

Pag-asa Elementary School continually receives donation

by: April Michelle M. Tan



The Pupils of Pag-asa Elementary School as they receive the bags donated by the Rotary Club.

THE school building donation from Ten Moves Foundation through former ComWescom General Juancho Sabban was already completed and is soon to be formally turned-over to the Municipality of Kalayaan.

The Nine Hundred Thousand Pesos grant from the Provincial Government thru Gov. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra for the construction of another school building was already transferred and construction will be started by the Engineering Department. Donation of personal computers, various books and reading materials from the Rotary Club International were also transported to Pag-asa in May 2013.

Just last month, Lt. Gen. Rustico O. Guerrero of the Western Command also turned over boxes of books and school supplies donated by the Rotary Club thru LtC Neil Anthony Estrella (PN)M of WESCOM Liaison office NCR. And lately, the school children

of Adventist Elementary School donated boxes of assorted books and library materials.

Col. Emmanuel A. Canilla of Western Command also delivered another donation of school materials from the Rotary Club. Last July 30, 2013, the Timawa group sent several boxes of various school supplies, educational resources, hygienic stuff and personal items for the schoolchildren.



Mayor Eugenio B. Bito-onon Jr. and Municipal Administrator Jorge G. Misajon while checking the various donated items from the Timawa Group.

With such volume of donations from supporters of Pag-asa Elementary School, Mayor Bito-onon instructed the Planning office to make a design for the establishment of a municipal library that would serve as depository of the donated books and to as well cater to research works and later for on-line education system in Pag-asa.



The Kalayaan Admin Staff while unpacking and checking the numbers of the donated items from theTimawa Group and "I Support Pag-asa Facebook Group."



Lt. Gen. Rustico O. Guerrero (left) and some of the soldiers from the Western Command distributes the bags and school items to the elementary pupils of Pag-asa.



The boxes containing School supplies and reading materials from the Rotary Club.



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Mayor Bito-onon's 8-Point Executive Agenda inilatag sa Inaugural Session

By: Cha T. Magdayao

KASUNOD ng programa sa pagsasalin ng katungkulan mula sa dating bise alkalde patungo sa kasalukuyang bise alkalde ay ang kauna-unahang sesyon ng bagong konseho na ang pangunahing agenda ay ang paglalalatag ni Mayor Bito-onon ng kanyang 8-point agenda. Malaking bahagi nito ay ang aspeto ng pagpapaunlad ng ekonomiya sa susunod na tatlong taon ng kanyang muling panunungkulan bilang punong bayan.

Ayon may Mayor Bito-onon, pipilitin nyang isakatuparan ang mga sumusunod na programa:

1. Hikayatin natin at susuportahan ang pagtatayo ng angkop na pasilidad-infra at mga serbisyong magpapabilis ng pagkilos at paglalabas-pasok ng mga kalakal, mga tao at mga serbisyo; at magpapalakas ng industriya ng panggingisda at turismo sa Kalayaan sa pamamagitan ng pagsasaayos ng Rancudo Airstrip, pagtatayo ng Sheltered Port, Timber Wharfs (east and west sides of Airstrip) sa Pag-asa, pagbili at paglalagay ng bagong makina para sa M/L Queen Seagull, dagdag na Uti-



Si Mayor Eugenio B. Bito-onon Jr. habang inihahayag ang 8-point Executive Agenda sa Inaugural Session.

lity Boat sa Berong, Tractor at 3 Trailers/ Pushcarts sa Pag-asa , at pagsasaayos na magkaron ng Aerodrome Rating ang Rancudo Airstrip;

2.Titiyakin natin ang epektibong pagpapatupad ng isang buo/ kumprehensibong plano ukol sa serbisyong panglipunan at panglipunang kapa-
kanan na pasisimulan ng mabuting kalusugan at nutrisyon; sumusuporta sa pamahalaang nasyonal sa dekalidad na edukasyon; tumutugon sa

mga pabahay, malinis na mga palikuran, at pangunahing gamit pampubliko/pambayan tulad ng malinis na tubig at pailaw at kuryente.

2.1 Kalusugan: 5-bed Lying-in Clinic Facility Sa Pag-asa, RN Heals Program (Nurses at Midwife), Gamit-Medikal, Medical Missions sa Pag-asa, pagtuturo/ Edukasyong Pangkalusugan.

