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Dizon: No BCDA 'insertions'

CLARK FREEPORT — Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon has denied allegations by Batangas Rep. Leandro Leviste regarding supposed budget "insertions" for flood control projects under the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

In a statement, the DPWH said Dizon "categorically denies the baseless and malicious allegations" concerning alleged insertions or so-called "allocable funds."

The Department stressed that the issue has already been addressed, citing a previous clarification from the BCDA, which Dizon formerly headed.

"The BCDA has already issued a clear statement that it has no flood control projects funded through

budget insertions, 'allocable funds,' or any discretionary source," the DPWH said.

It added that any claims of discretionary or allocable funding for BCDA flood control projects are "baseless and false."

Dizon also questioned the timing of Leviste's allegations, noting reports that some DPWH personnel have accused the Batangas lawmaker of illegally obtaining files from the late Undersecretary Catalina Cabral.



Capitol extends ₱3.6-M aid to kabalen

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Pampanga Capitol distributed more than ₱3.6 million in financial assistance to Kapampangan families as medical and burial assistance.

According to the Provincial Government, ₱3.1 million was allocated for medical assistance for 81 patients, while ₱498,000 was allocated for burial assistance for 86 bereaved families.

Gov. Nanay Pineda led the distribution of the assistance, which focused on families with loved ones who are hospitalized, undergoing dialysis and chemotherapy, and in need of medicine. For the bereaved, the burial assistance aims to help with immediate expenses and serve as support during the mourning period.

Several beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the assistance they received, which they said was a great relief amid the continued increase in health expenses and daily needs.

Also present at the activity were 1st District Board Member Cherry Manalo, Pampanga

Police Provincial Director Col. Eugene Marcelo, and PSWD Officer Fe Manarang in support of the program.

According to the Provincial Government, their social assistance programs continue to help the Kapampangans who are most in need, especially in matters of health and social services.



Photo shows one of the floats on parade during the 93rd Aguman Sanduk in Minalin, showcasing the locals' creativity in keeping up with this year's theme to save the environment while keeping the annual tradition alive. **See more photos on Page 6.**



Gov. Nanay Pineda leads the distribution of assistance to Kapampangan families. The Provincial Government vowed to continue programs to help those who are most in need, especially in matters of health and social services.

Converge donates desktop computers to Pamp orphanage

Converge ICT Solutions Inc. shared holiday cheer by donating three desktop computers to the Children's Home of Eucharistic Love and Kindness (CHELK), a Pampanga-based orphanage, to help enhance the children's digital skills and learning opportunities.

The donation coincided with the company's annual Project Lingap, now on its fourth year, where Pampanga-based Converge employees hosted a Christmas gift-giving activity, games, and a simple

celebration for the children.

Company officials said the initiative reflects Converge's continued commitment to malasakit and using technology to support communities.

CHELK, which has been serving orphaned, abandoned, and abused girls in Pampanga for over 30 years, currently provides shelter and education to around 20 children.



6 DTI cooperators receive equipment, machineries

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A total of six cooperators in Pampanga have received equipment and machinery from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under its Shared Service Facility (SSF) program.

Recipients include the San Fernando Lantern Makers Association, which received P978,555 worth of machines; the Sweet and Delicacies Association of Pampanga, with P640,000 worth of assistance; and the Paroba Matamo Livelihood Business Agriculture Association, which received P456,000

worth of machines.

Also benefitting from the program were the Kabuhayan ng mga Kabarangay Tungo sa Tagumpay, which received P281,000 worth of handicrafts production and processing machines; the Talete King Panyulung Kapampangan Foundation, with P248,100 worth of sealers and shrink tunnel; and the Domalouis Farmers Association, Inc., which received P220,000 worth of water hyacinth and seagrass production, weaving, and processing equipment.

During the turnover

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Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Pampanga Provincial Director Elenita Ordonio congratulates recipients of the Shared Service Facilities and reminds them that DTI will continue to monitor their operations. (PIA 3)



AID FOR BEDRIDDEN SENIORS. Pampanga First District Representative Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. personally visited bed-ridden senior citizens in Barangay Agapito Del Rosario, Angeles City to deliver financial assistance, free medicines, and free medical checkups. (Team Lazatin)

GSIS cites Pampanga for reducing unpaid premiums

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Provincial Government of Pampanga was recognized by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for significantly improving its financial standing after recording a ₱5.65-million decrease in outstanding premium obligations.

The recognition was awarded during the GSIS Year-End Event held at the SMX Convention Center Clark, highlighting the province's efforts in strengthening

fiscal responsibility and ensuring the timely settlement of employee-related contributions.

