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KADIWA NG PANGULO EXPO 2024: EMPOWERING FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK, OPENING MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

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In a remarkable demonstration of the government's commitment to strengthening the agricultural sector and advancing food security, the KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP) Expo 2024 officially


opened its doors to the public, celebrating the success of the KADIWA program. With the theme "Opening Market Opportunities for Farmers and Fisherfolk," the event underscored the significant

strides made in connecting local farmers and fisherfolk directly with markets, ensuring they receive fair trade and improved income opportunities. *(turn to page 4)*

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EMPOWERING THE VULNERABLE SECTOR: A STEP TOWARDS INCLUSIVE ELECTIONS FOR 2025

As the Philippines prepares for the 2025 National and Local Elections, the Legal Network for Truthful Elections (LENTE) Philippines has taken a significant step in ensuring that the vulnerable sectors are not left behind. In a recent event dubbed *Kumustahan & Kwentuhan Para sa 2025 Elections*, LENTE organized a gathering that brought together vulnerable sector groups, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and other govern-

ment partners to discuss and collaborate on making the election process more inclusive and accessible.

The event, which served as an open forum and consultation, began with a welcoming address from LENTE's Executive Director, Atty. Ona Caritos. The primary goal of the gathering was to address the unique needs of voters who belong to vulnerable sectors, ensuring their voices are heard and their participation in the electoral process is made as smooth and

inclusive as possible.

A key part of the discussion was led by COMELEC's Vulnerable Sectors Office Director, Monalisa Mamukid, who presented the latest updates on the initiatives for the upcoming elections. Mamukid outlined the commission's plans to further engage and assist vulnerable sectors, ensuring that their specific concerns—such as accessibility issues, voter education, and adequate support on Election Day—are adequately addressed. *(turn to page 5)*

spotlight, and the demonstration of the Automated Counting Machine (ACM) with its accessibility features is a much-needed breakthrough in ensuring equitable voter participation.

A democratic system that excludes a significant portion of its population is not truly democratic. We've often heard the phrase "one person, one vote," but for the senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized sectors in our society, this principle has remained a distant ideal. In past elections, issues of accessibility and participation for these groups were largely ignored or inadequately addressed. Voting has not always been an easy or empowering process for these citizens, and as a result, many have been left with the feeling that their voices don't matter. *(turn to page 5)*



ENSURING SWIFT RESPONSE: A LOOK AT THE PHILIPPINES' DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS

In the face of increasing natural calamities that have devastated large portions of the country, the Philippine government has made it clear that disaster relief is not just a priority—it is a fundamental responsibility. Following consecutive weather disturbances in recent months, the assurance from Department of

Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah "Mina" F. Pangandaman that the government is ready to assist disaster-stricken areas comes at a critical juncture. In her recent statements, Pangandaman confirmed the availability of various funds, including the Contingent Fund, Local Government Support

Fund, and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRMF), designed to provide timely and necessary support for recovery efforts.

The government's readiness to allocate financial resources is crucial, especially in the face of depleting Quick Response Funds (QRF) from agencies like the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). While it's encouraging that mechanisms are in place to replenish these funds—via the NDRRMF and other available sources—it raises an important question: why are we so reliant on emergency responses, rather than taking more proactive measures? *(turn to page 5)*



BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY: ENSURING THE VULNERABLE SECTOR'S RIGHT TO VOTE

The recent *Kumustahan & Kwentuhan Para sa 2025 Elections*, organized by the Legal Network for Truthful Elections (LENTE) and the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), was not just another routine event aimed at election preparation; it was a step towards true democracy—one that includes

every Filipino, regardless of their physical limitations or socio-economic background. The focus on the vulnerable sector during this gathering cannot be overstated. For the first time in a long while, efforts to address the unique challenges faced by marginalized groups in the electoral process are being put under the



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The Lord never forgets and He fulfills His promises.

God is above all and He is sovereign over human events.

At the end of the day, everything that God allows to happen is for His glory and so that all may know that He is the LORD.

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SENATE SUPPORTS LANDMARK MARITIME LAWS TO STRENGTHEN PH SOVEREIGNTY

In a historic move to assert and protect the Philippines' sovereignty, Senate President Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero joined President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. at Malacañang on Friday, November 8, 2024, for the signing of two landmark laws: the Philippine Maritime Zones Act and the Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes Act. The new laws, Republic Act (RA) Nos. 12064 and 12065, align the country's maritime policies with international standards and fortify its claims over vast maritime territories.

The signing ceremony was attended by

key figures in the Senate, including Majority Leader Francis "Tol" Tolentino, who sponsored the measures, and Sen. Win Gatchalian. Together, they celebrated the new laws, which are seen as crucial in safeguarding the Philippines' sovereign rights and ensuring the responsible management of its maritime resources.

"These laws are not just about asserting our territorial rights; they are about securing the sustainable use of our marine resources for the benefit of every Filipino," Escudero remarked during the event. "By asserting our rights over the sea and air, we are ensuring the utilization of

our rich resources in our territorial waters to improve the welfare of our people."

The Philippine Maritime Zones Act and the Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes Act are pivotal in reinforcing the country's control over its maritime domain, as they define and regulate the Philippine maritime zones in accordance with international law. These measures provide a legal framework that establishes clear guidelines for the management and protection of the Philippines' maritime zones, including its exclusive economic zone (EEZ), territorial sea, and continental shelf.

The legislation



also aims to enhance the safety and security of sea lanes and ensure that the country has a more consistent and robust system for responding to potential threats in its waters.

By ensuring the country's alignment with

international maritime laws, these measures also serve to bolster the Philippines' position in regional and global maritime discussions, particularly in the face of ongoing territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

The ceremoni-

al signing of these laws marks a significant step toward strengthening the Philippines' maritime governance, enhancing national security, and promoting sustainable development in the country's vast oceanic territory. (PRT)

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The seals, namely ISO 9001:2015 Certification, the Civil Service Commission's PRIME-HRM Maturity Level II (Bronze Award), and the National Privacy Commission's Seal of Registration, reflect the agency's dedication to meeting international standards and improving public service for taxpayers.

