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## DY CALLS ON COLLEAGUES TO SET ASIDE POLITICS, FOCUS ON SERVICE

MANILA – Speaker Faustino “Bojie” Dy III on Monday urged his colleagues in the House of Representatives to set aside divisive politics and focus their time and energy on public service and delivering meaningful results for the Filipino people.

In his speech at the resumption of House sessions, Dy reminded fellow lawmakers that their true accountability is to the public.

“Ilaan natin ang ating lakas, oras, at kakayahan sa pagtaas ng antas ng serbisyo para sa ating mga mamamayan at paggawa ng mga batas na makabuluhan—mga batas na hindi lamang maganda sa papel, kundi ramdam ng bawat pamilyang Pilipino,” he said.

“Sapagkat sa huli, doon tayo huhusgahan ng bayan: hindi sa ating mga talumpati, kundi sa ating mga ginawa,” he added.

The Speaker from Isabela emphasized that political differences should never supersede the higher duty of public service.

“Mga kasama, darating ang araw na maaaring maging magkakaiba ang ating pananaw sa pulitika. Ngunit sana’y manatili tayong nagkakaisa sa mas mataas na layunin: ang marangal at buong pusong paglilingkod sa sambayanang Pilipino,” Dy said.

Dy also called on House members to make full use of time and sessions, stressing the urgency of legislative work.

“Sa bawat araw na lumilipas, mas nagiging mahalaga ang bawat oras, bawat sesyon, bawat desisyon na ating ginagawa. Wala po tayong panahong dapat sayangin,” he said.

“Magtrabaho at magtulungan po tayo — hindi para sa pansariling interes, kundi para sa kapakanan ng susunod na henerasyon, at para sa kinabukasan ng ating Inang Bayan,” Dy said.

#### Political reforms

Meanwhile, Dy urged his fellow lawmakers to



Speaker Faustino “Bojie” Dy III (Photo from House of Representatives)

confront long-standing political reforms head-on, including the proposed anti-political dynasty law, saying genuine change requires courage, honesty and sincerity.

“Kaya’t hindi tayo uuring sa mahihirap na usapin. Bubuksan natin ang mga diskusyong matagal nang iniwasan — kabilang na ang anti-political dynasty bill,” he said.

He stressed that reform must be anchored on fairness and equal opportunity for all Filipinos.

“Ngunit kung seryoso tayo sa reporma, kung ang hangad natin ay patas na pagkakataon para sa lahat, we must have the courage to talk about it — honestly, openly and with sincerity,” Dy said.

He framed the anti-dynasty discussion as part of a broader effort to address systemic failures that have long burdened the public.

“We must be honest enough to confront the shortcomings of the past. Accountability is not an act of vengeance – it is an act of justice,” Dy said, stressing that confronting entrenched political practices is essential to rebuilding public trust and strengthening democratic institutions.

Dy, together with Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander “Sandro” Marcos, is the author of House Bill 6771 or the Anti Political Dynasty Act.

The House Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reform is set to begin hearings on the proposed law this coming Tuesday. (PNA)

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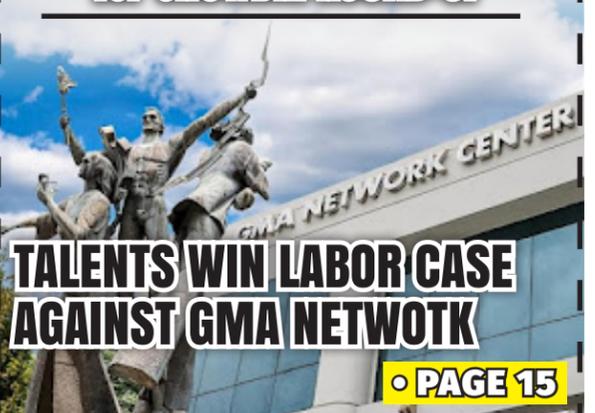
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~ SOUL FOOD ~

“The things which are impossible with men are possible with God”

- Luke 18:27 -

## SHFC marks 22 years with landmark LRA partnership



QUEZON CITY — In celebration of its 22nd founding anniversary, the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) partnered with the Land Registration Authority (LRA) in a bid to fast-track and prioritize land registration and titling processes for its beneficiaries.

SHFC President Federico Laxa and LRA Administrator Atty. Gerardo Sirios signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Tuesday, aimed at establishing a fast lane for SHFC-related processes in different Registry of Deeds nationwide.

Processes include the transfer and issuance of land and condominium titles, individualization of titles, annotation or cancellation of encumbrances, correction of clerical errors, and other land registration-related concerns.

"This is in line with our mission to continue nurturing all communities beyond providing them with homes," said Laxa, highlighting the agency's commitment to providing a safe and decent community for all Enhanced Community Mortgage Program (ECMP) beneficiaries.

"We at LRA support SHFC's programs and mandate in financing and developing socialized housing projects for low-income families," said Sirios in his speech.

Established in 2004, SHFC commemorates its 22nd Anniversary with the theme, "Championing Communities: Today and Tomorrow." Its core program ECMP helps informal settlers and communities secure the land under their homes, providing basic necessities like electricity, water, connectivity, and security. It also partners with other national government agencies to deliver employment, training, and financial assistance if necessary.

For more information about SHFC and its programs, the public is advised to visit [www.shfc.gov.ph](http://www.shfc.gov.ph). (JVD/PIA-NCR)

## PBBM unveils tertiary scholarship program to address gaps in high-priority sectors

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday fulfilled a promise to establish a college scholarship program for top senior high school graduates who will specialize in high-priority but talent-shortage sectors.

In his message delivered by House Majority Leader and Ilocos Norte 1st District Rep. Ferdinand Alexander "Sandro" Marcos, President Marcos emphasized that education must be inclusive as he launched the Bagong Pilipinas Merit-Based Scholarship Program (BPMSP).

"Last year, during the State of the Nation Address, I committed to establishing a scholarship program for our top-performing graduates from both public and private senior high schools and from technical vocational institutions," the President said during the launching held at the Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena in Laoag City.

"This way, they may pursue degree and technical vocational education and training. Diploma programs aligned with our country's hard-to-fill and high-priority sectors. Today, we are fulfilling that promise," the President added.

The new scholarship program is among the major education initiatives rolled out by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education (DepEd), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) under the Programa para sa Buti ng Bayan at Mamamayan: Galing, Akses, Batid at Angat Tungo sa Yaman ng Bayan or the PBBM-GABAY ng Bayan Programs.

Through the BPMSP, the top five graduates of each senior high school nationwide, as well as qualified holders of TESDA National Certificates, will have the opportunity to pursue undergraduate degrees or technical or vocational education training (TVET) diploma programs in any high-performing higher education or technical-vocational institution.

President Marcos said the scholars shall enter programs that are aligned with identified priority sectors based on the country's real and urgent needs to address gaps in the country's development.

President Marcos urged students to make the



most of the scholarship opportunities, as the BPMSP targets 20,000 scholars nationwide for School Year 2026 to 2027.

"But scholarships alone will not solve every barrier. We know that for many Filipino families, the first obstacle is access. And often, access begins with something basic – information," the President pointed out.

President Marcos said the newly launched Project Patuloy na Edukasyon, Patuloy na Pag-Ahon (Project PEPA) serves as a nationwide caravan to bring clear and timely information to senior high school graduates from Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) households on government-funded education opportunities.

Project PEPA targets around 490,000 senior high school graduates from 4Ps households who are eligible for the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) Program.

The President also lauded CHED-TANAW, the Commission's new National Higher Education Data Visualization Platform that provides institutional, enrollment, scholarships, and graduate outcomes data to support transparency, informed student choice, and evidence-based policy and planning.

The Chief Executive also congratulated the more than 700 public school teachers who were newly promoted under DepEd's Expanded Career Progression (ECP) System and sworn in during the event by Representative Marcos.

"Even as we build programs and platforms, we must recognize that none of this is possible without our teachers," the President emphasized.

These government initiatives demonstrate a coordinated and integrated approach to the Marcos administration's education reform across all levels. (PND)

## NCR 'kasambahays' get wage increase

PASIG CITY — The National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC) on Thursday announced an increase in the minimum wage for domestic workers or kasambahays in Metro Manila.

The NWPC issued Wage Order No. NCR-DW-06, dated January 15 and effective February 7, which states the increase of minimum wage of domestic workers in Metro Manila by P800, or from P7,000 to P7,800.

According to the Department of Labor and

Employment-National Capital Region (DOLE-NCR), the wage adjustment covers general house helpers, whether stay-in or live-out, yaya, cook, gardener, laundry person, and any person who regularly performs domestic work in one household.

Meanwhile, individuals who are not subject to the increase include service providers, family drivers, and any other individuals who engage in work on an occasional or those on periodic basis rather than as a regular occu-



pation.

For concerns and immediate response to labor concerns, the new DOLE Hotline 1349 schedule is from Mondays to Fridays, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For other updates, visit the DOLE offi-

cial Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/laborandemploymentph/> or email to [hotline1349@dole.gov.ph](mailto:hotline1349@dole.gov.ph) and state your name, address, contact number, and query, the department added. (JEG/PIA-NCR)

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## BI DEPORTS 17 FUGITIVES LINKED TO LARGE-SCALE ONLINE SCAM HUB



MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Immigration (BI) on Tuesday deported 17 fugitives involved in a large-scale online financial scam operation, reinforcing President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr.'s directive to dismantle transnational criminal networks operating within Philippine territory.

The deportation was carried out on morning of January 21, wherein the 17 Taiwanese nationals were boarded on a direct flight to Taipei, after being tagged as undesirable aliens by the BI.

The operation shows the President's firm stance that the Philippines will not be used as a safe haven by foreign syndicates exploiting technology to defraud victims across borders. Under the Marcos administration, authorities have intensified coordination among law enforcement and border control agencies to protect the country's integrity, security, and international standing.

The deported foreign nationals were apprehended during a joint operation on May last year by the National Bureau of Investigation Special Task Force (NBI-STF), the NBI Cybercrime Division (NBI-CCD), and government intelligence forces at an upscale subdivision in Cebu City,

where authorities uncovered a fully operational online finance scam hub.

Investigators caught the individuals in flagrante, actively manning workstations and running scam operations without the required visas or permits, in direct violation of Philippine immigration laws. Digital forensic examination confirmed the presence of romance and investment scam scripts, messaging platforms, and other tools used to deceive victims.

Several of those deported were also confirmed to have standing warrants of arrest abroad.

"This decisive action reflects the President's clear policy: the Philippines will not tolerate foreign criminals who exploit our openness, abuse our laws, and prey on innocent people—whether Filipinos or foreigners," said BI Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado.

"The BI will relentlessly pursue, arrest, and deport aliens who engage in illegal activities. We are closing the doors to scammers, syndicates, and fugitives who believe they can hide behind tourist visas," Viado stressed.

Following their deportation, all 17 individuals were permanently black-listed and barred from reentering the Philippines. **(BI)**

## PBBM, INUTOS ANG ROLLOUT NG BENTENG BIGAS SA AKLAN; 85K KATAO MAKIKINABANG

Iniutos ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang pagpapalawak ng programang Benteng Bigas, Meron Na sa lalawigan ng Aklan upang masiguro na mas maraming mga Pinoy ang magkakaroon ng access sa abot-kayang bigas.

Inanunsyo ito ni Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary at Palace Press Officer Claire Castro sa isang press briefing sa Malacañang nitong Lunes.

Ang paglunsad ng Department of Agriculture (DA) ng programa para magbenta ng bigas sa halagang Php20 kada kilo ay isa pang hakbang tungo sa pagpapalakas ng food and nutrition security ng bansa, ani Castro.

Ayon sa DA sa pangunguna ni Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr., inaasahang makikinabang ang humigit-kumulang sa 85,000 katao mula sa mga vulnerable na sektor gaya ng mga pamilyang mababa ang kita, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, at mga minimum wage earners.

Bukod sa paglunsad ng subsidized na bigas, nagbigay din ang DA ng iba't-ibang tulong na pang-agrikultura na nagkakahalaga ng Php75 milyon upang mapalakas ang produksyon at kabuhayan ng mga magsasaka at mangangisda sa Aklan, ayon kay Castro.