Provincial officials credited the achievement to tighter financial controls and consistent reforms implemented under the administration of Gov Nanay Pineda with Vice Governor Dennis "Delta" Pineda, reinforcing the province's commitment to accountable governance and reliable public service.



The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has recognized the Provincial Government of Pampanga for reducing outstanding premium obligations during ceremonies at SMX Convention Center Clark.

PBBM invites Jessica Sanchez to perform at ASEAN 2026

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. welcomed "America's Got Talent" Season 20 grand winner Jessica Sanchez, who has roots in Bataan, during a courtesy call at Malacañang and invited her to perform at the Philippines' hosting of the ASEAN Leaders' Summit in May 2026.

Marcos congratulated the Filipino-American singer for her international achievement, saying she brought pride to the country.

"You made us all very, very proud," the President told Sanchez.

He said the invitation comes with high expectations, noting that ASEAN leaders anticipate world-class performances from the host nation.

"The problem is with the ASEAN, they expect now a really high level of performers and of musicality. We got the best," Marcos said.

The President also encouraged Sanchez to reconnect with Filipino audiences across the country and suggested that she tour the Philippines.

"You have to do a tour around the Philippines so that everybody can see you. We only saw you on TV," he said.

Marcos asked Sanchez about her artistic growth since her earlier stints in international talent competitions. Sanchez said maturity and self-awareness played a major role in her recent success.

"I think I was just really young. I was 16

years old and now I'm like grown. I know who I am, I know what I want. So this time I'm coming fully confident," she said.

First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos shared that Sanchez is already well known among regional leaders. She recalled a conversation with Singapore Prime Minister during a previous ASEAN engagement, saying the Philippines' musical talent, including Sanchez, was cited as a strength.

"Even in Singapore, they know you," the First Lady said, adding that if Sanchez were to do a world tour, it should begin in the Philippines.

Sanchez, who recently gave birth, said she continues to work on new music and is currently preparing an independently produced album set for release in the first quarter of next year. She added that the project will include collaborations with Filipino artists and may feature a Tagalog song.

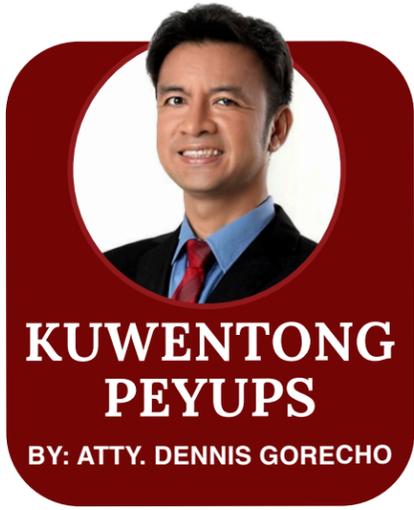
In an ambush interview after the courtesy call, Sanchez said she is carefully preparing for the ASEAN performance.

"I'll be representing the Filipinos so I want to take my time figuring out my song choices," she said.

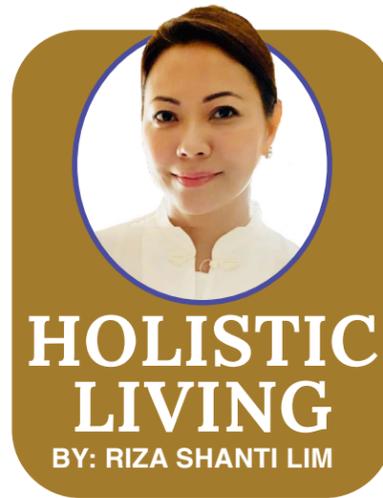
Sanchez won "America's Got Talent" Season 20 this year, completing a two-decade journey marked by early rejections and runner-up finishes before finally claiming the title.



America's Got Talent Season 20 grand winner Jessica Sanchez, during a courtesy call to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., has been invited to perform at the Philippines' hosting of the ASEAN Leaders' Summit in May 2026.



Bar Boys and our journey in the legal profession



Beyond Midnight: Start a Mindful 2026



Passing the bar is not enough. It is never the measure of the decency, honesty, integrity and intelligence of a lawyer.

Set a decade after the events in the original film Bar Boys (2017), the sequel Bar Boys After School (2025) follows best friends Atty. Erik Vicencio (Carlo Aquino), Atty. Torran Garcia (Rocco Nacino), Atty. Chris Carlson (Enzo Pineda) and Joshua Zuñiga (Kean Cipriano) as they grapple with the continuous search for meaning in their careers and personal lives.