The BIR's receipt of the ISO 9001:2015 Certification affirms that several of its services comply with the rigorous international standards for Quality Management Systems (QMS). As part of the nationwide initiative, services such as Business Registration, Tax Clearance Processing, and Document Control in Tax Return Processing are now fully ISO certified. The agency is also committed to expanding its ISO-certified services in the future, aiming for continuous improvements to meet global standards.

In line with the

Civil Service Commission's (CSC) objective to institutionalize meritocracy and excellence in human resource management, the BIR received the CSC PRIME-HRM Maturity Level II (Bronze Award). This accreditation acknowledges the agency's outstanding human resource practices, granting it several privileges, including the authority to approve appointments, eligibility for discounts on HR training, and access to exclusive developmental opportunities through CSC's community of learners. The BIR's recognition by the CSC highlights its commitment to excellence within its workforce.

Additionally, the BIR was awarded the Seal of Registration by the National Privacy Commission (NPC) in compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173). This prestigious recognition highlights the BIR's commitment to protecting the confi-

dentiality and security of taxpayer information. As an authorized data collector, the agency ensures that all sensitive data provided by taxpayers is safeguarded with the highest standards of privacy protection.

Commissioner Lumagui expressed his gratitude for the BIR's achievements, stating, "These Seals of Excellence show our commitment to good governance. Year after year, the BIR will work towards tax administration reforms that meet international standards." He also thanked the BIR's employees and partners for their support in achieving these milestones, reinforcing the agency's dedication to delivering excellent taxpayer services for years to come.

With these three distinguished accolades, the BIR continues to set the standard for efficient, transparent, and secure government services, further strengthening public trust in its tax administration system. (PRT)



Ikinagagalak naming sabihin para sa ating mga November pensioners na CREDITED na ang inyong pension sa buwan na ito!

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NLP HOSTS FOI WORKSHOP TO EMPOWER LIBRARIES AND PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY

In celebration of the 34th Library and Information Services Month (LISM), the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in collaboration with the Presidential Communications Office and the FOI Program Management Office (FOI-PMO) hosted a workshop aimed at empowering librarians and learners. The event, held on November 6, 2024, at the Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium, focused on fostering a deeper understanding of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Program.

NLP Director

Cesar Gilberto Q. Adriano opened the event, encouraging participants to actively engage in the month-long LISM celebration. The workshop introduced attendees to the Electronic FOI (e-FOI) Program, guiding them on how to use the e-FOI portal (www.foi.gov.ph) to submit requests, promoting greater civic participation and government transparency.

Presentations were made by key officials from FOI-PMO, including Ms. Jaya V. Illustrious, Ms. Danica A. Orcullo, and Mr. Robin E. Ricohermoso. Additionally, repre-

sentatives from various agencies shared their programs with the participants, such as the National Book Development Board (NBDB) by Director Anthony John Balisis and the Department of Science and Technology's Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII) initiatives by Ms. Mavie Narquita.

The workshop's activities reflected the LISM theme, LIBVOCACY: Unity towards Inclusive and Empowered Libraries*, fostering collective growth and empowerment within the library sector. (PRT)

ESCUDERO: AFP MODERNIZATION PLAN REQUIRES LONG-TERM COMMITMENT, CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN ONE SITTING

Senate President Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero emphasized that the modernization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is a long-term and multi-faceted process that cannot be completed in a single sitting or administration.

During the Senate's budget deliberations on November 7, 2024, Escudero addressed the government's plan to enhance the AFP's military capabilities, stressing the complexity of the modernization process. He pointed out that such an undertaking involves not only assessing current military assets and capabilities but also anticipating future defense needs.

Escudero cautioned against rushing the modernization plan, as this could lead to inefficiencies, increased costs, and potential gaps in defense capabilities. "Each administration brings in a new plan, and with the ever-evolving nature of technology, we cannot expect to finalize a comprehensive modernization strategy in one sitting," he explained.

He further clarified that technology and defense requirements



November 7, 2024

Senate President Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero expressed belief that the Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization plan is a complex and multi-faceted endeavor that cannot be achieved in one sitting.



change over time, making it essential for modernization to be a continuous process. "Every administration that enters will have new priorities, and technology advances at such a fast pace. Thus, we cannot plan for modernization in just one term. After five or six years, new technologies might emerge that could significantly alter the strategic landscape," Escudero said.

The Senate President's remarks come as part of ongoing discussions about the national budget, which includes funding for the military's modernization efforts. Escu-

dero's comments reflect the need for a carefully thought-out, long-term strategy to ensure that the AFP remains capable of protecting the country's interests amidst evolving global security challenges.

The AFP modernization plan, which includes upgrading defense equipment and enhancing capabilities, has been a priority for successive administrations. However, as Escudero pointed out, it requires careful planning and commitment from all levels of government, as well as adaptation to changing technologies and geopolitical realities. **(PRT)**

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Held in a grand venue, the expo featured the outstanding achievements of the KADIWA program, which has become a catalyst for change in the country's agrifood system. From production to consumption, KADIWA has bridged the gap between local farmers, fisherfolk, and consumers, ensuring that fresh, quality goods reach the market directly from the source.

A key highlight of the event was the formal launch of the "Bigger, Better, and More" KADIWA ng Pangulo Program. Under the leadership of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., this new initiative promises to further elevate the country's food security efforts while creating even more opportunities for local farmers and fisherfolk to thrive. The expanded program is designed to boost market access, provide affordable food, and empower communities with resources to elevate their agricultural practices.

