10,000 to light candles for

peace in Iloilo

ILOILO — At least 10,000 people are expected to light candles and promote

"We are all set for the big day on Sat-

The Middle Way Meditation Institute-

Venerable Burin Thitakusalo, a Bud-

dhist monk who serves as director of

MMI-Philippines, said this year's event

aims to declare San Enrique as the first

the Department of Tourism (DOT-6) is ex-

pecting people to flock into San Enrique

as early as Saturday morning to check its

adventure destinations including water-

Aside from promoting inner peace,

world peace in San Enrique town, Iloilo

urday," said San Enrique Mayor Ramona

(MMI-Philippines) is spearheading the

2015 Light of Peace event at the oval field

of San Enrique Elementary School.

"Inner Peace Town of the World."

falls and caves. (Tara Yap)

province this Saturday, August 29.

Palabrica-Go.



Fire razes houses in Jagna, Bohol

TAGBILARAN CITY, Bohol (PNA) Fire destroyed at least eight houses in Jagna town, this province, last Tuesday. Initial cost of damage was estimated at ₱1.3 million. The amount is expected to rise as authorities continue to assess the cost of damaged motorcycles and appliances inside the burned houses. Fire apparently started at the house of one Teodulo Abcede who allegedly left the television (TV) on. Neighbors said Abcede's TV set exploded, sparking flames which razed through Abcede's house and seven others in the neighborhood. Jagna's Bureau of Fire Protection said a report was received at 3:11 p.m. from Boctol Barangay Captain Bonifacio Galorio, through the Jagna Emergency and Rescue Unit (JEMRU). Firefighters rushed to the scene and after over three hours, the fire was declared under control.

Candle lighting for **Duterte**

CEBU CITY - Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte supporters w hold a candle lighting activity today at Plaza Independencia here to urge Duterte to run in the 2016 presidential election. The activity will be in solidarity with a simultaneous gathering of Duterte supporters from various parts of the country in Davao City also today, said the President of Region VII Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban), Atty. Noel L. Felongco. The Davao City gathering is the culminating event of the Nationwide Run, Duterte Run Caravan, which started last August 15. The caravan was aimed at convincing Duterte to run as president. The candle lighting activity in Cebu is for Duterte supporters who will not be able to go to Davao, said Felongco. Duterte fan Nigel Wenceslao said "We're urging Mayor Duterte to run because he is the best candidate to bring genuine change in the coutry. (Mary Adeline R. Sabac and Mhebeth D. Makilan)

No UNA standard bearer for Iloilo

ILOILO CITY (PNA) - The opposition party of Vice President Jejomar Binay, United Nationalist Alliance (UNA), will not field standard bearers for congressman, mayor and vice mayor in this city. Instead, the UNA city councilors will forge critical collaboration and tactical alliance in a coalition with the party in power, Liberal Party (LP), under the leadership of incumbent Rep. Jerry P. Trenas. Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog and Vice Mayor Jose Espinosa III. This was announced by City Councilor Joshua Alim, who said Binay gave their group authority to choose their own standard bearers or opt for a coalition with the party in power. Alim's UNA-affiliated group, Partido Masang Pilipiino, is comprised of city councilors Plaridel Nava, Rodel Fullon Agado, Lady Grace Julie Baronda and himself. However, Agado and Baronda will, reportedly, already be inducted into the LP, while Alim and Nava will stick with the Trenas, Mabilog and Espinosa.

Negros governor is pro-STL

BACOLOD CITY, Negros Occ. Reacting to the Roman
Catholic church's opposition against the Small Town Lottery (STL) here, Governor Alfredo Marañon Jr. declared that he is "supporting STL because it is legal. STL gives a share to the local government unit and the police, and it is also transparent because the shared STL funds are documented and issued with receipts. Illegal gambling is in the dark and doesn't share with government." He also said he is for the STL "because it has helped government a lot." Marañon cited the case of Silav City where, he said, STL has helped much. "If there is no STL here, illegal gambling in Bacolod will continue," he said. (Edith B.

DENR warns against water shortage in Western Visayas

LOILO CITY — The Department of **Environment and Natural Resources in** Western Visayas (DENR-6) is warning local government units (LGUs) in Western Visayas about the occurrence of water shortage with the extreme El Niño crisis projected to start this October.

"Let us not wait for rivers and watersheds here to dry up," appealed DENR-6 Regional Director Jim Sampulna.

Cebu oil exploration granted 2-year moratorium

By MARS W. MOSQUEDA JR.

 ${\bf ALOGUINSAN, Cebu-The\ Department}$ of Energy (DOE) has granted a two-year technical moratorium to Australian firm Gas2Grid in relation with its oil exploration in Brgy. Olango, Aloguinsan town.

The moratorium on oil exploration in the Malolos-1 Oil Field in Aloguinsan allows Gas2Grid enough time to complete its studies and establish appropriate technology to maximize sustainable oil production, the company said in a statement.

"Service Contract 44 is currently in a 2-Year Technical Moratorium until 27th January, 2017," the company said.