“Okay ka lang?” is the recurring line in this Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) film entry as they confront their life choices, and find new roles as mentors to the next generation of law students Sassa Gurl, Will Ashley, and Therese Malvar who are dealing with the same systemic pressures.

Written and directed by Kip Oebanda, the film shows how they are rediscovering and navigating their careers while caring for their sick former professor, Justice Hernandez (Odette Khan).

Khan made history for winning Best Supporting Actress for the same role as Justice Hernandez in the two different films released in 2017 and 2025.

Some of her memorable lines include “lawyers are invisible by design”, “integrity is the courage to be

disliked”, “maybe the point of life is not to win or lose, but to experience life.”

More than the arduous reality of the legal world, the sequel focuses on friendship and purpose. The film was adapted into a stage musical in 2024.

Among the characters, I emphasize with Arvin (Ashley), being a working student myself.

Arvin is a working student who balances a grueling job as a service worker with law school. Together with his OFW mother, they are the breadwinners of the extended family. He tried to remain strong, determined to give himself and his family a shot at a better future.

“To get to where I am, doble ‘yung pagod, doble ‘yung puyat, doble ‘yung self-doubt ko. ‘Yung ibang students, kain, aral, tulog, ako hindi. ‘Yung ibang service workers na nagtatrabaho gaya ko, nagco-commute nang dalawang oras tapos hihilata na. Ako, nagtitimpla pa lang ng kape kasi magsisimula pa lang ang araw ko,” Ashley’s lines that best exemplify the struggle of a working student.

I belong to the working student program of UP College of Law as a reporter for a major broadsheet and other international news agencies. I do my coverage during the day then attend my evening classes. I read my cases in the bus on the way home to Las Piñas from Diliman, always

In the Philippines, welcoming the New Year is more than a countdown to midnight. It is a moment of shared happiness with family and friends - a pause that invites presence, reflection, and intention. As the clock strikes twelve, households fill with excitement and renewed hope, guided by the belief that how the year begins influences how it unfolds.

Polka dots and gold coins, often worn or carried, are familiar New Year symbols. Beyond superstition, they represent abundance and continuity, reflecting a timeless understanding that prosperity is first welcomed in thought and intention before it manifests in form. Remaining close to loved ones at midnight affirms a deeper value - that harmony, once consciously chosen, can be maintained throughout the year.

With reflection, it becomes evident that a new year does not erase the past. Each year carries traces of all those that came before it - lessons learned, choices made, and moments that quietly shape who we are becoming. Time does not reset; it accumulates, allowing wisdom to deepen and perspective to mature. In this continuity lies reassurance - growth remains possible at every stage of life.

A better year is not formed by ritual alone. It is cultivated through deliberate action, disciplined awareness, and consistency of values. Fulfillment and happiness arise not from wishes, but from how one lives across

ordinary days. Even small, mindful choices, practiced with sincerity, have the power to transform the course of a life.

While the opening days of January set the tone, the rest of the year defines the whole. Each day contributes to the next, gradually shaping direction and outcome. Progress often unfolds quietly, yet time faithfully rewards patience, effort, and perseverance.

As the year begins, there remains space to plant intentions with care. The habits we form, the priorities we choose, and the commitments we honor become the seeds of future experience. Like a well-tended garden, what we nurture with hope and diligence eventually bears fruit.

Even within belief systems such as Jyotish of the Indians and the Chinese horoscope, where life’s fortune is understood through the movement of planets and stars, personal choice remains the defining force. Circumstances may be suggested, but it is conscious decision-making that gives direction to one’s path.

In the end, the New Year asks us to live with awareness. It invites us to move forward with conscious discernment, to act with mindful intention, and to align our lives with what truly matters. In doing so, we open the path toward a contented life - not shaped by chance, but by sustained discipline, mindful living, and enduring optimism.

looking for the seat with the strongest headlight.

In both films, a character failed the bar exam in their first take: Nacino in the original and Ashley in the sequel.

“Grieve and take the bar exam again” is the advice given by 2020/21 bar exam chairman Supreme Court Associate Justice Marvic Leonen to the 3,549 who did not make it for the passers list.

“Accept it as a challenge. That you did not make it does not constitute you. You are who you choose to be. Persevere, as always. Inspire by getting back on your feet and accomplish more,” Leonen said.

Former nationalist Claro M. Recto took the bar in 1913 and failed first attempt. He later passed the 1914 bar exam. Yet he rose to become congressman, commissioner of education, senator and later associate justice of the Supreme Court.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt failed in his first New York Bar exam.