The KADIWA Expo also spotlighted the success of this flagship program, which has gained momentum through strong collaboration between various government agen-

cies. The Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Office of the President - Presidential Communications Office (OP-PCO), and the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) worked tirelessly to ensure that the objectives of KADIWA were fully realized.

Speaking at the expo, a representative from the Department of Agriculture emphasized, "Today, we celebrate not just a successful program, but a national effort that ensures our farmers and fisherfolk—our nation's backbone—are supported and can participate more effectively in the marketplace. The KADIWA program is paving the way for more sustainable, equitable growth in the agricultural sector."

The expo also served as a platform for Farmers' Cooperative Associations (FCAs) to showcase their products and forge new partnerships with potential buyers, furthering opportunities for growth. By highlighting the

KADIWA program's achievements and future potential, the expo attracted attention from both local and international stakeholders, with many eager to support the program's expansion.

"The KADIWA ng Pangulo Expo 2024 not only celebrates the program's milestones but also demonstrates the government's unwavering support for local farmers and fisherfolk. It's a reflection of our dedication to ensuring that they are not left behind but are instead empowered to thrive in a competitive market," said the representative from the Department of Agriculture.

As the KADIWA ng Pangulo program continues to grow, it is expected to create more opportunities for farmers and fisherfolk, help maintain food sovereignty, and strengthen the agricultural sector, ensuring long-term sustainability for the Philippines' agrifood system.

The success of the expo further cements the program's role as a vital force for economic development and food security, fostering a brighter, more resilient future for the country's farmers and fisherfolk.

SENATE LAUNCHES 'SENATE ASSIST' IN PAMPANGA TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES

Residents of Angeles City, Pampanga, were given the opportunity to access a variety of government assistance programs as the Senate launched its 'Senate Assist' platform on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at SM City Clark. The event aimed to bring essential Senate services directly to the people, ensuring that residents in the area could easily avail themselves of public support.

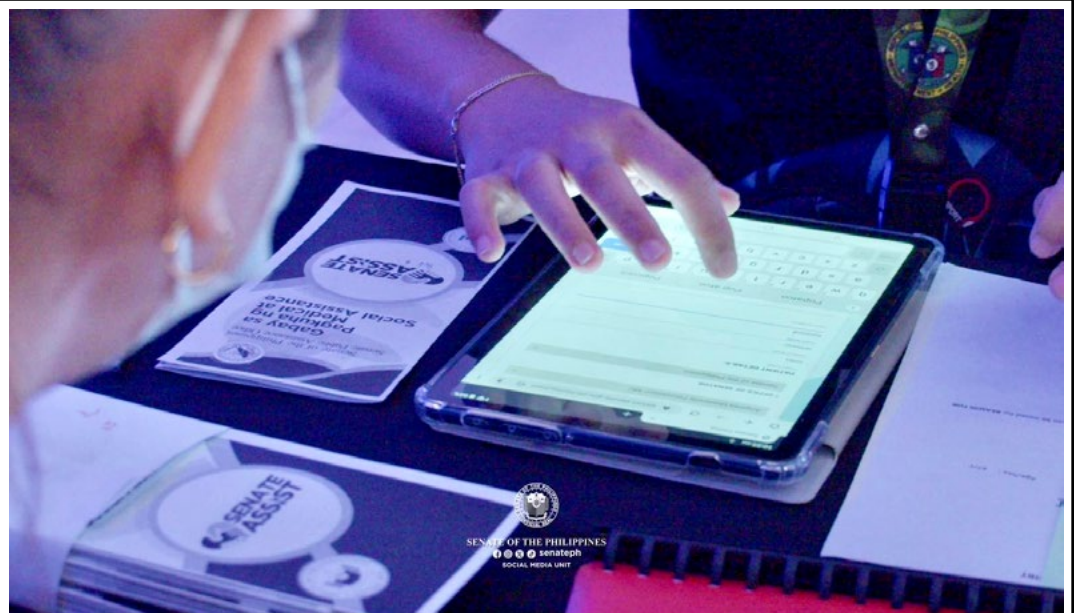
The day-long event saw staff from the Senate Public

Assistance Office (SPA) assisting residents from various barangays who were seeking medical and social services. These services included healthcare support, social welfare programs, and other government aid that can make a meaningful difference in the lives of local communities.

The initiative was attended by notable figures, including the officers of the Senate Spouses Foundation Inc. (SSFI), led by Mark Lapid, Chief Operating Officer of the Tourism

Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, along with Nancy Dela Rosa and Maricel Tulfo. During the event, Lapid expressed his gratitude to the Senate for selecting Pampanga as one of the initial venues for the program, emphasizing how such initiatives bring government services closer to those who need them most.

"I am thankful to the Senate for bringing Senate Assist to Pampanga, making it easier for our fellow Kapampangans to access vital services that can



support their needs," Lapid said.

The 'Senate Assist' platform is part of the Senate's ongoing efforts to make government assistance more accessible to Filipinos, particularly those in remote or underserved areas. By bringing services di-

rectly to the people, the program aims to ease the burden of those who may face challenges in traveling to government offices or navigating bureaucratic processes.

The success of the Pampanga launch marks the beginning of a broader

initiative that will see similar events in other regions, demonstrating the Senate's commitment to ensuring that public services are not just limited to the halls of government, but reach the people in their communities. **(PRT)**

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It is encouraging, then, to see that steps are being taken to fix this problem. The introduction of features on the ACM, such as audio instructions for the visually impaired and interfaces designed for ease of use by senior citizens, is a significant move towards democratizing the process of voting. Accessibility is no longer an afterthought; it is being integrated into the very heart of our electoral technology. This shift is critical in fostering an environment where every Filipino—regardless of their age or physical ability—can participate in the democratic process with confidence and independence.

The inclusion of the vulnerable sector in the electoral process does not only benefit them—it strengthens our democracy as a whole. A democracy that truly represents the people is one where everyone has the opportunity to be heard and to have their opinions reflected in the political landscape. By improving access to the election process for all, we are ensuring that no Filipino is left behind, whether they live in a remote barangay, suffer from a disability, or belong to a marginalized community. This is democracy at its best—fair, just, and inclusive.

