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Tangub City Opens Christmas Symbols Festival 2020



City Mayor Jennifer W. Tan issued Executive Order 106 Series of 2020 "An Order for the Conduct of the Christmas Symbols Festival 2020 and Providing Health and Safety Protocols." It provided for the installation of online booking and process of entry to the Christmas Village. Foot bath, hand washing area, and contactless thermal scanner were installed at the entry points. Visitors were strictly mandated to wear face masks and face shields and prohibited from spitting or expectorating in public. Vendors/tradesmen participating in the Festival were required to regularly disinfect high contact surfaces in their areas after every contact with the visitor and to perform general disinfection of stalls every Monday and Thursday every week.



Christmas Symbols Capital of the Philippines Tangub City opened its 28th season on Dec 1, 2020 amidst Covid 19 Pandemic. Instead of the giant symbols, the City opted for the theme Christmas Village. The fifteen participating cluster agencies put up booths or miniature houses showcasing food, souvenir items, and local products. Each cluster installed provisions for the observance of health protocol as mandated by the City Government.

RCSP: National Peace Building Initiative Takes Off



The Retooled Community Service Program (RCSP) was launched in Tangub City on Sept 4, 2020 at Function Hall 1. RCSP is the improvement of then Community Service Program (CSP) solely implemented by the military on the basis that the communist activities are purely military and security concerns. Pres Rodrigo Duterte signed Executive Order 70 s 2018 "Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace Creating a National Task Force to End

Social gridding, a specific design painted at designated areas of the city plaza helped viewers observe social distancing and safety protocol. Selected Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) volunteers and members of the Keepers of Peace and Accident Rescue Team (KPART) were deputized as protocol police in the implementation of these provisions. They were tasked to remind, inform, and call the attention of non-complying visitors for the imposition of the DOH Minimum Health Standards.

Mayor Tan, city officials and heads of agencies came up with Christmas Village instead of the usual giant symbols. The Mayor emphasized that this brings joy to the Tangubanon and reminds them that amid COVID-19, there is still a season of joy and giving.

Tangub City created the Christmas Village to provide an avenue for small entrepreneurs to help restart the economy. This idea focused more on the economic side, Mayor Tan further added. However downscaled, the stalls were swathed with Christmas trimmings to keep the holiday season festive.

Agencies under Category A competed for the one-time-judging of Best Decorated House. Only one was declared winner. The cluster offices of City Accounting, Public Market and City Treasurer garnered the coveted title.

The barangay Arch Competition for Category B was judged on December 10, 2020.

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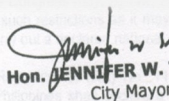
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From the MAYOR'S DESK

Christmas time always heralds a joyous ambience. Everybody gives out his smile freely, his time without hesitancy and his love aplenty. But what makes 2020 Christmas unique from the past Christmas? It's a Christmas that is constrained by the pandemic caused by COVID-19. We are all in a dilemma whether to go ahead or not with programs and activities we have been used to doing before. Traditions that need to be experienced by our children but limited our mobility to move around. Services to be delivered to our people during pandemic were controlled not just by National Government health protocol policies but also our moral obligation dictates that we must not be the carriers of the COVID-19 virus to the community much more so to our family by following the accepted health protocols and minimum health standards as espoused by medical authorities.

Nevertheless, life has to move on, we need to adapt to the times and learn to embrace the new normal. Facing the reality head on, this way we will be able to plan ahead our programs with a clearer head, rational mind, and a passionate heart to serve the people. With this, we can see a brighter future for our children in this most uncertain times.


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"When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth". - 2 Samuel 23:3-4

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TIMELINE

Date	Events
October	
1	• Depth Water Sounding Conducted by Marine Biologist Jay R Lemuel Alfeche and Dive Master Jong Alfeche in preparation for the Panguil Bay Bridge Construction.
5	• Earth-balling conducted by subcontractor VITEX Company in preparation for the Panguil Bay Bridge Construction.
7	• Women's Monthly Meeting at Function Hall 1, Tangub City
9	• Opening of the 61 st Prince Hypermart store in Tangub City.
23	• Coordination Meeting for the Christmas Symbols 2020 at Function Hall 1, Tangub City • Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) conducts Seminar on Delivery Platform in the New Normal
26	• Inauguration, Blessing and Opening of Livelihood Program at Makugihon, Balatacan. • Tangub LGU's Symbolic Turn-over of Learning Tablets to Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College.
27	• Start of Distribution of Learning Tablets to faculty and student beneficiaries. • Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) Serbisyo Caravan Coordination Meeting at GADTC Function Room.
No- vember	
1	• COVID-19 Update post at the City Government Facebook Page
3	• DTI conducted Entrepreneurship Development Seminar and distributed livelihood kits to fire victims at Function Hall 1.
4	• Distribution of Tablets to local department heads and identified key persons at Function Hall 1. • Second Coordination Meeting for Christmas Symbols Festival 2020. • Courtesy call of New Chief of Police, Major Police Jenrech Cabahug Hilot to the City Mayor office.
5	• Live Public Forum/Presentation of Candidates for President of Governor Alfonso D. Tan College of Tangub City.
6	• Advance Eye-check up in preparation for RCSP Serbisyo Caravan.
8	• Advance eye-checkup of barangay Owayan in preparation for RCSP Serbisyo Caravan.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10-035

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2018-02 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF TANGUB CITY

Or simply known as:

MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN TANGUB
(Authored by Hon. Emigdio E. Florida, Sr.)

Some features of the Ordinance:

Rationale

Republic Act 10601 known as “Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization Law” enacted into law on June 5, 2013 mandates all owners of agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment to register their agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment with the agricultural offices of municipal and city government units. This would ensure the quality and safety of agri-fisheries machineries and equipment as well as rational planning and programming of government investments and resources.

