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**Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year!**



## The Official Symbols of the 50th Charter Anniversary of Bago.

The logo was the winning entry of artist **Prime John T. Balintaculo** during the competition sponsored by the City Government for the Golden Jubilee. On the right side is Boom—the official mascot of Bago for the golden charter anniversary. Boom was conceptualized by Bagonhon artist **Aaron Spencer Marin**. The design was inspired by the 1898 Al Cinco de Noviembre and Bago City being the boxing capital of the Philippines.

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# Bago City gears up for Golden Jubilee

Barely a month before its 50th year anniversary as a chartered city, the City Government of Bago led by Mayor Ramon D. Torres is levelling up the preparation for the said occasion.

Mayor Torres assigned HRMO IV/ City Administrator Tricia Matti as the over-all Chairman, Senior Tourism Operations Officer Rosseni Mina as co-chairperson and Councilor Bernadette Somcio as the festival secretariat. The group has started its planning sessions last June including the assignments of different committee chairpersons who will spearhead each event and function.

The theme for this golden jubilee celebration is Bago City @ 50: Great City, Greater Bagonhon. It is a tribute of the City to its distinguished sons and daughters who made names for themselves in the national and international level and at the same time made Bago City a great city because of their achievements.

Also, [www.bagocity50.com](http://www.bagocity50.com) as the official website for the 50th Charter Anniversary. It will serve as portal for Bagonhons who cannot go home during the celebration. It contains the invitational message of Mayor Torres, a countdown to February 19, activities for the celebration and trivia about Bago City. In social media, the City opened Boom D Mascot facebook page and Bago City 50 fan page for all Bagonhons all over the world to be updated with the preparations of the City. On Twitter, @bagocity50 was launched.

Last December 15, Boom, the official mascot of the City for the 50th Charter Anniversary was formally introduced at the public plaza during the switch-on ceremony. Bagonhon artist Aaron Spencer Marin conceptualized the mascot. Also, the Co, Bago song was first played publicly to signal the fast approaching golden jubilee. The song



Boom in its first public appearance joined the switch-on ceremony last December 15 at the public plaza.

was written by HRMO IV/ City Administrator Tricia Matti and musical composer and arranger Trina Belamide. It was sung by former Miss Saigon star Ima Castro.

To honor Bagonhons now residing outside Bago City, the local government prepared a grand reunion for all former Bago City residents dubbed as Balik- Bago 2016- The Grand Bago City Homecoming on February 16, 2016. Also a festival queen search called Diwata sang Bago 2016 will be held on February 13, 2016 at the City Coliseum. Bagonhon women with beauty and brains will compete for the crown. The yearly AGRO Trade Fair is also getting bigger this year with the personnel and officials of the Department of Education at the helm of its preparation. Outstanding Bagonhons who made it big in their chosen careers will be

honoured in a fitting Gawad Bagonhon awards night at the Coliseum on February 18, 2016. Outstanding taxpayers will also be given recognition on that night.

Other events being organized by the City for the enjoyment of the people of Bago includes sports and talent competitions, Fantasia Gold, Golden Accent, Music festival, fireworks competition among others. The City also invited several showbiz personalities to grace the 50th Charter Anniversary of Bago.

Mayor Torres is expecting more people to visit Bago on February 2016 because it is a historic occasion for the city.

Bago City was created through Republic Act 4382 signed by then President Diosdado Macapagal./



Bago City Mayor Ramon D. Torres and Vice Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo together with candidates for councilors in Bago City filed their respective Certificates of Candidacy last, October 14, 2015 at Bago City COMELEC. The group were joined by La Carlota City Mayor and congressional bet Juliet Marie Ferrer, Board Members Victor Javellana and Jose Benito Alonso and Pontevedra Mayor Jose Maria Alonso.



Bago City Mayor Ramon D. Torres, who is running for Vice- Mayor and Vice Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo, running for City Mayor submitting their CoC to Bago City Election Officer Atty. Kathrina Trinio- Cana last October 14, 2015 after a holy mass at St. John the Baptist Church.

# Bago City marks 2016 with 17- minute musical fireworks display

Bago City welcomes 2016 with a grand musical fireworks display featured during the 8th Lights of Bago at the City Sports complex on January 1.

Twenty five thousand people from all over the province attended the event, Bago City PNP estimated. They all cheered when the skies sparkled with multi- colored lights cascaded down in sparkling flames in synch with selected OPM music such as Freddie Aguilar's Anak, APO Hiking Society's Bawat Bata, Choose Philippines' Piliin mo ang Pilipinas, Department of Tourism's It's More Fun in the Philippines, Lea Salonga's Kanta Pilipinas, Gary Valenciano's Shout for Joy and the Dawn's Salamat.

Held every January 1 at the Manuel Y. Torres Sports Complex, the Lights of Bago is dubbed as Negros' Biggest Event for the New Year. It is spearheaded by the City Government of Bago led by Mayor Ramon Torres and LOB action officer Vice Mayor Nicholas Yulo in coordination with the Tourism Office led by Rose Mina and all other agencies tasked to ensure the safety of the spectators.

The event this year also served as a kicked-off ceremony for the 50th charter of Bago City. During the program, the City launched Go Bago as the official song for the



*Lights of Bago 2016 draws an estimated 25 thousand crowd last January 1. Photo by Patrick Sy*

golden jubilee celebration and Boom as its official mascot.

Also, in line with the grand musical fireworks display is the Lights of Bago Photo Contest. Twenty eight photographers and hobbyists joined the conventional category and 20 joined the mobile category. All photos will be on display from January 8- 16 during

the photo exhibit at Robinson's Place. Judging will be on the opening date which is January 8 and awarding will be on January 16. Special awards will be given to the most popular photo on Facebook.

Supporters of each participants can like their favorite photo through The Citybridge fanpage of Bago City. /



*Myriad spectrum of lights illumined the skies of Bago last January 1 during the staging of the Lights of Bago 2016. Photos by J Godwin Torres*



Mayor Ramon Torres turning over the prize to the winners of The Citybridge's 10th year anniversary Throwback Issue contest. They were Romila Dormido, Rose Mary Soguilon, Sherlyn Rodriguez, Pearl Galunan and Pinky Degala. The winners each won 16 pc. Corelle set valued at P5000 from The Citybridge.



**ULTIMATE CHAMPION.** Principal Gene Espinosa, commandant and platoon leader of EMEHMS receives the trophy as the Battle of the Champions grand winner from the PMA officials.



First place winner in the regular category STI- West Negros University led by Commandant Rey Eslabon and Best Platoon Leader Edghey Sancho with the judges.

## EMEHMS, STI- WNU tops Bago Fancy Drill tilt

Enriqueta Montilla de Esteban Memorial High School in Pulupandan was declared the ultimate champion in the Battle of the Champions in the recently concluded 7th Invitational Fancy Drill Competition and Battle of the Champions 2015 in connection with the 117th Al Cinco de Noviembre fiesta of Bago City.

EMEHMS which was the 2012 and 2014 champion of the said competition bested Domingo Lacson National High School (2009 & 2011 champion), Bacolod City National High School (2010 champion), and Negros Occidental High School (2013 champion) to win the top prize with a cash prize of P30 thousand and a trophy.

In the regular category, STI- West Negros University was adjudged first place besting 4 other competing schools. They went home with P20 thousand cash prize and a trophy. Lopez Jaena National High School in Murcia

and Carlos Hilado Memorial State College-Binalbagan settled for second and third places respectively and went home with P15 thousand and P10 thousand cash prizes. Other participating schools include Ramon Torres National High School (Bago City) and Central Philippines State University (Kabankalan).

Special awards such as Best Marching Unit, Best in Uniform, Most Disciplined Unit went to STI- West Negros University with a cash prize of P3 thousand for each award and a plaque of recognition. Best Platoon leader was Edghey Sancho also from STI- WNU. He was able to give the solution to the problem solving test given by the judges. Best in Special Number went to Bacolod City National High School with a cash prize of P5 thousand.

The City of Bago invited officials from

the Philippine Military Academy to serve as judges. They were Maj Reynaldo Galido, Jr. of the Philippine Army, Cpt. Charles Dennis Tan of the Philippine Navy, and three drill masters of the academy namely MSc Efenito Bernardino, Jr, TSg Roldan Garcia and TSg Dennis Hernandez.

The criteria for judging composed of 30% during the street fancy drill in the morning and 70% in the arena performance at the coliseum in the afternoon. The Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center was full with supporters of each school and spectators. Crowd estimates was at ten thousand.

Bago Mayor Ramon Torres is thanking the schools, principals and university presidents for joining the competition. He is also looking forward for more schools to participate next year. /

## Ma-ao, Alianza merger wins Sigabong contest

The merged barangays of Ma-ao and Alianza bested other 10 groups to win the 2015 Sigabong sang mga Kanyon competition held last November 5 in celebration of the 117th Al Cinco de Noviembre.

The winner won P15 thousand as cash prize. Second place went to Barangays Sampinit and Balingasag with P10 thousand cash prize. Third place winner was the merged barangays of Lag-asan and Tabunan. They went home with P7 thousand cash prize.