However, while the ACM demonstration and other initiatives introduced by COMELEC are commendable, we must not be complacent. There is still a lot to be done to fully ensure that every vulnerable individual has equal access to the voting process. For example, the physical accessibility of polling places still remains an issue in some regions, where voters with disabilities are often faced with challenges like stairs or crowded spaces that make it difficult for them to vote. We cannot afford to rest on our laurels after one

success; continued, systemic efforts are required to make sure the vulnerable sector is truly included in all aspects of the election process.

Moreover, beyond accessibility, there needs to be continued focus on voter education and outreach. Many individuals in the vulnerable sector may still be unaware of the changes or features designed to assist them. Educational campaigns targeting these groups are essential to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge they need to exercise their right to vote. This includes educating them on how the voting process works, what to expect at the polling stations, and how they can make use of the accessibility features of the ACM.

As we look ahead to the 2025 elections, we must recognize that the job of ensuring an inclusive, fair election does not fall solely on the shoulders of COMELEC or the organizations that are pushing for these reforms. It is a shared responsibility that involves the government, civil society organizations, and even us, the voters. We must continue to advocate for the rights of the vulnerable sector, demanding that these issues remain a priority and that the integrity of the electoral process is maintained for everyone.

The steps we are taking now, such as the inclusion of accessibility features in the ACM and the conversations about election accessibility for vulnerable groups, are significant milestones. But they are just the beginning. True democracy requires continuous dialogue, improvement, and vigilance. We must continue to fight for the rights of the marginalized, ensuring that their participation in the political process is both a right and a reality.

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The QRF, as highlighted by Secretary Pangandaman, is a built-in safety net for disaster preparedness and response. With P30 billion allocated for agencies, and some already obligated, it's reassuring to know that replenishment processes are already in motion. The additional availability of the P7 billion Contingent Fund is a lifeline that ensures there are immediate resources to meet the ongoing needs of the affected regions. However, there's a need for a broader conversation about long-term disaster resilience. Every time a typhoon, earthquake, or flood strikes, we see the same scramble for resources, the same urgent requests for replenishments, and the same cycle of waiting for additional funds to arrive. This pattern should prompt us to rethink how we approach disaster preparedness—not just reactively, but with a forward-thinking and sustainable strategy.

While emergency funding and response efforts are important, a more proactive approach to disaster resilience could help alleviate the ongoing strain on resources. This would involve improving infrastructure to withstand future calamities, investing in more robust early-warning systems, and implementing programs that focus on long-term recovery and climate adaptation. The increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters underscore the need for a shift in mindset—where the focus is not just on emergency relief, but on creating resilient communities that can better withstand the impacts of these disasters.

The government's support for local government units (LGUs) is another important aspect that ensures a more localized response to disasters. Secretary Pangandaman's clarification that

LGUs can request funds directly from the DBM for disaster-related projects is vital for a more tailored and swift response. This partnership between national and local agencies allows for more flexibility and immediate action when disaster strikes. But again, the question arises: are the LGUs equipped enough to handle the increasing number of calamities, both in terms of financial resources and capacity? While financial assistance is crucial, so too is strengthening the LGUs' ability to manage disaster response more efficiently.

The assurance of funds, the replenishment of resources, and the availability of financial assistance are all positive steps in ensuring that the Philippines is better prepared for future calamities. But we must also continue to ask ourselves: are we doing enough to mitigate the risks of such disasters in the first place? The need for a comprehensive, forward-thinking disaster management strategy is more pressing than ever. While emergency funds are necessary, investing in prevention, infrastructure resilience, and community-based programs will ultimately lead to a more sustainable approach to disaster management—one that reduces the need for constant reliance on reactive funding.

As we continue to face the realities of a changing climate and increasing natural disasters, the government must not only ensure that resources are readily available but also lead the charge in building a disaster-resilient nation. It's not just about responding to crises—it's about preventing them and ensuring that no Filipino, no matter where they are in the country, is left vulnerable to the devastating impacts of natural disasters.

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The highlight of the event, however, was the demonstration of the Automated Counting Machine (ACM) conducted by COMELEC Education and Information Department Director III, Atty. Abigail Claire F. Carbero-Llacuna. The demonstration not only provided participants with an in-depth look at how the ACM works, but also highlighted the accessibility features designed to ease the voting experience for individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, and other members of the vulnerable sector.

This move to make the election process more accessible is a welcome development, especially for those who have traditionally faced barriers in fully participating in the democratic process. The demonstration of the ACM was a step towards transparency and inclusion, showing that technology can be harnessed to create a more equitable system where all citizens, regardless of their physical abilities or limitations, have a fair chance to vote.

One of the most significant aspects of the ACM demonstration was its focus on the accessibility features, including audio instructions for visually impaired voters, adjustable fonts for senior citizens, and easy-to-navigate interfaces. These

features are crucial in ensuring that every voter, regardless of age or disability, can cast their vote with dignity and confidence.

In an inclusive democracy, it is vital that all citizens, especially those from marginalized groups, feel empowered to participate in elections. With this initiative, COMELEC and LENTE are taking the necessary steps to ensure that the vulnerable sector is not excluded or left behind. The demonstration of the ACM is a tangible step forward in making voting more accessible, and it signals a greater commitment from both COMELEC and the government to create a more inclusive electoral process.

As we approach the 2025 elections, this gathering serves as a reminder that democracy is most vibrant when it is inclusive. Every Filipino has the right to have their voice heard, and efforts like this show that the Philippines is slowly but surely taking the necessary steps to make that a reality for all. The implementation of accessible voting systems is just the beginning—more reforms and initiatives are needed to ensure that every citizen, regardless of their socio-economic status or abilities, can fully participate in shaping the future of the country.