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Mayor Bito-onon's ...mula sa pahina 1

2.2 Edukasyon: 1 Unit School Classroom, Alternative Learning System, Covered Gym/ Multi-Purpose Building

2.3 Pabahay: Pagtatayo ng 5 Kabahayan hanggang Disyembre 2013, at dagdag na lima hanggang 2016, Polisiya sa Pabahay

2.4 Serbisyo sa tubig: Level III Water System na may sariling balon at tanke, pasilidad na may sariling pinagkukunang balon.

2.5 Pailaw at kuryente : Bagong gusali para sa mga generator sets, 10 KW Solar Power Facility, Solar Home Systems, Solar Street Lights.

3. Titiyakin natin ang epektibong pagpapatupad ng isang buo/ kumprehensibong plano ukol sa sapat na pagkain sa pamamagitan ng Settlement Incentive/Food Subsidy Program, Demo Garden Project, Home Garden/ Gulayan Project, Goat Raising Project, Poultry Raising Project, Freezers/ Communal Freezer Project, Fruit Production Project, Arung Project, Payao Project at Bantay Dagat Program.

4. Titiyakin natin na laging mayroong mga mabibiling kalakal/ produkto habang tayo ay naghihiikayat ng mga pribadong negosyo sa isla, kalakip ng mga negosyong sosyo ang publiko at pribado (kung posible).

5. Susuportahan natin ang pagtatayo at pagpapalakad ng angkop na mga pasilidad na nakakatulong sa kabuhayan/ pagkakakitaan at magbibigay tayo ng tulong teknikal, pinansiyal at administratibo sa tao o grupo ng mga tao na may praktikal na maaring pagkakitaan/ proyekto sa pag-asa at sa

iba pang lugar ng kalayaan kabilang dito ang Salt-making Facility Project, Enclosed Solar Drying Facility Project, Financial Assistance Fund, Pilot Mariculture/ Sea Farming Project, Octagonal Fishermen Shelter With Multi-Purpose Platform, Kalayaan Resource Center Project, Technical/ Engineering Assistance, Livelihood Skills Trainings, Administrative Assistance at Leadership and Management Skill Trainings.

6. Titiyakin natin ang epektibong pagpapatupad ng isang buo/ kumprehensibong planong pangkalan ng ating kapaligiran na simula ng tiyak na pangmatagalang panga-



ngalaga ng ating gubat/kakahuyan, bukal ng tubig, at yamang-aplaya/ dagat; at pag-iingat ng mga taong naninirahan at kapaligiran nito mula sa polusyon sa pamamagitan ng Tree Planting and Beautification Program, Garbage Collection Program, Solid Waste Management Program, Pawikan Hatchery Project, Coral Reef Protection/Bantay Dagat Program at Seawall/ Beach Anti-Erosion Project.

7. Magpapatupad tayo ng isang buo/ kumprehensibong plano ukol sa pamamalakad sa katahimikan, kaligtasan at pag-iwas sa mga sakuna ng madla o publiko at upang mabawasan ang epek-

to ng karahasan at sakuna sa pamamagitan ng Municipal Peace and Order Council Recomposition, Gender and Development/ Women and Children's Protection Program, Crime Literacy and Education Program and Municipal Risk Reduction Management Program.



8. Bubuo tayo ng isang special project services unit para isagawa ang mga programa at proyektong walang regular na opisina ng humahawak na tatawaging Special Project Services Unit.

Upang maisakatuparan ang lahat ng ito ay inaasahang magiging kaagapay ng punong ehekutibo ang mga pinuno ng bawat departamento sampu ng iba pang kawani at lalong lalo na ang Sangguniang Bayan. Kaya naman sa mensahe ng Tagapangulo ng konseho na si bise mayor Predicando Malabayabas na handa ang sangguniang bayan na tulungan ang punong ehekutibo sa pamamagitan ng pag-aaprubang mga lehislaturang kinakailangan.

Turn Over Ceremony successfully held

by: Ken D. Tan

The term of office of the former elected officials formally ended by 12:01 of June 30, 2013 which also marks the assumption to office of the new officials. Hon. Predicando M. Malabayabas accepted the symbolic gavel of responsibility from former Vice Mayor, Hon. Rosendo L. Mantes in a turn-over ceremony held on July 01, 2013.