DOE said the company will continue with technical work in conjunction with industry experts analyzing all available technical data to identify the completion of technology that will minimize sand and clay production to avert production blockage and maximize oil production rates.

Gas2Grid earlier announced an increase in oil production in the Malolos-1 Oil Field in southwestern Cebu.

In a report last year, the company said it recorded very encouraging oil flow.

"The increased oil production rate indicates that remedial work has had some success in clearing perforations to allow an influx of oil from the reservoirs," the statement said.

"The Malolos-1 well has again demonstrated that it can produce oil at commercial rates," the company said.

The well has previously produced approximately 200 oil barrels daily on several occasions but only for short periods.

Oil flow has reportedly been impaired when holes made on the sandstone became

The company said the well will continue to be tested to establish longer term oil production rates.

CSOs urged to stay on 'Daang Matuwid'

By CZARINA NICOLE O. ONG

CEBU CITY Cebu — While on his latest visit here, outgoing Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Mar Roxas urged civil service organizations (CSOs) to take up the path of "Daang Matuwid (Straight and Narrow)" and continue the reforms that have been started by the current administration in alleviating poverty and improving peace and order.

"Kaya natin, simula pa lang ito (We can do this, this is only the beginning)," Roxas told his audience at the Cebu Normal University with President Aquino and other Cabinet members present.

"Nadinig po namin at damang-dama no namin ang inyong pangarap. Naniniwala kami na sa inyo nagmumula ang lahat, at sa inyo papunta ang lahat. Kayo ang Boss, (We heard your dreams and we feel it too. We believe that you have what it takes to move the future. You are the Bosses)," he added.

The Liberal Party (LP) presidential standard bearer said it is a "true honor" to be given a chance to serve the people, and he considers his job as a blessing since it has the power to change lives.

Projects being implemented by the administration such as Pantawid Pamilvang Pilipino Program (4Ps), Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB), PhilHealth, and the K-to-12 Education Program have already helped in building the foundation of a strong nation, said Roxas, "and this can be continued when local and national leaders practice integrity, transparency, and accountability in their leadership.

Also present during the event at the Cebu Normal University were Secretary of Social Welfare and Development Corazon Soliman, Secretary of Health Janette Garin, Secretary of Budget and Management Butch Abad, Secretary of Justice Leila de Lima, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Francis Tolentino, Assistant Secretary of Education Rey Laguda, and Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda.

bined nine watersheds in the region with a total land area of 131,777 hectares will possibly dry up when the natural phenomenon

Instead of waiting for worst case scenario to happen, DENR-6 urged local governments in Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental provinces to start adopting precautionary measures including campaigning to conserve waters.

For instance, they should start harvesting rainwater while there is still rain," he urged.

Sampulna has directed teams to monitor the nine watersheds in Panay and Negros Islands.

Negros Occidental has three, or the most number of watersheds among provinces in the region. These watersheds are the Bago River, Ilog-Hilabangan and Kabankalan Watershed Forest Reserves

There are two watersheds in Iloilo province, namely, the Maasin Watershed Forest Reserve and the Jalaur River Watershed Forest Reserve.

Antique province also has two watersheds – the Mau-it-Tipuluan River and Dalanas River Watershed Forest Reserves.

Aklan province and Capiz has one watershed each - Aklan River and Panav River Watershed Forest Reserves.

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athlete who transfers from one member

N ACT PROTECTING THE AMATEUR NATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY REGULATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF STUDENT-

le it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall known as the "Student-Athletes Protection

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - Article XIV. SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy — Article XIV. Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the role of the State to protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels, and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Further, Section 19(1) of the same Article provides that the State shall promote physical education, sports programs and competitions alongside training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for self-discipline, teamwork and excellence fo seri-discipline, learnwork and excellentee the the attainment of a healthy and alert clitzenry. Thus, the State shall recognize and uphold the rights of student-athletes to further hone their skills and abilities in their respective fields of amateur sports without neglecting their education and general well-being.

It is the intention of this Act to protect and promote the rights of the student-athlete, who is, first and foremost, a student. To this end, the rights guaranteed by this Act and the obligations imposed on schools and athletic associations and their officials, athletic directors, coaches, members of the coaching staff, administrators, alumni, and representatives shall seek to ensure that the student-athlete attains quality education while honing his/her skill and reaching his/her skill his/her skill and reaching his/her skill his/he potential as an athlete in an amateur sports

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms shall be defined

(a) Athletic association: refers to any public or private organization that is responsible for governing inter -school athletic programs and competitions including, but not limited to, the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA), the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP), the National College Athletic Association of the Philippines (NCAA), the Women's National Collegiate Athletic Association (WNCAA), Collegiate Athletic Association (WNCAA), the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA), the Cebu Schools Athletic Foundation, Inc. (CESAFI), the National Cap ital Regional Athletic-Association (NCRAA), the Association of Local Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (ALCUAA) and the National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (NAASCII): Universities (NAASCU);

(b) School refers to an institution recognized by the State which undertakes educational operations such as grade school high school college, university or technical-vocational education and training institution; and

enrolled in any school who is a member of any of the school's athletic teams or programs and who represents or has intentions of representing the school in an inter-school athletic program or competition. The student-athlete must be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time curricular program and must be in good standing to be eligible to represent the school in an inter-school etic program or competition.