The bar exam is a yearly spectacle on the performance of law schools measured on the most number of topnotchers or scoring the highest passing rate.

I was among the lucky 1,465 examinees who passed, or 39.63 percent out of the 3,697 examinees of the 1998 bar exams held in DLSU.

The bar exams is considered one of the toughest and most difficult among the professional board exams, having one of the highest mortality rate. Ultimately, being a good lawyer is a different thing.

“Serve the people. Do not betray your humanity,” Justice Leonen said in one of his twitter postings. “Discover your passion. Be patient and compassionate.”

There are those who

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ceremony, DTI Pampanga Provincial Director Elenita Ordonio congratulated the cooperators for successfully managing their respective SSF projects.

She assured the beneficiaries that the agency will continue to support them even after the turnover of the facilities.

"We have a usufruct agreement with the cooperators within two years to monitor if the equipment is still being used properly, if they generated additional employment, and if they have increased sales for us to donate the equipment to them. But it doesn't end there. After the turnover, we will monitor you to ensure that the objective of the program is fulfilled and if the equipment is used for the intended purpose," she said.

She added that the beneficiaries will also be provided with assistance such as consultations, market matching, and participation in trade fairs.

Ordonio also urged the cooperators to report issues and concerns regarding the operation of the facility so the DTI can monitor them and provide the necessary interventions.

"We also want them to maintain their greening program to protect the environment. We are also promoting the concept of green economic development for sustainability," she added.

Aside from the turnover of SSFs to qualified cooperators, DTI also awarded packaging and labeling design prototypes to 12 cooperatives to help improve product marketability and consumer recall.

Two micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), namely Lola Puring's Food Products and Jejen S.W.E Enterprises, were also conferred with Halal Certification.

Meanwhile, Ordonio also called on existing and prospective entrepreneurs to avail of the different services of the agency, such as training and capacity building, as well as various programs relating to business development.

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join law offices for private practice, the government, judiciary, politics, the academe while others go into alternative lawyering.

Aquino's character deals with the difficult work of defending marginalized people, showing his resilience and commitment to empowerment and greater access to justice, a continuation from his underdog journey in the first film.

His practice is considered alternative lawyering that is guided by the words of former President Ramon Magsaysay: "Those who have less in life should have more in law."

Lawyers, as professionals, are expected to uphold the ethical and moral values that are said to be essential to the fabric that holds society together.

"Honor and Excellence. Ours is a noble profession. Make that a reality," Leonen added.

We have different journeys to become legal professionals. In the end, it's who you become that ultimately matter.

(Peyups is the moniker of University of the Philippines. Atty. Dennis R. Gorecho heads the seafarers' division of the Sapalo Velez Bundang Bulilan law offices. For comments, e-mail info@sapalovelez.com, or call 0908-8665786.)

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BDO UNIBANK INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO Extra-Judicial Foreclosure Case No. 177-25
Petitioner-Mortgagee

-Versus-

SPOUSES ROSIE FE BACANI CELESTINO AND DOMINADOR ELARCO CELESTINO, REPRESENTED BY DAISY BACANI, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT,
Respondents-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by BDO UNIBANK INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO, Mortgagee, with postal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City against SPOUSES ROSIE FE BACANI CELESTINO AND DOMINADOR ELARCO CELESTINO, REPRESENTED BY DAISY BACANI, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, Mortgagors, with residence and postal address at (1.) No. 76 Pasileng Sur, Binalonan, Pangasinan (2.) Lot 5, Block 7, Phase 2C, Revolution Flavourscapes at the Lakeshore, Brgy. San Rafael, Mexico, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 28, 2025 amounts to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX PESOS & 56/100 (Php 2,499,156.56) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on February 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2023028896

"LOT NO. 5, BLOCK NO. 7, PLAN NO. PCS-03-023356, PORTION OF: LOTS 3 TO 8, PSD-035413-061672 (OLT) AND LOT 2 (LRA) PCS-E2018000508 LOCATION: BRGY. OF SAN RAFAEL, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (121) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS. X X X"

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 February 19, 2026, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, December 23, 2025.