Kabilang dito ang mga traktora, harvester, binhi, pataba, crop indemnity checks, pasilidad sa composting, renewable energy systems, kapital para sa kalakalan, at mga bangkang pangisda.

"Ang mga intervention na ito ay naaayon sa pagpupursigi ni Pangulong Marcos Jr. na iangat ang dignidad ng ating mga magsasaka at pagandahin pa ang kanilang tanim at ani," wika ni Castro.

Ang pagpapalawig ng Benteng Bigas Meron Na ay bahagi ng mas malawak na estratehiya ng administrasyong Marcos Jr. para patatagin ang supply ng pagkain at maibsan ang pasanin ng tumataas na presyo ng mga bilihin. **(PND)**

## Marikina City grants tax relief to carinderia, sari-sari store owners

QUEZON CITY — Marikina City Mayor Maan Teodoro has signed an ordinance that grants full business permit and tax exemption to qualified sari-sari store and carinderia owners for Tax Year 2026 and the extension of business permit renewal until February 28, 2026.



The tax relief is a priority program of the city government since 2017 and continues to be promoted in support of small business owners and families in Marikina.

City Ordinance No. 002, Series of 2026, or the Full Business Permit and Business Tax Exemption for qualified sari-sari stores and carinderias for Tax Year 2026, covers businesses with a capital of up to P10,000, or with annual sales not exceeding P250,000, and not selling cigarettes and/or alcohol.

Meanwhile, City Ordinance No.

003, Series of 2026, or the Extension of Business Permit Renewal Period from January 20, 2026, to February 28, 2026, also grants a corresponding tax relief.

The payment of real property tax has also been extended until July 5, 2026, without interest.

Mayor Maan Teodoro said that these ordinances are important steps to ease the burden of families and strengthen micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as a pillar of the city's livelihood and development. **(JEG/PIA-NCR)**

## Tuloy na tuloy na ang PS-DBM on Wheels sa Pasig!



Pansamantala mang pumreno, muling nagbabalik ang Procurement Service-Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM) on Wheels (PoW) upang maghatid ng mga abot-kayang Produkto at abot-kamay na Serbisyo.

Wheeling from Batangas, Pangasinan, and Quezon Province, patungong Pasig City ang PoW sa darating na February 24, 2026, sa Maybunga Rainforest Park (formerly RAVE PARK) upang umarangkada sa Metro Manila.

We once again invite client-agencies from Pasig and nearby cities in the National Capital Region (NCR) to participate in the PoW. Layunin ng event na ito na ilapit ang mga procuring entities mula sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa sa mga ipinagbibiling common-use supplies and equipment (CSE) ng PS-DBM.

Bukas sa lahat ng National Government Agencies (NGA), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Government Financial Institutions, Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) at Local Government Units (LGU's), Bili na at Bili pa sa PS-DBM!

#PSDBMonWheels2026  
#PSDBMonWheelsgoestoPasigCity

#PSDBMonWheelsinPasigCity  
Sundan lamang ang aming official social media accounts para sa iba pang mahahalagang anunsyo kaugnay nito..

WEBSITE: [ps-philgeps.gov.ph/home/](http://ps-philgeps.gov.ph/home/)

FACEBOOK: Procurement Service-DBM

X: [x.com/PSDBMgovph](https://x.com/PSDBMgovph)

YOUTUBE: [youtube.com/@PSDBMgovph](https://youtube.com/@PSDBMgovph)

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
OF FRANCISCO CORACHEA BEREDO  
WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled “**Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Francisco Corachea Beredo with Deed of Absolute Sale**,” executed by and among **Fortunata C. Lupac**, surviving spouse, and **Orlando L. Beredo, Zenaida L. Beredo, Conrado L. Beredo, Melecia B. Laylo, Zosimo L. Beredo, Jose L. Beredo, Ditas Francisca Beredo Pureza, and Francisco Jr. L. Beredo** (collectively, the “Heirs”), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

- (i) **Francisco Corachea Beredo** (the “Decedent”) died **intestate on July 18, 2002**, at Holy Infant Jesus, Sampaloc, Manila;
- (ii) At the time of his death, the Decedent was survived by his **spouse, Fortunata C. Lupac**, and his above-named legitimate children, who are his **only surviving compulsory heirs**;
- (iii) The Decedent left **no last will and testament**, and there are **no known debts or obligations** chargeable against his estate;
- (iv) The Decedent was the registered owner of a parcel of land located in the **Province of Batangas**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. P-1226**;
- (v) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs **extrajudicially settled and adjudicated among themselves** the estate of the Decedent, and **sold the subject property by way of a Deed of Absolute Sale** in favor of **Roy Mapa Laylo**;
- (vi) The settlement and sale are **subject to the rights of any other heirs, creditors, or interested parties**, in accordance with **Rule 74, Section 4 of the Rules of Court**, within the period provided by law.

The **Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Francisco Corachea Beredo with Deed of Absolute Sale** was executed and signed in **Makati City**, and **notarized before Atty. John Domingo A. Ponce, Jr., Notary Public for Makati City**, and entered in his notarial register as **Doc. No. 27; Page No. 6; Book No. I; Series of 2026**.

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
OF PORFIRIO TAPPAN**

NOTICE is hereby given that in a document entitled “**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF PORFIRIO TAPPAN**” executed by and between **Joy T. Vinluan and Harris T. De Salit**, (collectively, the “Heirs”), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

- (i) **Porfirio Tappan** (the “Decedent”) died **intestate on 13 March 1979**, at San Pedro, Laguna;
- (ii) The Heirs are the **only surviving compulsory heirs of the Decedent**;
- (iii) The Decedent left **no last will and testament**, and there are **no known debts or obligations** chargeable against his estate;
- (iv) At the time of his death, the Decedent left a real property with Tax Declaration No. 24-0016-03203 issued by the Office of the City Assessor’s Office of City of San Pedro, Laguna;
- (v) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs **extrajudicially settled and adjudicated among themselves** the estate of the Decedent, among themselves;
- (vi) The settlement and sale are **subject to the rights of any other heirs, creditors, or interested parties**, in accordance with **Rule 74, Section 4 of the Rules of Court**, within the period provided by law.

The **DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF PORFIRIO TAPPAN** was executed and signed in **San Pedro, Laguna** by **Atty. Jaarmy G. Bolus-Romero**, a Notary Public for **San Pedro, Laguna**, entered in the notarial register as **Doc. No. 9; Page No. 3; Book No. XXII; Series of 2025**.

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**CFO and Manila Bulletin to Explore  
Potential Collaboration**



The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) Secretary Dante “Klink” Ang II met with Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation President, Emilio C. Yap III, to discuss possible partnerships for the Commission’s upcoming projects and initiatives.

Secretary Ang provided an overview of the Commission’s general work and highlighted the upcoming Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO). Mr. Yap III acknowledged the importance of the Commission’s initiatives, agreeing on the need to perceive more stories of excellence among Filipinos overseas to inspire the greater public.

**HEARTFELT MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE  
CHINA COAST GUARD**



To the officers and crew of the China Coast Guard’s Dongsha Ship and Sanmen Ship:

On behalf of all those whose lives and safety were safeguarded by your actions, we extend our deepest and most sincere gratitude. When the Philippines requested on-site search and rescue support, you answered without hesitation – and under the unified command of the Dongsha Ship, you worked seamlessly alongside Philippine Coast Guard Vessel 9701 to complete the personnel handover at 14:43 on January 25.

In moments of crisis, you chose to let humanity shine bright, hindi tinuturing ang di pagkakaunawaan sa karagatang pinagtatalunan (not letting differences over disputed waters stand in the way). Your dedication to protecting life above all else is a powerful reminder that compassion and cooperation can bridge any divide.

Your professionalism, courage, and commitment to the shared value of preserving human life will be remembered and cherished by the Filipino people.

With profound appreciation,

**Rebecca M. Velasquez**

President

(Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc PAPI)

**DOST XII RD Malawan and DRRM Focal  
Gain Awards during SOCCSKSARGEN  
DRRM Recognition Ceremony**

The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council XII, in partnership with the Office of the Civil Defense Region XII, successfully conducted the “Isang Pagpupugay sa Kahandaan at Katatagan” SOCCSKSARGEN DRRM



Recognition Ceremony, honoring outstanding Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) focal persons, organizations, and institutions across the region.

During the ceremony, DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan was awarded a Plaque of Commendation in his capacity as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, and in recognition of his leadership and the significant contributions of DOST SOCCSKSARGEN to strengthening DRRM initiatives in the region.

Also recognized were the DOST SOCCSKSARGEN DRRM Focal Persons, including Provincial Director Dr. Michael T. Mayo, Engr. Abdul Jalil

D. Malawan, Supervising SRS, and Mr. Benjie T. Francisco, SRS I, who each received a Plaque of Recognition for their dedicated service and active involvement in DRRM planning, preparedness, and coordination efforts at both regional and provincial levels.

These accolades are attestations of the vital role of DOST in advancing disaster preparedness, prevention, mitigation, and response through science-based tools, risk-informed decision-making, and inter-agency collaboration. The recognition further affirms DOST SOCCSKSARGEN’s commitment to building safer, more resilient, and disaster-ready communities across the SOCCSKSARGEN Region. **(DOST)**

**FABRICATORS OF REGION I  
STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH  
METAL FABRICATION DIALOGUE**



The DOST Ilocos Region spearheaded the Regional Dialogue on Metal Fabrication and Partnership Building with Metal Industry Fabricators in Region I on January 21, 2026, at the Metals and Engineering Innovation Center (MEIC) of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University – Mid La Union Campus (DM-MMSU-MLUC).

The activity gathered metal industry stakeholders, fabricators, and institutional partners to strengthen collaboration, promote innovation, and enhance the competitiveness of the local metal industry in the region.

The program formally opened with an inspirational message from Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, who encouraged metal fabricators to actively support local innovations and fabrication initiatives. In her message, Director Tabaog highlighted the critical role of metal fabrication in advancing technologies and called for a holistic approach through continuous dialogue and strengthened collaboration among stakeholders to achieve sustainable regional development.

The morning session featured an overview and introduction of the DOST-Metals Industry Research and Development Center (DOST-MIRDC) and the Metals and Engineering Innovation Center in Region I, presented by Engr. Rey Mariposque, Senior Science Research Specialist of DOST-MIRDC. This was followed by an audio-visual presentation on the MEIC Manual of Operations and a presentation on the MEIC services delivered by Engr. Edwin Rimas, Director of MEIC, DMMSU-MLUC, providing participants with a clear understanding of the facility's capabilities and available support for metal fabricators.

In the afternoon, Ms. Girlie M. Millo, Science Research Specialist of DOST-MIRDC, presented the MEIC Sustainability Plan, outlining strategies to ensure the long-term operation and impact of the center. An open forum followed, allowing participants to raise concerns, share insights, and discuss potential areas for collaboration. The activity also featured a technology demonstration led by Engr. Rey Mariposque and Mr. Regie M. Cinco, showcasing relevant technologies and applications beneficial to the local metal industry.