In his acceptance message, Vice Mayor Malabayabas gave his pledge of full support to the executive agenda of Mayor Eugenio Bito-onon, Jr.



Along the program of the turn-over ceremony is a briefing from Ms. Cynthia P. Noveno of the DILG on the institutionalization of the transition procedure which is on the second year of its nationwide implementation.

To initially orient the newly-assumed officials, the MPDC, Ms. Dina Balofinos presented the state of performance and development including the financial performance and key challenges.

The successful turn-over ceremony was a result of the series of meetings and preparation by the Local Governance Transition Team which was organized to facilitate



The newly elected officials of the municipality of Kalayaan, together with the regular employees.

smooth transition of local governance. Before the program ended, Mr. Jorge G. Misajon, the municipal Administrator presented the municipal documents which are made available to the public and to the new sets of officials.



Vice Mayor Predicando M. Malabayabas while accepting the gavel from former Vice Mayor Rosendo L. Mantes.

Kalayaan welcomes its new Chief of Police

by: Cha T. Magdayao



PINSP Carlito Valdez (left) delivers his acceptance message while Former Chief of Police Rodelio Caballes (right) of the Municipality of Kalayaan attentively listens to him.

AS the people of Kalayaan officially welcome its new Chief of Police during the turn over ceremony held on July 9, 2013, they listened first to the message of the outgoing Chief of Police, Police Inspector Rodelio Caballes.

According to Chief Caballes, it is about efficiency and commitment that gives value to the services we render to the public while we are public servants. He is happy that it is in Kalayaan that he was given the chance to spend his last year in the Philippine National Police.

He will always be grateful to the people of Kalayaan for they have been his friends throughout his term. He admitted that it was only in Kalayaan that he was made to explain of zero crime rate. The same status that will be assumed by Pinsp Carlito Valdez.

In his acceptance message, PINSP Valdez pointed out three important things about being a public servant.

The value of knowing who we are, knowing our organization well and knowing our work. Our actions and our competencies define our character and the contributions we can impart to our organization.

In a message delivered by Mayor Bito-onon, he expressed his gratitude to COP Caballes for his very good performance in the Municipality and for likewise spending his remaining years in the Philippine National Police at Kalayaan. He commended COP Caballes for his very good performance and colorful police life.

Caballes spent almost three years in Kalayaan since August 2010. He is a medal of valor awardee.

The turn-over ceremony was personally facilitated by PSSupt. Ronnie S. Bacuel, Deputy Provincial Director, PSI Delfin S. Laguerta, Chief PHRDD Branch, SPO4 Miguel P. Macolor, RESPO and SPO1 Ritchel R. Rover of KMPS.



Mayor Eugenio B. Bito-onon, Jr while commending COP Caballes in his service in Kalayaan.

Ika-35 Anibersaryo ng Pagkakatatag ng Kalayaan Payak na Ginunita

by: Jeffrey M. Flores

SIMPLE at payak! Ganito maisalarawan ang pagdiriwang ng ika-35 taon ng pagkakatatag ng Kalayaan noong ika-11 ng Hunyo sa Kalayaan Extension Office. Matatandaan na nagkaroon ng dalawang linggong selebrasyon sa isla Pag-asa noong ika-2 hanggang ika-14 ng Mayo na kinapalooban ng iba't ibang mga aktibidades.

Mataimtim na pinakingan ang mga mensahe ng mga department heads na tumalakay sa temang "Kalayaan @ 35: matuwid na pamahalaan, matatag na bayan, masiglang pamayanan. Ayon sa kanila, inilalarawan nito ang kalagayan ng Kalayaan sa kasalukuyang panahon na may matibay na pundasyon ng pamamahalang matuwid. Ito ay hamon din na makibahagi sa ikatatatag ng bayansapamamagitan ng pagganap sa kanya-kanyang tungkulin, maliit man ito o malaki.