The participants were judged according to best re-enactment of the historic bluff that freed the province led by Gen. Juan Araneta and the loudest boom of the cannon. The board of judges

include Negros Occidental Senior Tourism Operations Officer Jenny Lind Cordero, Stage Director Louie Dormido and Actor/ Director Milton Dionzon.

The City Tourism Office led by STOO Rosseni Mina spearheads the yearly Al Cinco de Noviembre fiesta of Bago City. The Sigabong sang mga Kanyon has been



Kanyon of Barangays Ma-ao and Alianza.

hailed two times by the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines as the best tourism event in the arts and culture category in the country. /

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**March 7, 2015  
Macau**

Bago City's Aston Palicte, once written off as a talented underachiever, makes a big splash in his international debut, knocking out Mexican journeyman Ismael Garnica. The 24-year-old Palicte (17-1, 15 knockouts) of Bago City, Negros Occidental, Philippines battered Garnica (13-6-1, 5 KOs) throughout the fight, bloodying his nose before referee Eddie Claudio stepped in at the 2:19 mark of their junior bantamweight fight. Palicte trains out of the MP Gym in Davao City under Manny Pacquiao's assistant Nonoy Neri and is promoted by MP Promotions and Top Rank Promotions.



**May 3-9, 2015  
Tagum, Davao del Norte**

Not the tallest, or biggest of the bunch, Shenny Enero soared to greater heights as she achieved sports immortality and the gold medal right in front of the spectators in the Davao del Norte Sports and Tourism Center on May 7, 2015 during the 2015 Palarong Pambansa. The 12-year old native of Sagasa, Bago City, battled it out with other opponents from 16 different regions, the struggles were seen early on but she ended the event on top clinching the nail-biting 1.43-meter jump.

Also, the Bago City arnis team from Ramon Torres National High School, who don the colors of Western Visayas in the Palara was declared over-all champion of the event. The team is composed of Junnie Rey Pangcobilia, Christian Reyes, Joram Paul Pangcobilia, Robert Esclero and Mark David Puzon. Reyes also bagged the gold medal in secondary boys' anyo single weapon.

In secondary boys' football, Bagonhon Charlie Panes was part of the Western Visayas team that clinched the gold medal, while John Jason Callejas was a member of the elementary football team that placed second to the National Capital Region.

Also in the list of Bago City top athletes is swimmer Regan Joseph Garbanzos, who won two gold and two bronze medals for Western Visayas, while fellow swimmer Jia Marie Torres clinched a bronze medal in 4x100m freestyle relay.

**Y**ear 2015 was a fruitful year for Bago City. We were spared from various natural calamities such as typhoons, flash floods and earthquakes. We still have a low to zero crime index and our community is generally peaceful. Let us go back how Bago City and Bagonhons fared in the Year 2015. Here's the roundup!



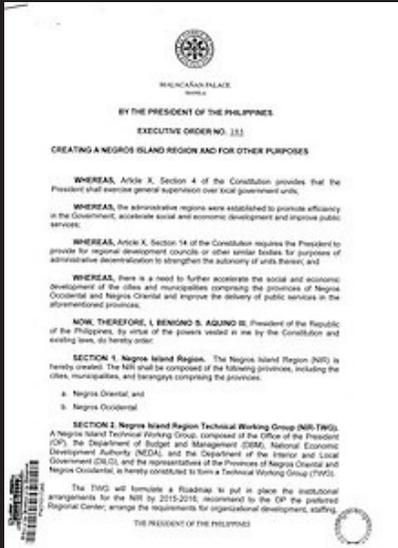
**April 30, 2015  
Tabunan, Bago City**

President Benigno S. Aquino III visited Bago City together with then DILG Secretary Mar Roxas, Governor Alfredo Maranon, PCOO Chief Sonny Coloma to inaugurate the P55.1- million Negros First Rice Processing Center in Barangay Tabunan.



**May 31, 2015  
Mall of Asia Arena, Pasay City**

In the Miss Earth- Philippines competition, the beauty of a Bagonhon shines. Catherine Joy Marin also known as CJ was announced as Miss Philippines-Water. She also bagged Miss SM Market special award. The City of Bago prepared a grand homecoming for her last June 8.



**June 5, 2015  
Manila**

President Benigno Aquino III has ordered thru Executive Order 183 that the provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental be integrated into a single region. Thus our right location now is: Bago City, Negros Occidental, Negros Island Region (Region XVIII), Philippines.



**June 8, 2015  
Bago City**

Homecoming for Miss Philippines-Water 2015 Catherine Joy Marin.



**July 19, 2015 (PST)  
Texas, USA**

Bagonhon boxer King Arthur Villanueva outworks Puerto Rico's McJoe Arroyo by throwing 216 more punches in title fight but loses in a technical decision during his first world title opportunity to be the International Boxing Federation (IBF) world super flyweight title.



**June 18, 2015  
Bago City**

Grand welcome for our Bagonhon boxers- SEA Games gold medallist Junel Cantancio and Silver medallist Rogen Ladon.



**October 3, 2015  
Davao City**

Babaylan Festival of Bago City was declared 2nd Runner Up in the Best Tourism Event- Festival Category Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines Pearl Awards held in Davao City. The award was received by Couns. Daydet Somcio and Joy Matti together with Tourism Officers Rose Mina, Ana Freida Mayores, Barbara Sevilla, Clem del Castillo and Bago Tourism staff.



**June 10, 2015  
Singapore**

Bagonhon Junel Cantancio of Barangay Busay wins gold medal in Men's lightweight division during the 28th South East Asian Games held in Singapore. He won a unanimous decision over Van Hai Nguyen of Vietnam.

Another Bagonhon boxer Rogen Ladon of Barangay Lag-asan bowed to Kornelis Langu of Indonesia in men's light flyweight and settled for silver medal.



**July 14, 2015  
Bago City**

Launching of the 50th Charter Anniversary Website. The symbolic kick-off of the grand preparation for the upcoming Golden Jubilee on February 2016.



**October 12, 2015 (PST)  
Doha, Qatar**

Rogen Ladon won the bronze medal in the AIBA World Championships held in Doha, Qatar however the Bago City native fell short of reaching the 2016 Rio Olympics. Only the gold and silver medalists in the light flyweight division are given tickets to the Olympiad. The tournament in Doha started with 257 hopefuls from more than 70 countries. According to Coach Nolito "Boy" Velasco who is also a Bagonhon and a brother to boxing superstars Onyok and Ruel, Ladon has 3 more chances to make it to Rio- the Asia- Oceania qualifiers in March next year in China, the Final AOB qualifiers in Azerbaijan in June, and the APB/WSB qualifiers in May in Bulgaria.



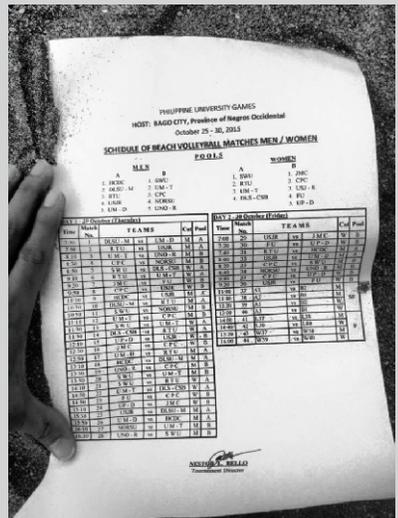
**November 13, 2015  
Taguig City**

Filipino junior bantamweight prospect Aston Palicte was extended the 12-round limit for the first time in his young career, scoring two knockdowns against tough compatriot Vergilio Silvano en route to a unanimous decision win on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Philippine Navy Gymnasium in Taguig City. The scores were 118-108 on two cards and 116-110 on the third in favor of Palicte (20-1, 17 knockouts), earning the Bago City native his 10th straight victory.



**November 27, 2015  
Roxas City, Capiz**

The official newsletter/magazine of the City Government of Bago won second place in a competition for Best LGU/Agency Newsletter sponsored by the Philippine Information Agency 6. City Information Officer Cleovel G. Villanueva represented Mayor Ramon Torres during the awarding ceremony. The Citybridge won because of relevance of content and messages, technical quality and responsiveness to the needs of clients, and effective communication support to development.



**October 28-30, 2015  
Bago City**

Bago City hosted the Philippine University Games' (UNIGAMES) Men and Women Beach Volleyball Competition at Bantayan Park.



**November 16-18, 2015  
Manila**

During the staging of APEC Summit in the country, proud Bagonhon chef and restaurateur Margarita "Gaita" Araneta Fores was one of the two chefs who conceptualized the menu for the welcome dinner.

Also, the Barong Tagalog donned by the world leaders has Silk made by Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) training center in Bago City. The silk has formed part of the fabric of the barong that was made by renowned fashion designer Paul Cabral and which won praises.