Machineries and Equipment

Agricultural and fisheries machinery are machinery and equipment for the production, harvesting, processing, storage, manufacture, preserving, transporting, and distribution of agricultural and fisheries products. These include, but not limited to, tractors and their attachments, power tillers, seeders, transplanters, windmills, harvesting machines, crop protection and maintenance equipment, irrigation equipment and accessories, greenhouses and other thermal conditioning equipment, livestock equipment, fishery equipment, slaughtering equipment, meat/fishery and crop processing equipment, post-harvest machines such as milling machines, dryers, threshers, grain and other strippers, agricultural transport machinery and storage facilities including cold storage, reefer vans, slaughter houses, and fishing boats of three (3) gross tons or less.

New agricultural and fishery machinery includes newly imported and those that has not been used since its date of manufacture.

Incentives for Registration

1. Registration may be used in the availment of government incentive subsidies;
2. Registered machinery may be used as loan collateral;
3. Registration will facilitate the location of lost agricultural and fisheries machinery units;
4. Availment of Common Service Facilities (CSF) services in the city;
5. Provision of insurance fee (e. g. Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) for registered agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment.

Period of Registration

Registration of existing agricultural and fish machineries and equipment shall start from January 1, 2021 up to March 31, 2021. And for newly acquired agricultural machinery and equipment shall be given one (1) month period to register from the date of the purchase.

City Ordinance No. 2020-11-037

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL MAYOR’S PERMIT TO AGENCY OR CLUSTERED AGENCIES, INDEPENDENT VENDORS, EXHIBITORS AND TRADESMEN CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY PLAZA AND CHILDREN’S PARK.

Scope of Application

The ordinance shall govern the granting of Special Mayor’s Permits to clustered agencies conducting business at the city plaza and to vendors, exhibitors and tradesmen conducting business at the children’s park, which shall be separate and distinct from the special mayor’s permit contemplated and granted under the City Ordinance No. 2007-09-468, titled “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL MAYOR’S PERMIT TO KAMUGNAAN EXHIBITORS AND SUCH OTHER VENDORS DOSPALYING AT THE CITY PLAZA AND/OR OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS DURING THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF TANGUB CITY CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS FESTIVAL, THE CITY FIESTA, CITY ANNIVERSARY AND SUCH OTHER MAJOR CELEBRATIONS OF THE CITY AND PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FEES THREROF,” as amended by City Ordinance No.2007-11-473, and City Ordinance No.2018-08-020.

Special Mayor’s Permit for Clusters (SMPC)

This permit may be granted through agencies and/or clustered agency to vendors, exhibitors and tradesmen conducting businesses at designated areas along the city plaza.

Special Mayors Permit for Vendors, Exhibitors, and Tradesmen (SMPV)

This permit may be granted directly to vendors, exhibitors and tradesmen conducting business at designated areas along the Children’s Park. Grantees of this permit shall be required to install/construct their own stall, booth, or outlet structure at their designated area in the children’s park before conducting business. Emphasized in this order is that they shall be responsible for the maintenance and cleanliness.



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Ang Kinaiyahan:Notes and Updates

By: Dioscoro G. Tigol Jr.



One of the city's environmental advocacies is the implementation of its Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) as mandated by Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000". The construction of Composting Facility for Biodegradable Waste (CFBW) in Upper Maloro, Tangub City has been

Soil and Water Man agreement (BSWM) of the Department of Agriculture (DA). This project of the city aims to divert biodegradable wastes into fertilizers and help boost agricultural/horticultural project of the City Agriculture Office (CAO) and city planters.

To complete the cycle of proper solid waste management, the city is current-



completed under LGU funds with Material Recovery Facility (MRF) component which was funded under the DENR-MRF Support Program to LGUs.

The MRF intends to cater to solid wastes collected from the Public Market and nearby commercial establishments. Compostable wastes like food leftovers, fruit/vegetable pilings, etc. will be shredded and processed into compost/fertilizer using the equipment/machines availed from the Bureau of

ly constructing the Central Material Recovery Facility (Central MRF) at the city's 4.8 hectares proposed Sanitary Land Fill (SLF) site in Barangay Caniangan, Tangub City. A guardhouse is also constructed at the entrance of the SLF.

The Central MRF is the overall recovery facility where all collected solid wastes from the Barangay/School MRF will be finally segregated, treated, , and finally disposed. The facility is also designed to

house the equipment/machines (e.g. Waste Crusher for Residual Wastes; Waste Mixer; Waste Pulverizer Machine for Non-Biodegradable and Residual Wastes; and Paving Block Machine Press) which will process and divert the residual wastes into a useful product. This huge investment of the city is in preparation for the anticipated increase of waste generation in the city which is brought by several developments caused by the Panguil Bay Bridge project of the government.

The City's Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan CY 2019-

2028 was finally deliberated by the National Solid Waste Management Council – Technical Working Group (NSWMC-TWG). Comments, recommendations, and additional informations has been satisfactorily and timely complied with.

The plan is an updated version of the City's previous 10-Year SWMP which discusses the future plans, targets, strategies and investment requirements within the ten years period after which the vision of becoming "a clean and environmentally sound city, the place of God-loving and healthy people united to protect, develop and sustainably manage the environment to maintain ecological balance" will be attained.




Health Support for Women and Children

The Provincial Government, through Gov. Philip Tan, distributed nutritional food supplement to Tangubanon pregnant and lactating women including the underweight and severely underweight children on November 18, 2020 at the Sinanduloy Cultural Center.

For the first time, the provincial government gave honorarium to presidents of women's associations and barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) in the 55 barangays of the City. The provincial government's generosity included giving two (2) wheelchairs to the two senior citizens who are from barangays Migcana-way and Labuyo. Further, the province also gave bath soap intended for all barangay folks.