The closing remarks were delivered by the MEIC Head, Dr. Edwin Rimas, who reiterated the importance of sustained partnerships among government, academe, and industry. Overall, the dialogue reinforced the shared commitment of DOST Ilocos Region, DOST-MIRDC, and DMMSU-MLUC to promote innovation, enhance technology adoption, and strengthen the metal fabrication sector in Region I. **(Ashley Marie Louise D. Hufana and Sheshenie Janae M. Perez)**

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**CHINA BANKING CORPORATION,**  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus- FRE NO. 16143

**MARIFEL RABI MORALES,**  
Mortgagor,

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL  
PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135 (AS AMENDED)**

UPON extra-judicial petition under ACT 3135, as amended by ACT 4118 and pursuant to the terms of the Real Estate Mortgage executed on **September 26, 2023** by **Marifel R. Morales, Mortgagor** with postal address/es at **0385 C.P. Buntan St., San Roque, 1485 Navotas City; Unit No. 2526, The Celandine, A. Bonifacio St., 1115 Brgy. Balingasa, Quezon City; and 3/F, 1d Bldg., Chino Roces Ext., 2100 Makati City**, in favor of **CHINA BANKING CORPORATION, Mortgagee/s**, to satisfy the mortgage debt in the amount of **Php 3,100,994.03** as of **October 22, 2025**, inclusive of stipulated interest, penalty, attorney's fees, and other charges and expenses together with all the lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff, hereby announces that on **March 5, 2026** between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, will sell thru public auction to the highest bidder and for cash, in Philippine currency, the following described real property/ies with all the improvements, to wit;

**CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
NO. 004-2023008976  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, QUEZON CITY**

"THE CELANDINE"

TWENTY FIFTH FLOOR  
UNIT NO. 2526  
DESCRIPTION : 1 BEDROOM A (INNER UNIT)  
UNIT AREA (SQ. M. MORE OR LESS) : 24.00  
BALCONY AREA (SQ. M. MORE OR LESS) : 3.50  
TOTAL AREA (SQ. M. MORE OR LESS) : 27.50

*in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012002609:*

2012002611; 2020000409; 2022000059 which embraces and describes the land located at A. BONFACIO ST., BRGY. BALINGASA, QUEZON CITY with an area of EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN (8,587) Square Meter.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned at the aforesaid office on the above stated date and time.

Interested parties are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property/ies and the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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Quezon City, Metro-Manila, **January 12, 2026.**

(Sgd.)  
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**Equipping Young Minds for Disaster Readiness with DOST-PHIVOLCS**

Recognizing the efforts of DOST Ilocos Region under the leadership of Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog, in coordinating and facilitating initiatives for young learners, the MAGHANDA for Kids program continued its activities during the 3rd MANGIDAULO REHIYON UNO: Regional Learners' Convergence in Bolinao, Pangasinan. Experts from DOST-PHIVOLCS Ms. Lucille Rose D. Sanico, Senior Science Research Specialist and Ms. Kristine Dionne B. Lagunsad, Science Research Specialist I engaged student participants in informative discussions on geologic hazards. Sessions focused on volcanoes and volcanic hazards, earthquake hazards and preparedness, and the proper reporting of earthquake intensity using the PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS). Emphasis was placed on understanding local hazards and the importance of preparedness before, during, and after seismic and volcanic events.

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Through these interactive discussions and digital demonstrations, learners from across Ilocos Region gained valuable knowledge on geologic hazards and disaster preparedness, empowering them to become informed, proactive, and resilient members of their communities. **(Lemuel G. Castigo)**

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<p><b>ANTONIO FULGUERAS and JOYCE FULGUERAS as rep. By JANET D. CUETO,</b></p> <p><i>Plaintiffs,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-versus-</p> <p><b>JAIME ALBERTO RAFAEL DEL ROSARIO,</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Defendant.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Civil Case No.</b> <b>M-MNL-25-01979-CV</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For: SUM OF MONEY</b></p>
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### DECISION

Before this Court is a Complaint for Collection of Sum of Money filed by plaintiffs Antonio Fulgueras and Joyce Fulgueras, as represented by Janet D. Cueto, against defendant Jaime Alberto Rafael Del Rosario.

On March 7, 2025, the Summons, together with a copy of the Complaint and its annexes, was returned to this Court with a notation that service could not be effected because the defendant was not present at the given address and was unknown at that address.<sup>1</sup> The plaintiff filed an *Ex-Parte* Motion for Issuance of Alias Summons on April 24, 2025.<sup>2</sup> On June 4, 2025, the plaintiff filed a Motion to Serve Summons by Publication with Leave of Court.<sup>3</sup>

#### *Plaintiff's Version*<sup>4</sup>

Janet Dionisio Cueto avers that she is the same individual authorized to represent the plaintiffs, Antonio and Joyce Fulgueras, in the present complaint for collection of sum of money. She stated that she is related to them, being the sister and sister-in-law of the plaintiffs. She further affirmed that her authority to prosecute the case is based on a Special Power of Attorney dated 05 September 2024,<sup>5</sup> executed by the plaintiffs before they left the Philippines.

She recalled the events that led to the filing of the complaint. According to her, the defendant defaulted on his obligation to sell the property to the plaintiffs and refused to return the down payment after the sale failed. The property involved is located at Champaca Street, Kahilom I, Pandacan, Manila, identified as Lot No.4-H-2-B and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 002-2023003268.<sup>6</sup>

Cueto explained that the agreement between the plaintiffs and the defendant required the plaintiffs to pay 30% of the purchase price as a down payment, divided into two equal installments, one in March and another in April. These payments would form part of the total price. The defendant, on the other hand, agreed to execute a Contract to Sell upon receipt of the first installment, subdivide and renovate the property, remove existing obstructions, and shoulder the capital gains tax.

She described the obstructions on the property, a small house blocking the right of way, and portions of another small structure encroaching upon the property. She personally took photographs of these obstructions,<sup>7</sup> which the defendant had promised to remove.

Moreover, she testified that the total purchase price was P3,888,000.00 and the total down payment agreed upon was P1,166,400.00. She stated that she knew these details because both the plaintiffs and the defendant informed her, and the terms were recorded in their Contract to Sell and in the barangay's logbook.

She delivered the first installment on 27 March 2023 using a manager's check (Check No. 0011430)<sup>8</sup> drawn from plaintiff Joyce Fulgueras' BDO account. The defendant encashed the check the same day. Although he refused to issue an official receipt, saying he would only issue one for cash payments, the barangay secretary logged the transaction.<sup>9</sup> They also took pictures at the barangay hall after the check was delivered.

Cueto stated that the second installment was never paid because the bank would not accept her deposit without supporting documents, such as the Contract to Sell, which she did not possess.

On 04 October 2023, the defendant informed the plaintiffs that the property had been subdivided. They requested a copy of the Contract to Sell, but none was provided. The defendant merely referred them to his supposed realtor, Cecile San Diego, who later admitted she was not a realtor but a close friend of the defendant. She merely sent a copy of the title, which the plaintiffs already had. Upon reviewing it, the plaintiffs noticed an encumbrance that was never previously disclosed. The defendant nevertheless kept insisting that the second installment be paid despite failing to produce the Contract to Sell.

On 06 June 2024, the defendant finally sent the Contract to Sell,<sup>10</sup> but the plaintiffs refused to sign it because it required them to shoulder the capital gains tax, contrary to their agreement. A revised copy was sent via Viber on 11 June 2024, where the defendant now assumed responsibility for the tax. She learned of these details because the plaintiffs shared the documents with her and sent her screenshots of their Viber conversation.

The plaintiffs traveled to the Philippines specifically to sign the contract and pay the second installment personally. Cueto presented their plane ticket (Ticket No. NMCHZE),<sup>11</sup> which they emailed to her. However, despite numerous attempts, they were unable to contact the defendant. They visited the property but were dismayed by its poor, unchanged condition noting that the promised renovations were never carried out. Attempts to reach the defendant continued until the plaintiffs returned to Australia

on 07 September 2024. Even after their departure, attempts to contact him for a refund were ignored.

Cueto received screenshots from the plaintiffs showing that the defendant remained unresponsive. Consequently, on 20 September 2024, she sought legal assistance, and a demand letter was drafted. She and her husband attempted to serve this letter at the addresses provided in the defendant's TCT, Tax Declaration, and driver's license, but learned that the defendant did not reside at any of those locations. They then traveled to an address in Antipolo City, given by a resident near the subject property. There, they personally saw the defendant, but he refused to receive the demand letter. Instead, his uncle received it but did not sign, although his name, Alan Pinida, was written.

She testified that another demand letter<sup>12</sup> was sent through LBC on 01 December 2024 and was received by the defendant's houseboy, Rolan Angeles, on 02 December 2024, as confirmed by LBC's tracking records. Still, the defendant never responded.

Because of this continued refusal, the plaintiffs consulted a lawyer and incurred P50,000.00 in legal fees, supported by a legal proposal and bank deposit slip.<sup>13</sup> Cueto testified that the plaintiffs suffered mental anguish and sleepless nights because the money involved represented their hard-earned savings. She herself experienced significant stress and burdens due to what she described as the defendant's fraudulent conduct.

#### *Antecedent Proceedings*

On October 27, 2025, the plaintiff filed a Motion to Render Judgment, and, finding merit in the Motion, this Court granted it. The case is now deemed submitted for decision.<sup>14</sup>

#### *The Issue*

The issue to be resolved by this Court is whether the plaintiffs have established their case by a preponderance of the evidence and, therefore, the defendant is liable to pay the amount prayed for in its complaint.

#### *This Court's Ruling*

The rule in civil case is that the party having the burden of proof must establish his case by preponderance of evidence.<sup>15</sup> Preponderance of evidence is the weight, credit, and value of the aggregate evidence on either side and is usually considered to be synonymous with the term "greater weight of the evidence" or "greater weight of the credible evidence". Preponderance of evidence is a phrase which, in the last analysis, means probability of the truth. It is evidence which is more convincing to the court as worthy of belief than that which is offered in opposition thereto.<sup>16</sup>

In the case at bar, the plaintiff has successfully established its cause of action to recover the unpaid obligation from the defendant by preponderance of evidence. Plaintiff presented competent documentary evidence, including the written agreements, receipts, demand letters, and records, which collectively establish that the defendant incurred a definite monetary obligation and thereafter unjustifiably failed to settle the same. Plaintiff's testimony was straight, consistent, and supported by documentary exhibits, demonstrating the chronology of transactions and the defendant's repeated failure to comply despite due notice and opportunity given him. On the other hand, the defendant did not present evidence sufficient to overcome the plaintiff's evidence showing his liability. Accordingly, this Court finds that the plaintiff has proven his cause of action by preponderance of evidence.

Obligations arising from contracts have the force of law between the contracting parties and should be complied with in good faith.<sup>17</sup> Contracts are perfected by mere consent, and from that moment the parties are bound not only to the fulfillment of what has been expressly stipulated but also to all the consequences which, according to their nature, may be in keeping with good faith, usage and law.<sup>18</sup> Consequently, the defendant cannot just renege from his responsibility by not paying the plaintiff what he still owes to the latter's damage and prejudice.

The defendant cannot evade liability by simply refusing to pay or by avoiding legal processes. Contractual obligations cannot be defeated by unilateral withdrawal, inaction, or non-compliance. The Civil Code clearly provides that a party who breaches a contractual obligation becomes liable for damages that are the natural and probable consequences of the violation. Accordingly, this Court finds that the defendant is liable to the plaintiff for the unpaid obligation, together with the corresponding legal consequences of his breach.

The plaintiff is not entitled to any moral or exemplary damages. The plaintiff plainly asked for the said damages without submitting evidence to support their claim. Moral damages (are awarded) for indemnity or reparation not punishment or correction, that is, an award to entitle the injured party to obtain means (of) diversions and amusement that will serve to alleviate the moral sufferings he has undergone by reason of defendant's culpable action.<sup>19</sup> It is essential in the award of damages that the claimant must have satisfactorily proven during the trial the existence of the factual basis of the damages and its causal connection to defendant's acts. This is so because moral damages though incapable of pecuniary estimation, are in the category of an award designed to compensate the claimant for actual injury suffered and not to impose a penalty on the wrongdoer<sup>20</sup>

Thus, absent any proof that the plaintiff suffered physical suffering, mental anguish, fright, serious anxiety, besmirched reputation, wounded feelings, moral shock, social humiliation, and similar injury caused by the defendant, no moral damages should be awarded.

Anent the award of exemplary damages, jurisprudence provides that where a party is not entitled to actual or moral damages, an award of exemplary damages is likewise baseless.<sup>21</sup> The prerequisite for the award of exemplary damages in cases of contract or quasi-contract is that the defendant acted in wanton, fraudulent, reckless, oppressive, or malevolent manner.<sup>22</sup>

Considering that the plaintiff was constrained to litigate to enforce his right to collect and be paid for the obligation, attorney's fees and expenses of litigation can be awarded to him pursuant to Art. 2208 of the Civil Code.