(SGD.)
GILBERT G. AQUINO
Sheriff IV
RTC-Branch 42, CSFP

- Cc:
- BDO UNIBANK INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City
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 - Daisy Bacani Bautista - 843 Sto. Nino Villa II, Brgy. Partida, Norzagaray, Bulacan

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **RIZZA SANTOS BANSIL**, who died intestate on August 10, 2024 executed a **DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF HER ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS** over a parcel of lot covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2016021075** of the **Registry of Deeds of San Fernando, Pampanga** containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWELVE (1,612) Square Meters**, more or less, of which one half (1/2) share owned by the surviving spouse **JESUS C. BANSIL** and the remaining one half (1/2) share divided amongst the remaining heirs and **WAIVED** all their respective shares of the above mentioned real property in favor of **CHERYL KATHLEEN S. BANSIL**; before Notary Public Atty. Daniel Ben M. Custodio, as per Doc. No. 85; Page No. 18; Book No. 93; Series of 2025.

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Republic of the Philippines
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
ANGELES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by LEINE A DE CASTRO, F.C. CASE NO. 2025-0170
Mortgagee, -for-

-versus-

ARZENNEATHE TENIAS ANDIZO, represented by RUTHEZ BENYASAN ALINGAY, Attorney-in-fact, Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act. No. 3135, as Amended
Debtor/Mortgagor

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial application for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO** with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City against the mortgagor **RUTHEZ BENYASAN ALINGAY as Attorney-in-fact of ARZENNEATHE TENIAS ANDIZO** with addresses at (1) Ae No. 205 B Western Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet; and (2) Lot 18, Block 69 SMDC Cheerful Homes Brgy. Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, to satisfy the outstanding mortgaged debt, which amounts to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-SIX PESOS AND FIFTEEN CENTAVOS (Php1,245,096.15)** Philippine Currency inclusive of principal, interest, penalties, account receivable, interest on ar, collection fee and cancellation/processing fee as of August 29, 2025, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **January 14, 2026 at 10:00 O' clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court In Cities, Branch 1, Mabalacat City Pampanga, located at Building 2, Unit 33, Great Mall of Central Luzon (formerly Xevera Commercial Complex) Brgy. Tabun, Mabalacat, Pampanga** to the highest bidder for Cash or managers check and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon:

T.C.T. NO. - 045-2022011216-

LOT NO: 18 BLOCK NO: 69 PLAN NO: PCS-03-021923 PORTION OF: LOT 2 TO 9, PCS-03-012744, LOT 188-D-7, PSD-03-083529; LOT 188-D-8-G AND LOT 188-0-8-1 (LRA) PSD-414557 AND LOT 13, PCS-E2013000109

LOCATION: STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA, LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SE	LOT 19, BLOCK 69, PCS-03-021923
2-3	SW	LOT 23, BLOCK 69, PCS-03-021923
3-4	SW	LOT 24, BLOCK 69, PCS-03-021923
4-5	NW	LOT 17, BLOCK 69, PCS-03-021923
5-1	NE	ROAD LOT 96 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-03-021923

THE POINT: BBM NO. 13, CAD 93, MABALACAT CADASTRE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 27 ° 44 ` E	107.89 M.
1-2	S. 62 ° 32 ` W	9.00 M.
2-3	N. 27 ° 28 ` W	2.59 M.
3-4	N. 27 ° 28 ` W	1.41 M.
4-5	N. 62 ° 32 ` E	9.00 M.
5-1	S. 27 ° 28 ` E	4.00 M.

AREA: X X X THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS X X X

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above mentioned parcel's of land for their information and protection.

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 February 18, 2026, at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, October 23, 2025.

(SGD)
ELOY J. GADIA
Sheriff IV

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ARZENNEATHE TENIAS ANDIZO, represented by RUTHEZ BENYASAN ALINGAY Atty-in-fact
Ae No. 205 B Western Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet

Lot 18, Blk 69, SMDC Cheerful Homes
Brgy. Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City 2010 Pampanga

BDO UNIBANK INC.,
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 117, ANGELES CITY
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: RTE TANG117@JUDICIARY.GOV.PH | CONTACT NO.: 0931-099-0645

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF CEAN KERN DAVID WITH REGISTRY NUMBER 2002-11783 OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF ANGELES CITY AND CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF CEAN KERN CAYABAN WITH REGISTRY NUMBER 2004-7054 OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF ANGELES CITY, **R-ANG-25-03619-SP**

CEAN KERN DAVID aka CEAN KERN CAYARAN,
 Petitioner,
 -versus-

**-ROSEMARIE CAYABAN BARNACHEA,
 -ALEXANDRA CAYABAN BARNACHEA,
 -HEART CAYABAN BARNACHEA,
 -THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF ANGELES CITY,
 -OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
 -PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, and all other interested parties,**
 Respondents,

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ORDER
 In a verified Petition, petitioner CEAN KERN DAVID also known as CEAN KERN CAYABAN, states the following:
 "xxx"