**November 29, 2015**  
Cebu

Filipino contender Arthur Villanueva rebounded from his lose in a recent title fight with decision wins at Pinoy Pride 34 in Cebu. Bagonhon Arthur Villanueva (28-1) defeated Victor Mendez (19-3) by split decision at Hoops Dome in Cebu for the WBC International Super Flyweight title. Villanueva — who was coming off a 10-round technical decision loss in an IBF junior bantamweight title fight against McJoe Arroyo in July - fought more assertively than he had in at least two years. Villanueva pressed his advantage in round four as he caught Mendez, 22, coming in with a flush right counter towards the end of round five. Mendez never showed signs of being hurt, and instead continued to answer back with stiff right hands of his own which marked up Villanueva's face. Two judges scored the fight 117-111 and 116-112, while the third scored it 115-113 for Mendez.



**December 15, 2015**  
Manila

Bagonhon pug Rogan Ladon, member of the Philippine team, is one of the two Filipino boxers to be awarded by the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC), the continental federation for boxing, for their achievements in the year 2015. Ladon, 22, won silver in the Asian Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand, and consequently was a bronze medal winner in the World Championships in Doha, Qatar the following month.



**December 8, 2015**  
Iloilo City

Bago City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council led by Dr. Merijene Ortizo was the Regional Gawad Kalasag Awardee for Best LDRRMC- Component City category for disaster preparedness by Office of Civil Defence 6. Also, Brgy. Poblacion won the Best LDRRMC- Urban Barangay Category and Bago City Elementary School bagged the second place for Best School in disaster preparedness.

# YEARENDED 2015

# Christmas in the Streets of Broy. Calumangan

By Frances Doren Balboa

Ruel Cadigal photography

Philippines is known to celebrate the longest Christmas season the world. As the first day of September breaks, the countdown for Christmas begins. Many would start playing Christmas carols everywhere or even set up their Christmas trees. Months of preparation before the most awaited celebration, but it will never be complete without hanging a colorful and star-shaped Christmas lantern in the houses of every Filipino people – the Parol. In Barangay Calumangan Bago City, you'll get to meet Tatay Jose Lapatan, a 73-year-old man who never thought of sharing the vibrancy of Christmas to everyone through his works of art.

He was on his sixth grade when Tatay Jose started his business turned school project. Without enough money to buy ready-made lanterns, he used his innate talent to create one. He began framing different sizes of stars out of bamboo sticks and even used sugar cane tassels or bilaho. Then he wrapped his star with a piece of wax paper with the aid of starch or tayubong. When he was in high school, he was awarded as the Most Outstanding in Craftmanship. Tatay Jose later discovered various ways of improving the design of his artwork and this impressed anyone who happened to see his masterpiece. Due to an unexpected demand he started selling it.

From a starting capital of fifty pesos, he was able to create 300 small, medium and large stars with prices ranging from three to twenty pesos. His two younger sisters were





his companion in making the orders. As the eldest among the six, he used this opportunity to help his parents in their finances. Years have passed and hundreds turned into thousands. His works were known to many, not only in the city of Bago but also in its neighboring cities and municipalities.

Schools, churches, public and private companies and hospitals were among his yearly customers. Though in doubt of accomplishing a bulk of orders at first but the positive feedback from his clients proved the quality of his work. This what makes Tatay Jose busy every year, the reason why he need more hands in making the parols.

His neighbors were his back up and they were more willing to help him. The people whom he asked for help were mostly unemployed. "Mga tambay lang ang kalabanan sa ila amo na ang rason nga ginpangayo ko ang ila bulig para may ipuli man sila sa ila pamilya," Tatay Jose said. Two is better than one and thirty is far way better than two. It may sound many but, yes, he helped at least 30 people earn a living.

Over the years, parols have evolved from the common star-shape to more complicated designs using specialized materials such as molded wires, capiz shells and mostly lighted with bulbs... such a perfect way to maintain its beauty even through the night. This evolution is sometimes a threat to Tatay Jose's business. There were times that his customers would prefer the modernized lanterns rather than his "ordinary" art. When

we was about to lose hope, he remembered something that could help him in his production. He, too, started using wires in molding animal and abstract designs, increased the size of his parol and used colorful metallic papers in wrapping them. He also started making this another traditional symbol of a Filipino Christmas, the Belen – a three-dimensional art that depicts the Nativity scene of Jesus Christ.

Opportunities come Tatay Jose's way. With the help of his family and friends, he was able to join various parol making contests and with the unique and artistic details of his work, he bagged major and special prizes. "Dako man nabulig sang mga contest sa akon kag sa pamilya ko kay didto mas damo ang nakakita sang ikasarang ko sa paghimo sang parol kag mas nakilala pa gid ang negosyo namon," he added.

He starts framing his parols August of every year and opens his business on the first week of November, just in time for the Al Cinco de Noviembre. Tatay Jose normally makes three to five pieces of parols a day, a total of 30-35 pieces every week.

At the present time, his lantern costs P20.00 to P2,500.00 due to the price increase of the materials he is using, yet still the cheapest compared to some commercialized and modernized lanterns. From the starting capital of P50.00, he now alots P3,000.00 for his yearly project. As he waits for the next Christmas season, Tatay Jose used to work as a carpenter and sometimes sell indian mangoes along the streets.

These days, as you pass by the place known as "Taclaron" in the said barangay, you will happen to see a series of parol diplays on the both sides of the streets. These are actually the creations of those people who started as helpers of Tatay Jose. They were able to put up their own parol businesses with indulgence shown to their so called "master". It's been 60 years since Tatay Jose started his one-stop business but you may see him sitting in a small kubo beside a waiting shed, wearing old polo and pants, facing his everyday companion – rugby, bamboo sticks, metallic and wax papers. "Indi man makapamanggaranon sa akon ang makita ko sa negosyo ko kay indi man bilog nga tuig ga baligya ko lantern, ang ginansya ko amo na ginagamit namon sa sulod sang panimalay samtang ga hulat naman sang madason nga paskwa," he said.

Tatay Jose is an example of a genuine hero who would rather give what he have and extend his helpful hands to the needy than putting himself first.

Christmas to him is not having wealth but good health; not having clean and new clothes but a pure heart; not having a beautiful place to live but a place to call home; not to sell overpriced products but to sell cheaper and give more happiness; and it is not about getting old but having a new life.

Thus, the legend of his parol continues to live in the hearts of his kasimanwas and through his parol, he is able to spread the real essence of the celebration to everyone./





Source: CPDO

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	PRINCESS ANN ALBORANTE	Head Nurse - HOSPITAL	RAMON TORRES NATIONAL HS MAIN
Bago City College	MIBELLE T. DE LA VEGA	College Administrator	RT MALINGIN NHS
	SHERELYN G. GAYO	Chairperson, Technical Dept.- COLLEGE	BETHANY LIFE CENTER ACADEMY
	CG VALERIE L. QVIVIR	Administrative Officer - COLLEGE	TALOC BAPTIST PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CMO (Environment)	SHYRA M. ATILANO	SEMS/CSWMB Officer/City ENRO	RT MALINGIN NHS
CMO (Nutrition)	ELLA K. LUZURIAGA	Nutritionist/Dietician	RT LOUISIANA NHS BACONG EXTENTION
CMO (Tourism)	SANDRO QUIATCHON	Senior Tourism Operations Officer	RT DULAO NHS
	SHIELA MAE M. AREVALO	Senior Tourism Operations Officer	RT MSC NHS
CMO	CHLARINE G. REYES	Public Information Officer	BROOKSIDE GARDEN ACADEMY
CMO (POPCOM)	KRISCHAN S. GELASAN	City Population Program Officer	RT TALOC NHS
CMO (BAC)	LERY JOY GABILANGOSO	Head-BAC Secretariat	BROOKSIDE GARDEN ACADEMY
CMO	DENVER M. POLONDAYA	Records Officer IV - CMO	TALOC BAPTIST PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
OSCA OFFICE	KRISTINE JOY T. BELLEZA	OSCA, Head	RT MALINGIN NHS
CDRRM (Disaster)	MARK ARVIN LECITA	Medical Officer IV/DRRM Officer	RAMON TORRES DULAO NHS
DILG	AUDREY T. MILITAR	CLGOO VI, DILG	BROOKSIDE GARDEN ACADEMY
DEP-ED	LETECIA CARMELA M. PAREDES	Schools Division Superintendent	RT TALOC NHS
	JAN MARK D. PANONCILLO	Assistant Schools Division Superintendent	TALOC BAPTIST PARK
PNP	ROCKY O. SERVANCIA	Chief of Police	BETHANY LIFE CENTER ACADEMY
	COLEEN M. JUMAYAO	Women's Desk Officer - PNP	OLPA
CPDO	SHIEN ANGEL D. DELOS REYES	Zoning Officer-Designate	RT LOUISIANA-BACONG EXTENTION
BFP	MELANIE L. BREGABIEL	Fire Marshal	RT LOUISIANA NHS
BJMP	JOHN BOY P. JALEA	Jail Warden	RT DULAO NHS
POST OFFICE	LYKA MARIE C. TORREFRANCA	Post Master	RT MAAO SUGAR CENTRAL NHS
HRMO OFFICE	VE-AN GRACE P. JAGA	Human Resource Mgt. Officer IV	RT MALINGIN NHS
City Engineer's Office	DANIELA MARIE A. ESCALONA	CEO- Engineer:	RT SAGASA NHS
City Coop/TLDC	APRIL ROSE LAGAN	City Coop Officer/TLDC Manager	RT DULAO NHS
Sparadise/Showroom	MARIA YSABELLE CLAUDETTE A. HERMOGINES	City Investment Promotions officer/ Sparadise & Showroom Manager	OLPA

# Linggo Ng Kabataan 2015

## A Week of Working Together

By Bernadette M. Somcio

One of the activities of the year I always anticipate with pleasure is the celebration of the Linggo Ng Kabataan in our City each October. Of course it is a bit demanding especially for an oldie like me to be on top of such a youth-oriented, rapid unfolding week but the valuable effort and help of Sir Edwin de Nicolas, Edna Lobrido, YveNarazo, Lea PilipinaCanayon and the helpful staff of the City Planning and Development Office, the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the SangguniangPanlungsod makes the week truly worthwhile and unforgettable for the participating student leaders.

