

COA: ZAMBALES PINAKAMAYAMANG PROBINSYA SA CL, 6TH SA BUONG BANSA

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Base sa 2017 annual report ng Commission on Audit (COA) naungusan ng Zambales ang ilang mga lalawigan partikular ang Bulacan ng magtala ito ng P10.46-Bilyon na total asset kumpara sa Bulacan province na may P10.45-B

Nagbunyi naman si Gov Amor D. Deloso sa nasabing COA report at sinabi niyang kaunahan ito sa kasaysayan ng lalawigan mula ang ito'y naging isang probinsya

Sabi ni Deloso "masaya ako.. sapagkat historic event ito ng ating lalawigan na sa tinagal-tagal ng panahon nagbunga rin ang pagpupunyagi ng mga lider partikular

ang administrasyong ito na igapang at pagyamanin ang probinsiya sa kabila ng mga problema at masasalimuot na mga pangyayari na minsang bumalot din sa lugar halimbawa ang pagputok ng Mt Pinatubo noong 1991 na aniyang siyang muntik nang naglugmok sa Zambales."

Ayon naman kay Zambales 1st Dist. Cong. Atty. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla "ito'y produkto ng masinop at maayos na pagsisilbi ng mga nanunungkulan para sa tao at bayan ang tunay na dahila kung bakit nauwi sa ganitong karangalan ang Zambales. "in totality, this is a product of a sound management and dedication to serve the people which provided

and led to this achievement by the present administration," she told NSJ.

Napag-alaman din na si Deloso ay halos 21-years nang naglilingkod bilang gobernador ng Zambales at si Cong. Deloso-Montalla ay nasa kasagsagan ng kanyang pagtatapos ng kanyang termino bilang Kinatawan ng Zambales.

Ang mag-ama ay parehong tumatakbo at kandidato sa kasalukuyang mid-term electios na nakatakdang isagawa sa buwan ng Mayo 2019.

Samantala, nagbubunyi naman ngayon ang libu-libong Zambaleno hinggil sa nasabing balita at nangakong muli nilang ihahalang ang mga idolo at masisipag at hindi kurap na mga lider ng lalawigan.

Rank	Province	Total Assets
1.	Cebu	P34.14 billion
2.	Compostela Valley	P18.95 billion
3.	Batangas	P15.568 billion
4.	Rizal	P14 billion
5.	Negros Occidental	P12.89 billion
6.	Zambales	P10.46 billion
7.	Bulacan	P10.45 billion
8.	Palawan	P10.16 billion
9.	Iloilo	P10 billion
10.	Davao	P9.53 billion

New law makes adoption faster, simpler

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte has signed into law a bill that simplifies the adoption process and grants amnesty to those who tampered records to make it appear an adopted child was born to a person who is not the biological mother.

The President signed the Republic Act 11222 or the Simulated Birth Rectification Act on February 21. A copy of the law was released by Malacañang on Thursday.

The new law shall "grant amnesty and allow the rectification of the simulated birth of a child where simulation was made for the best interest of the child, and that such child has been consistently considered and treated by the person" who considered the child as his or her own.

It also aims to fix the status and filiation of a child whose birth was simulated by giving such child all the benefits of adoption and ensuring that such child shall be entitled to all

the rights provided by law to legally adopted children, "without discrimination of any kind, as well as to love, guidance, and support from the child's adoptive family".

For couples where one of the adopters is a foreigner married to a Filipino, the foreigner

must have been residing in the Philippines for at least three years before the filing of the petition for adoption.

Instead of going through court proceedings, those who seek to adopt a child may file a petition with the social welfare and development officer of the city

or town where the child lives. The social welfare secretary shall decide on the petition within 30 days from receipt of the recommendation of the agency's regional director.

Once the requirements are satisfied, the adopted child would be considered a legitimate

son or daughter and will be entitled to all rights and obligations provided by law.

In a Department of Social Welfare and Development data, about 6,500 children have been declared available for adoption -- almost 4,000 of them are under the care of both state and non-state run residential care facilities. (PNA)

Manila court: No bail for Taguba over P6.4-B shabu haul

MANILA -- A Manila court denied the petition for bail filed by customs broker Mark Ruben Taguba II and shipment consignee Eirene Mae Tatad who have been indicted for their part in the shipment of 600 kg. of shabu in two warehouses in Valenzuela City in May 2017.