However, attorneys' fees must be based on quantum meruit and the Rules This Court deems the amount of P20,000.00 as just and equitable under the circumstances.<sup>23</sup>

Further, this Court deems it proper to hold defendants liable for the cost of the suit. Section 1, Rule 142 of the Rules of Court provides:

Section 1. Cost ordinarily follow results of suit. - Unless otherwise provided in these rules, **cost shall be allowed to the prevailing party as a matter of course**, but the court shall have power, for special reasons, to adjudge that either party shall pay the costs of an action, or that the same be divided, as may be equitable. No costs shall be allowed against the Republic of the Philippines unless otherwise provided by law.

As to the interest, when the obligation is breached and it consists in the payment of money, loan or forbearance of money, interest due shall be that which may have been stipulated in writing. However, the parties in this case did not expressly stipulate as to the interest. Nevertheless, plaintiff is entitled to interest as elucidated in the case of *Lara's Gift and Decors, Inc. vs Midtown Industrial Sales, Inc.*<sup>24</sup> as follows:

Compensatory interest, also referred to as penalty interest, indemnity, or moratory interest,<sup>25</sup> is the indemnity for damages arising from delay on the part of the debtor in an obligation consisting in the payment of a sum of money. It is interest allowed by law in the absence of a promise to pay interest as compensation for delay in paying a fixed sum or a delay in assessing and paying damages.

Since a simple loan of money is necessarily an obligation consisting in the payment of a sum of money, then compensatory interest is always demandable in case the borrower in a simple loan of money incurs delay. However, a simple loan of money is not the only obligation that consists in the payment of a sum of money. Moreover, not every obligation consists in the payment of a sum of money.

Although compensatory interest, unlike conventional interest, need not be expressly stipulated in writing, the parties may freely stipulate on compensatory interest through a penalty or penal clause.

The plaintiff is also entitled to be paid the costs of suit they incurred in filing the present suit. However, the amount of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) of which for Sheriff's Trust Fund (STF) should be deducted as it is withdrawable by the plaintiff.

**WHEREFORE**, defendant JAIME ALBERTO RAFAEL DEL ROSARIO is hereby ordered to pay plaintiffs ANTONIO FULGUERAS and JOYCE FULGUERAS, as represented by JANET D. CUETO, the following:

- FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PESOS (Php583,200.00)** representing the principal amount plus compensatory interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of extrajudicial demand on September 25, 2024 until finality of this Decision, and such interest will earn 6% legal interest per annum until full satisfaction;
- The sum of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) as attorney's fees;
- Costs of suit, less Sheriff's Trust Fund (STF) of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00), or the total amount of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One pesos and Twenty Centavos (Php13,451.20) only as indicated under official receipt number JEP-25-001562611.

**SO ORDERED.**

City of Manila, November 21, 2025.

(Sgd.)  
**ALVIN GREG G. PUA**  
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<sup>1</sup> Records, Return on Summons dated April 6, 2025  
<sup>2</sup> Records, pp. 64 to 66.  
<sup>3</sup> Records, pp. 76 to 77.  
<sup>4</sup> Records, Complaint, pp. 02 to 12; Records, Judicial Affidavits of Petitioner Janet Dionisio Cueto, pp. 47 to 58.  
<sup>5</sup> Annex "A"  
<sup>6</sup> Annex "B"  
<sup>7</sup> Annex "C"  
<sup>8</sup> Annex "D"  
<sup>9</sup> Annex "F"  
<sup>10</sup> Annex "G"  
<sup>11</sup> Annex "H"  
<sup>12</sup> Annex "N"  
<sup>13</sup> Annex "O"  
<sup>14</sup> Order, dated October 28, 2025  
<sup>15</sup> Go vs. Court of Appeals, 351 SCRA 145 (2001).  
<sup>16</sup> Encinas vs. National Bookstore, Inc., G.R. No. 162704, 19 Nov. 2004.  
<sup>17</sup> Article 1159, NCC  
<sup>18</sup> Article 315, NCC.  
<sup>19</sup> RNB Surety and Ins. Co. v. IAC, G.R. No. 64515, June 22, 1984  
<sup>20</sup> Enervida v. De la Torre, 55 SCRA 340  
<sup>21</sup> Bernardo v. Court of Appeals, 275 SCRA 413  
<sup>22</sup> PAL v. Miano, G.R. No. 106664 March 8, 1995  
<sup>23</sup> Article 2208, Civil Code  
<sup>24</sup> G.R. No. 225433, September 20, 2022.  
<sup>25</sup> National Marketing Corp. v. Marquez, et al., 136 Phil. 143 (1969) [Per J. JBL Reyes, En banc]; and Mendoza & Lim v. Spouses Gomez, 736 Phil. 460 (2014) [Per J. Perez, Second Division].

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## DOST-Central Luzon joins Uhay Festival Celebration in Nueva Ecija

The Department of Science and Technology - Central Luzon, under the leadership of its Regional Director Dr. Julius V. Sicat, joined in the festivities of the 2026 Uhay Festival in Science of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, on Tuesday, January 20.



DOST PSTO-Nueva Ecija staff, led by Provincial Director Ms. Leidi Mel B. Sicat, participated in the 13th Uhay Festival Grand Parade alongside SCM local government units and agencies.

The agency's floats introduced DOST's flagship programs and services, highlighting the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program with the inclusion of the Mobile Command and Control Vehicle (MOCCOV), manned by the Nueva Ecija Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO).

The Continuous Solar Pow-

er-Charging Electric Utility Vehicle, an eco-friendly automobile developed by Tarlac State University in partnership with DOST, was also present.

Also showcased during the parade were "Ring Bubbles" and "Pedal Power", two exhibits that can be found in DOST-Central Luzon's Regional Mobile Science Centrum.

DOST-Central Luzon's participation in the event underscores its sincere dedication to promoting science, technology, and innovation to the people, ensuring that "Agham na Ramdam" is truly felt by everyone. **(DOSTI)**

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IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPROVE THE WILL OF CONSOLACION OFELIA RAMOS MIRANDA WITH PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR PATERNO MIRANDA III,

SPEC. PROC. CASE NO.  
 R-QZN-25-10500-SP

MICHAEL JOHN SOQUES MIRANDA A.K.A. MICHAEL JOHN MIRANDA, represented by PATERNO MIRANDA III,  
 Petitioner,  
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ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified petition had been filed by the petitioner praying that after due hearing, judgment be rendered approving the Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos and that Paterno Miranda III be appointed as special administrator of her estate in the Philippines located at #35 P. Florentino Street, Quezon City and Bougainvillea Street, Greater Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City and covered by Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 32583, 140074, and 140075 of the Registry of Deeds of Quezon City and the BPI Bank deposits under BPI Investment Management Inc. amounting to \$11,138.21.

Petitioner further prays that Paterno Miranda III be appointed as special administrator without bond.

In his petition, petitioner allege among other things, that he is an American national of Filipino nationality, of legal age, married, and residing at 25060 Hancock Avenue, Ste 103-164, Murrietta, California 92562 USA, that he is the appointed executor in the Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda which was executed in New York before her death on May 3, 2018 in USA, and this refers to properties she let in the Philippines especially those properties located at 35 P. Florentino Street, Quezon City and Bougainvillea Street, Greater Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City and US \$11,000.00-dollar account with BPI, Sto. Domingo Branch as of March 2023. A photocopy of the *Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda* is attached thereto as **Exhibit "A"**, that on February 11, 2019, the Surrogate Court of the State of New York (New York County) issued a *Decree Granting the Probate of the said Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda*, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as **Exhibit "B"**, the Surrogate Court of the State of New York likewise issued Letters Testamentary in favor of petitioner by virtue of a *Certificate of Appointment of Executor*, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as **Exhibit "C"**; that at the initiative of the US based Executor designated in the Will, Michael John Miranda, the latter appointed his brother, Paterno Miranda III, Filipino, of legal age, married and residing at B2 L9, Cartier Street, Villa Corina division, Tandang Sora, Quezon City to be the Special Administrator as evidence by a *Special Power of Attorney*, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as **Exhibit "D"**. As such, the executor surrendered the custody of the Last Will and Testament to the appointee and that Paterno Miranda III who is the appointed Special Administrator named by the executor is qualified to act as such freely and expressly consents thereto and hereby accepts the obligation.

Petitioner further alleged that the devisees, are all Filipinos and of legal ages, named by the deceased in her Last Will and Testament to receive and distribute the property located at #35 P. Florentino St., Quezon City and covered by *TCT No 32583* of the Register of Deeds of Quezon City, a photocopy of which is attached thereto as **Exhibit "E"**. The devisees are as follows:

- a. Horacio Ramos Miranda (now deceased) who died widower and no surviving heir;
- b. Renato T. Miranda
- c. Patricia T. Miranda
- d. Regina T. Miranda
- e. Evelyn T. Miranda
- f. Michael John S. Miranda (now a US Citizen);
- g. Maribelle M. Alejandro (now a citizen of New Zealand);
- h. Marissa S. Miranda - Spanish and Filipino citizen (dual)

with common address at #35 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City and Paterno Miranda III and Marissa S. Miranda with address at B2 L9, Cartier Street, Villa Corina Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City. A photocopy of the Death Certificate of Horacio Ramos Miranda is attached thereto as **Exhibit "E-1"**, that this property is covered by Tax Declaration No. F-055-01039 0000-2017-01-103178 showing the assessed value of Php694,000.00 and market value of Php11,880,000.00 for the land and assessed value of Php171,080.00 and market value of Php684,320.00 for the improvement as evidenced by Tax Declaration No D-055-03368-0031-2006-08 000050-9020 thereto attached as **Exhibits "F" and "G"**, respectively; that the other real properties left by the deceased are the properties located at Bougainvillea Street, Greater Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City and these properties are covered by *TCT Nos. 140074 and 140075*, photocopies of which are attached thereto as **Exhibits "H" and "I"**, respectively, that the property covered by TCT No. 140074 has an assessed value of PHP180,000.00 and a market value of **Php3,600,000.00** as evidenced by *TD #F-142-10101-0066-2024-01-000187-9216* thereto attached as **Exhibit "J"**; that on the other hand, the property covered by TCT No. 140075 has an assessed value of Php180,000.00 and a market value of **Php3,600,000.00** as evidenced by *TD #F-142-10152-0066-2024-01-000211-9216* thereto attached as **Exhibit "K"**.

The devisees of the Lagro Properties covered by TCT Nos. 140074 and 140075 are all Filipinos, of legal age, and are as follows:

- a. Paterno S. Miranda III
- b. Michael John S. Miranda (now a US Citizen)
- c. Maribelle Miranda-Alejandro (now a citizen of New Zealand)
- d. Marissa S. Miranda- Spanish and Filipino citizen (dual)

with common address at #35 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights. Quezon City except Paterno S. Miranda III and Marissa S. Miranda who are both residing at B2 L9, Cartier St. Villa Corina Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

With respect to the \$11,138.21 dollar account under BPI Investment Management Inc. Account No. 000000000303222 BPI Sto. Domingo Branch Quezon City, the devisees are the following:

- a) Horacio Ramos Miranda (now deceased) who died widower and nosurviving heir;
- b) Renato T. Miranda
- c) Patricia T. Miranda
- d) Regina T. Miranda
- e) Evelyn T. Miranda
- f) Michael John S. Miranda (now a US Citizen);
- g) Maribelle M. Alejandro (now a citizen of New Zealand);
- h) Marissa S. Miranda-Spanish and Filipino citizen (dual)

with common address at #35 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City and Paterno Miranda III and Marissa S. Miranda with address at B2 L9, Cartier Street, Villa Corina Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City; that petitioner is attaching thereto as **Exhibit "L"** and **"L-1"**, respectively the Bank Statements from BPI Sto. Domingo Branch Quezon City; that petitioner is indicating the names of the witnesses who will be presented to prove petitioner's claims and a brief summary of their intended testimonies and attaching the Judicial Affidavit, to wit:

1. Paterno Miranda III - To testify on all the material allegations in the petition; to identify and authenticate documentary exhibits attached to the petition and to his Judicial Affidavit, other related matters.
2. Others - Who will corroborate the testimony of the Paterno S. Miranda III. Petitioner hereby reserves the right to present other witnesses as the need arises.