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

- 1) This Petition is being filed to:
 - a) Correct the erroneous entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner with Registry Number 2002-11783 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Philippines particularly: Petitioner's Last Name from "DAVID" to "CAYABAN";
 - b) Correct the name of Petitioner's mother from "ROSEMARIE C. DAVID" to "ROSEMARIE CALIMLIM CAYABAN";
 - c) Correct informant's name from "ROSEMARIE C. DAVID" to "ROSEMARIE CAYABAN"; and
 - d) Cancel the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner Kean Cern Cayaban with Registry Number 2004-7054 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Philippines,
- 2) The local civil registry is situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the Honorable Court;

II. THE PARTIES

- 3) Petitioner CEAN KERN CAYABAN, Is Filipino, of legal age, single, and with residence at 0263 Purok 2 Little Baguio, Sapangbato, Angeles City, Philippines where he may be served with the court's legal processes. He may also be reached through his mobile phone number 09316407621;
- 4) Private Respondent ROSEMARIE CAYABAN is Petitioner's mother, Filipino, of legal age, and with residence at 0263 Purok 2 Little Bagulo, Sapangbato, Angeles City, Philippines where she may be served with the court's legal processes,
- 5) Private Respondents ALEXANDRA CAYABAN BARNACHEA and HEART CAYABAN BARNACHEA, both minors are Petitioner's half-blood siblings, assisted by their parents, both Filipinos, and reside together with them at 0757 Purok 2 Bliss, Brgy. Sapang Bato, Angeles City, Philippines where they may be also served with the court's legal processes:
- 6) All public respondents are government instrumentalities, repositories of all civil registry documents affecting the status of persons, and are impleaded herein as such. They may be served with the court's legal processes at their respective addresses as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
 PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY PSA Complex, East Ave
 Diliman, Quezon City, 1101

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF ANGELES CITY-Angeles City Hall, Brgy.
 Pulung Maragul, Angeles City

III. FACTS OF THE CASE

- 7) Petitioner was born on December 4, 2002. His Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) was registered with Registry No. 2002-11783 at the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City. A copy thereof is herewith attached and made part of this petition as Annex "A". The fact of this registration was unknown to the Petitioner,
- 8) On December 10, 2022, his mother Rosemarie Cayaban, who was then using the surname David, registered him as CEAN KERN DAVID, believing that her name is ROSEMARIE DAVID. However, sometime 2004, when she applied for her own birth certificate, she found out that her legal name is ROSEMARIE CAYABAN. Hence, she registered the Petitioner again as CEAN KERN CAYABAN. A copy of the Petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) with Registry No. 2002-11783 is hereto attached as Annex B Entry No. 1 showing his Last Name as DAVID as Annex "B-PSA Birth Certificate with Registry No. 2004-7054 is hereto attached as Annex Entry No 1 showing Last Name as CAYABAN as Annex "C-1 and Rosemarie Cayaban's Certificate of Live Birth issued by PSA as Annex "D" Entry No. 3 showing her Last Name as CAYABAN as Annex "D-1. A copy of his mother's valid government Identification Card reflecting her same as Annex "D-2";
- 9) Because the Petitioner did not know of the fact that he has an existing Certificate of Live Birth with Registry No. 2002-11783 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, he has been using his second Certificate of Live Birth with Registry No. 2004-7054:
- 10) When Petitioner tried to secure a copy of his COLB from PSA sometime in 2025, he was informed that his COLB with Registry No. 2004-7054 can no longer be issued as it has been blocked in the PSA System considering his COLB with Registry No. 2002-11783 under the name Cean Kern David was registered first;
- 11) Ever since he can remember and in all of his school and official records Petitioner has presented himself an, and was known and Identified as, CEAN KERN CAYABAN:
- 12) Copies of his Certificate of Baptism, school identification cards and progress report card issued by Sapang Bato Day Care, Elementary School and High School, Angeles City, Grade 10 Class Picture, Certificate and Diploma issued by Sapang Bato National High School, barangay resident's card issued by the Office of the Barangay Captain, Brgy. Sapangbato, Angeles City and clearances from Barangay Sapangbato are hereto attached as Annexes "E and series and made integral parts hereof;
- 13) However, in his COLB with Registry No. 2002-11783, his last name was "DAVID" instead of his correct last name which is "CAYABAN"
- 14) His mother's name was also erroneously indicated as Rosemarie C. David instead of Rosemarie Calimlim Cayaban;
- 15) He has the same mother with his sisters, Alexandra Cayaban Barnachea ("Alexandra for brevity) and Heart Cayaban Barnachea ("Heart" for brevity). This is evidenced in the Entry No. 8 of their Certificate of Live Birth Issued by PSA which reflect their mother's name as Rosemarie Calimlim Cayaban. The COLB of Alexandra is hereto attached as Annex "P" Entry No. 6 showing her mother's name as Annex "F-1" and Heart's COLB as Annex G and Entry No. 6 showing her mother's name as Annex "Annex G-1
- 16) Private Respondents ESTEBAN SOLYOTE CAYABAN ST. and DIONITA CALICLIM DAVID, Petitioner's maternal grandparents, are already deceased. The Certificate of Death of Esteban Solyote Cayaban, Sr. who died on December 15, 2019 issued by the Office of the Civil Registrar of Iba, Zambales is hereto attached as Annex "H" and the Certificate of Death of Dionita Calimlim David who died on March 3, 2023 issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City is hereto attached as Annex "I";
- 17) The erroneous entries in the COLB of Petitioner were due to honest mistake and excusable oversight. There is a necessity to correct the erroneous entries in the COLB of the Petitioner in order to avoid confusion and to straighten his records
- 14) There is no pending case against Petitioner in any court, tribunal, or quasi-judicial body and this Petition was not filed with the purpose of evading any liability but purely to the above-mentioned reasons. Copies of his clearances from National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine National Police (PNP), Office of the City Prosecutor-Angeles City, Municipal Trial Court in Cities, and Regional Trial Court are hereto attached as Annexes "H" and series";
- 19) Lastly, Petitioner is an indigent client of the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), proven by his Barangay Certificates of Residency and Indigency and CSWDO Certificate of Indigency attached herewith as Annexes "I", "J" and "K", respectively Section 16-D, Chapter 5, Title III, Bank IV of E.O. No. 292, as amended by Republic Act 9406 provides for the exemption of PAO clients from payment of docket fees incidental to instituting an action in court and other quasi-judicial bodies, as an original proceeding or on appeal, QCA Circular No 121-2007 dated December 11, 2007 further provides to be unconditional this exemption from payment of docket, appeal, and other fees incidental therein to be unconditional. It is thus respectfully prayed that this Petition be given course by the Honorable Court despite non-payment of filing and other fees incidental to the filing hereof.
- 20) All the above-identified Annexes are attached to prove and support the foregoing allegations and to form integral parts of this Petition