Binigyan din ng diin ang pagahalintulad sa isang bayani ng bawat mamamayan at kawani ng Munisipyo dahil ang pagtawid lamang sa napakalawak na karagatan patungong Isla Pag-asa ay maituturing na napakalaking simbolo ng katapangan. Tinalakay din ang kahalagahan ng pagsunod sa mga polisiya na ipanatu-tupad ng mga nasa katungkulaat at ang paggalang sa mga itinalaga ng Diyos na maging pinuno ng bayan. Naikumpara din ang mga pangyayari sa nakalipas na panahon sa ilalim ng kasalukuyan at mga



Pambungad na panalangin sa paggunita ng ika-35 Anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag ng Kalayaan.

nakalipas na mga punong ehekutibo pati na rin ang pamamaraan ng paggunita sa okasyong ito. Ayon sa pambungad na mensahe ni Admin Jorge Misajon, ang tunay na diwa ng okasyon ayon sa PD 1596, ang batas na nagtatag sa kalayaan bilang Munisipyo ay upang palakasin ang ating pag-angkin sa bahaging ito ng Pilipinas at tugunan ang hamon na siguraduhin na ang yamang dagat na mayroon ito ay mapapakinabangan ng buong-buo ng mga Pilipino at magiging susisainaasamnakaunlaran. Punong puno naman pagtanaw sa magiging bukas ang naging mensahe ni Mayor Jun Bito-onon. Ayon sa kanya, marami na ang nangyari sa isyu ng pagmamay-ari ng mga isla sa West Philippine Sea. Mula sa pagkakatatag ng Munisipyo sa pamamagitan ng PD 1596, nagkaroon ng baseline laws na napapaloob sa Republic Act 3046 na inamyendahan ng Republic Act 5446, at ang

pinakahuli nga ay ang Republic Act 9522 na nagtatalaga ng archipelagic baseline o mas kilala sa tawag na regime of island law. Maliban dito ay napasimulan din ang oil exploration ng Forum Energy ng kilalang negosyante na si Manny Pangilinan at ito nga ay pinalawig pa ng Department of Energy. Naglatag ng arbitration case and Pilipinas sa bansang Tsina para wag kilalalanin ang kanilang 9-dash line territory. Nagkaroon tayo ng mga summer tours noong mga nakalipas na panahon habang ang bansang Vietnam ay abala sa pagpapaunlad ng kanilang mga nasasakupang isla at ang isa nga dito ay ang Pugad Island na katabi lamang ng ating Parola island. Sa hinaharap na taong 2025, magkaroon ng ASEAN integration. Pagkakaton ito na magsama sama ang mga bansa sa Asya upang

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Ika-35 Anibersaryo...mula sa pahina 3

magkaroon ng planong makakapagbigay ng patas na benepi-syo o pakinabang sa mga yamang mayroon ang kontinente at palaguin ito sa pamamagitan ng kooperasyon.

Ganito naresolba ang territorial dispute sa Antartica pagitan ng Russia at Norway. Ayon sa punong ehekutibo, habang may pangyayaring hindi sakop ng kanyang kapangyarihan, itutuon nya ang kinabukasan ng Kalayaan sa pamamagitan ng pagsa-sakatuparan ng pagtatayo ng jump-off station sa Katuwayan, Quezon, paglalagay ng rescue at fishermen's center sa Sabina, pagpalakas ng edukasyon sa Pag-asa, at pagpapatuloy ng mga nasimulan ng pangkaunlarang proyekto sa Pag-asa.



Si Mayor Eugenio B. Bito-onon Jr. kasama si COP Rodelio Caballes at iba pang mga kawani ng munisipyo ng Kalayaan.



Ang mga empleyado ng munisipyo ng Kalayaan habang naghihintay sa pagpapatuloy ng programa.



Kuha nina Municipal Treasurer Jaratia Lacod(kanan), Sherly Tamano(gitna) at COP Rodelio Caballes(kanan) habang nagbibigay ng kanilang mensahe sa ika-35 anibersaryo ng munisipyo ng Kalayaan.

Halftime Series

by: Cha T. Magdayao

WE measure time by minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years. And, from this measurements, we usually use years to quantify our age. For the first six years of our life, we spend it at home with our family. The next six years is for our elementary days, four years in high school and another four to five years in college. Then land a job, and find a career. This is the common life's cycle.

The reality, when the best career has come into one's possession, she is on her late thirty's or early forty. If we have to summed it up, almost 40 years of our life is spent to groom our potentials as human beings. Then, what's next? Some called it "Life begins at forty", "midlife", "menopause/ andro-

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The next part of our life shall be our halftime event says Buford. According to him, the halftime of our life is about:

1. **Making a decision.** Decision of what are to be prioritized. Is it our family, our work and career, our business, our social life, our spiritual life or so many other things about life.