The documentary exhibits or object evidence in support of petitioner's petition are as follows:

- A Last Will and Testament of Consolacion Ofelia Ramos Miranda;
- B Decree Granting Probate of the Last Will and Testament;
- C Certificate of Appointment of Executor;
- D Special Power of Attorney executed by Michael John Miranda in favor of Paterno Miranda III;
- E TCT No. 32583;
- E-1 Death Certificate of Horacio Ramos Miranda;
- F Tax Declaration No F-055-01039 0000-2017-01-103178 (land);
- G Tax Declaration No. D-055-03368-0031-2006-08 000050-9020 (improvement);
- H TCT No. 140074;
- I TCT NO. 140075;
- J TD # F-142-10101-0066-2024-01-000187-9216;
- K TD #F-142-10152-0066-2024-01-000211-9216;
- L BPI Bank Statement as of December 31, 2022 showing the amount of \$11,040.69 dollar account;
- L-1 BPI Bank Statement as of March 31, 2023 showing the amount of \$11,138.21 dollar account;
- M Attorney Affidavit of Elizabeth Larrauri Chamulak of Cullen and Dykman LLP with office address at One Battery Park 34<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10004;
- N Judicial Affidavit of Paterno Miranda III;
- O Decision in R-QZN-19-12247-SP dated May 28, 2021, RTC Quezon City, Branch 216.

The pertinent procedural laws of the New York County, USA upon which the probate of Consolacion's Will was based in The Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, Art 14 Sec 1402; and that the lawyer who represented Michael John Miranda during the Probate proceedings of the Will of Consolacion Miranda has executed an affidavit to this effect a photocopy of the *Attorney Affidavit of Elizabeth Larrauri Chamulak* is thereto attached as **Exhibit "M"**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the petition will be heard by this Court on **26 FEBRUARY 2026** at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, in the Hall of Justice Building Annex, Regional Trial Court Branch 81, Quezon City, on which date, time and place, all persons concerned may appear and show cause, if any, why the aforesaid petition should not be granted. Parties are hereby directed to furnish this Court their email addresses thru its email address: [rtc1qzn081@judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:rtc1qzn081@judiciary.gov.ph).

Let copies of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation to which it may be assigned after a raffle to be conducted in accordance with law.

Likewise, let copies of this Order together with the petition and annexes be furnished the above-named heirs/devisees, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Quezon City Prosecutor and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, all at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Given in Chambers this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 in Quezon City.

(Sgd.)  
**MADONNA C. ECHIVERRI**  
 Presiding Judge

copy furnished:

Atty. Oliver C. Ong  
 Counsel for petitioner

The Solicitor General  
 The Quezon City Prosecutor  
 The Commissioner, B.I.R.

Paterno S. Miranda III  
 Horacio Ramos Miranda  
 Renato T. Miranda  
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 Michael John S. Miranda  
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**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**

**Mortgagee,**

-versus-

**FRE NO. 16206**

**JONAH LUNOD MENESES and SPS. ADELINO DELOS SANTOS DOMONDON JR., AND ETHEL MENESES DOMONDON,**

**Mortgagors.**

X ----- X

**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135 (AS AMENDED)**

UPON extra-judicial petition under ACT 3135, as amended by ACT 4118, and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the **Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement and Supplemental Terms and Conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement dated February 23, 2021, August 1, 2023** executed by **SPS. ADELINO DELOS SANTOS DOMONDON, JR. AND ETHEL MENESES DOMONDON, signing for herself and as Attorney-in-Fact of JONAH LUNOD MENESES** - 192 Bagio Street, Bagumbayan, Bulacan, Bulacan 3017/192 Bagio Street, Bagumbayan, Bulacan, Bulacan 3017 Philippines/Unit 1226, Quirino West Commonwealth by Century, Don Antonio Drive, Brgy. Batasan Hills, Quezon City, **Mortgagors**, in favor of **BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee**, to satisfy the mortgage debt in the amount of **P3,918,928.68** as of November 23, 2025, including interest, penalties and expenses incidental thereto and other charges, together with all the lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff, hereby announces that on **March 10, 2026** between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the Office of Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, will **SELL**, through public auction to the highest Bidder and for cash, in Philippine currency, the following described real property/es with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 004-2022016721**  
**Registry of Deeds – Quezon City**

COMMONWEALTH BY CENTURY  
 QUIRINDO WEST  
 FLOOR LEVEL: 12TH FLOOR  
 UNIT NO. :1226  
 UNIT AREA: 39.60 SQ. M.

IN THE DIAGRAMMATIC FLOOR PLAN APPENDED TO THE ENABLING OR MASTER DEED OF THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ANNOTATED ON TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2017010841 WHICH EMBRACES AND DESCRIBES THE LAND LOCATED AT BARANGAY (UNIVERSITY) MATANDANG BALARA, QUEZON CITY METRO MANILA WITH AN AREA OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (1,955) SQUARE METER.. xxx xxx xxx

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned at the aforesaid office on the above stated date and time.

In the event that public auction should not take place on said date due to fortuitous event or if the same be declared a non-working holiday or for any other lawful/valid reasons, it shall be held on **March 17, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, January 15 2026.

(Sgd.)  
**JOSEPH D. GADDI**  
 Sheriff IV

(Sgd.)  
**GREGORIO C. TALLUD**  
 Clerk of Court VII & Ex-Officio  
 Sheriff

**WARNING:**  
 It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sheriff's sale on or before the date of the auction sale under penalty of the law.

Publication: The Sentinel Post  
 Dates: January 20, 27, February 3, 2026

Copy furnished:

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
 CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT  
 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas  
 No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

**JONAH LUNOD MENESES and SPS. ADELINO DELOS SANTOS DOMONDON JR, AND ETHEL MENESES DOMONDON**  
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**DOST, CINCO DIGITAL, ESWF, AND BB 88 EXPAND ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 WITH SALPAKAN AND VI THE GAME COMPETITIONS**



Bicutan, Taguig City – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in partnership with key leaders in the Philippine esports and digital innovation sectors, has officially announced a major expansion of ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026, introducing SALPAKAN (Games of the General) and Vi the Game alongside its flagship Mobile Legends National Tournament – Road to the World Cup.

The announcement was made during a high-level meeting at DOST Bicutan led by DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, with participation from Chairman Francisco “Popoy” Pagayon (FISMP-CINCO), Chairman Reynaldo Sanches (ESWF-CINCO), ESWF President Arniel Gutierrez, and Henry V. Bayubay, President and CEO of BB 88 Advertising and Digital Solutions Inc. Officers from DOST-CINCO and the Vi the Game Group were also present.

Building a Broader, Homegrown Esports Ecosystem

The inclusion of SALPAKAN, a strategy- and leadership-driven competition, and Vi the Game, an emerging digital platform designed for competitive and educational engagement, transforms ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 into a multi-genre national esports movement.

This expansion highlights the shared commitment of organizers and DOST to support both globally recognized esports titles and Filipino-developed game concepts, strengthening local innovation while sustaining international competitiveness.

“Esports is no longer limited to a single title. By integrating SALPAKAN and Vi the Game, we are building a uniquely Filipino esports ecosystem that values strategy, leadership, innovation, and inclusivity,” organizers said.

**Three Competitive Pillars**  
 Presented by BB 88 Advertising and Digital Solutions Inc., produced by CINCO Digital Inc. and the E-Sports World Federation (ESWF), and supported by DOST, ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 will feature three major competition pillars:

- Mobile Legends – Official pathway to the World Cup
- SALPAKAN (Games of the General) – Strategy, leadership, and tactical competition

- Vi the Game – Digital innovation, emerging gameplay, and youth engagement
- Inclusive, Nationwide, and Innovation-Driven

ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is inclusive by design, offering competition categories for Men, Women, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). With FREE entry, the tournament ensures nationwide accessibility and participation.

The event targets the mobilization of 1,200 teams across the Philippines, featuring three months of regional qualifiers leading to live national finals in March 2026.

Aligning Esports with DOST’s Digital Development Agenda

The expanded tournament supports DOST’s mandate to advance digital transformation, creative industries, and youth-led innovation. SALPAKAN and Vi the Game are recognized for promoting critical thinking, leadership, STEM-aligned competencies, and responsible digital engagement, helping prepare Filipino youth for the future workforce.

Beyond Competition: A National Digital Movement

With projected online viewership ranging from 1 to 5 million, ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is positioned as a major national platform for esports and digital culture, generating:

- New digital and creative industry jobs
- Opportunities for Filipino game developers
- Youth leadership and skills development
- Strong national pride through global and homegrown competition
- A Unified Vision for Philippine Esports

Stakeholders reaffirmed their shared commitment to building a sustainable, ethical, and globally competitive Philippine esports ecosystem, where international titles and Filipino-developed games coexist and thrive.

ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is more than a tournament—it is a national movement that brings together technology, talent, culture, and innovation to propel the Philippines onto the global esports stage.

“ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 – Where the Philippines Enters the Global Arena” **(NPO News Team)**

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Arroceros Street, Ermita, Manila.

ORDER

Petitioner Lily Ann Joy Servano Cogen a.k.a. Lily Ann Cogen Arcardo, through counsel, Atty. June Aika S. Cauilan of the Public Attorney's Office, filed a verified Petition.

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE PSA CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF LILY ANN JOY SERVANO COGEN a.k.a. LILY ANN JOY COGEN ARCARDO particularly:

That Entry No. 1, Middle Name should be corrected and replaced from SERVANO to "COGEN," and Last Name should be corrected and replaced from "COGEN to "ARCARDO";

That Entry No. 6, Middle Name should be corrected and replaced from "SERVANO" to "MACAPINIG"; and

That Entry No. 18 be replaced from "not married" to "DECEMBER 28, 2023, RM 223 MANILA CITY HALL, ARROCEROS ST., ERMITA, MANILA",

LILY ANN JOY SERVANO COGEN
a.k.a. LILY ANN JOY COGEN ARCARDO,
Petitioners

-versus-

SP. PROC NO.
R-MNL-25-08578-SP
FOR: Correction of
Entries in the under
Rule 108 with Changes
of Names and Prayer
for Legitimation

CEDRIC VALDEZ ARCADO
RENELDA MACAPINIG COGEN
KLEYANA CLAREN COGEN ARCARDO
MARK JONEL COGEN
Respondents
958-B Cristobal Street, Sampaloc, Manila.

JENELLE COGEN FITERO
Respondent
1726 P. Florentino Street, Sampaloc, Manila.
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
4th Floor, Manila City Hall Building
Arroceros Street, Ermita, Manila.
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified by this present that on the 12th day of December, 2025, an Order was issued in the above-entitled case, copy of which is hereto attached.

You are further notified of the setting as stated in the above-mentioned Order.

Witness the Hon. Ana Narleah M. Bonifacio-Cruz, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 12th day of December, 2025, in the City of Manila.

(Sgd.)
OSHIN N. SABACO
Clerk of Court V

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THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND ALL PERSONS/ENTITIES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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NOTICE OF ORDER

TO:

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LILY ANN JOY SERVANO ARCARDO
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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY
PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, 1101, Quezon City.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL
134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, 1229, Makati City.

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA
MANILA CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE

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-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CITY OF MANILA AND ALL PERSONS/ENTITIES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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In the Petition, she alleged that she was born on May 8, 1999 to unmarried parents Cedric Valdez Arcardo and Renelda Servano Cogen. Ever since she was born, she has been using the name Lily Ann Joy Servano Cogen as reflected in her Certificate of Live Birth. She consistently used this name throughout her schooling, baptism, college, and when she took and passed the 2019 Pharmacist Licensure Examination. In 2019, her mother informed her that her correct middle name is Macapinig, not Servano, but the correction of her records was delayed due to discrepancies in her parents' birth certificates and the pandemic. Her mother's corrected Certificate of Live Birth was released in 2021, confirming the proper middle name. In May 2023, her father formally acknowledged her through an Affidavit of Admission of Paternity, supported by her Affidavit of Consent and confirmed by DNA testing, and this acknowledgment was duly annotated in her birth record. Her parents subsequently married on December 28, 2023. Having now been legally acknowledged and with her parents' marriage, the Petitioner seeks the correction of her Certificate of Live Birth. Thus, she prays that after notice, publication and hearing, a decision be rendered ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Manila and the Philippine Statistics Authority to correct the Certificate of Live Birth by correcting the following items: (1) that Entry Nos. 1, 6 and 18 in the PSA Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner be corrected; (2) that the middle name of the petitioner be corrected/changed from "SERVANO" to "COGEN"; (3) that the last name of the petitioner be corrected/changed from "COGEN" to "ARCARDO"; (4) that petitioner be allowed to use the surname of her father, "ARCARDO"; (5) that petitioner's full name be known and/or be changed to "Lily Ann Joy Cogen Arcardo"; (6) that all previous records of the petitioner be rectified to bear the name "Lily Ann Joy Cogen Arcardo" in order to avoid any confusion; and (7) that the petitioner be legitimated by virtue of the subsequent marriage of her parents as evidenced by their Marriage Certificate under Registry No. 2024-00117; and (8) other reliefs which are just and equitable.