During the ceremonial distribution, Tangub City Mayor Jennifer Tan reminded the BNS and women presidents of their roles in this time of pandemic crisis: "You are the light of your homes. Keep on doing your job well," the mayor said

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Province of Misamis Occidental turned-over 3 wheelchairs to Tangub City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD). 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of Nutritional Food Supplement and Diamond Plus Ager Incentives to scheduled barangays: Kimat, Baluc, Sto. Niño, Bongabong, Catagan, Lumban, Kauswagan, Sicut, Paiton, Bintana, Lorenzo Tan, Pangabuan, and Aquino. One-time judging of Interior and Highway Barangay Arches, Category B. Mayor's Virtual Meeting with the DILG, DOT and DOH, and Local IATF about proposing Executive Order
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ceremonial Turn-over and distribution of Tablets to DEP-Ed school heads/principals and other identified key persons. Lambo Misamisnon's Sayran ta Kang Mayor Jennifer Tan Episode on City's Initiatives for Progress. 	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of Nutritional Food Supplement and Diamond Plus Ager Incentives to scheduled barangays: San Antonio, Taguite, Caniangan, Prenza, Labuyo, Sta. Cruz, Simasay, Matugnao, Owayan, Guinalaban, Silangit and Guinabot.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Public Hearing on Ordinance granting special mayor's permit to agencies, cluster agencies, independent entrepreneurs, vendors and exhibitors. RCSP meeting on Serbisyo Caravan Updates. 		
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At your service of the City Planning Development Officer Engr. Emerson Dablo about Zoning Clearance. 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of Nutritional Food Supplement and Diamond Plus Ager Incentives to scheduled barangays: San Vicente, Tugas, Sumirap, Balatacan, Bocator, and Panalsalan. The distribution continued at Sinanduloy Gym to the barangays: Migcanaway, Mantic, San Apolinario, Garang, Maquilao, Idisro D. Tan, VII, VI, V, IV, III, II, I.
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCSP Serbisyo Caravan at Barangay Owayan 	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCSP Serbisyo Caravan at Barangay San Antonio. One-time judging of Parol, Category C.
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ceremonial Distribution of Nutritional Support to Pregnant and Lactating Women and Honoraria to Women Presidents and Barangay Nutrition Scholar Lambo Misamisnon's Sayran ta Kang Mayor Jenny Episode about the City's Plan for Christmas Symbols Festival 2020. 	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCSP Serbisyo Caravan at Barangay Fertig Hills.
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCSP Serbisyo Caravan at Barangay Sicut. 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy Call of the new PNP Provincial Director Rolindo Suguilon
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At your Service of Senior Tourism Operations Officer Dexter Q. Dalagan about the city's preparations for the Christmas Symbols Festival 2020. COVID-19 Status Updates of Spokespersons Atty. Brendale Bayalas and Dr. Maricelle Nueva 	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oath-taking of Barangay Chairman and Kagawad of Barangay Maquilao.
Decem-ber		22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4TH Joint CPOC Virtual Meeting Documented Civil Wedding at the City Mayor's Office.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of Tangub City's 28th Christmas Symbols Festival with the theme: Christmas Village. Judging of Best Decorated House in the Christmas Village 	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pamaskong Handog to the barangays.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Mayor's Virtual Meeting with the department heads for RCSP and Christmas Symbols Updates. 	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pamaskong Handog to all employees held at Sinanduloy Gym.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of Nutritional Food Supplement and Diamond Plus Ager Incentives to scheduled barangays: Hoyohoy, Banglay, Villaba, Capalaran, Sta. Maria, Minsubong, Salimpuno, Tituron, Manga, Silanga, and Maloro. 	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Children's Month Pamaskong Handog at St. Michael's School
		30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief Commemoration Program for the 124th Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal at the city plaza.

Special Mayor's Permit Mini General Merchandise Opens



SP Session Hall, November 12--The Committee Chair on Market and Taxation Hon. Eva Ordeniza and Committee Chair on Finance Vice Mayor Alberto Peñas called for a joint public hearing, participated in by the involved agencies and cluster agencies, to propose an ordinance.

Hon. Ordeniza presented the ordinance granting special mayor's permit to agencies and cluster agencies conducting business at the city plaza during the Christmas Symbols Festival. She discussed the prescribing rules and fees.

After the presentation, Mayor Jennifer W. Tan then commented to include in the title of the ordinance the independent vendors and exhibitors who also conduct business at the children's park.

Some of the attendees gave their corrections, comments, suggestions and remarks which were duly noted.

SKs: Health Protocol Police

Selected Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chairpersons served as police protocols during the Christmas Symbols Festival 2020 at Tangub City plaza. This was announced by Senior Tourism Operations Officer Dexter Q. Dalagan during the orientation on November 24, 2020 at Function Hall 1.

Philippine National Police (PNP) Plt Al Rafat Sapi-e and Chief Roel Deriada of Keepers for Peace and Accident Rescue Team (KPART) briefed the SKs about their roles as health protocol police. They were given

Balatacan, Tangub City- Makugihon Cluster 4 -A Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (SLPA) under the City Social Welfare Development opened its mini general merchandise on October 26, 2020. SLP is a capability building program for the poor and marginalized people to improve their socio-economic status through a livelihood.

Monitoring Project Development Officer II Melvin Maluto said that 4Ps members are prioritized in this program. The Cluster 4-A Association members are the Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries.

Maluto challenged the association saying, "Dapat atimanon, bubuan, ug mamunga ang seed capital. For two years of incubation period, the local and National DSWD staff will monitor the program," he added.

On that opening day, City Mayor Jennifer W. Tan encouraged the association to revolve its capital fund. "Kinahanglan ipatuyok jud na ang kwarta. Ampingi ninyo inyung tindahan aron ang inyung pamilya mabulahan pod," the mayor added. She also suggested to put their in-




DSWSD gave them seed capital fund, a capacity building grant to build business in form of mini general merchandise.

SLP Provincial Coordinator Richard R. Tever said that the beneficiaries will no longer return the capital. He encouraged them to take care of the

come into a bank account.