The celebration of the Linggo Ng Kabataan seemed to bring out the best in our local government offices and some national offices. This year the hitches which made the activity all the more exciting were not totally absent; the all-out support; however, of Mayor Monet Torres, Vice Mayor Nikko, the SP Members, and the heads of national and local government offices negated these glitches compared to the gains achieved. The Human Resource Office with Mam Tricia Matti, the City Population Office with Mam YollyBarcenilla, the City Social Welfare and Development Office with Mam Maria Elena Millevo, the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office with Doc Jane, the SangguniangPanlungsod with Linda Arellano and Brenda Alcantara, and the staff of these offices went all out to educate the kids in matters of Human Resource activities from hiring to firing, matters as Leadership, Disaster Preparedness and Local Legislation respectively.

Other supportive entities whose invaluable help made the week more vivid were: the partner non-government organization(NGO) with Mam Almira B. Torres at the helm and the officers and members of the Soroptimist International Metro Bago (SIMB) ably assisted by the B &Gs (Boys and Girls), extended feeding to more than eighty Day Care kids. Sir Jurievic Mesias and staff of the City Environment Office provided strong assistance in the tree planting activity at the Buenos Aires Mountain Resort (BAMR). Members of the PNP – Bago under the leadership of Police Superintendent David Cachumbo and Traffic – in - charge Marino Makilan headed the caravan in style to the BAMR passing through Barangays Sagasa, DJAraneta and Ma-ao with a Highway Patrol Officer doing wonderful

traffic control manuevers, the blinkers and the horns. With balloons on each vehicle popping all the way, the caravan was a breath taking experience that made for a feeling of significance and pride for the activity. Together with the B &Gs the PNP planted trees for posterity.

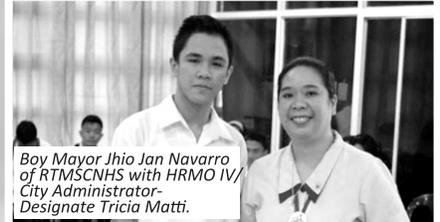
For the last seven years, we have tried our best to implement the mandate of RA 7160 or the the Local Government Code regarding the Linggo Ng Kabataan. It is a demanding work, an extra load to plan the Linggo Ng Kabataan and to execute it. For us who are directly involved directly it means to go out an extra mile, leave the comforts of an air-conditioned office and routine tasks in order to make the week extra memorable and smooth flowing as it can be. For the department heads and other government officials they have to bear the presence of a gangly or pimply youth who seems helpless in their office and whom they do not know what to do with. I guess though, they are used by now and tried to make the week a real learning experience for their young counterparts.

No cash remuneration would ever give a "high" such that we feel during this week when we try to give student leaders an experience in working at our government offices, learning useful things, meeting and working side by side with the people running the government of Bago City and experiencing serving people first hand. We are surprised we feel energized despite the extra work. It must be the magic of youth infusing us with their attitude that nothing can be so serious in life, they cannot be put aside for the moment.

Personally, our best hour this year was when Vice Mayor Nikko commended the B & G Vice Mayor (Bernice Antoinette de Nicolas) and the ten B & G Councilors for a work done very smoothly, actually in conducting the Session of the Week on October 20, 2015. I realized how really malleable the minds of the young are. The Boys and Girls actually

took over our seats at the SP and we sat as advisers or prompters at their sides. We were amazed at how readily they took over, making a record of five privilege speeches in one session of matters they have observed around them like the dark streets that make them afraid when they go home (GSPM Kaye Galon), cigarette selling by vendors at a city-owned compound just outside the fence of RTNHS to students and minors (BSPM Ivan Jacinto), minors driving single motorcycles dangerously on the streets of most Barangays (BSPM Gildo Carlo Famoso), the outright violation of the Ordinance on Regulation of Computer Gaming Stations (GSPM Shenery Ejes), and the unfinished portion on the crossing of the streets General Luna and Biente Dos which was hazardous for drivers and commuters on tricycles alike (GSPM Nicole Dote).

Better also was their resolve to find out what happened to their privilege speeches. They attended the Committee Meetings two weeks after and participated actively. In my mind I was saying with young people like these, there is hope, big hope for Bago and the country. Another satisfaction on their side must be to discover that they were taken seriously and that some of their presented problems were acted upon immediately (GSPM Dote's complaint). In most offices, the B & G acquitted themselves passably, learned by observing, listening, and doing; made recommendations in their evaluations; and unanimously said, "the week was too short, it should be a one-month Linggo". The inevitable tears came at the Culmination Program in the BAMR Gym. Parting is, indeed, a sweet sorrow but our best hope is that the learning and significance of the week will never be lost on the government men and women involved and the young student leaders who participated. /



Girl Vice Mayor Bernice Antoinette de Nicolas of RTNHS with Vice-Mayor Nicholas Yulo.

Boy Mayor Jhio Jan Navarro of RTMNSCNHS with HRMO IV/ City Administrator-Designate Tricia Matti.



Bago Mayor Ramon D. Torres with City Engineer Joenil Lavadia, PENRO Andress Untal and CENRO Joan Nathaniel Gerangaya breaks ground for the new Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) building in Bago City last July 29 at Bantayan Park.



Centenarians from Bago City were among the 75 awardees honoured by the Provincial Government last November 5. They each received P100,000 as cash incentive.



Mayor Ramon Torres turned-over the Water Sanitation and Hygiene vehicle to Dr. Ferdinand Mayoga in the presence of GSO head Engr. Jocelyn Go and CDRRMC personnel Myla Espende.



Mayor Torres and Vice Mayor Yulo together with CSSDO Ma. Elena Millevo giving medals to the graduates of HRSC and Scala students last November 16.



Mayor Torres distribute school supplies to Alternative Learning System students together with Dr. Avelino Claud.



Mayor Torres speaks before the participants of Family Celebration Week last September 21 with the theme, "Gender Equality Children's Rights in Contemporary Families."



Mayor Monet was the guest of honor during the joint induction ceremonies of Public Safety Junior Leadership Course.



Mayor Torres and Vice Mayor Yulo welcomes Madame Baby Araneta Fores and Dr. Samson Gonzaga last October 3 during the 91st death anniversary of Gen. Juan Araneta.



Mayor Torres together with City Councilors Daydet Somcio, Joy Matti, Sergio Piansay turn-over to P/Supt. David Cachumbo vehicles for Bago PNP.



Ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Gen. Juan Araneta Elementary School gate with City and DepEd officials.



Mayor Ramon Torres joins the Brigada Eskwela 2015.



City of Bago led by Mayor Ramon Torres and City Health Office personnel join the Blood Olympics 2015 last October 29.



Members of PDAO Bago City paid Mayor Torres courtesy visit in his office.



Mayor Monet Torres speaks before the participants of the Kto12 Forum last August 25 at City Coliseum.



Bago City Mayor Ramon Torres delivering his message during the 117th Independence celebration in Bago City last June 12.



Vice Mayor Nikko Yulo giving his words before the beneficiaries of Social Pension during the Elderly Week celebration in Bago last October 1-7, 2015.



Turn-over of the LGU- Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) Office by Mayor Ramon Torres to CSSDO Ma. Elena Millevio in the presence of Asst. Regional Director Rebecca Geamala and Regional Focal Person for SLP Nanding Alabado last August 20.



Mayor Ramon Torres together with ABC President Sergio Piansay, CHO Dr. Ferdinand Ramon Mayoga, Chief Nurse Nona Obando and GSO Engr. Jocelyn Go turn-over one unit ambulance to Brgy. Captain Raymundo Gerona and Dr. Gonzales for the use of Barangay Ma-ao.

# FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

## The story of Bago City's Outstanding BNS Magdalena Yales

By Frances Doren Balboa



BNS Magdalena Yales (3rd from right) holding her plaque of recognition.



