of the city will not be as extensive as that of Boracay’s but focused principally on the rehabilitation of the city’s sewerage system and massive greening.

The city chief executive disclosed he had initial meetings with Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu and Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Ano where the two Cabinet officials will be bringing to the attention of President Rodrigo R. Duterte the possible issuance of the appropriate order mandating the partial rehabilitation of the city through the proposed 1-year moratorium on the put up of buildings and the cutting of trees in exchange for funds to implement

the desired rehabilitation of the city’s existing sewerage system.

He admitted it will be difficult to totally close Baguio just like what happened to Boracay as it will be difficult to prohibit tourists coming to the city aside and also because the city is the gateway to other parts of the Cordillera.

“The rehabilitation of the city will primarily focus on our sewerage system and massive greening and it will be impractical to close the city because of the said problems that would affect the whole city,” Magalong stressed.

He claimed that based on reports from the Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR), the pollution of the city’s rivers has reached alarming levels because only 12 percent of the houses are connected to the city’s sewerage treatment plant which has also exceeded its carrying capacity and it has leaks, among other problems requiring the same to undergo the needed rehabilitation.

According to him, the readings along the Balili river already reached over 1.6 billion most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliter while the recorded readings along the Bued river already reached 465 million MPN per 100

milliliter, both beyond the acceptable standards.

Magalong stated that aside from rehabilitating the Baguio sewerage treatment plant based in North Sanitary Camp, part of the proposed rehabilitation of the city’s sewerage system is the put up of the required facility in Lower Rock Quarry and 5 other plants in strategic areas in the city to address the pollution in the city’s river systems.

The mayor stipulated the local government must require all residential and commercial structures to be connected to the sewerage treatment plants to prevent them from directly discharging their waste water to the various river systems, one of the major causes of pollution in the different rivers in the city, aside from those coming from piggeries that directly discharge their waste to the different bodies of water around the city.

Currently, the Baguio sewerage treatment plant operates at 12,400 cubic meters daily, way above its normal operating capacity of only 8,600 cubic meters daily pursuant to its design, thus, the urgent need for rehabilitation considering the increase in the number of houses in the city which has reached over 90,000./ **Dexter A. See**

**DA to bankroll technology...
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The local chief executive informed the piggery owners in the city and when their hogs are already sold, there is no reason for them to raise more pigs because of the impending stoppage of all piggeries in the city considering that the same is actually prohibited under existing laws, rules and regulations.

According to him, one of the reasons for the stoppage of piggery operations in the city is the fact that there were numerous piggeries that were discovered to be discharging their waste to the different river systems that cause the coliform level in the Balili and Bued rivers to exceed normal levels.

Earlier, the previous leadership of the Cordillera office of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB-CAR) required local piggery owners to put up their septic tanks to prevent them from directly discharging their waste to the river systems but some of the backyard pig raisers reportedly refused to comply with the earlier agreement that compelled the agency to order the total ban on the existence of piggeries in the city pursuant to existing laws,

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**TIEZA earmarks P20...
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Park’s comprehensive master development plan with reference to all previously prepared, completed and accepted plans to reflect the future of the park.

The local chief executive expressed the gratitude of the city’s officialdom to TIEZA for their all-out support in the proposal of concerned sectors to rehabilitate and improve the prevailing state of Burnham Park to make it worthy as a premier tourist destination with its strategic location at the heart of the city, thus, it should serve as a showcase for other tourist destinations located in the different parts of the city.

He said the initial greening and reblooming project will help in significantly improving the state of the park once completed./ **Dexter A. See**

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RAUL P. FERNANDEZ
Applicant
CASE No. 2001-01-1444
NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS, the Honorable Engr. LALAIN E. SOBREMONT E, OIC-Regional Director, this 12TH day of JULY 2019, Baguio City.

ATTY. JESSIE C. BALAGOT
Hearing Officer

Republic of the Philippines
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Cordillera Administrative Region
Baguio City

RICO M. MIRANDA
Applicant
CASE No. 2010-CAR-192
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 9, 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 - FAIRVIEW and vice versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Baguio City

JORDAN I. GANSOWEN
Applicant
CASE No. 97-BC-734
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 2, 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 - DREAMLAND, PINGET and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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REYNALDO CLIFFORD F. BONGSALO
Applicant
CASE No. 97-01-1285
NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application filed on July 2, 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 CITY - UCAB - MIDAS and Vice Versa with the use of one (1) unit.

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Hearing Officer

P200 million parking structure to rise at BCC

BAGUIO CITY – Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong announced the city government plans to put up a six-storey parking structure at the back of the city-owned Baguio Convention Center (BCC) to provide adequate parking spaces for residents and visitors of the city.