Aracelie A. Ocampo, president of the association, committed not to waste the support program given to them. She pledged to nurture and value the project in return for the effort invested by the Office for them to avail of the program.

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Procedure and Manner of Payment

Agencies, clustered agencies, vendors, exhibitors and tradesmen shall apply for the SMPC and SMPV, as the case maybe, at the City Mayor's Office through the Kamugnaan Committee before the start of the business activity in the Christmas Village. Payment of prescribed fees shall be done at the City Treasurer's office. The grantees shall be required to install check meters at their own expense to determine the electricity consumption of every month.

Learning Tablets for Heads of Office



November 4, 2020-- Tangub City's local department heads and other identified key persons received Huawei Matepad Pro Tablet at Function Hall 1.

During the Ceremonial Turn-over, Mayor Jennifer W. Tan told recipients to properly use the tablet in their field of work. "*Gamita ninyug sakto ug maayo sa inyong trabaho.*" She also told them to document their first respective virtual meeting using the tablet.

Executive Communication Group Engr. Jovelyn Moreno and Al Glemer Mina demonstrated the basic procedures on how to use the tablet. They reminded not to transfer the sim card to other gadget for it is only intended for the tablet. It is monitored by PLDT.

The Huawei Matepad Pro consists of stylus, magnetic keyboard and tablet. It comes with free load worth 999.00 pesos for two years. The features include 60 GB for open access data and 3 GB for everyday learning apps. Although it has no google services, the tablet has app gallery where they can download applications.

Because some were not so adept at handling gadgets, the technical team assisted the recipients from unboxing to SIM activating.

In separate occasions, Tangub City Mayor Jennifer W. Tan, with the city officials, led the symbolic turn-over of learning tablets to Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC) on October 26, 2020. These tablets are provided to the students and faculty. During the ceremony, representatives of students and faculty received the tablets. On November 10, 2020, the DEP-Ed Tangub City Division school heads/principals and other identified key persons received the learning gadgets.

Food Packs for LSIs and ROFs

Tangub City's Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) headed by Engr. Celso Collantes distributed food packs to quarantined Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and Repatriated Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) on November 25, 2020 and December 7, 2020.

The food packs included rice (15 kilos), beef loaf (4 tins) Nescafe (20 sachets), Milo (12 sachets), canned tuna, sardines and corned beef, Colgate toothpaste (2 sachets), small bottle of alcohol.

Engr. Collantes revealed that these goods were from the Office of Civil Defense Region X 10. His team packed and distributed the items to the recipients.

Women's Association Holds Monthly Meeting

Tangub City- - "Women are resilient to face problems, but are prone to mental stress kay *iluom luom raman nato,*" Federated Women President Tessie C. Lomanta told everybody in her opening remarks during Women's Monthly meeting on October 7, 2020 at Function Hall 1.

Lomanta relayed to everybody the webinar she attended on Women's Mental Health, conducted by Philippine Council of Women National Federation. While Women Federation Vice President Aguaviva shared the information at the meeting she attended in Oroquieta last September 30.

Meanwhile, City Social Welfare and Development Officer (CSWDO) Virgilita Delos Santos formally discussed the agenda of the meeting: Submission of Women Master list, VAWC Desk Officer Profiling, Provincial Subsidy to Women Presidents, Livelihood Projects especially to those identified conflict barangays, KALAPI registration fees, and other matters.

Mayor Jennifer W. Tan emphasized the role of women in this time of Pandemic. She emphasized that women are messengers of the city's programs. She thanked the Provincial Government of Misamis Occidental for the subsidy for the Women Presidents.

The program concluded with Dr. Janice C. Biete's report on COVID-19 status updates. After the meeting, distribution of t-shirts followed.



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The SMPC and SMPV shall be valid within the period starting from the effectivity of this ordinance until the end of February 2022.

Imposition of Fees

The fee in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00) shall be levied from the agency and/or clustered agencies, who are grantees of SMPC, conducting trade and business at the city plaza.

The fees to be exacted from vendors, exhibitors and tradesmen who are grantees of the SMPV shall be determined by the following schedule of fees based on the existing Kamugnaan Ordinance, as follows:

- December 1, 2020 to January 8, 2021- Regular Rates
- January 9, 2021 to November 30,2021- 50% Discounted Rates
- December 1, 2021 to January 8, 2022- Regular Rates
- January 9, 2022 to February 28, 2022- 50% Discounted Rates

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Tangub Prince Hypermart Opens



Prince Retail Group of Companies opened its 61st store in the Philippines, the Prince Hypermart in Tangub City on October 9, 2020. In keeping with IATF standards on safety protocols, a short opening program was conducted to avoid overcrowding.

"Kini ang among pinaka first New Normal Opening. Modisplay pa unta mi sa gawas, pero COVID man," Area Manager Giovanni Juan Salibo Noval said. There should have been fireworks display and live band, however, these were cancelled too, to maintain health and safety protocol, he added.

Noval said that about 85% of the employees in the 3,147sq.m store are Tangubanons.

Marketing Assistant Christopher Piañar is thankful that Prince Hypermart gave Tangubanons the opportunity for employment within the city.

"Swerte kayo ko kay nakatrabaho ko dire sa Prince. Opportunity ni nako especially duol rapod sa akong balay," he expressed.

Founded by Robert L. Go, Prince Hypermart is a one-stop shop known for its affordable grocery, general merchandise and department store items. Noval emphasized that the neighboring small business establishments should not get worried. *"Gawas sa barato ra, naa mi special wholesale price para sa ilaha. Dire na sila mangumpra,"* he added.

"We serve the people. Kami ang magpaduol sa mga katawhan. Magbutang mig store para mahatag sa katawhan ang ilang mga gikinahanglan," Noval remarked.

Committed to its vision, "One Town, One Prince," Prince Hypermart is present all over the Philippines to serve the underserved consumers.