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SENATOR TULFO QUESTIONS MMDA'S MISUSE OF MOTORCYCLE UNITS FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Senator Raffy Tulfo raised concerns over the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority's (MMDA) alleged failure to properly utilize its fleet of motorcycles meant for apprehending traffic violators during the Nov. 7 budget deliberations of the Committee on Finance. Tulfo, known for his advocacy for efficient public service, questioned why the MMDA's motorcycle units, commonly referred to as "hagad," were not being deployed for their intended purpose: enforcing traffic laws and apprehending violators.

During the session, MMDA officials revealed that they currently have 108 motorcycles allocated to a motorcycle riding academy. Tulfo expressed his frustration, stating, "Dapat ang mga ito ay ginagamit ng kanilang mga traffic enforcer sa pagbabantay at pag-sasaayos sa traffic pati na sa pagtugis sa mga pasaway na motorista. At hindi para sa pagte-train ng sinumang tao na gustong matutong magmaneho ng motorsiklo."

The MMDA responded, clarifying that the motorcycles were, in fact, being used for emergen-

cies and traffic enforcement, but were spread out across various locations in Metro Manila. Despite this explanation, Tulfo remained unsatisfied, questioning why there was a lack of public visibility for these vehicles and their riders in high-traffic areas.

The senator then pressed for more specific information, asking the MMDA to identify the exact locations where their motorcycle units were stationed. However, the agency struggled to provide a clear answer, further raising Tulfo's concerns about the effectiveness of the deployment.

Tulfo observed, "May napapansin nga akong mga MMDA enforcer na nagmamando ng traffic sa mga kalsada at may mga nakaparadang motorsiklo sa tabi nila, ngunit ang mga ito ay mukhang kanilang mga personal service." He also criticized the apparent misuse of these motorcycles, stating that some enforcers were seen using them for escorting VIPs and attending private events, rather than using them for their intended purpose of apprehending traffic violators, particularly those attempting to flee on busy roads like the EDSA busway.

In addition to his concerns about the underutilization of motorcycles, Tulfo also questioned the MMDA's failure to equip their traffic enforcers with body cameras, a tool he believes could protect both motorists and enforcers. The MMDA acknowledged that they currently have 100 bodycams but admitted that these devices are not being consistently used during traffic enforcement duties.

In response to Tulfo's questions and the concerns raised during the hearing, the MMDA assured the Senate Finance Committee that they would address these issues. They promised to improve the use of motorcycles and body cameras, and pledged to provide a detailed list of areas where their motorcycle units would be deployed moving forward.

This exchange highlights ongoing issues with traffic enforcement in Metro Manila and the need for more effective use of resources to ensure public safety and order. With Tulfo's probing questions, the MMDA is now under pressure to streamline its operations and deliver better service to the public. (PRT)

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The training program is part of an ongoing partnership between the JJWC, the Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation, and the DOJ Committee for the Special Protection of Children. The project is supervised by Undersecretary Raul T. Vasquez and Assistant Secretary Majken Anika S. Gran-Ong. It aims to enhance prosecutors' capacity to serve as diversion authorities, guiding them in facilitating diversion proceedings and developing programs for children in conflict with the law (CICL).

The DOJ and JJWC have collaborated since 2023 in crafting the training manual, which will

serve as a comprehensive guide for prosecutors handling diversion cases. A specialized team of trainers and experts, formed under Department Order No. 559, has worked on finalizing the manual and preparing it for dissemination at the local level.

The opening ceremony featured remarks from high-level officials, including Usec. Vasquez and Atty. Tricia Clare Oco, Executive Director of the JJWC. Patricia Lim Ah Ken from the Child Protection Program of UNICEF also expressed support for the initiative. City Prosecutor Giselle Marie Geronimo, head of the SPD TWG on Women and Children, was

also in attendance.

Over the four-day training, prosecutors engaged in modules covering key topics such as restorative justice, the role of diversion authorities, and the prerequisites for discernment in diversion cases. The program included hands-on activities such as mock diversion conference exercises and the creation of actual diversion contracts.

At the conclusion of the training, certificates were awarded to 35 prosecutors from various prosecution offices across the country, marking a significant step forward in the country's juvenile justice system. (PRT)

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Secretary Roque highlighted the growing economic presence of the Philippines in the region and the increasing demand for Filipino products in the UAE. She emphasized the significant opportunities available for expanding Philippine exports, particularly those from small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and expressed gratitude to Lulu for its continued efforts in promoting these products.

Lulu Group In-

ternational, known for its extensive presence in the UAE with 258 stores, reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Philippine exports. In a show of dedication, Lulu representatives announced their plans to increase procurement from Philippine SMEs. Both parties agreed to formalize this partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), reinforcing their collaboration for mutual

growth.

The DTI's efforts are in line with the "Bagong Pilipinas" vision, which aims to strengthen trade and investment relations with global partners. Lulu Group International, which already operates a logistics and export center in Laguna, is poised to further integrate Philippine products into its network, offering exciting opportunities for local businesses to expand into the UAE market. (PRT)

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The conference, organized by Stratbase ADR Institute for Strategic and International Studies (ADRI), aimed to foster multi-sectoral collaboration and shape policies to address the pressing social, political, and economic challenges faced by the Philippines and the broader Indo-Pacific region. Recto's statements echoed the growing optimism about the coun-

try's economic trajectory, supported by key data from major global institutions.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Philippines is projected to climb to the 28th spot among the world's largest economies by 2029, up from 34th in 2023. Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs has forecasted that the Philippines could reach the 14th largest economy by 2075.

A study by HSBC further underscores the Philippines' potential, citing its favorable demographics as a key advantage. With the working-age population set to grow by 15% from 2025 to 2035, the Philippines is expected to see a rise in GDP per capita, driving demand for consumer goods and increasing investment opportunities as households gain more purchasing power.