In the name of public service, one must be patient enough in extending hands to the needy. No matter how far a place may be and no matter how steep the roads can be, a real public servant is the one who knows how to sacrifice his own personal life in prioritizing the real purpose of his existence. This is the reason why a Bagonhon, in another field, was recognized and ended victorious. For her fourth year in service, Maria Magdalena B. Yales, a Barangay Nutrition Scholar of Barangay Abuanan, Bago City did not expect of achieving an honor that paid all her hardships away.

Her journey started when she was designated to take over the responsibility of monitoring children ages 0-71 months in their barangay through a community survey. Yales, together with some barangay health workers travel for hours every day for a period of three months covering the 12 puroks of Abuanan to locate and identify malnourished children. The annual weighing of the children, as a top requirement will serve as their basis in providing appropriate assistance that could revive the child's growth. Her task also includes conducting an interview with the mother on raising her child as

well as identifying resources in every family that contributes to the wholeness of a child's health.

Due to an exemplary report submitted to the City Nutrition Committee, the 48-year-old BNS stood out among the 42 more BNS of the city. Her documents showed a huge difference in turning almost half of the identified malnourished children to a normal status. The records were evaluated by Ms. Josephine de la Chica, officer-in-charge of CNC that made her advanced to the regional level.

The Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET) headed by Ms. Delilah Gilongos, Nutrition Officer I, conducted the regional evaluation to the qualified BNS and soon hailed Yales as the Regional Outstanding BNS of Western Visayas and made her continue to the national level.

More than 42 thousand BNS all over the country were among her competitors. With great surprise and pride, she was among the 8 finalists who vied for the National Outstanding BNS award. Through this, officers of the National Nutrition Office headed by Ms. Maria-Bernardita Flores made a personal visit in Brgy. Abuanan to assess

Magdalena. The team were warmly welcomed by the CNC members lead by Hon. Mayor Ramon D. Torres, Vice Mayor Nicolas Yulo, Sangguniang Panlungsod members, City Health Officer-Designate Dr. Ferdinand Ramon Mayoga, Sociologist I Ms. Yve Narazo and Education Supervisor I for EPP/TLE Ms. Cecilia Lavadia.

"Wala ko mag laum nga ako ang ma mapilian sa city, pati na sa region kay ginhimo ko man lang ang akon nga obligasyon bilang isa ka BNS kag kun ano man ni ang nabaton ko nga award, ginapasalamatan ko gid ni sa tanan nga nag suporta kag nag bulig sa akon," Magdalena said.

The awarding ceremony for the national level was held last 29th of October at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City, Metro Manila. Though she wasn't able to bring home the title, Yales is grateful enough of the recognition she had. "Bangud sang ini nga award, mapasalig ko guid ang mga pumuluyo sang Brgy. Abuanan nga mas mapaayo ko pa guid ang akon serbisyo sa ila kay nahibaluhan ko nga sila ang nagasalig man sa akon," Yales added./



## Along the Way

**HON. BERNADETTE M. SOMCIO**  
City Councillor

### *Of Santa Claus and the Belen*

I was mildly surprised when I arrived home. The walls flanking our small altar were decorated with big squares of faux green pine leaves at each center of which hung two, big red and green socks, the kind you see everywhere in malls, stores. These were what Santa, that fat, jolly red-faced guy was supposed to fill with gifts if the kids had been good through the days leading to Christmas. They reminded me acutely of my childhood Christmases when we actually had hung big men socks at my grandmother's house which we had believed Santa would fill up with goodies. We slept so late every time negating our own resolve to wait for Santa and see if he was truly real. Alas, we were not so resolved after all. We would feel asleep sometime in the night after waiting so long. And in the morning, lo and behold – the socks were filled, never mind, that it could sometimes be one dried up apple, a bland tasting orange, too many candies and biscuits, and a toy that got completely dismembered by mid-afternoon. We were elated - it was true there was a Santa Claus!

I did not know when Santa stopped thinking of us – it must be when I was already in higher elementary grades and early high school when we already stayed at our own house either in the farm or at Central Ma-ao. I no longer could recollect Santa coming or dropping by the house. By then my father was working at the sugar mill and my mother must have been too tired (after eight, nine, ten and later eleven children) to watch for Santa and make sure that he did not miss our house. Neither can I remember when after many years I started to stop talking about Santa Claus to my children and threatened them of Santa not passing by if they were not good boys especially in the months before Christmas.

I am not sure if many parents still



talk about Santa Claus to their children nowadays. Parents today seem to have infected their children with indifference or outright disbelief in Santa Claus. Many I think could not even explain who Santa Claus is or was. He now seems to be insignificant - that ubiquitous red and white figure, a given, hanging or sitting (One was even going up and down a twine.) everywhere in the malls, in magazines or over television directing the attention of shoppers or convincing them to buy a better brand of house appliance. They also make parents crazy over their children pointing out and wanting what Santa is manipulating at the moment. He is the figure reduced to a joker prancing and somersaulting in front of TV audiences while wisecracking inane supposed to be jokes. He has lost his stature as a great leverage in making children behave better in exchange for those unexpected or longed for gifts. Santa has lost his importance just as many things of our childhood have slowly vanished into intentional oblivion.

Thinking back on the decoration in the house – I try to be very tolerant, giving everyone the latitude to exercise their creative juices (though it may not be my style). I try to explain the meaning of the four socks on the wall – saying those were the socks of each of the kid-representing the wish that Santa can come by and deliver gifts. I do not know if they listen or believe. I doubt, as kids nowadays, don't tend to believe their elders anymore. I look at one corner and there is the Christmas Tree not completely garnished yet. It is still several weeks before Christmas! I give these decorations a second and third look and I feel something is missing. This morning as I play with my almost fifteen-month grandchild I realize what is missing - amid the reason for the decorating, for the gaily put up tree, for the hanging socks, for the glittering balls, for the greens and white make-believe snow – what is missing is the nativity set in which Jesus is the center of it all! /



# Focal Points

**TRICIA Y. MATTI, MGS**  
HRMO IV / City Administrator-Designate

Hello fellow Civil Servants! We can now feel the cold breeze of December as Christmas Day is very fast approaching. Christmas parties are everywhere. What's for your Noche Buena and Media Noche? Enjoy the food but always remember to always eat in moderation. Hagan- hagan lang.

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Last September 2015, we observed the 115th Anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service with the theme, "Kayang Kaya Mo, Lingkod Bayani." The City Government has lined-up series of activities relative to the said celebration.

We opened the month-long celebration with a flag- raising ceremony sponsored by the City Mayor's Office. A holy mass was also offered before the flag-raising and opening program.

For the whole month of September, CHO personnel visited different offices and departments every MWF to check and monitor the vital signs status of employees. This is to provide employees with vital signs information and to inculcate in them the importance of healthy lifestyles. We need a healthy workforce in order to meet the demands of our work and extend the best public service possible.

A seminar- workshop for skilled personnel, particularly electricians and construction personnel of the City Government was conducted on September 17-18 to provide them with opportunity to advance their skills and competence to maximize productivity in their area of specialization. Officials from TESDA were invited to serve as trainers.

It was last September 11 when employees were treated with a time to de-stress and rejuvenate through a 20-minute foot reflex massage and free haircut. Dubbed as the Bago WorkWell Day, this activity aims to provide our employees with opportunities to lessen physical work-related stresses as well as promote better physical well-being.

Then from September 15-19, we held the 2nd Super September Bazaar at the City Coliseum. A flea market where employees were provided with opportunities to sell personal belongings such as used clothes, footwear, food, kitchenware, accessories, books and other items that are no longer used by the family. This activity aims to



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provide City Government employees with opportunities to improve their entrepreneurial skills, strengthen working and personal relationships towards better organizational productivity and individual efficiency. Likewise, the Super September Bazaar aims to provide employees with avenues to raise additional income for personal and professional needs.

The 2nd Bago City Government Sunset Run dubbed as RUNDom was held on September 25. This activity aims to provide employees with an alternative activity that will strengthen family relationships as well as promote good health among workers in the government and Bagonhons in general. Also, it aimed to create avenues for the promotion of employees' enjoyment, camaraderie while sweating for good health.

Another activity for this Civil Service Month Celebration is the "Kawani Kusina Master" (The Bago City Gov't. Employees Cooking Contest) held last October 2. This activity aimed to provide employees with opportunities to further develop their cooking skills towards healthy lifestyles. It also targets to empower employees with new skills that they can use as a possible source of additional income and improve their creativity and resourcefulness leading to personal and professional advancement. Departments and Offices sent two representatives to compete with other employees during the cooking contest.

We would like to welcome members of Big Hands Bigger Hearts 11 (BHBH11). They are our friends from Singapore who annually visit Bago City for community service. BHBH is with us every December and we are thankful for their generosity and service to our youth. For this year, BHBH11's main project is linked with RTLNHS-Bacong Extension's proposal for Mango Fruit Production Project.

I also will make special mention and extend my personal thanks to all the City Officials, Department Heads and employees of the City Government for the once again meaningful realization of Paskwa sang Pag-asa this year. On our 9th year, we have indeed made the simple wishes of the 31 PSP Beneficiaries come true. With your cooperation and generosity, truly we've altogether reached lives, created smiles, touched hearts and gave hope this season of Christmas.