It appearing that the Petition is sufficient in form and substance, the hearings on the Petition are hereby set on March 30 and April 06, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning for the presentation and examination of the petitioner's compliance with the jurisdictional requirements as well as the corresponding markings thereof. All interested parties are hereby notified and ordered to appear on the said hearings to offer their opposition or to show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this order be published, at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation to be selected by raffle pursuant to P.D. 1079.

Furnish the Office of the Solicitor General, the Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Civil Registrar of Manila with copies of the Petition and this Order.

Likewise, furnish a copy of the Petition and its attachments to the private respondents at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.
December 12, 2025, Manila, Philippines.

(Sgd.)
ANA NARLEAH M. BONIFACIO-CRUZ
Presiding Judge

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
OF MARIANO JAVIER CUI  
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that in a document entitled “**Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Mariano Javier Cui with Absolute Sale of Real Property**,” executed by and between **Gabriel Marco Rivera Cui** and **Carla Rivera Cui** (also known as **Carla Patricia Cui**) (collectively, the “Heirs”), the Heirs declared and made known the following:

- (i) They are the children of **Mariano Javier Cui** (the “Decedent”) who died **intestate on April 26, 2025**;
- (ii) At the time of his death, the Decedent was a **widower**, his wife **Corazon Rivera Cui** having predeceased him on **February 1, 1998** in Vancouver, Canada;
- (iii) The Heirs are the **only surviving compulsory heirs** of the Decedent;
- (iv) The Decedent died **without leaving any will or testament**, and there are **no known debts or obligations** chargeable against his estate;
- (v) The Decedent was the owner of the following properties:
  1. **One (1) parcel of land** located at **Lot 23 Sunset Street, Country Homes Subdivision, Brgy. Soro Soro, Biñan, Laguna**, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 060-2021005266**; and
  2. **One (1) Class “A” share** in the **Orchard Golf & Country Club**, covered by **Stock Certificate No. A-2979**.
- (vi) Pursuant to **Rule 74, Section 1 of the Rules of Court**, the Heirs **extrajudicially settled and adjudicated among themselves** the estate of the Decedent, and **sold the above-described real property** by way of **Absolute Sale** in favor of **JULITA AÑOSA CHIPONGIAN**, while the Orchard Golf & Country Club share was adjudicated exclusively to **Gabriel Marco Rivera Cui**, with **Carla Rivera Cui waiving her rights and interests** therein;
- (vii) The settlement and sale are **subject to the rights of any other heirs, creditors, or interested parties**, in accordance with **Rule 74, Section 4 of the Rules of Court**.

The **Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of Mariano Javier Cui with Absolute Sale of Real Property** was executed in **Makati City** and notarized before **Atty. Darryl Shane S. Nardo, Notary Public for Makati City**, and entered in his notarial register as **Doc. No. 420; Page No. 85; Book No. I; Series of 2025**.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF  
PASAY CITY

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**

Mortgagee,

**FILE NO. REM 25-200**

- versus -

**FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE (UNDER ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118)**

**SPS. BRIAN ALLEN BLACKWOOD AND TRICIA E. BLACKWOOD, AS REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, MARY JANE MELENDRES MINGUEZ,**

Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by the Mortgagee **BDO UNIBANK, INC. c/o REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT** with office/business address at 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against **SPS. BRIAN ALLEN BLACKWOOD AND TRICIA E. BLACKWOOD (DEBTORS/MORTGAGORS)**, represented by **MARY JANE MELENDRES MINGUEZ**, as attorney-in-fact, with residence/postal/office addresses at (1) Lot 8 Blk 10 Vermont St. California West Hills Subd. Buhay na Tubig Imus Cavite 4103, and (2) Unit 14109 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower 2 Shore 2 Residences Lot 3-C Seaside Blvd. and Sunrise Drive MOA Complex Pasay City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 30, 2025** amounts to **Php7,013,758.71** including/excluding interest, penalties, charges, attorney’s fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 26, 2026** between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the ground floor (main entrance) of the Hall of Justice, Pasay City to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described real property/ies, together with all the improvements existing thereon to wit:

**Condominium Certificate of Title**  
**No. 003-2024005599**

(Republic Act No. 4726)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

“SHORE 2 RESIDENCES”  
TOWER 2  
FLOOR LEVEL - 14TH FLOOR  
UNIT NO. 14109  
UNIT TYPE - 1 BEDROOM WITH BALCONY  
UNIT AREA - 29.92 SQ.M. MORE OR LESS

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2014000627 which embraces and describes the land located at SEASIDE BOULEVARD AND SUNRISE DRIVE, MALL OF ASIA COMPLEX, PASAY CITY with an area of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (56,854) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 5, 2026** without further notice.

Pasay City, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

For the Acting Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
(Sgd.)

**FERDINAND B. IRENEA**  
Deputy Sheriff, RTC-OCC, Pasay City

Publication: **THE SENTINEL POST**  
Dates: **JANUARY 13, 20 & 27, 2026**  
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**Marcos OKs PH’s digital connectivity plan for cheaper, faster internet**

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has approved the Philippines’ first National Digital Connectivity Plan (NDCP), a strategic framework aimed at accelerating broadband rollout, lowering internet costs, and providing reliable, secure digital access for millions of Filipinos nationwide.

Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Acting Secretary Dave Gomez said the NDCP is a product of an “extensive and deliberate consultative process” that began in early 2024.

Gomez said the plan “envisions a Digitally Connected Philippines -one where connectivity is meaningful, inclusive, and transformative, anchored on universal access, affordability, higher speeds, and secure digital services for all Filipinos.”

He said the NDCP has four strategic pillars,

including plans to strengthen governance and regulatory framework to liberalize the industry, promote competition, and lower barriers to entry; expand universal access to ensure that no community, particularly those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, is left behind; intensify infrastructure investment by leveraging public-private partnerships to accelerate nationwide rollout and scale; and ensure that digital infrastructure and assets are resilient, capable of withstanding climate-related risks, disasters, and cybersecurity threats.

Gomez said the President acknowledged that the Philippines is now “playing catch up” as its Southeast Asian neighbors have already



implemented the same as early as 10 years ago.

“But with technology now more advanced and at less cost, he is confident we will soon be at par in terms of connectivity, speed and cost,” the PCO chief said. (PNA)

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RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES ON THE

Special Proceeding No. SP 25-023 MAL

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ELISEO PABLO MESINA, JR. duly represented in this act by MIGUEL P. MESINA JR.,

*Petitioner,*

- versus -

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF MALABON, METRO MANILA, AND ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,

*Respondents.*

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

MARCH 25, 2026, WEDNESDAY  
 At 8:30 a.m.

Paseo De San Antonio Complex,  
 Brgy. Catmon, City of Malabon

**ORDER**

Petitioner Miguel P. Mesina Jr. (petitioner), a naturalized US citizen residing in the United States of America, filed the present petition, through his representative Miguel P. Mesina, Jr., for the correction of the following entries in his Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) registered under Local Civil Registrar No. 1883 of the Civil Registry of Malabon City and BReN 007502-A53UT02-5:

ENTRY NO.	FROM	TO
6 – Date of Birth	October 27, 1953	October 27, 1962
19 (d) – Date Signed by Attendant	October 27, 1953	October 27, 1962

Petitioner alleged that he was born to his parents, Eliseo Yao Mesina and Natividad Vicente Pablo, on October 27, 1962, both of whom are deceased. He is the 6<sup>th</sup> of his parents' seven (7) children, who were born in the following order:

1. Virgilio Pablo Mesina - December 14, 1953
2. Rhodora Pablo Mesina - February 17, 1955
3. Susan Pablo Mesina - May 14, 1957
4. Manuel Pablo Mesina- January 17, 1960
5. Ramon Pablo Mesina- December 8, 1961 (+)
- 6. Eliseo Pablo Mesina, Jr. - October 27, 1962**
7. Eduardo Pablo Mesina- May 13, 1964

He further alleged that his correct date of birth is reflected in his Certificate of Baptism issued by the San Roque Cathedral Parish, and two (2) of his close relatives stated and declared under oath that his correct date of birth is October 27, 1962.

Lastly, petitioner alleged that the same COLB sought to be corrected indicates that it was prepared by a certain Gaudiosa T. Lozona, a registered midwife, on October 27, 1962, which contradicts the erroneous entries-6 (Date of Birth) and 19(d) (Date Signed by Attendant), which both indicate "October 27, 1953." Petitioner also pointed out that the COLB was received by the Office of the Local Civil Registrar on November 6, 1962.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let this case be set for hearing on **MARCH 25, 2026 (WEDNESDAY), AT 8:30 A.M.**, before this court sitting at Paseo de San Antonio Commercial Complex, Gov. Pascual, Catmon, Malabon City.

Any person/s having or claiming any interest that would be affected by the entries sought to be corrected, and any person/s who have objections to the petition, are notified and should file their opposition, with a statement of the grounds, on or before the date of the hearing.

Let copies of this Order, together with the petition and its annexes, be served upon

(1) the Philippine Statistics Authority, (2) the Local Civil Registrar, (3) Virgilio Pablo Mesina, Rhodora Pablo Mesina, Susan Pablo Mesina, Manuel Pablo Mesina, Eduardo Pablo Mesina, and (4) all person/s who have and appear to have an interest in the subject of the petition.

Further, let copies of this Order be (1) published in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila, to be determined by raffle pursuant to P.D. No. 1079 (s. 1977), and (2) posted at the main entrance of the Malabon City Hall and the respective bulletin boards of the Office of the Clerk of Court and all the branches of the Regional Trial Court of Malabon, **for at least three (3) consecutive weeks**, at petitioner's expense.

The Process Server/Sheriff is allowed to **WITHDRAW** from the Sheriff's Trust Fund the amount of **One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)** to defray the costs of service of this Order, subject to post-liquidation. For this purpose, and for the purpose of publication in accordance with P.D. No. 1079, furnish the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Malabon City with a copy of this Order.

**SO ORDERED.**

City of Malabon, December 17, 2025.

(Sgd.)  
**MA. ANTONIA L. LARGOZA-CANTERO**  
 Presiding Judge

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**THE SENTINEL POST**  
 January 13, 20 and 27, 2026

**PBBM urges democratic participation in BARMM, calls for unity ahead of elections**

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. underscored the vital role of democratic participation in shaping the future of the Bangsamoro region, calling on the people of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) to use the upcoming elections as an opportunity to make their voices heard and to strengthen accountable, people-centered governance.

"It is our hope that the upcoming BARMM elections will serve as an opportunity for our Bangsamoro brothers and sisters to freely express their voices and aspirations," President Marcos said in his speech during the opening ceremony of the 7th Founding Anniversary of BARMM at the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Complex in Cotabato City.

"We aspire to further strengthen a leader-

ship that truly serves the people—one that reinforces democracy and accountability," the President added.

The President said the future generations deserve the kind of governance that is built on accountability, participation, and shared responsibility.

"My fellow Filipinos, we must stand as guardians of the progress that we have made through peace.

Let us always choose unity and cooperation over division," President Marcos stressed.

"So, together, let us build a Bagong Pilipinas marked by peace, by unity, and a shared belief in a brighter future," the President concluded.

The Bangsamoro Organic Law under Repub-



lic Act No. 11054 was enacted in 2018 and ratified during the two-part January 21 and February 6, 2019 plebiscite, providing the legal framework to establish BARMM that formally replaced the former Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. **(PND)**

## ALS in action: Turning marginalized learners into nation-builders

In far-flung barangays and coastal communities where formal schooling once ended too soon, the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System (ALS) is quietly shaping the future of the Philippines.