Livelihood Kits for Fire Victims

November 3, 2020, Function Hall 1--Department of Trade and Industry distributed livelihood kits to Fire victims Vicente Villapuz of Barangay Balatacan, Tangub City and Noel Sintos of Panaon, Misamis Occidental.

Villapuz received Bigasan Negosyo while Sintos received sari-sari store negosyo.

Tangub City's Negosyo Center Counselor Ma. Theresa Bulac and Panaon's Cecil Quimno taught beneficiaries simple ways about entrepreneurship and basic record keeping.

DTI will monitor the beneficiaries' business status every month for six months.

OIC, DTI Provincial Director Jane Marie L. Tabucan said that DTI is one of the agencies that help not only fire victims but all kinds of disaster. It is also one of the partner agencies of Senator Bong Go's Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginawa.



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provided toothbrush and toothpaste, and gave free flu vaccine to senior citizens. Toilet bowls with cement were also distributed to residents without sanitary toilets.

Besides other services previously mentioned, the Office of City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) registered/validated senior citizen IDs. On the other hand, the National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP) was on hand for IP registration and consultation. The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) was also on hand for consultation.

Other services include free haircut by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). The Philippine National Police (PNP) conducted feeding by distributing food packs to children in the barangay. The local power utility company MOELCI II representative was around for concerns on power services.

Basing on the positive outcome of community-government agency dynamics in identifying needs and problems, Mayor Tan mentioned that RCSP will be extended to the fifty-one other barangays of Tangub City.

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While the barangay Parol Competition for Category C was judged on December 15, 2020. Capalaran took the prize for Category C; Sumirap won the Highway Barangay Arches category. Mantic, a consistent grand prize winner several years back once again claimed its place in the Interior Barangay Arches Category.

Visitors to the plaza, whether individual or group were instructed to book at <http://visit-tangubcity.gadtc.edu.ph>. To protect both visitors and residents, only Misamisnons were catered to minimize the number of visitors in the plaza. Ensuring public safety and in accordance with the IATF standards, the opening program started earlier so that visitors have plenty of time to explore the village.

Mayor Tan meets RCSP CORE Team

October 26, 2020, GADTC building—Tangub City Mayor, Dr. Jennifer W. Tan, with the City Council, met the CORE Team during the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) for Serbisyo Caravan Coordination Meeting. This meeting was a follow up to assess respective office's programs and services for the coming caravan.



The office of City Health, City Social Welfare and Development, City Civil Registrar, City Agriculture, PE-SO, Governor Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC), Northwestern Mindanao State College of Science and Technology (NMSCST), City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) presented their services which will be brought up to the identified conflict barangays. The team also revealed the final schedule of the serbisyo caravan.

Tangub City, Mis. Occ. Give Nutritional Support and Incentives to Beneficiaries

The province of Misamis Occidental extended assistance to improve the nutritional condition of the provincial constituents. In particular, the pregnant and lactating women of Tangub City were given nutritional support, along with the registered senior citizens and children.

The nutritional support includes Manna Pack Rice and Nutri Butter for children aging 6-24 months. The pregnant and lactating women received Enov Mum. The registered senior citizens aged 70,75,80,85,90,95 received

incentive: Anlene milk powder and shawl.

The two teams from the City Councilors headed by Vice Mayor Alberto Peñas and City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) Officers headed by Virgilita Delos Santos led the distribution of the programs to the barangays which started on December 9, 2020 up to December 12, 2020.

During the last day of distribution held at Sinanduloy Gymn, the City Mayor Jennifer W. Tan and Gov. Philip T. Tan encouraged the beneficiaries to consume properly the nutritional support.

Mis. Occ. will heal as One – Gov. Tan



Tangub City, November 6, 2020- -Si Mike Jhon Gumera, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairman sa Caniangan midulog ug tabang, pinaagi sa pag chat kang Misamis Occidental Governor Philip T. Tan, kabahin sa usa ka residente sa ilahang lugar.

Si Rosanny Estomago, ang residente nga matod

mipailawom sa laboratory test ug treatment si Estomago.

Kanunay gi monitor ni Gov. Philip ang pasyente hangtud nga siya nadischarge.

Gibisita ni Gov. Tan ug Mayor Jennifer Tan si Estomago sa iyang panimalay. Dako ang pasalamat ni Mayor Tan kang SK Gumera sa walay pagduha-duhang tabang sa iyahang silingan.

Bisan pa sa dakong pandemya, nga gisagubang, Kanunay naghuna huna ang inahan sa Tangub ug ang amahan sa Misamis Occidental sa kahimtang sa ilang mga anak.

“2020 is all about saving lives. It is a blessing to be alive labi na ang pagsalbar ug kinabuhi. We'd like to thank everyone who cared for Rosanny Estomago. He was bedridden pero tungod sa usa ka simple nga text, he is now back to his home for Christmas,” matud pa ni Gov. Tan nga iyang gi post sa iyahang Facebook Page.

Source: Lambo Misamisnon, Governor Philip Tan Facebook Page

Photo Credits: Governor Philip T. Tan



pa ni Gumera nga nalata nalang ang likod ug hinigda, ang kamot ug tiil nangongkong. Kini tungod sa iyang gidalang balatiang arthritis ug mga bukol bukol sa lawas.

Mitubag ug giaksyunan dayon kini ni Governor Philip.

Gidala ug giadmit si Estomago sa Doña Maria D. Tan Memorial Hospital (DMDTMH) aron matambalan.

Matod pa ni DMDTMH chief Dr. Janice C. Biete,

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged”.

- Deuteronomy 31:8

RCSP: National Peace Building Initiative Takes Off

Local Communist Armed Conflict, and Directing the Adoption of National Peace Framework.”

One of the purposes of the new expanded program is to shift the viewpoint of the government from treating local communist armed conflict as purely military and security concerns to the problems being symptomatic of deeply rooted issues such as poverty, historical injustice, social inequality, and lack of inclusivity. The convergence of various government agencies intensify development and other peace building initiatives in conflict-affected and conflict vulnerable communities.