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It is on this part that I wish all civil servants of the City Government of Bago a blessed and joyful Christmas. May the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ be our constant reminder to be good and kind to one another not only during Christmas but throughout the year. My family joins me also in wishing you all a bountiful New Year. Let us all leave negative vibes to the old year and be optimistic with what the New Year will bring us. Cheers! /



# Earth Saver

**JURIE VIC D. MESIAS**

Supervising Environmental Management Specialist

## Bago FLUP Reviewed by Regional Experts

DENR Region 6 invited Bago City and other LGU recipients of their technical assistance in the preparation of the Forest Land Use Plan for Plan Presentation and Technical Review last December 1, 2015 at Madison Hotel, Iloilo City.

The contingent from this City presented the City FLUP to the Regional Technical Review Committee composed of the top level leadership of the DENR Regional Office VI headed by ARD Jesse L. Vego. The Team is headed by SPM Cleo Gaudite, SEMS Vicente D. Mesias, PDO II Edna A. Lobrido, Statistician I Perpetua C. Amanquion and GIS Personnel Harlem D. Romero.

The presentation of the City FLUP is a pre-requisite to the approval by the DENR Regional Director and subsequent MOA signing between the LGU and DENR for its implementation.

The purpose and objective of Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) is to build consensus and develop recommendations on the best uses of forest lands, including the important step of identifying open access areas and determining appropriate management incentives and best resource managers for these open access areas. It provides the basis for allocating forest and forestlands (FFL) under appropriate management and tenure arrangements and its consequent assignments to qualified stewards or manager with established accountabilities.

Immediately after the presentation and review, ARD Jesse L. Vego of DENR Region VI, commended the Team from Bago for coming up with the Plan. He thanked Mayor Torres, Vice Mayor Yulo and the rest of the officials for accepting the partnership with the DENR, and acknowledged the efforts of the assigned personnel that joined the workshops that led to the realization of the FLUP. He stressed that with the FLUP and the kind of good environmental governance known of Bago City, he looks



forward to a successful implementation of the proposed interventions and a sustainable environment for Bagonhons.

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## City Gov't. Distribute Funds to MEBSAP Partners

Just in time with the Yuletide Season, the City Government of Bago released the second and third quarter tranche of its financial assistance to project partners of the Multipartite Ecologically Balance and Sustainable Agro-forestry Project (MEBSAP) in Barangays Mailum and Ilijan.

Last December 21, 2015, the City Officials headed by Mayor Ramon D. Torres and Vice Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo handed the PhP462,900.00 financial support to a total of 61 beneficiaries of Barangays Mailum and Ilijan.

The main objective of the project is to establish, operate, sustain and continually improve a system of livelihood activities for the communities of the City leading towards standards of charcoal production that is environmentally sound, socially responsive and economically viable. The project employs five components as follows: 1. community participation; 2. fuel wood/coffee/fruits trees establishment and management with financial support through a zero interest loan; 3. bulk marketing support through a buy back scheme of charcoal, coffee and other produce; 4. advocacy and networking with focus on sustainable fuelwood management and marketing

leading towards nationally and internationally accepted standards; and 5. monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure project and community accomplishments versus project objectives and policies. The project is already on its third year of a three year establishment period and is about to commence in providing bulk marketing support to the beneficiaries.

With the Project, it is envisioned that illegal activities resulting to the destruction of the Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park will be minimized if not totally eradicated. This will ensure that the existing forest cover will continue to expand to serve as carbon sink and repository of water that sustainably flows and irrigates agricultural lands, and domestic and industrial needs of water within the Bago River Watershed.

In a speech delivered during the cash distribution, Mayor Torres encouraged the sincere participation and support of the beneficiaries in ensuring the successful implementation of the project as the same is a trailblazing best practice that will enshrine among the City's replicable projects. He stressed that the City Government is doing its best in complying its obligation under MEBSAP, and hopes that the project partners will do their part and encourage others to do the same, so that the ends the project seeks to achieve, which are sustainable supply of water in Bago River Watershed, sustainable livelihood for the people, and healthy and bio-diverse environment, are successfully met./

# PASKWA *sang*

# PAG-ASA

Year 9

*Reaching Lives, Creating Smiles,  
Touching Hearts, Giving Hope*



**Erika Dupal-ag**

Abuanan Elementary School  
Brgy. Abuanan  
Sponsor: LCR

The youngest of 9 children of sugarcane workers, &, 13 year old Erika is a Grade VI Student who loves to dance. She wants to become a Nurse someday to help her family.



**Danica S. Pineda**

I. Lucasan Elementary School  
Brgy. Abuanan – Prk. Dumpsite  
Sponsor: BCH - NURSING

Danica is the youngest of the 7 siblings. She is a Grade V student at the age 14 years old. Her mother, Lolita, earns a meager income by selling vegetables in the area. Her father, Edgardo, stopped working as a “Tanod” after he was diagnosed with Tuberculosis, 2 years ago. Danica wants to be a Nurse Someday to help her family especially her father.



**Sheila Mae Buenaflor**

Alianza Elementary School  
Brgy. Alianza  
Sponsor: BCH - ADMIN

10 year-old Sheila is the youngest of the seven siblings. She is a Grade V student and she wanted to become a Teacher and to help her family someday. Her parents are sugarcane workers whose income is not enough for the family’s needs.



**Erica Gabayoyo**

Atipulan Elementary School  
Brgy. Atipulan  
Sponsor: ACCTG

The youngest of the two siblings and living with their grandparents because both her parents already have families of their own. She is a great swimmer and she is scheduled to compete in the Provincial Meet for she won 1st place in the last Area meet held at Bago City Sports Center.



**KC-Lyn Rivera**

Dr. P.F. Elizalde Elementary School  
Brgy. Bacong  
Sponsor: AGRI / COOP

11-year old KC-Lyn is a grade V student and currently ranks 1 in her class. She wanted to be a teacher someday to teach other kids how to read and write. She is the 2nd of the three children in the family. They grew up with no father and their mother earns a living by working in the sugarcane fields.



**Jean Clarence Amatorio Dominguez**

J. Montilla Elementary School  
Brgy. Bacong  
Sponsor: CHO

Jean Clarence is a 12 year-old Grade VI student. She is the 3rd among the 5 children of their widowed mother, Emily a sugarcane worker whose income is usually not enough for their needs. Their youngest has a very rare skin disease which needs immediate medical help.



**Ham Ligorfa**

Bagroy Elementary School  
Brgy. Bagroy  
Sponsor: SINGAPOREANS / BHBH 11

12 year-old Ham is a Grade IV student and wants to become a Policeman someday to help his family and to provide enough food for them. His mother, Ofelia, earns a living by accepting laundry job in the neighborhood. Ham's stepfather, Sanny, is a Farmer whose daily income is usually insufficient for the family's needs.



**Charlene Perater**

Leonor Dela Rama Elementary School  
Brgy. Balingasag  
Sponsor: BAC

Charlene is an 11 year-old orphan living together with her 4 other siblings with the guidance of the previous employer of their mother and their neighbors. Her dream is to become a Policewoman and to help her other siblings to survive the tragedy that they are currently experiencing.



**Justin Jay Ton-ogan**

D.s. Benedicto Memorial School  
Brgy. Binubuhan  
Sponsor: HRMO

Of the 7 children of the Ton-ogan family, 8-year old Justin Jay is the middle child. He is a grade III student. Both of his parents did not finished their elementary education and earns a living through "pangani" and selling honey during off season. Justin goes to school without any allowance.



**Francis Custodio, Jr.**

M.L. Araneta Elementary School  
Brgy. Busay  
Sponsor: SP

Fourth among the 11 children of the family, and a Grade V student at the age of 13, he wants to become a Police man to help his family. His parents are both farmers whose usual income is not enough for the family's needs.



**Brenda Buhat**

T.M. Morada Elementary School  
Brgy. Calumangan  
Sponsor: BUDGET

Brenda is the youngest of 6 Buhat children. The family earns a living through fishing and collecting shells to sell in the neighborhood. She goes to school with only 5 pesos for her allowance. She dreams to become a Doctor someday to help heal her sick mother.



**Rosandra Fernandez**

Caridad Elementary School  
Brgy. Caridad  
Sponsor: DISASTER

10-year old is the 4th among the 5 children in the family. Her father earns a living with no fixed income through farming and accepting tailoring job. Her mother is a stay-in baby sitter in Bacolod City and seldom goes home.



**Ronnel Pahimolin**

Astro Farms Elementary School  
Brgy. DJA- Astro Farms  
Sponsor: ENVI / NUT / SHOWROOM

Ronnel is 8 years old and the eldest among the two children. He is already in Grade III and he wanted to become a Doctor to help in their family's needs. His father is a driver and his income is very insufficient to sustain the family's needs.