Through the dedication of teachers like Ruth Garcia and Cherry Rimpillo, out-of-school youth and adults are reclaiming their right to education, gaining confidence, and building the skills to improve their lives.

For ALS teachers, teaching extends far beyond classrooms or timetables.

It means walking long distances to upland sitios, riding boats to coastal villages, and adapting lessons to fit the realities of learners who juggle work, family, and household responsibilities.

"We go to them ourselves," Rimpillo says.

"Not just to teach, but to show that they matter and that the system has not abandoned them."

Many learners initially attend classes out of curiosity, unsure if education is still for them.

Over time, they gain confidence and skills that open doors to employment, entrepreneurship, or the ability to support their families.

Years later, some continue to send messages to their teachers, sharing milestones

achieved because of ALS.

"They tell me, 'Ma'am, if it were not for ALS, we would not have made it this far,'" Rimpillo recalls.

For teachers like Garcia, the reward lies in restoring self-belief.

"You first have to restore their confidence before you can even begin teaching a lesson," she says.

Watching learners rediscover their self-worth is, for her, more valuable than any diploma or promotion.

The program's strength, according to Doctor Joselito Pascua, Education Program Specialist II for ALS, is its dedicated educators.

Senior teachers like Garcia and Rimpillo continue to serve while mentoring younger ALS implementers, ensuring that compassionate, learner-centered teaching is passed on.

"Every learner reached today contributes to a stronger, more inclusive nation tomorrow," Pascua emphasizes.

ALS is not just an educational program—it is a national safety net, ensuring that margin-



alized Filipinos are given a second chance to learn and contribute to society.

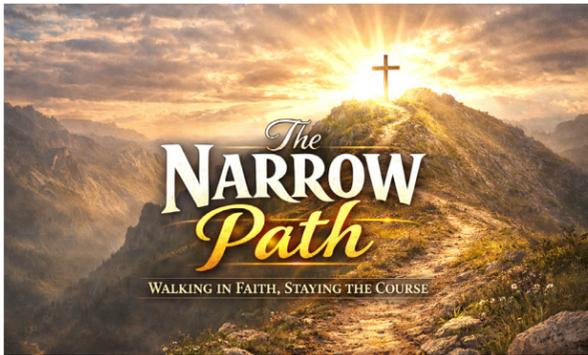
It embodies the government's commitment to inclusive education, human capital development, and national progress.

Through quiet perseverance, emotional labor, and unwavering dedication, ALS teachers like Garcia and Rimpillo demonstrate that no Filipino is beyond hope.

Beyond exams or certificates, their work restores dignity, empowers lives, and builds the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Philippines. **(AMB/AIHR, PIA Ilocos Region)**

## LIVING AGAINST THE TIDE: STANDING FIRM IN FAITH

In today's world, it often feels like everyone is going one way while God calls us in another. Peer pressure, social trends, and even family expectations can pull us toward compromise. Many times, we may find ourselves agreeing to what is convenient, popular, or expected, even



when we know it does not align with God's Word. But as Christians, we are called to live differently, to swim against the current when it comes to godly living. The Bible reminds us in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." Living against the tide does not mean isolating ourselves from the world, but it does mean choosing God's way over the world's way, even when it is unpopular or difficult.

Jesus Himself modeled this in Matthew 5:10-12, teaching that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are blessed. Following Him may bring criticism, misunderstanding, or even ridicule, but it is in staying faithful that we experience true blessing. Living against the tide requires steadfast commitment and courage. It means standing firm in truth even when it is counter-cultural, such as maintaining honesty in the workplace, showing integrity in situations where cutting corners is the norm, or speaking up against injustice. It also means choosing godly priorities over worldly pressures, such as valuing family time, prayer, and service over entertainment, social media trends, or material gain. Living faithfully often requires intentional decisions, discipline, and sometimes personal sacrifice, yet

God promises His presence, guidance, and strength every step of the way. Surrounding ourselves with a supportive community of fellow believers also encourages perseverance, reminding us that we are not alone in our journey.

1 Peter 1:16 reminds us, "Be holy, because I am holy." Each choice to honor God, no matter how small, shapes our character and influences those around us. Every act of integrity, compassion, and obedience creates ripples of faith that counter the tide of worldly compromise. As we navigate a society that often pushes us toward conformity, we must remember that God calls us to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13-14), distinct and influential for His glory. Choosing to live against the tide is not a burden, but a divine opportunity to glorify God through our actions, words, and decisions.

Living against the tide is ultimately about faithfulness. It is about trusting that God's standards are higher than the world's, and that obedience, though sometimes difficult, leads to lasting blessing. When we embrace His ways and let His Word guide our choices, we not only honor God, but also set an example of courage and integrity for others to follow. May we each find the strength to stand firm, to swim upstream when necessary, and to shine brightly as witnesses of Christ in a world that desperately needs His light.

## DOST SOCCSKSARGEN ENGAGES COTABATO VICE GOVERNOR ON PROJECT SARAI FOR SMART AGRICULTURE



Amas, Kidapawan City | The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) SOCCSKSARGEN Project SARAI team, paid a courtesy visit to the Office of Vice Governor Rochella Marie Ella Taliño Taray, on January 12, 2026, at Amas, Kidapawan City. This is part of its continuing engagement with provincial and local leaders to strengthen science- and technology-driven agriculture in North Cotabato.

The discussion highlighted how Project SARAI—Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines—can support evidence-based planning and policy formulation for the province's agricultural sector. The team shared how climate, crop, and data analytics generated by SARAI can be translated into practical tools that guide farmers and local decision-makers in improving productivity and climate resilience.

Vice Governor Taliño-Taray welcomed the initiative and stressed the importance of integrating smart agriculture solutions into

provincial development programs, noting that access to timely and science-backed information is crucial in empowering farmers and safeguarding livelihoods amid changing climate conditions.

The meeting also opened discussions on the Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park/Ecozone Program, emphasizing its potential role as a hub for agri-innovation, research collaboration, and technology commercialization in the province. North Cotabato's participation in the KIST Park/Ecozone orientation held in June 2025 was cited as an initial step toward fostering an enabling environment for innovation-led growth.

The courtesy visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of DOST SOCCSKSARGEN, led by Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, and the Provincial Government of Cotabato, headed by Governor Emmylou Lala Taliño-Mendoza, to advance sustainable agriculture and innovation through strategic partnerships and science-based solutions **(DOST)**



## LAW A WEEK

BY: ATTY. SARAH JEANE CARDONA ANTOLIN

### RAISING A CHILD ALONE? THE LAW IS ON YOUR SIDE: A GUIDE TO SOLO PARENT BENEFITS (RA 11861)

Maria wakes up before sunrise each day to prepare breakfast, pack school lunches, and get her children ready before rushing to work. She attends parent-teacher meetings alone, stays up late when a child is sick, and quietly worries about how to stretch her budget until the next payday. Like many Filipinos, Maria carries both the role of mother and father at the same time. What she may not realize is that the law recognizes her situation and provides support designed especially for parents like her.

Republic Act 11861, also known as the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act, strengthens and expands the benefits available to solo parents. If you are raising a child on your own, this law is meant to help you.

A solo parent, under the law, includes: (a) a parent whose spouse has died; (b) a parent whose spouse is detained or imprisoned for at least three months; (c) a parent who is legally separated or whose marriage is annulled; (d) a parent who has been abandoned for at least six months; (e) an unmarried mother or father who keeps and raises the child; (f) a legal guardian, grandparent, or relative who solely

provides parental care; (g) a pregnant woman whose partner has died, is imprisoned, or has abandoned her; and (h) a family member who becomes head of the family due to the death, disappearance, or incapacity of the parents.

To avail of the benefits, the solo parent must apply for a Solo Parent ID at the City or Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO/MSWDO) where he or she resides. This ID serves as proof of entitlement to the benefits provided by the law.

The benefits granted to solo parents include: (a) seven working days of parental leave with pay every year for those who have worked with their employer for at least six months, which may be used to attend to the child's needs such as school matters, sickness, or emergencies; (b) a flexible work schedule from the employer, provided it does not affect productivity; (c) protection from discrimination in the workplace on the basis of solo parent status; (d) access to scholarships, educational assistance, and priority in government educational programs for their children; (e) priority access to livelihood programs, skills training, and employment assistance from

agencies such as DOLE, TESDA, and DSWD; (f) priority in government medical assistance programs for both the solo parent and the child; (g) priority in low-cost government housing projects; (h) for solo parents earning below Php250,000 per year, a 10% discount and VAT exemption on essential items for children up to six years old, including milk, food and micronutrient supplements, sanitary diapers, medicines, and vaccines; and (i) automatic PhilHealth coverage if the solo parent is not yet a member.

The Solo Parent ID must be renewed every year to continue enjoying these benefits.

Being a solo parent is not easy. This law recognizes the sacrifices made by solo parents and ensures that they and their children receive meaningful support from the government and the community. If you or someone you know qualifies, encourage them to apply for a Solo Parent ID and claim these benefits. The law is there to help lighten the load that solo parents quietly carry each day, reminding them that they do not have to face their responsibilities alone.

### Nat'l ID drive expands access of Mangyan communities to social services

CALAPAN CITY, Oriental Mindoro — The intensified national ID registration and mobile registration activities in Oriental Mindoro have expanded access of Indigenous Peoples (IPs), particularly Mangyan communities, to government services by providing them with a valid and widely accepted proof of identity, a basic requirement in availing social protection, health, education, and livelihood programs.

Data presented during recent National ID updates showed that from March to December 2025, a total of 6,971 IPs were registered in Oriental Mindoro. This figure represents 20.55 percent of the 33,923 IP individuals registered in the province within the same period.

The registration covered Mangyan communities across several municipalities, with the highest number recorded in Mansalay at 2,156, followed by Bulalacao with 787, Baco with 634, Roxas with 625 and Naujan with 615.

Other towns with registered IPs include Bongabong with 469, San Teodoro with 475, Bansud with 349, Puerto Galera with 323, Gloria with 226, Pinamalayan with 195, Pola with 90, Calapan with 16, Socorro with eight, and Victoria with three.

With a National ID, Mangyan families are now able to more easily access key government assistance programs, including social protection services of the Department of Social Welfare and Development such as the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), and food and cash assistance during disasters and emergencies.

Registration also enables IPs to enroll in the PhilHealth system, allowing them to avail of inpatient and outpatient health services, consultations, laboratory tests, and hospitalization benefits in government and accredited private health facilities.

In addition, the National ID serves as a valid requirement in opening bank accounts and e-wallets, facilitating access to livelihood grants, financial assistance, and salary or cash aid distribution from government agencies and local government units. It is also accepted for school enrollment, scholarship applications, and participation in skills training and employment programs offered by national agencies.

To reach the remaining unregistered residents, particularly in areas with high IP populations, the PSA continues to conduct mobile registration services in San Teodoro, Pinamalayan, Gloria, Bongabong, Roxas, Mansalay, and Bulalacao. The mobile registration activities started on Jan. 19 and will run until March 31, 2026.

PSA Provincial Statistical Office-Oriental Mindoro Chief Statistical Specialist Charlyn R. Cantos said IP communities remain a priority in the implementation of the National ID System.

"Lagi po naming kina-consider yung mga muni-sipyo na marami po Indigenous Peoples, isa po tala-ga sila sa priority namin. Although ang National ID ay para sa lahat, mas maganda po na ma-prioritize at mabigyan ng identification yung mga tao na walang valid ID na kaya nilang i-present para ma-avail po



nila ang mga social services," Cantos said.

She added that many Mangyan families experience delays or are unable to access government assistance due to the absence of formal identification, a gap that the National ID System seeks to address.

Meanwhile, Cantos said PSA will continue coordinating with local government units and partner agencies to ensure that remaining unregistered IPs, especially those in remote and upland communities, are reached through sustained mobile registration activities across the province.