Judge Rainelda Escacio-Montesa of the Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 46 noted that Taguba has admitted that he processed and facilitated the entry of container van MCLU6001881 through the Bureau of Customs.

He likewise admitted that the container van was loaded in a truck with plate number AAC 3123 of Golden Strike Logistics, Inc., a company owned by him, the court explained.

As for Tatad, the court pointed out that "she unequivocally admitted" that she allowed her trading firm to be used, for a minimal fee, as a dummy consignee in the shipment and this shows her participation in what appears to be a conspiracy to bring into the country, shipments in the container number MCLU 6001881.

Sexagenarian, 3 others nabbed for credit card fraud

MANILA -- Four persons, including a senior citizen, were arrested for credit card fraud and falsification of documents in Metro Manila, the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) said Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, NCRPO director, identified the suspects as Czarynah Datu, 37; Paul Cabalza, 45; Eduardo Nera Jr., 41; and Teresita Caranglan, 61, who were arrested in separate operations on Wednesday.

The operation stemmed from a call received by police from a security officer of Resorts World Manila complaining that Datu used a credit card in a fraudulent transaction after she tried to withdraw money.

Police officers arrested Datu after verifying with Banco de Oro that the card was indeed used fraudulently. Seized from her where one mobile phone, one

BDO Forever 21 Master Credit Card and several suspected fake IDs all bearing the name of a certain Jasmine Raymundo.

Datu eventually told police about her cohorts which led to follow-up operations, resulting in the arrest of the other three suspects in Manila and Quezon City.

During the follow up operations, police seized a skimming device, a Louis Vuitton booklet containing different card information and contact numbers of prospected subjects, credit cards, and identification cards from the suspects.

"We continue to remind our fellow Filipinos to beware of scammers and criminals. They are just around the corner. Still, the NCRPO is always ready to protect our people," Eleazar said. (PNA)

DBM recommends issuance of EO for state workers' pay hike

MANILA -- The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has recommended to Malacañang the issuance of an executive order (EO) to implement the fourth tranche of salary hike for state workers.

This, as Congress has yet to submit to the Palace the enrolled copy of the PHP3.757-trillion 2019 national budget, amid allegations that members of the House of Representatives made some changes on the Bicameral Conference Committee-approved national budget.

Since the government is operating on a reenacted budget to date, DBM officer in charge and Undersecretary Janet Abuel said they cannot implement the fourth tranche of the wage increase scheduled for this year. Thus, she cited the need for "some additional recommendations for funding."

"But definitely we would like to allay the fears of government employees that the reenactment would prevent the grant but that would require an Executive Order to be issued by the Pres-

ident, which the DBM has already recommended," she said in a press briefing Wednesday.

Amid the budget impasse, Abuel said economic officials "are hoping for the enactment of the 2019 GAA."

DBM officials have said that the last tranche of pay hike under the Salary Standardization Law (SSL) of 2015 will require about PHP45 to PHP50 billion.

Compensation adjustments for employees of national government agencies will be sourced from the national budget while for those belonging to government-owned and controlled corporations, the budget has to come from their respective corporate funds. (PNA)

PWDS KASALI NA SA PHIL-HEALTH

BABAYARAN ng pambansang gobyerno ang kontribusyon ng mga taong maykapanasan (persons with disabilities, PWDS) sa Philippine Health Insurance Corp. Ginagarantiyahan ito ng Republic Act 11228 na pinirmahan ni Presidente Rodrigo Duterte noon pang Pebrero 22 na nito lang Lunes, Marso 4, inilabas ng Malacañang ang kopya ng bagong batas.

Gayunman, kung ang isang PWD ay kawani ng isang kompanya, ang kontribusyon niya sa PhilHealth ay babayaran ng kanyang employer.

Mula sa koleksiyon ng sin tax kukuhanin ng gobyerno ang pambayad sa premium ng mga PWDS. Nilagdaan din kama-kailan ni Duterte ang Universal Health Care Act para sa lahat ng magkakasakit na Filipino. (PNA)