The local chief executive disclosed the funding for the project will come from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) pursuant to the commitment of DPWH-CAR regional director Engr. Tiburcio Canlas who reportedly assured him the funds will come from the agency's budget in the next 2 years.

Magalong instructed concerned offices of the local government to ensure the proposed area at the back of the city property will be free from encumbrances so that the DPWH can work out the provisions of the funds for the realization of this parking structure to accommodate a significant number of motor vehicles thus lessening the obstructions along roads around the city.

However, City Administrator Engr. Bonifacio dela Peña revealed the funds for the project will not be released in one time but on a staggered basis within the next two years to ensure that the parking structure will be operational at the end of the 2nd year.

The city administrator claimed the city tourism and special events office will be included in the proposed 6-storey parking structure to address the absence of a decent office for the city's tourism frontliners.

Based on the initial plans for the said structure, the proposed parking building will be 3 storeys up and 3 storeys below and located right at the back of the Baguio Convention Center.

Magalong ordered the concerned offices of the local government to conduct the required survey of the area for proposed parking structure to enable the city government to appropriately deal with the property owners that encroached on the property, as one of the requirements of the

DPWH is for the issuance of a certification from the end-user that the property to be developed will be free from encumbrances and informal settlers.

According to the city administrator, the DPWH will release some P100 million every year in the next two years to bankroll the completion of the project that will showcase state-of-the-art construction methodologies as an example of the type of structures that can be erected in the city different from the other public buildings in other parts of the city that house government offices.

Dela Peña assured concerned sectors of the city that the city government will closely monitor the construction of the proposed parking structure to ensure the contractor complies strictly with the project plans and specifications.

The proposed area for the parking structure in inside the lot purchased by the local government from the State-owned Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) way back in 2012./*Dexter A. See*

DA to bankroll technology-based piggery farm in Tuba

BAGUIO CITY – The agriculture department will bankroll the establishment of a technology-based piggery farm within a 3-hectare government property in barangay Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet in the next 4 months to serve as the relocation site of all piggery owners in the

city considering the intensified campaign of the environment department and the local government to put a stop to piggeries in the city.

Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong disclosed that Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol committed to facilitate the release of P10

million as a start-up capital for the cooperative that will be composed of piggery

owners from Baguio and Tuba in the put up of the technology-based piggery farm while another P10 million will be earmarked to build the farm to market road leading to the site of the proposed piggery.

Magalong recently met with the affected hog raisers

from the city and members of the Tuba municipal council to discuss the groundwork for the put up of the technology-based piggery farm that will be completed with the required amenities for contract growing of hogs which will have a sustainable market.

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TIEZA earmarks P20 million to regreen Burnham Park

BAGUIO CITY – The Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) earmarked some P20 million to regreen and re-bloom landmark parks in the country's undisputed Summer Capital, specifically Burnham Park and Sunshine Park, two of the premier parks being frequented by residents and visitors alike, to help bring back the beauty and scenery of the said parks.

TIEZA chief executive officer Pocholo Paragas informed Mayor Benjamin Magalong, Vice Mayor Faustino Olowan and some members of the local legislative body, as well as veteran urban planner Arch. Joseph Alabanza, that the fund was previously approved by the board way back in 2015 but it took some time to facilitate the release of the funds for the project due to alleged differences in the priorities of the tourism department and the local government.

Paragas said that the allocation of the funds for the greening and reblooming project is just an initial wave of support from the tourism body to the city government as there is the upcoming funding support for projects in the comprehensive development plan for the 34-hectare Burnham Park

agency more reason to infuse funds to sustain the efforts to preserve and protect the park and to regulate the put up of infrastructure in one of the country's icon landmarks.

According to him, TIEZA will submit the crafted designs for the regreening and reblooming project to the local government for confirmation by the members of the local legislative body to initiate a har-

monious working relationship until the completion of the projects incorporated in the park's comprehensive master plan.

On his part, Magalong said he will issue the appropriate order creating the technical working group (TWG) composed of private sector representatives and the city government technical personnel for the crafting of the Burnham **Cont. on page 7**



RAMP OF COMFORT – Persons with disabilities and wheelchair-bound individuals can now conveniently access the city market through ramps like this installed along 1st Kayang St. by the DPWH as part of the aim to make roads and facilities accessible to PWDs under Batas Pambansa Bilang 344. – *Aileen P. Refuerzo photo.*

complex.

The TIEZA official informed city officials the agency is inclined to support the rehabilitation and upgrading of Burnham Park as one of the icon landmarks in the country, aside from Rizal Park in Metro Manila and other heritage landmarks in the country.

He said TIEZA also supports the pending proposal in Congress for the declaration of Burnham Park as a national heritage to give the

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