"This golden moment is one we are committed to taking full advantage of to strengthen our already dynamic labor force," Recto stressed, recognizing the critical role of the country's demographic dividend in fueling economic growth.

Recto also underscored the private sector's critical role in shaping the country's economic future. He urged businesses to actively contribute to the development of infrastructure, not only physical connectivity but also digital infrastructure, such as data centers, to support the emerging digital economy.

As the country continues to ride the wave of its economic growth, the government and the private sector are expected to work hand in hand to build a future-ready Filipino workforce and ensure the Philippines capitalizes on its growth potential for years to come. (PRT)

COLLABORATING FOR...

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This year's theme, "Building Synergies and Sustainability for a Future-Ready Filipino Workforce," centered on forging partnerships and ensuring long-term solutions to the emerging challenges posed by modern workplaces.

As the world of work rapidly changes, driven by digital transformation, globalization, and shifting societal expectations, the Philippines faces a growing need to adapt. With automation, artificial intelligence, and the gig economy reshaping industries, the role of the workforce has been placed at the heart of the conversation. It's not just about addressing the challenges of today but also preparing workers for tomorrow. The conference highlighted the importance of collaboration among key stakeholders—government agencies, employers, workers' organizations, scholars, and policymakers—to ensure that the Filipino workforce remains resilient, adaptable, and ready for the future.

The presence of diverse groups in the conference speaks volumes about the collaborative spirit needed to address labor challenges. Researchers from DOLE's bureaus and attached agencies, as well as representatives from labor unions, employer groups, and government programs, came together to discuss essential issues in labor. This holistic approach demonstrates an understanding

that the future of work cannot be shaped by any one group alone. Rather, it requires a unified effort, combining expertise, resources, and insights from all sectors to build an environment that is conducive to both sustainable employment and economic growth.

One of the most pressing issues highlighted during the conference was the need for long-term solutions that not only address immediate workforce challenges but also anticipate future needs. While technological disruption presents exciting possibilities, it also poses risks—particularly for workers in sectors vulnerable to automation and outsourcing. Workers who have been employed in traditional, labor-intensive jobs must be equipped with the skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving work environment. This is where training and upskilling initiatives come into play. The government, in partnership with educational institutions and private companies, must prioritize continuous learning programs that allow workers to adapt to new technologies, methodologies, and business models.

Moreover, ensuring that workers are prepared for the future goes beyond technical skills. The future-ready workforce must also be resilient, flexible, and capable of navigating the uncertainties that come with change. Soft skills like critical thinking, adaptability, and communication will become increas-

ingly important in a workplace where change is the only constant. Employers must also step up, not just in providing jobs, but in fostering work environments that encourage innovation, creativity, and inclusivity—key elements for attracting and retaining a diverse talent pool.

But what does this vision of a future-ready workforce truly look like? It's a workforce that is not just surviving but thriving in the face of disruption. It's a workforce that is empowered through education, training, and job security. It's a workforce that benefits from strong, forward-thinking policies that balance the needs of employers and employees. The discussions at the DOLE Research Conference reflect this vision and serve as a reminder that, as we move towards the future, no worker should be left behind.

The 13th DOLE Research Conference serves as a vital step in the ongoing effort to build a sustainable and adaptable workforce for the Philippines. The collaborative efforts showcased at the conference represent a promising path toward addressing the challenges of modern work environments. However, the real work begins now—turning these ideas into actionable policies, programs, and partnerships that will shape the future of the Filipino workforce for years to come.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE EDUARDO MADERA WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late EDUARDO MADERA who died on 12 October 2020 Caloocan City have been settled extra-judicially among the heirs; he left no known debts without any Last Will of Testament; said Eduardo Madera left a real property. Entered into the Notarial Registry of Notary Public, Atty. Conrado Pineda Sajor on 06 November 2024 at Marilao, Bulacan, as per Doc. No. 524; Page No. 106; Book No. 49; Series of 2024.

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late JANET AMAY MANDAGAN, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 72; Page No. 15; Book No. IX; Series of 2024 before Atty. Ma. Cecilia T. Abayon, Notary Public.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE VENUS S. MARASIGAN

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late VENUS S. MARASIGAN, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 332; Page No. 68; Book No. 58; Series of 2024 before Atty. Rolando a. Bernales, Notary Public.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LATE SPS. LOEVIGILDO U. ANCHETA

AND PRECIOSA L. ANCHETA WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SPS. LOEVIGILDO U. ANCHETA AND PRECIOSA L. ANCHETA who died on 18 June 2002 and 09 August 2010 in Manila and Quezon City, respectively, have been settled extra-judicially among the heirs; they left no known debts without any Last Will of Testament; said Sps. Leovigildo U. Anchet6a and Preciosa L. Ancheta left a real property and further sold, conveyed and transferred a portion thereof to Villa Marie C. Madera. Entered into the Notarial Register of Notary bPublic, Atty. Conrado Pineda Sajor on 06 November 2024 at Marilao, Bulacan, as per Doc. No. 525; Page No. 106; Book No. 49; Series of 2024.

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NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION



KATHRYN GALE MANANSALA was six (6) days old when she entrusted by her birthmother, Ann Marie Manansala, to spouses Manuel and Nellie Quiambao at San Isidro Matua, Masantol, Pampanga on 30 March 2012. Nellie Quiambao then turned over the child to her niece, Rowena Mangasar, on 31 March 2012 who is residing at Barangay Lucaban, Burgos, Iloocos Sur. Rowena Mangasar looked after the child until she was two (2) years old. The Quiambao couple then took back the child and personally took care of her until she was nine (9) years old. Unfortunately, she was again returned to Rowena Mangasar's care when Manuel Quiambao died. Since then, the child stayed under the care of Rowena Mangasar and the Quiambao family has not reached out to take the child back.