IV. WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS

21) To substantiate the foregoing, the Petitioner will present two (2) witnesses as follows:
 a) Petitioner CEAN KERN CAYABAN, also known as Cean Kern David

Purpose of testimony: To prove the allegations in this Petition identify documents, and to testify on all other matters related to the Petition.

b) Private Respondent ROSEMARIE CAYABAN, Petitioner's mother

Purposes of testimony: To prove the allegations in this Petition, identify documents as to their existence genuineness, and due execution, corroborate the testimonies of the Petitioner, and to testify on all other matters related to the Petition.

23) To prove and substantiate the allegations in the Petition, the following will be introduced as documentary evidence:

ANNEX	DOCUMENT
A	Birth Certificate of the Petitioner Issued by the Office of the Civil Registry-Angeles City dated June 23, 2025
B	Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner with Registry No. 2002-11783 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City
B-1	Entry 1
C	Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner with Registry No. 2004- 7054 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City
C-1	Entry 1
D	Certificate of Live Birth of Rosemarie Calimlim Cayaban with Registry No. 284 of the Local Civil Registrar of Iba, Zambales
D-1	Entry 3
D- 2	Valid Government ID of Petitioner's Mother Rosemarie Cayaban
E	Certificate of Baptism of Cean Kern Cayaban dated December 4, 2002 issued by Immaculate Conception Parish, Balibago, Angeles City
E-1	ED No. 001 of Cean Kern Cayaban issued by Sapang Bato Day Care Center for SV. 2008-2009
E- 2	ID No. 0254 of Cean Kern Cayaban issued by Sapang Bato Elementary School for SY. No. 2011-2012 (Grade III)
E-3	LRN No. 107044080049 of Cean Kern Cayaban issued by Sapang Bato Day National High School (Senior high)
E-4	Progress Report Card of Cean Kern Cayaban for S.Y. 2009-2010 issued (sic) by Sapang Bato Elementary School
E-5	Sapang Bato National High School Class Picture
E-6	Junior High School Diploma of Cean Kern Cayaban issued by Sapang Bato National High School
E-7	Senior High School Diploma of Cean Kern Cayaban issued by
E-8	Barangay Resident's Card of Cean Kern Cayaban issued by Barangay Sapang Bato, Angeles City
F	Certificate of Live Birth of the (sic) Alexandra Cayaban Barnaches with Registry No. 2011-2642 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City
F-1	Entry 6
G	Certificate of Live Birth of Heart Cayaban Barnachea with Registry No. 2012-3914 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City
G-1	Entry 6
H	The Certificate of Death of Esteban Solynte Cayaban, St. issued by the Office of the Civil Registrar of Iba, Zambales
I	Certificate of Death of Dionita Calimlim David issued by the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City
J	Cean Kern Cayaban's Barangay Clearance issued by the Office of the Punong Barangay of Sapang Bato, Angeles City
J-1	Cean Kern Cayaban's NBI Clearance
J-2	Cean Kern Cayaban's National Police Clearance
J-3	Cean Kern Cayaban's Office of the City Prosecutor of Angeles Cry Clearance
J-4	Cean Kern Cayaban's MTCC Clearance
J-5	Cean Kern Cayaban's RTC Clearance
K	Cean Kera Cayaban's Certificate of Residency issued by the Office of the Punong Barangay of Sapang Bato
L	Cean Kern Cayaban's Certificate of Indigency issued by the Office of the Punong Barangay of Sapang Bato
M	CSWDO's letter to PAO Angeles City certifying Cean Kern Cayaban's family as indigent