SEC. 4. Residency of Student-Athletes. - Without prejudice to the respective rules of athletic associations on student-athletes who are foreign imports, the following rules on residency shall be applied

(a) Residency requirement shall not be imposed on a student-athlete who is a high school graduate enrolling in a college or

(b) Residency requirement shall likewise not be imposed on a high school student-athlete transferring from one high school to another high school: *Provided*, That, to Approved,

address the issue of piracy, a maximum of one (1) year residency may be imposed by an athletic association on .a high school studentwho, or a school which, may be affected by any violation of this Act.

(c) In the case of a tertiary student-athlete transferring from one college or university to another, a maximum of one (1) year residency may be imposed by an athletic association before a student-athlete could participate and nt a school in any athletic competition

paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall likewise apply to a Filipino student-athlete from other countries enrolling in a school in the Philippines.

No school, or its representative, shall be authorized to perform the following acts on a student-athlete" on the sole reason of his/her

(1) File an administrative charge for ossible violation of school rules and

(2) Require the payment of tuition and of her miscellaneous fees covered by the scholarship granted including monies given and the cash equivalent of non-monetary

(3) Refuse to issue or delay the release of grades and school records, clearance, or transfer eligibility;

(4) Give incomplete grades in subjects in which the student-athlete is exempted by virtue of being a student-athlete; and

(5) Impose other forms of punishment.

SEC. 5. Benefits and Incentives. - Schools ay grant a deserving student -athlete the illowing benefits and incentives:

(a) Tuition and miscellaneous school fees cluding books and other learning materials;

(b) Full board and lodging

(c) School and athletic uniforms including supplies, equipment and paraphernalia;

(d) A reasonable regular monthly living allowance, the amount of which shall be set and standardized by the athletic association to which the school is affiliated with;

(e) Medical examinations and consultations emergency medical services, life and medical insurance and other reasonable and similar benefits that would further enhance the academic and athletic performance of the student-athlete; and

(f) Other reasonable and similar benefits nat would further enhance the student-thlete's academic and athletic performance.

Athletes: - Schools shall not offer a studentathlete or the immediate family members benefits or incentives beyond those enumerated under Section 5 of this Act which are contrary to the nature of amateur sports nd which may result in the commercialization of a student-athlete.

SEC. 7. Authority of the Department of Education (DepED) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). – The DepED in furtherance to its mandate to supervise all basic education institutions, and the CHED with its mandate to supervise higher education with its mandate to supervise higher education institutions, are hereby further authorized to regulate and oversee school athletic associations, and are tasked to ensure that the rights of student-athletes are respected and protected. They are likewise authorized to handle complaints against the school athletic associations, and schools. They may consult

SEC. 8. Prosecution of Action.

(a) Who May File. – For purposes of this Act, a written complaint may be filed by a student-athlete, his/her parents or guardians member schools or their alumni, or any person or any entity in behalf of a student-athlete

(b) Who are Liable. - School officials (b) vyno are Liable. – School officials, athletic directors, coaches, members of the coaching staff, administrators, alumni, or representatives shall be liable for any violation of this Act. Athletic associations or schools shall likewise be liable for knowingly permitting or failing to prevent such violations, without prejudice to any direct liability by the aforementioned individuals.

may, motu proprio or upon written complaint, investigate violations of this Act and impose investigate violations of this Act and impose the appropriate penalties, such as suspending or banning the student-athlete from playing and/or the school from participating in their respective leagues: Provided, That if the respondent is the athletic association, or if there is reason to believe that the athletic association will not act upon the complaint, a written complaint may be filed directly with the DepED or the CHED.

(d) Appeal. - Within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of the decision of the at association, an appeal may be filed with the DepED or the CHED.

(e) Inaction or inhibition. — Within thirty (30) days from filing of the complaint, there being no action from the athletic association, the student-athlete or his/her representative

(f) Sanctions and penalties. -Upon notice and hearing, the DepED or the CHED may impose the appropriate penalties under relevant laws, rules or regulations, including:

Any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be punishable by suspension from participating in the athletic organizations and/ or a fine ranging from one hundred thousand pesos (₱100,000,00) to one million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) depending on the gravity of

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Any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be punishable by a fine ranging from one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to one million pesos (P1,000,000.00) depending on the gravity of the offense .

The availment of remedies under this Act will not preclude the complainant from seeking further recourse from the courts of law.

(g) Nothing in this section shall prevent any of the persons mentioned herein from filing for a temporary restraining order or any other injunctive relief in court if there is no other plain, speedy, and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law,

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the DepED and the CHED, in consultation with the PSC, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued to this section shall take of thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation

SEC. 10. Implementing Agencies. - The DepED and the CHED shall implement the ovisions of this Act.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended

SEC. 13. Effectivity. -This Act shall ta effect fifteen (15) days after its publicati in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper general circulation

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This Act which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 2226 and House Bill No. 5115 was finally passed by Representatives on June 10, 2015.



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