2. **Offering your experiences and gifts.** In the first half of our life, we have experienced so much, and from those experiences we have learned so many things also, then be a mentor to others. Be a gift to others. To others who are experiencing things you might have been experienced in the past. Share your learning and produce another you, or a better you.

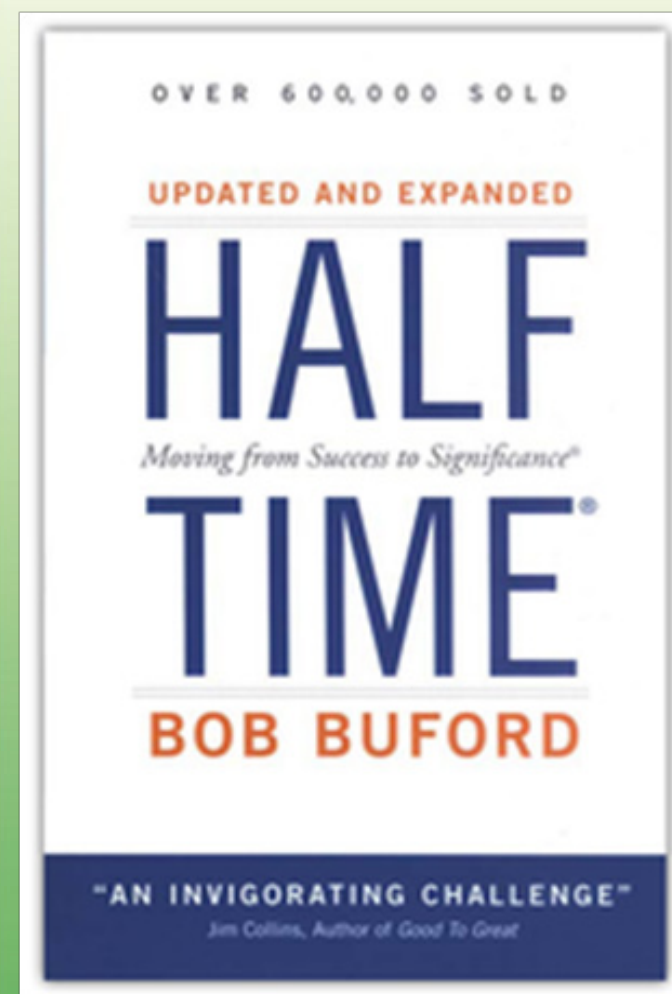
3. **Venture into new territory.** You may have explored several territories, you may have acquired mastery of

many things, then go out of your comfort zone, discover your other talents and potentials and savor the taste of new things; 4. **Expect discomfort and new ideas.** Once in a new territory or circumstance, never expect a smooth transition. There is always a bumpy road ahead. There might be new ideas that is exactly opposite with yours, but always take the challenge of accepting it;

5. **Open yourself to help others and be helped by the One above.** God's grace is received when we also give to others. Recognize God in all aspects of your life. Learn to have a willing heart to help others. Even a comforting word would mean life to someone in crisis;

6. **Never doubt that the BEST IS YET TO COME.** Never never lose heart that the best years of our life is yet to come. When we invested right in the first half of our life, the harvest will surely come in our halftime. No other than our God Almighty promised this "For I Know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

So, have you decided how to spend your halftime? Maybe you will be working hard to get that promotion that you have dreamed of ten years ago. Or maybe you will be finishing your college education next semester and enroll in the graduate or law school. Or maybe you will take and pass the civil service examination to get a permanent status after. Or maybe you may want to get a new career to another agency because your present work is no more challenging, or maybe you may want to save money for your future candidacy, or maybe you will just be contented with what is currently available, stick to it and later wake up and realize that you have been left behind. Or maybe you would like now to rush home and help your son/daughter in making assignment because you never did it in the last years, or maybe you may want a vacation with them, or maybe you may want to give your wife flowers or chocolates because you couldn't remember anymore when was the last time she received those from you. Or maybe you may want to give yourself a break from everyday house-chores of cooking, washing dishes and clothes, cleaning the house so that you can visit the salon, have pizza with your friends. With this fast and busy days, we still need to determine the less important from the most important while it is not too late yet because we could never bring the time back and play the events in your life that you have missed.



This article was inspired by the book halftime of Bob Buford as discussed by Anthony Pangilinan over his program "Magbago Tayo." Pangilinan was one of the participants in the said book launching in Singapore.