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is most respectfully prayed that after due notice and hearing, the Honorable Court issue an order directing the:

- 1) Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City and PSA to correct the erroneous entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner under Registry No. 2002-11783 particularly Petitioner's last name from "DAVID" to "CAYABAN" and the name of Petitioner's mother from "ROSEMARIE C. DAVID" to "ROSEMARIE CALIMLIM CAYABAN, and the informant's name from Rosemarie David to Rosemarie Cayaban;
- 2) For the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel the Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner Cean Kern Cayaban with Registry Number 2004-7054 of the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Philippines.

ALL OTHER RELIEFS just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

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Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the case for hearing on 02 February 2026 at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon. Other persons having or claiming any interest in this petition shall appear and show cause why, if any, the petition shall not be granted.

Pursuant to OCA Circular No. 108-2010 (Guidelines for the Temporary Replacement of Clerk of Court in the Handling of Case/s from which they are Disqualified under Section 1, Rule 137 of the Rules of Court, as amended), the parties and counsel(s) are hereby directed to file written manifestations, under oath, declaring as to whether or not they are related to the Branch Clerk of Court Atty. Russel Anne C. Bundoc, stating therein the degree of relationship by affinity or consanguinity within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order.

The petitioner, at his own expense, is hereby ordered to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Angeles City and Province of Pampanga, the last day of publication not to be later than fifteen (15) days before the scheduled hearing.

Petitioner is likewise ordered to serve copies of the petition and its annexes upon the (1) Office of the Solicitor General, (2) the Philippine Statistics Authority, and (3) the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this order and to submit compliance thereof.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, 26 November 2025.

(SGD)
 Benito A BENIGNO C ABILA
 Presiding Judge

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5. OSG
6. OCP-AC
7. PSA
8. LRC-AC
9. OCC-RTC,AC



Minalin welcomes New Year with 93rd Aguman Sanduk

A colorful celebration of unity and tradition

As the first day of 2026 dawned, the streets of Minalin once again came alive with color, music, and laughter as the town celebrated the 93rd Aguman Sanduk, a New Year tradition that has defined the spirit of Minaleños for nearly a century.

Leading the opening of the festivities on January 1 were Mayor Philip S. Naguit and Board Member Kaye Naguit, joined by local officials, guests, and thousands of residents who gathered to witness the town’s most anticipated cultural showcase.

For 93 years, Aguman Sanduk has marked the New Year in Minalin with a celebration unlike any other. All 15 barangays took part in the festivities, each presenting creatively designed, themed floats that rolled through the town’s main streets. Accompanying the parade were male performers dressed in women’s attire, dancing to

lively music—a playful yet deeply rooted tradition symbolizing equality, unity, and communal joy.

Adding grace to the celebration was Councilor Genie Magat, crowned as Reynang Aguman Sanduk, who joined the procession alongside town officials and representatives from the barangays.

More than a festival, Aguman Sanduk remains a living expression of Minalin’s identity—where humor, artistry, and inclusivity blend into a celebration of togetherness. As it enters its 93rd year, the tradition continues to unite generations of Minaleños, welcoming each New Year with pride, creativity, and a shared sense of belonging.



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