On the other hand, PSA reported that as of Jan. 13, 2026, a total of 841,058 residents of all ages in Oriental Mindoro have completed the National ID registration. This accounts for 91.45 percent of the province's total population of 919,504 based on the 2024 Census of Population. (JGS/JBG/PIA MIM-AROPA-Oriental Mindoro)



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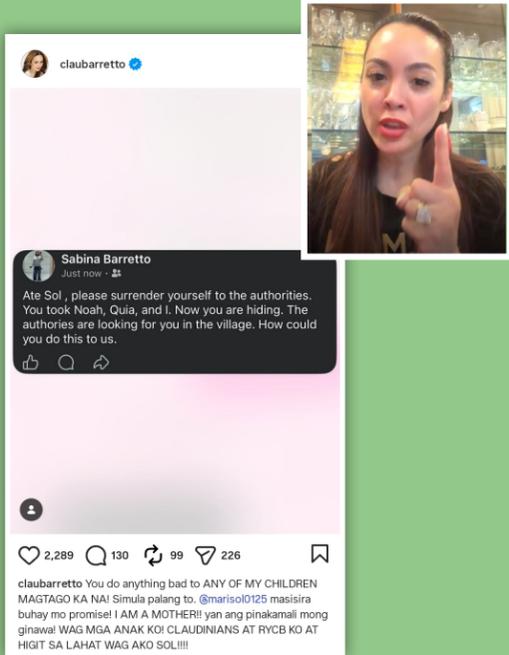
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# TSP SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP

## CLAUDINE BARRETTO CALLS OUT PA FOR ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPING HER CHILDREN



Images and Video courtesy of Instagram/Facebook: Claudine Barretto

## TALENTS WIN LABOR CASE AGAINST GMA NETWORK

**Buhay Media**  
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**BREAKING NEWS: TAG WINS 11-YEAR-OLD LABOR CASE VS GMA (see our press release below)**

**'OUR GIFT TO THE NEXT GENERATION'**  
TAG wins 11-year-old labor case vs GMA

Talents are regular employees, deserving of security and statutory benefits. We believed that since the beginning, and now there is jurisprudence to protect the next generation of media workers in the Philippines.

It is our privilege to announce that the Supreme Court Third Division has ruled in our favor, declaring that 94 members of the Talents Association of GMA (TAG), or talents of GMA Network Inc. mostly from the News and Public Affairs department, are regular employees.

The decision also ruled that 50 of our members, whose contracts were either not renewed or terminated during the pendency of the case, were illegally dismissed. The Supreme Court awarded separation pay and backwages to the 50 illegally dismissed employees.

The third division resolution can still be appealed by GMA Network through a motion for reconsideration, as per judicial procedure.

But we are already claiming this victory.

This is 11 years in the making, during which our members have emotionally and mentally suffered from having to take to court what we considered our home network. It was not an easy decision to file the very first case in 2014, and it has not been easy since. We saw our friends leave one by one, their sudden departures heavily impacting livelihoods and careers, when all we ever wanted was to tell stories for the Filipino people.

We welcome this news with sadness too because our colleague James Arce, whom we fondly call as "Mang James," died in 2023 and did not live to see victory. This is for him, and his family, for their sacrifices in the name of public service.

We take note of what the Supreme Court said: "Plain as day, there exists an employer-employee relationship between GMA and respondents. Respondents are regular employees of GMA."

Plain as day, we – the production assistants, researchers, writers, producers, artists, coordinators, and cameramen behind some of your most favorite GMA news and public affairs programs – were employees entitled to protection from the very beginning.

This should not have taken 11 years. This should not have happened at all.

It is time for media companies, especially broadcast networks, to scrap its longtime practice of contractualization through a talent system. It is time to protect Filipino media workers.

This should not have cost us this much to fight. But we are glad we did. This is our gift to the next generation. #

Images courtesy of Facebook: Buhay Media

## PAPA JACKSON LEAVES ENERGY FM



**John Gemperle**  
18K

I gave it my all. It was almost spiritual. It was a journey I can look back to and always be proud of. Thank you all!

**DJ Kara**  
77 Juan Carlos · Through The Years (From "Lolo and the...")

Today marks the end of an era after one decade... Thank you, Karjack, more than just a partnership—you truly changed my life. This journey was filled with tears, laughter, sacrifices, and countless emotions we shared together. We went through so much, and I will treasure every memory we created. I hope you will treasure them too. As painful and difficult as this is, everything truly comes to an end. From the bottom of my heart, I hope karjack brought you happiness, comfort, and memories you can look back on with a smile. Thank you to everyone who believed in us and supported us through the years. And thank you, Papa Jackson, for everything. I am wishing you happiness and all the best on your new journey.   
John Gemperle

Images and Video courtesy of Facebook: DJ Kara, John Gemperle



## CHIMMY PHILIPPINES

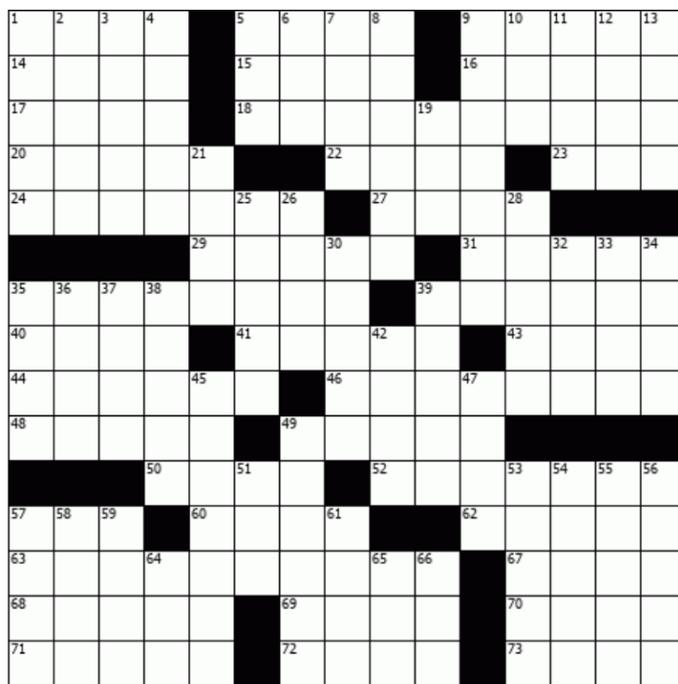
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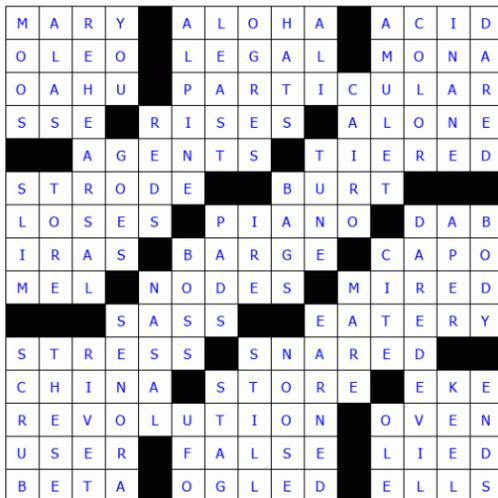
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# HOOPS REPUBLIC

## PH sets best ASEAN Para finish; Thailand virtual overall champ

MANILA – The Philippines will post its best finish in the ASEAN Para Games after a surge of gold medals in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand over the weekend.

The Philippines has 38-31-47 gold-silver-bronze for fourth place as of 4 p.m., eclipsing its 34-33-50 haul in Cambodia 2023.

Athletics' Cyril Ongcoy ruled the men's 5000-m T12 event to claim his second gold Sunday.

He clocked 17 minutes and 32.19 seconds,

beating Vietnam's Binh Van Nguyen (21:03.27) and Tung Giang Nguyen (22:49.29).

It was a fitting follow-up to his new meet record of 4:26.32 in the men's 1500-meter T12 event on Wednesday when he won his first gold.

"Matagal ko na sinasabi na ito ang main event ko. Hindi talaga ako mag-patalo rito (I've long been saying that this is my favorite event. I knew I won't lose)," Ongcoy said in a news release.

Also making an impact on the final day of the tournament for differently abled bodies was Cleford Trocino who won the men's 800m T52 gold with a time of 2:00.16 while team captain Jerrold Mangliwan submitted 2:00.73 for the silver medal.

Home bet Peth Rungsri, the 2004 Athens Paralympic bronze medalist, took the bronze in 2:01.31.

Gary Bejino claimed his fourth gold medal with a time of 1:11.40 in the men's 100m freestyle S6 held at the 80th Birthday Aquatics Center.

More medals were expected for the Filipinos, who are playing in the men's wheelchair basketball squad final against host Thailand at Terminal 21 Korat and the chess team in the Blitz category at Nakhon Ratchasima Rajabhat University as of posting time.

Meanwhile, Thailand is poised to



**MOST BEMEDALLED.** Filipino swimmer Angel Mae Otom will go home with five gold medals from the 13th ASEAN Para Games in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. She won the 50m and 100m backstroke, 50m and 100m freestyle (S4-S5), and 200m freestyle (S5). (PSC Media Pool)

rule the 13th ASEAN Para Games with 165 golds, 151 silvers and 146 bronzes as of the latest count.

Indonesia, the overall champion in Cambodia 2023, remained in second place with 128-130-106, followed by Malaysia (60-58-69).

Vietnam was running fifth (34-46-52), followed by Myanmar (20-17-18), Singapore (13-7-8), Timor-Leste (3-1-1), Laos (2-4-8) and Brunei (1-3-2).

In swimming, Thai Ekkaphan Songwichean ruled the 200m individual medley for his fifth gold.

The Thais also dominated athletics, led by Suneephan Thanomwong (women's 400m T11), Jakarin Damunee (men's 400m T13), and Amornthep Phonphanna (men's 200m T38).

Filipino Angel Otom won the 50m freestyle S4-S5 event in 44.51 seconds to claim her fifth gold and sixth medal overall on Saturday.

The 2024 Paris Paralympian surpassed her previous best of four golds and one silver medal in the 12th edition in Cambodia.

"It was very fulfilling because I won all five of my individual events and got a silver in the 4x50 freestyle relay," the 22-year-old Paralympian said.

"In the previous ASEAN Para Games in Cambodia, I did not win my fifth gold because I felt that I was not ready." (PNA)



# TSP

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## Thailand reclaims ASEAN Para Games overall crown; PH places 4th



(Photo courtesy of PSC)

MANILA – Host Thailand reclaimed the overall title at the 13th ASEAN Para Games in Nakhon Ratchasima after collecting 175 gold, 155 silver and 156 bronze medals.

Thailand got its last gold medal in cerebral palsy football, edging Myanmar, 1-0, in the finals Sunday night.

The Philippines placed fourth with 45 golds, 37 silvers and 52 bronzes, its best finish in the meet after its 34-33-50 haul in Cambodia 2023.

Athletics was the biggest contributor with 16 gold medals, swimming collected 13 golds and chess had 12.

FIDE Master-elect Darry Bernardo emerged as the Philippines' most bemedalled with six gold medals while Paralympian Angel Otom took home five golds and one silver medal in swimming.

Chief of mission Goody Custodio credited the athletes' synergy for the impressive Philippine finish.

"I think the key was that both our athletes and coaches were able to really focus. At the same time, we were able to integrate young para-athletes into the team," Custodio said in a news release.

"Most of our medalists are actually young talents. Of course, our veterans are still there and they continue to deliver, but a big portion of our success came from new talents coming from different classes, especially among visually impaired athletes. That's where many of our medalists came from."

Athletics, swimming, fencing, table

tennis and shooting delivered most of the medals for the Thais, who secured their seventh crown and first since the 2015 edition in Singapore.

Indonesia, which failed to win its fourth straight overall title, settled for second with 135 gold, 143 silver and 114 bronze medals, surpassing their pre-Games target of 82 golds.

Indonesia's medal strength came from athletics, swimming and powerlifting, despite the absence of several staple sports and challenging classification mergers.

Malaysia ranked third with 64 gold, 64 silver and 73 bronze medals, surpassing their medal target and underlining their upward trajectory ahead of hosting the 2027 Games, where 18 sports are expected to be contested.

Vietnam (38-48-58), Myanmar (20-19-20), Singapore (13-7-9), Timor Leste (3-1-1), Laos (2-5-9) and Brunei (1-3-2) followed the Philippines. (PNA)



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