In this regard, we earnestly request the public, especially those who know the whereabouts of the child's biological parent, **Ann Marie Manansala**, or any relatives to relay this information. Failure to appear would mean disinterest on their part hence, the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) 1 will initiate legal proceedings for the child's declaration of abandonment and adoption.

Interested parties may contact Ms. Cristina J. Badiola, Social Welfare Officer II of NACC - RACCO 1, 2/F Ordoña Bldg., Mac Arthur Highway, Brgy. Quinavite, Bauang, La Union with telephone number (072) 712-1262.

(SGD.) **HIYASMIN JOY O. NIEVA-RABELAS**
OIC - Regional Alternative Child Care Officer

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05 November 2024

RE: NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of all members with voting rights of **ONLINE FOOD VENDORS MARKETING COOPERATIVE (OFVMC)** will be held on **December 6, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. through videoconference.**

This special meeting has been called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors to deliberate and approve/disapprove the intended dissolution of the Cooperative, and to discuss all other matters in relation thereto.

The Agenda of the Special Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Certification of quorum;
3. Discussion and deliberation on the plan of dissolution;
4. Approval by the Board of Directors of the plan for dissolution;
5. Appointment/Election of the Board of Liquidators; and
6. Adjournment.

Thank you.

Cordially yours,

(SGD.) **Alexis Aquino**
Cooperative Secretary

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CAROLINA J. GONZALES** and **ALODIO O. TIZON**, was extrajudicially settled between heirs as per Doc. No. 133; Page No. 28; Book No. 36; Series of 2024 before Atty. Samuel B. Alentaje, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF POLICARPIO S. TRINIDAD AND CAROLINA A. TRINIDAD

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES POLICARPIO S. TRINIDAD** and **CAROLINA A. TRINIDAD**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 61; Page No. 13; Book No. 8; Series of 2024 before Atty. Felizardo M. Ibarra, Notary Public.

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LAVIÑA C. PADUA-MENA,
Petitioner,

Civil Case No. 24-13124

-versus-

For

ARIEL M. MENA, JR.,
Respondent.

Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

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ORDER

Before this court is the Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication dated September 11, 2024 filed by the petitioner, through counsel.

In the Officer's Return dated July 12, 2024, it was stated that the Summons dated June 27, 2024 issued by this court was unserved. In such a case, Section 6 of A.M. No. 02-11-10-SC permits that service of summons may, by leave of court, be effected upon the respondent by publication.

Finding merit on the said Motion, the court resolves to grant the same. However, the prayer to have the Summons published once in a newspaper of general circulation is denied as the petitioner could afford the services of a private lawyer, dispelling her allegation that she suffers from financial constraints.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication dated September 11, 2024 filed by the petitioner through counsel is hereby **GRANTED.**

Let Summons with the following details be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Rizal:

Title of the Case:

"Laviña C. Padua-Mena, Petitioner v. Ariel M. Mena, Jr., Respondent"

Docket Number:

"Civil Case No. 24-13124"

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **LIBERTO LIM SABITH JR.**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 2356; Page No. 411; Book No. 02; Series of 2024 before Atty. Emerson T. Ceria, Notary Public.

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROSALINA S. LATA**, was extrajudicially settled between heirs as per Doc. No. 079; Page No. 016; Book No. I; Series of 2003 before Atty. Edilberto F. Facinabao, Notary Public.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT with ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **BAYANI R. ESTACIO**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 194; Page No. 40; Book No. 11; Series of 2024 before Atty. Casiano G. Atuel, Jr., Notary Public.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LATE CESAR DIONISIO SABBALLEGUE WITH WAIVER AND TRANSFER OF RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CESAR DIONISIO SABBALLEGUE**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 16; Page No. 04; Book No. CXLXI; Series of 2024 before Atty. Gary Camitan Aure, Notary Public.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **AGUSTIN M. MANGONA**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 292; Page No. 59; Book No. IV; Series of 2024 before Atty. Titus C. Borlas, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS and DONATION NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **TEODULO M. MISLANG**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 405; Page No. 81; Book No. CXVII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Gary Camitan Aure, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANUNCIACION S. FERNANDEZ**, was extrajudicially settled as per Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate, executed by her heirs in Austin, Texas, USA before Notary Public Tami Sue Atkins on 20 January 2024 with Apostille No. 12374360 dated 14th day of February 2024, and Atty. Anthea Niña B. Medina as per Doc. No. 458; Page No. 93; Book No. 07; Series of 2024.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE MARLON S. BORJA WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARLON S. BORJA**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 2; Page No. 2; Book No. CXVIII; Series of 2023 before Atty. Israel Conia Soguilon, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF LATE DONATO C. ENDENCIA NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **DONATO C. ENDENCIA**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 489; Page No. 99; Book No. III; Series of 2024 before Atty. Ricardo A. Castillo, Notary Public.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **NANCY N. BRETAÑA**, was extrajudicially self-adjudicated by a sole heir as per Doc. No. 140; Page No. 29; Book No. 05; Series of 2024 before Atty. Meldrick John M. Mendoza, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DONATION AND PARTITION NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **REBECCA RAYMUNDO POSADAS**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 454; Page No. 92; Book No. 01; Series of 2024 before Atty. Anthea Niña B. Medina, Notary Public.

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ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that this **ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 396; Page No. 80; Book No. CXIII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Gary Camitan Aure, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROBERTO ZACARIAS**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 322; Page No. 65; Book No. CXVII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Gary Camitan Aure, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **BERNADETH MORADA PANGANURON**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 2145; Page No. 342; Book No. 02; Series of 2024 before Atty. Emerson T. Ceria, Notary Public.