The four conflict-affected and vulnerable areas in Tangub City were Owayan, Sicot, Fertig Hills (Hoyohoy) and San Antonio were



areas of operation by the 10th Infantry Battalion of Philippine Army for the Community Service Program (CSP) from 2018 to 2019. As was the norm, they considered communist armed activities only as military and security concerns. With the passage of EO 70, the peace building effort of the government took on a wider and more comprehensive spectrum, now known as Retooled Community Service Program (RCSP).

Local Government Implementation

In Tangub, City Mayor Jennifer W. Tan, through the Dept. of Interior and Local Government as the lead agency converged all agencies concerned to identify and address the barangay issues.

A series of consultations or immersion were conducted in the four barangays to identify issues. Based on these issues or needs,



Serbisyo Caravan followed bringing all the services in answer to the identified needs and problems.

The Serbisyo Caravan visited the four barangays at different dates bringing services from the Provincial Government Office of Misamis Occidental, City Government of Tangub and the National Agencies. On Nov 17, the group went to Owayan; on Nov 19 was the turn of Sicot. San Antonio and Fertig Hills were visited by Serbisyo Caravan on Dec 15, 2020 and Dec 17, 2020, respectively.

Inter-agency Convergence

The Provincial Government committed to help Tangub City in the implementation of RCSP. During the Serbisyo Caravan, it turned-over cash incentives for scholarship program. The provincial government also provided pipes for barangay water system.

From the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) were kits for livelihood training program and skills pocket training, incentives for senior citizens (aged 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 years old), anti-bacterial soap, provision of



eyeglasses, and wheelchair. The Department of Science and Technology with PSWDO distribute nutribuns.

The Provincial Agriculture Office distributed cacao and vegetable seedlings, and dispersed OPV corn seeds and tilapia fingerlings.

The City Health Office of Tangub City provided transistor radios, toothbrush and toothpaste, and distributed cement and toilet bowl.

From the national agencies, the Department of Trade and Industry gave out Negosyo Package, while the Department of Agrarian Reform distributed land titles.

On-Site Services

The On-Site services during the Serbisyo Caravan was a lively and simultaneous activity in the afternoon. Strict observance of health protocols was observed.

The Local Civil Registrar's Office conducted mobile registration while the Philippine Statistics Authority conducted information dissemination on national identification (ID). The Public Assistance (PESO) provided assistance for job seekers.

Northwestern Mindanao State



College of Science and Technology (NMSCST) and Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College (GADTC) provided education support services. They counseled parents and children, career pathing, information and education campaign about employment and career opportunities.

The City Treasurer's Office issued community tax certificate (sedula), campaigned for payment of tax and issuance of business permits and licenses. Meanwhile the City Agriculture Office informed the farmers on options for farm financing and calendar of planting for various crops. Large cattle were registered; and provided vaccination for dogs, chicken and pigs. Vitamins, dewormers, antibiotics for cow, horse and carabao were provided. The Office also provided treatment for diseased animals. The Department of Trade and Industry conducted basic record keeping on sales/revenue and expenses.

The City Health Office assisted persons with medical needs by giving free consultation. It also conducted dental check-up,

Reflection

My Call, My All

Public service is, without a doubt, difficult, but the reward of seeing the people you serve happy makes it worth it.

Coming from the Department of Education and thereafter, getting transferred to the Local Government Unit of Tangub, I was given the privilege to peer into two different points-of-view of public service. I have been an avid volunteer to the city's conduct of tourism-related activities.



As I celebrate my 14th year in government service, and finding myself at the helm of the Tourism Office as the City Tourism Officer is a not a task I find so daunting. This new era of my career strengthened my personality and character. The promise of a new beginning was dampened by the Covid-19 pandemic. I was also one of the many who thought it would not last this long. I was poised to bring the best programs to the City—as far as tourism is concerned—but, all that was put on hold. A cloud of disappointment gathers as I realize that I, along with the rest of Tangub will have to forego the colorful festivals, musical extravaganza, seminars and meeting new personalities.

But, life had to go on, and the Tourism Office received a different mandate. Ever dynamic and adaptive, the City Mayor, Dr. Jennifer Tan assigned the office to take the lead in monitoring, assessing and helping the LSI and ROF that are being affected by the pandemic. Along with the Barangay and SK officials, the Tourism Office staff, the local IATF, local and national agencies and the Provincial Government of Misamis Occidental through the Balik MisOcc program worked together to bring Tangubanon and fellow Misamisnon home to their families. Looking back at the early days of lockdown, one can't help but reminisce with sadness. The Misamis Occidental was put under ECQ. Movement was limited to the most essentials. It was during this time that the Tourism Office set to work to carry out its mandate. An avalanche of calls and texts have been answered

for me by hardworking staff. Many meals and sound sleep had to be forgone just so we can accommodate the barrage of inquiries by countless number of people desperate to get home. The month of May saw us through one of the toughest weeks we have had to endure during the lockdown. The Provincial Government of Misamis Occidental through the leadership of Gov. Philip Tan initiated a sweeper flight that was to bring home stranded Misamisnon from Luzon. The days leading up to the sweeper flight was very emotional for us. Admittedly, we have received a lot of backlash and we feared that the goal of bringing home all those Tangubanon will not come to fruition. But God has seen us through the worst. Finally, the long wait is over! The first chartered flight has finally landed.

As situations got better, the quarantine was lifted to MGCQ. Movements are now permitted, allowing people to go out of their house, but not unhindered. Age restriction is still being imposed along with strict health protocols. To restart the economy, Mayor Tan has allowed and encouraged the local business sector to re-open and continue operations providing they adhere to the guidelines set by the IATF.

One of the events I was looking forward to was to organize the annual Christmas Symbols Festivals. Amongst all the celebrations Tangub celebrates, this is by far the grandest. And it seems, no virus could stop the city plaza from lighting up. This year, the Christmas Symbols Festival continues to bring laughter and joy to the hearts of Tangubanon.