**Rhea Mae Guevarra**

A.M. Espinos Elementary School  
Brgy. Dulao  
Sponsor: GSO

She is the eldest among the 4 children of the family. Rhea Mae is a 12 year-old Grade IV student and a product of a broken family. Rhea Mae wanted to become a Flight Stewardess. Her pregnant mother is raising their family alone, works as a sugarcane worker and accepts laundry job to feed their family.



**Sandra Labonete**

Guanzon-Balagos Elementary School  
Brgy Dulao  
Sponsor: CPDO

16 year-old Sandra is a Grade VI student and wanted to become a Chef to provide comfort to her family someday. Both of her parents have special needs. She is working as a helper in her Aunt's house to sustain herself in going to school.



**Analiza Gonzales**

Vidal Cauntoy Elementary School  
Brgy. Dulao – Prk. Talutog  
Sponsor: CTO

Analiza is an 11 year-old Grade IV student and the 5th among the 7 children of the family. She wanted to become a Teacher to help her family someday. Her mother, Amelia a housemaid provides the necessities of their family because her father, Manuel cannot do heavy work for he has a disease called hernia.



**Gracia P. Hardin**

R. & S. Abindan Elementary School  
Brgy. Ilijan - Prk. Balatong  
Sponsor: CEO

Gracia is a Grade VI student and the 5th among the 8 children of Elfren and Caridad. She wanted to become a Teacher and to help her family in their needs. Her mother had an accident last 2012, and her father's usual income in making charcoal is not enough for their necessities.



**Gio Osorio**

Ma-ao Sugar Central Elementary School  
Brgy. DJA  
Sponsor: VET

The youngest of the four children of a call center single mom. He is a 12 year-old Grade VI student. Recently their house where burnt down by fire. His dream was to become a Seaman to help her mother in the construction of their new house and for their daily needs.



**Karen Mae Montogon**

Ma-ao Elementary School  
Brgy. Ma-ao  
Sponsor: CSSDO

Karen Mae is a 10 year old and a Grade V student. She is the 2nd child among the 3 children and she wanted to become a Teacher someday. Several months ago his father was diagnosed of mild Tuberculosis and the usual income of her mother who is a baby sitter is not enough for their needs and for the medication of her father..



**Renbee Delos Reyes**

Louisiana Elementary School  
Brgy. Maao-Louisiana  
Sponsor: BCC

11 year old Grade V student, Renbee is the youngest among the 3 siblings. Her parents earn a meager income in working in the sugarcane fields. She wanted to become a Nurse someday and provide her parents a comfortable life.



**Angelyn Tanon**

Mailum Elementary School  
Brgy. Mailum  
Sponsor: TOURISM / BAMR / OSCA

Angelyn is 9 years old and a Grade I student. She is the 3rd among the 8 siblings and she wanted to become a teacher. Both of her parents are working in the sugarcane fields whose income is insufficient to provide the family's needs.



**Emar Tortula**

Cristeta E. Dormido Elementary School  
Brgy. Mailum – Pata-an  
Sponsor: CEO

The eldest among the three siblings, Emar is a 13 year-old Grade IV student, and a product of a broken family. His father is Tonyo earns a living by making charcoal whose income is usually insufficient for the family's needs.



**Francis Cabaneg**

R.M. Araneta Elementary School  
Brgy. Mailum - Sitio Lunao  
Sponsor: CTO

Francis Cabaneg is 8 years old and already a Grade III student. He is the 2nd of the 3 siblings and a product of a broken family. He wanted to become a Policeman in the future. His father Edwin is a charcoal maker whose income is usually not enough for the needs of their family.



**Renier Nosal**

Jalsis Elementary School  
Brgy. Malingin – Prk. Narra  
Sponsor: CMO/ADMIN

Renier is the 3rd among the 5 siblings and a product of a broken family. He is an 11 year-old Grade VI student and he wanted to study in college to become a Security Guard and to help his mother. He usually find ways in order for their family to survive.



**Angel Medez**

B. Araneta Elementary School  
Brgy. Napoles  
Sponsor: LEGAL

7 year-old Angel is the eldest among the 3 siblings. She is a Grade I student and she wanted to finish her studies and become a teacher. Her father Archie earns an insufficient income as a farmer.



**Jerom Mandar**

Dr. Alfredo Sian Elementary School  
Brgy. Napoles  
Sponsor: BCC

A 9 years old Grade II student Jerom is the 3rd among the 5 siblings. They are living in together with their granparents, Marilene and Jenny Craco. Their mother, Jessica Craco left them and is nowhere to be found.



**Josie Barroca**

Rafael M. Salas Elementary School  
Brgy. Pacol  
Sponsor: ASSESSOR

Josie is the 8th among the 9 children of a farmer, and a Grade IV student. He represented their school in the Regional Filipino Editorial and won 1st place. He wanted to become a Chef to provide comfort to his family.



**Romeo Alderete Jr.**

Sagasa Elementary School  
Brgy. Sagasa  
Sponsor: SP

The youngest among the 6 siblings, Romeo Jr., is an 11 year-old Grade III student. He was a product of a broken family. He wanted to become a Doctor someday. His father Romeo Sr. is a farmer who earns an insufficient income.



**Jemar Arzaga**

I. Makilan Elementary School  
Brgy. Tabunana  
Sponsor: POPCOM / LIBRARY

Jemar is a 14 year-old Grade VI student and the eldest among the 5 children of a farmer. He loves to draw and he wanted to become a painter to help his parents in their daily expenses.



**Reniel Dela Cruz**

J. L. Araneta Elementary School  
Brgy. Taloc  
Sponsor: CHO

11 year-old Reniel is the eldest of the 4 children of Radine who earns a living by selling fish. Reniel is a Grade III student and a product of a broken family. He is living with his grandparents who are also fishermen.



**Hope Villacarlos**

Newton Jison Elementary School  
Brgy. Taloc – Newton  
Sponsor: BCC

Hope is 8 years old and 7th among the 11 siblings. She is on her 3rd Grade and she wanted to become a Doctor and to help her parents. Her mother, Mimilba is already pregnant with her 12th child and her father, Fernando is a carpenter whose income is not enough for the needs of their big family.

# Civil Service Month Celebration 2015



**Flag Raising Ceremony**  
September 7, 2015



**WorkWell**  
September 11, 2015



**September Bazaar 2**  
September 15-19, 2015



**Electrical Installation Workshop with TESDA**  
September 17, 2015



**Innovative Technology and Application in Modern Plumbing with Basic Safety and Health Practice in Construction Trade**  
September 18, 2015



**RunDom**  
September 25, 2015



**Kawani Kusina Master**  
October 2, 2015



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October 2, 2015

FDP Form 8 - Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund Utilization  
(COA Form)



**Report on Utilization of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund**  
For the Quarter September 30, CY 2015  
Province/City/Municipality BAGO

Particulars	LDRRMF		NDRRMF	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total
	Quick Response Fund (QRF) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%				
<b>A. Sources of Funds</b>						
Current Appropriations	P 9,328,269.30	P 19,765,156.23				P 29,093,425.53
Continuing Appropriations (CO)		25,770,983.54				25,770,983.54
Prev. Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund		48,011,642.99				48,011,642.99
Transfers/ Grants			100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>P 9,328,269.30</b>	<b>P 93,547,782.76</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>P 102,976,052.06</b>
<b>B. Utilization</b>						
Medicines		-				-
Food Supplies		-				-
Repair of Evacuation Center		-				-
Travelling Expenses		17,411.00				17,411.00
Other Repair and Maintenance		1,375,937.09				1,375,937.09
Trainings		143,300.00				143,300.00
Construction of Evacuation Center		-				-
CIP - Agency Assets		46,800.00				46,800.00
CIP - Roads, Highways & Bridges		-				-
CIP - Artesian Wells, Reservoirs, Pumping Stations & Conduits		-				-
Construction in Progress - Irrigation, Canals & Laterals		-				-
Construction in Progress - Other Public Infrastructures		-				-
Major Repairs of various Gov't. Facilities		-				-
Site Development of Bago City Evacuation Site for Disaster		-				-
Motor Vehicles		1,177,000.00				1,177,000.00
Equipment		569,000.00				569,000.00
Transfer to Other LGUs		-				-
<b>Total Utilization</b>		<b>P 3,329,448.09</b>				<b>P 3,329,448.09</b>
<b>Unutilized Balance</b>	<b>P 9,328,269.30</b>	<b>P 90,218,334.67</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>			<b>P 99,646,603.97</b>

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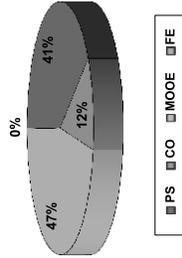
**RUBY V. ABELLAR**  
City Accountant





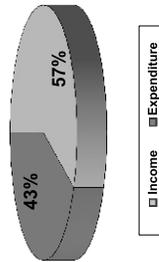
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City of Bago  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ACCOUNTANT

EXPENDITURES BY EXPENSE CLASS  
For the period January 1 to September 30, 2015



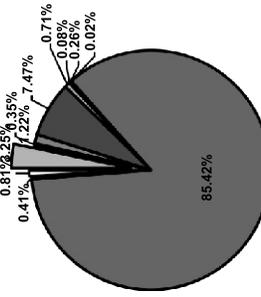
Expenditure Classification	Amount
Personnel Services (PS)	177,865,649.52
Capital Outlay	52,315,868.92
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)	205,431,018.70
Financial Expenses	486,323,187.38