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED SPOUSES LOLITA MAYOR VERA CRUZ AND NICANOR LLENA VERA CRUZ WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES LOLITA MAYOR VERA CRUZ** and **NICANOR LLENA VERA CRUZ**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 437; Page No. 89; Book No. LVIII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Generoso S. Fulgencio, Jr., Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CRISTINA P. AÑES NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CRISTINA P. AÑES**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 414; Page No. 84; Book No. XXXVIII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Gervacio B. Ortiz Jr., Notary Public.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL PARTITION AND SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE EMILIO B. RILLERA WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **EMILIO B. RILLERA**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 479; Page No. 97; Book No. 81; Series of 2024 before Atty. Ricardo A. Castillo, Notary Public.

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EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED SPOUSES LEONARDO FRANCISCO AND ESTELITA CARANGLAN FRANCISCO NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES LEONARDO FRANCISCO** and **ESTELITA CARANGLAN FRANCISCO**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 212; Page No. 44; Book No. LVII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Generoso S. Fulgencio, Jr., Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION OF RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **AQUILINO TONGCO**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 131; Page No. 28; Book No. XI; Series of 2024 before Atty. Jessamine Jared S. Nas, Notary Public.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARINA PATON-OG ARAS**, was extrajudicially self-adjudicated by a sole heir as per Doc. No. 467; Page No. 95; Book No. XV; Series of 2024 before Atty. Al Whilan A. Baljon, Notary Public.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ADORACION SANTIAGO-GUTIERREZ NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ADORACION SANTIAGO-GUTIERREZ** who died on 12 January 2024 at Quezon City, Metro Manila, have been settled extra-judicially among the heirs; She left no known debts without any Last Will of Testament. Entered into the Notarial Register of Notary Public, Atty. Conrado Pineda Sajor on 16 October 2024 at Marilao, Bulacan, as Doc. No. 458; Page No. 93; Book No. 48; Series of 2024.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE CARLOS O. RAMOS WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF PARCEL OF LAND Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CARLOS O. RAMOS** who died on 09 June 2009 in Quezon City, have been settled extra-judicially among the heirs; He left no known debts without any Last Will of Testament; Said Carlos O. Ramos left a real property and further sold, conveyed and transferred a portion thereof to Sps. Menandro Flores Ramos and Fe Ombao Ramos. Entered into the Notarial Register of Notary Public, Atty. Fernando C. Cunanan on 28 October 2024 at Meycauayan City, Bulacan, as Doc. No. 215; Page No. 44; Book No. 23; Series of 2024.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION BY A SOLE HEIR WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **FRANCIS LOWREN ENCALLADO MUÑOZ**, was extrajudicially self-adjudicated by a sole heir as per Doc. No. 340; Page No. 68; Book No. VIII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Ma. Cecilia T. Abayon, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF VIRGILIO PINEDA AQUINO WITH DEED OF SALE NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **VIRGILIO PINEDA AQUINO**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 165; Page No. 34; Book No. XXVIII; Series of 2024 before Atty. Ricardo M. Perez, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEDENT JOSE M. ZALDARRIAGA NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOSE MAGALONA ZALDARRIAGA**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 488; Page No. 99; Book No. 54; Series of 2024 before Atty. Sherluck Jun C. Villegas, Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AMONG THE HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MARIETTA NAVARRO NELSON NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARIETTA NAVARRO NELSON**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 504; Page No. 102; Book No. XV; Series of 2024 before Atty. Phoebeilyn S. Carreon, Notary Public.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE PEDRO J. TAN OF MOTORIZED VEHICLE WITH SIMULTANEOUS DEED OF SALE NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **PEDRO J. TAN**, was extrajudicially settled among heirs as per Doc. No. 424; Page No. 86; Book No. XV; Series of 2024 before Atty. Al Whilan A. Baljon, Notary Public.

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Sa Bagong Pilipinas,
Bawat Buhay Mahalaga

November is
National Children's Month

Alamin ang mga karapatan ng mga kabataan na maging protektado mula sa karahasan, abuso, at bullying online man o offline.

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Protektahan ang mga bata mula sa karahasan, pang-aabuso, at bullying. Ang bawat bata ay may karapatang lumaki nang ligtas, malusog, at masaya.

Suportahan ang mga programang nagbibigay proteksyon at edukasyon para sa mga bata, dahil Bawa't Buhay ay Mahalaga. #DOH #NationalChildrensMonth

DOJ AND JJWC LAUNCH FIRST DIVERSION TRAINING FOR PROSECUTORS



The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC) successfully launched the first-ever training on diversion for prosecutors, held from November 4-7, 2024, at Kingsford Hotel in Parañaque, Metro Manila. This initiative also marked the pilot implementation of the Training Manual on Diversion for Prosecutors. (turn to page 8)

PHILIPPINES POISED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, SAYS FINANCE SECRETARY RECTO

Finance Secretary Ralph G. Recto highlighted the Philippines' impressive economic momentum during his keynote address at the Stratbase Pilipinas Conference on November 7, 2024, urging the country to maximize its potential for future growth. Recto emphasized that the Philippine economy has already doubled in size since 2013 in terms of nominal GDP, with projections indicating that it could double again by 2030. "The Philippine economy has already doubled its size since 2013 in terms of nominal GDP. And by 2030, our projections show that we can grow by another two-fold," Recto said, reinforcing the country's optimistic economic outlook. (turn to page 8)

DTI STRENGTHENS TRADE TIES WITH UAE TO BOOST PHILIPPINE EXPORTS



Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is forging stronger international partnerships to enhance the Philippines' export potential, particularly within the UAE market. This initiative was underscored during a key meeting on November 9 between DTI Secretary Cristina A. Roque and representatives from Lulu Group International, one of the UAE's leading multinational conglomerates. (turn to page 8)

Week in Focus
MICHELLE V. CAIÑA

COLLABORATING FOR A FUTURE-READY WORKFORCE

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, changing work environments, and evolving economic landscapes, the need for a future-ready workforce has never been more urgent. The 13th Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Research Conference, held recently in Manila, underscored this call to action. (turn to page 8)