Looking back, this was not how I imagined things would turn out to be when I took on this job. But, in true blue Tangubanon fashion, it does not matter how services is done or to whom it is given. This pandemic has been tough. It had brought me wordless heartaches but my love for service and my desire to serve Tangub City and its people has powered me through and kept me going. It may not have turned out how I hoped it would be but my job has given me the fulfilment of my heart's desire. This is my Job. My First. My Call.

Tangub DigitalJobsPH Training



December 15, 2020 - The Department of Information and Communications Technology Mindanao Cluster 2 officially celebrates the last DigitalJobsPH Technical Training in the province of Misamis Occidental. Gov. Philip T. Tan sent his message via video recording and congratulated the graduates for completing the training. He said in his message, "With the training, this program of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is providing, the ICT industry in our province will surely develop.

DigitalJobsPH: Providing Online Opportunities in the Countryside, is one of the major projects of the Department of Information and Communications Technology. digitalJobsPH (RIS Program), also known as "Kapag May WiFi, May Hanapbuhay," capacitates people in the countryside to do online freelancing as a means of livelihood using their own Internet platform or RIS Hubs.

This program has allowed people in the countryside to gain employment by working mostly from home and earning approximately the same income as Overseas Filipino Workers.

These graduates do not have to migrate to big cities or leave their families to work abroad.

The class ended with 28 graduates with 11 completers. Mr. Marvin Pamisa, their DigitalJobsPHTrainer said that as long as they don't give up on any journey, that journey is worth something to celebrate.

Annabelle Daguman

Down Memory Lane ... History of Tangub City Public Market

Before 1930, Tangub is a barrio of Misamis, now Ozamiz City. Teofilo Pereyra, popularly known as Nyor Pelong of Tagalog and Spanish descent, served as municipal secretary of Misamis in 1909 – 1912. In the 1930 municipal election, he ran for Mayor (Presidente Municipal) but lost to Timoteo Engracia.

Under Engracia's administration from 1930-1934, the first bus and



jeepney terminal was in front of Tangub kiosk. Behind the kiosk was the first Tangub City Public Market. It was a single building with dirt floor and nipa roofing. Presently, this site is occupied by the different market sections: manicure, pedicure, banana cue, and shoe repair adjacent to painitan section. The painitan is the oldest building among the structures presently standing in the vicinity.

The Second World War (1938-1944) happened during the term of Epifanio Flores. In this difficult time, the vendors were forced to seek the relative safety of Polao. During Crispiniano Lapar's term of office (1944-1955) Barangay Polao held the many firsts: "taboan" during Sundays, first cockpit; first corn mill and mobile theatre owned by Mr. Francisco Abellana Sr.

On January 8, 1948, construction of the old market started with dirt floor and nipa roof. yuta and nipa). The painitan section was changed into cement floor and G.I sheets roof.

Between 1948-1951, the municipal government of Tangub through Crispiniano Lapar, ordered the policemen to stop the business activities in Polao. He forced the vendors and businessmen to transfer the taboan to Tangub proper, (now at the back of Prince Hypermart, specifically the tower of DICT) beside Tan Rec, (Tangub Recreation) cockpit.

Those who disobeyed the order were punished by hitting them with "batotas." The reason of the transfer was political rivalry. Epifanio Flores and Nyor Pelong were good friends who belong to Nationalista Party while Crispiniano Lapar was with Liberal Party. Polao lost its progressive business climate and Tangub proper became the new site of economic progress.

From 1955-1958 Alfonso D. Tan was the municipal mayor. Tan Mer (Tangub Merchandising) was put up. This was a bakery (owned by "Ahoy," a Chinese merchant) located in the area which at present is occupied by EM-COR.

Fast forward to 1992. Agora Market and the Integrated Bus and Jeepney Terminal were constructed under the term of Mayor Philip Tan.

The spate of infrastructures started in 2010-2019. Night Market was opened on Dec 7, 2016 as the gift of Public Market Office to the City of Tangub for its 50th Charter Anniversary. The Courtyard Buildings 1-4 were inaugurated on Sept 8, 2017. Esplanade was constructed in 2018. The Working Congressman Suites and Passenger Terminal (TWC) was inaugurated and opened for business.

The construction Prince Hypermart started on June 10, 2019 and finished on Oct 5, 2020. It was opened to the public on Oct 9, 2020. The new fish, meat and seashell sections are still under construction at Courtyard. Due to COVID 19 pandemic, Mobile Market to the highland barangays started on April 13, 2020.

Region 10 Most Outstanding Fire Station

Tangub City Fire Station was commended by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Region 10 for its highest performance rating and most outstanding accomplishment as city fire station in 2020. The station was awarded for its effective and efficient implementation of fire protection programs. The station's overall office and personnel integrity and readiness greatly contributed to the attainment of the Bureau of Fire Protection mission and vision.

In the same vein, the Regional BFP acknowledged Mayor Jennifer Tan's distinguished leadership and invaluable service as local chief executive in providing unwavering support and contributions to Tangub City Fire Station during the onset of COVID 19 pandemic. This boosted the morale and welfare of the BFP personnel as front liners.



"So in behalf sa Tangub City Fire Station, ako nag pasalamat sa LGU Tangub headed by our mayor for all the support may it be logistics, office supplies, personal services and other support.. Dako kaayog tabang na sa among hanay ug naghatag sab ug inspiration aron kami mopadayon pag hatag ug maayong serbisyo sa dakbayan sa Tangub ug sa tibook probinsya. Salamat kaayo Mayor Jennifer Tan."

Feature **The Emcee is Now a Prexy**

“Ready na? Ready na?” So goes the famous line known to Tangub .

Dr. Maricelle Nueva, who brought those words to every Tangubanon household smiled in good humor as I recited those words at her. “I forgot where I got that from. I started using it when I emcee and now its being associated with me,” she said.