INCOME VS. EXPENDITURES  
For the period January 1 to September 30, 2015



Classification	Amount
Income	510,089,789.68
Expenditures	364,007,308.44

INCOME BY SOURCE  
For the period January 1 to September 30, 2015



Legend: LT, RPT, IEE, IGD, OFPE, MI, IRA, SNW, PL

Income Classification	Amount
Local Taxes (LT)	16,552,564.05
Service Income (SI)	1,800,245.65
Real Property Tax (RPT)	6,247,538.95
Income from Economic Enterprises (IEE)	39,082,011.02
Interest Income (II)	392,484.35
Other Income (OI)	1,322,986.20
Miscellaneous Income (MI)	120,248.13
Internal Revenue Allocation (IRA)	455,733,640.00
Share from National Wealth (SNW)	2,085,524.00
Permit and Licenses (PL)	4,111,192.33



CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE 3RD QUARTER, CY 2015

Province, City or Municipality: **BAGO CITY**

Program or Project	Locations		Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
						% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date		
DA SWINE CHAIN PROJECT	BAGO CITY	P	250,000.00	6/17/15			P		
DA - FARM TO MARKET ROAD BRGY. MALINGIN-ATIPULUAN	BAGO CITY		3,000,000.00	6/17/15		100%	3,000,000.00		completed
DILG - SALINTUBIG PROGRAM	BAGO CITY		500,000.00	6/17/15		15%	76,200.00		on - going
DA - CONSTRUCTION OF BARANGAY MALINGIN - ATIPLUAN ROAD	BAGO CITY		600,000.00	2/04/15		100%	600,000.00		completed
DA - KARABAG-O PROJECT	BAGO CITY		500,001.43	1/22/15		39%	194,000.00		on - going
DSWD - SEED CAPITAL TO 4P'S BENEFICIARIES	BAGO CITY		3,600,000.00	12/26/13		35.72%	3,286,000.00		on - going
LDRRMF - (SPECIAL TRUST FUND)	BAGO CITY		67,091,702.38	2/01/13			20,900,561.39		on - going

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*Ruby V. Abellar*  
**RUBY V. ABELLAR**  
City Accountant

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**RAMON D. TORRES**  
City Mayor



**The  
CITY GOVERNMENT OF BAGO**

invites  
qualified Bagonhon women to join in the



*Divata sang Bago 2016*

The Festival Queen Search

**Divata sang Bago 2016 Pageant will be on February 13, 2016**

**GUIDELINES:**

1. 17-21 years old
2. Single, has never borne a child and possesses good moral character
3. 5 feet 3 inches in height or taller
4. Fluent in English, Tagalog or Hiligaynon
5. Must either be a current resident of or was born in Bago City (must submit a Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate) or has Bago City roots up to direct grandparents only. In case of the latter, she must show proof (Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate) that one of her parents or one of her direct grandparents was born in Bago City.
6. Must not have joined in Bikini shows or similar activities.
7. Must not be a title holder of any national level beauty competition.
8. For foreign based Bagonhon, the candidate should have only participated in a beauty pageant within the local community where she resides.

Deadline for submission of Application Form:  
on or before **4PM of December 15, 2015.**

Submit application form at the HRM Office,  
2nd Floor, Main City Hall Building.

Screening of Candidates will be on  
**December 20, 2015.**

For more details, please contact either of the following persons:  
 • Mr. Joseph V. Amunzo at Mobile No.: 0918 9514991.  
 • Ms. Ingrid Joanne M. Espeleta at Mobile No.: 0915 3647224.  
 • Mr. John Paul L. Balasa at Mobile No.: 0927 8043684.



**The  
CITY GOVERNMENT OF BAGO**

invites  
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Search for



*Little  
MISS BAGO*

**2016**

**A FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY FOR THE CITY'S SOCIAL FUND AND PASKWA SANG PAG-ASA PROJECT.  
FUND SHARING: 40% WILL GO TO THE CITY AND 60% WILL GO BACK TO THE CANDIDATE/FAMILY.**

**GUIDELINES:**

1. 7-10 years old girls at the time of the coronation
2. Must either be a current resident of or was born in Bago City (must submit a Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate) or has Bago City roots up to direct grandparents only. In case of the latter, she must show proof (Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate) that one of her parents or one of her direct grandparents was born in Bago City.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. One (1) Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate
2. Three (3) copies each of: Close Up and Full Body photos (with white background)
3. Duly accomplished Application Form (in duplicate)
4. Medical Certificate (signed by a government doctor, stating that she is physically fit)
5. Accomplished Parents/Guardian's Undertaking/Waiver

Deadline for submission of Application Form: on or before 4PM of January 8, 2016.  
Submit application form at the HRM Office, 2nd Floor, Main City Hall Building.

Screening (if necessary) of Candidates will be on January 11, 2016.

For more details, please contact either of the following persons:  
 • Ms. Nancy C. Mamon, Mobile No.: 0919 2674549.  
 • Ms. Karen P. Florido, Mobile No.: 0936 9883403.  
 • Ms. Ingrid Joanne M. Espeleta, Mobile No.: 0915 3647224.



**Coronation  
activity of the  
Little Miss Bago 2016  
will be in  
February 2016**



**BAGO CITY @ 50**  
**Great City. Greater Bagonhon.**

**KARI NA!**

**Balik-Bago 2016**

**THE GRAND BAGO CITY HOMECOMING**  
**February 16, 2016**

**Inviting all Bagonhons from all over the world  
to come home and be a part of this affair.**

For more information contact:  
Dr. Deborah E. Singson +63917-3013036  
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## "Balik Bago"

By: Francis Lagradilla

*Ako maga pauli balik sa Bago  
Sa syudad nga na dak-an ko  
Dal-on ko ang pamilya ko  
Asta mga apo ko  
Pati uga-ngan kag bilas ko  
Dali na mga kasimanwa ko  
Kita mag-isa sa pag sinadya  
Ika- 50 anibersaryo sang syudad sang Bago*

*Ang imu nga ma-agnan  
Humay nga talamnan  
Malapad nga asinan  
Baybay kag hunasan  
Manami panginhasan  
Pag dab-ot sa unhan  
Gina bitin pantat kag haluan*

*Malabyan ang mercado  
Tanan barato  
Preska nga utan  
Lab- as nga abo*

*Ang maga sug- alaw sa imu  
Monumento sang gapangabayu  
Ini amo si Tan Juan  
Rebolusyon batok sa Espanyol  
Siya gin pasidunggan  
Talibong kag binangon, pusil nga paklang  
Kanyon nga amakan*

*Sila na intu-an  
Mga prayle nag liwan*

*Malaba nga taytay, malaba nga suba  
Puno sang nanari- sari nga isda  
Puyo kag bulgan, bagtis kag gurayan  
May ara pa iban, tabahong kag so-su  
Barisala kag batitis nga marimis  
Ulang kag pasayan gina hudhud sa Bantayan*

*Pakadto sa bukid tubo ang ma-agnan  
Indi ko malimtan, sughot sa katubhan  
Pang- os tubo, pangwa bilaho kag  
Kun serum mang hagap bat-awan  
Amo ini tanan ang akon madumduman*

*Rafael Salas Park, Buenos Aires, Kipot, kag  
Pataan  
Ini ga patimaan nga malapit na ikaw sa bulkan  
Mga busay sa Guintubdan, manuk nga inug-  
bulang  
Manok nga bisaya, paluto adobo kag inubadan  
Ini balalunon mag lagaw sa bulkan*

*Sang ato ako sa Amerika  
Nag dab-ot mga produkto ta  
Silk nga barong sang OISCA  
TUMANDOK nga mga lamisa  
Muscovado sang Alter Trade*

*Tatak Bago, dungog ta  
Pati asin nag dab-ot sa Europa*

*Amu gina pa bugal ko sa ila  
Mga linuto himu sa bugas ta  
Ibos, but-ong, kwakoy, bayebaye  
Valenciana, suman, bingka  
Kag ang pinaka sikat nga panara  
Lumpia nga preska, bukayo kag iban pa*

*Dali na, mapuli kita, sa ika 50 nga anibersaryo sang  
syudad ta  
May mga artista, AGRO, kag parada  
Ikumpas, iwaswas upod sa manug saut kag  
Babaylan nga may palaspas  
24 ka Barangay, ga kumpetinsya  
Sa pag da-ug sang padya sa stree dance kag Arena*

*Ako maga pauli balik sa Bago  
Sa syudad nga na dak-an ko  
Dal-on ko ang pamilya ko  
Asta mga apo ko  
Pati uga-ngan kag bilas ko  
Dali na mga kasimanwa ko  
Kita mag-isa sa pag sinadya  
Ika- 50 anibersaryo sang syudad sang Bago  
Dali na!*

*Go, Bago!*