Sat behind her desk and donning on the new GADTC blue uniform, accented with a charming scarf, she wears her warm smile. Ever humble and good-natured, she speaks with such ease that one starts to get lulled into the conversation as if you are bosom friends. Such is her humility and unassuming air that it is understandable if one forgets that they are in the presence of GADTC’s College president.

Her presidency –still in its infancy – has been nothing but transformative, she says.

“I never imagined myself to be in this position,” she revealed.

She started out, just like so many before her, as an instructor at the then Governor Alfonso D. Tan Memorial College. From there, she started emceeing during school activities which included city activities. She is not entirely unfamiliar to the stage scene. In fact, people from her hometown, Bonifacio were the first witness to little Maricelle take on the stage with a rendition of Abba’s “Chikitita.”This song brought her all the way to the championship of an amateur singing contest.

“Up to this day, everytime I go home, or when I meet people from Bonifacio, they would call me Chikitita. I was told that as the contest was going on, there was a scuffle of sorts in the nearby crowd to which I paid no heed. I continued singing as if nothing out of the ordinary was happening.”

Even at a young age, Dr. Maricelle showed dedication to her task, undaunted by whatever obstacles that come her way. That dedication has gotten her to new heights since. From an instructor, she became the Vice president for Planning, Quality Management and External Affairs .

GADTC during this time was



going through its metamorphosis. Vying for academic center of development slate, it worked on its ALCUCOA accreditation. Standing at the front lines, VP Maricelle along with the rest of the hard-working faculty and staff, five programs

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hurdled successfully through their Level 1 accreditation. The task of complying for the “free tuition program” also fell on her offices lap. CHED set its terms and condition and VP Nueva, through the unanimous decision of the GADTC Board of Trustees, became the interim OIC President. “I cried when I knew I was to be the OIC. I shared this during the Faculty and Staff General Assembly. Being a Vice President is clearly leagues away from being an OIC. I remember crying in front of my youngest, Kean. He asked why was I upset with being an OIC but when he was elected as the class president I was beaming with pride? That helped me turn my perspective around.”

Thinking of the school and the welfare of the students who might not enjoy the “free tuition program,” she put those tears aside, and rose to the challenge. It did not end there, however.

CHED has been relentless with its requirements. GADTC being a Locally Funded College was used to having the City Mayor as the College President. But with CHED’s guidelines, a committee was set-up to find a pool of candidates to be elected as the College President. The result of this election cemented Dr. Maricelle’s position as the GADTC President. Her transition from an OIC to being the President was, admittedly smooth. Quite the opposite of her worries.

“Everyone who has been very supportive. The Board Of Trustees (BOT), staff and the faculty has been very gracious and supportive and they are monumental to the smooth transition,” she admitted .

She also have Mayor Jennifer Tan and Governor Philip Tan to thank for.

These visionary leaders have paved the path GADTC is treading now and the direction it is heading on

to. With the coming of the Panguil Bay Bridge, GADTC is gearing to be a center of education that will provide higher learning services to the nearby municipalities and cities.

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As to how she is able to manage it, she has this to say: “I have been told that I have the gift of bringing and organizing people together. I admit that I am not the best but that does not stop me from being diligent. *“Dili ko mo-uundang ug follow-up, Mao siguro nang naay*



ma annoy nako.” But it gets the job done. I also get nervous especially when I am on stage but I remember the words someone has told me a long time ago: When you are nervous, turn that nervousness into enthusiasm and excitement.” She has the knack for orchestrating people to be together in harmonious symphony. She has shown this most especially in the “extra mile” services she renders to the city.

The college has borne the brunt of pandemic effects . As a higher learning institution, GADTC was put to test. With the imposed lockdowns to curtail the deadly effects of the Covid-19 virus, traditional face-to-face classes are now impossible. But, with the confidence and the support of the LGU of Tangub City , the College was able to ensure quality education for its two thousand plus students.

Tangub City was among the

first to arrange for the procurement of tablets for the students, faculty and staff. Now, at the end of the semester, students have completed their academic requirements in the safety of their own houses.

The beginning of her presidency may have started during the most interesting of times, but Dr. Maricelle remains optimistic. She is determined to lead and guide



GADTC into an institution of higher learning that provides quality education. It is her utmost desire that GADTC can produce holistic faculty, staff and students with proper training to take on the world but with values deeply rooted in community and social responsibility. More than anything, she wants the Alfonsos to truly be the light of the world.

Even with all these – her plate being full—and more, there is more to being a Dr. Maricelle Nueva. There is a duty she considers far more sacred than the rest.

At the end of the day, she comes home as Mama to her sons Zildjian Pearl and Kean Gabriel and wife to Mr. Rhamesis Nueva. Saturdays in their household is their family “BANDing”. Each of them playing an instrument and singing their hearts out, they are the epitome of a happy and healthy family. Even amidst the hectic schedule they have, Mr. & Mrs. Nueva makes sure to prioritize family matters. at the

core of their home is their unwavering faith in God and unshakable love for each other. They show their praise and worship by actively participating in the Church.

“I feel that there is something lacking if I do not play for the church. Wherever I go, I always find myself serving in mass by playing the keyboard and singing in the choir.” Both of her sons has followed her foot-

steps in serving the church.

Now, Dr. Maricelle Nueva sits at the helm of GADTC. Looking back she says this is far from her ambitions. “I’ve wanted to work a desk job – as a bank teller, or anything behind the desk clad in



smart uniform . If it were up to me, I would be happy with that. Emceeding and playing for the church has always been where I’m at my happiest.” But, being one to never back down from anything that comes her way, she takes the challenge head-on.

She is always the one to do the asking, and rarely does it happen the other way around. But when asked: “Ready na? Ready na?” the resounding “Aha! Aha!” would have made the little Chikitita on that stage, so many years ago proud. ## Cleophil Kaye G. Yonting