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ILOILO CITY officials led by Mayor Jose Espinosa III celebrate after receiving the Most Improved Metropolis in the country during the 6th Regional Competitiveness Summit at Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, Aug. 16, 2018. The city won First Place Most Improved Local Government Unit (LGU) Highly Urbanized City in the Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Awards 2018. (Photo from Iloilo City Government FB page)

Ateneo Lady Eagles join 81st Iloilo Charter Day

By EMILY ROSA SANTAGUERO

ILOILO City Mayor Jose Espinosa III welcomed the women’s volleyball team of Ateneo de Manila University during a courtesy call at his office on August 24, 2018.

One of the country’s top volleyball teams in the UAAP, the Lady Eagles will join the 81st Charter Day Celebration of Iloilo City in a game against Banko Perlas Super Stars at the Philippine Science High School Gymnasium at 6 p.m. today, August 25.

Bea De Leon will lead the Lady Eagles with support from veterans Kat Tolentino, Maddie Madayag, Ponggay Gaston, setter Deanna Wong and Dani Ravena of Iloilo. They will be mentored by their new coach Oliver Almandro.

Also a sports enthusiast, Espinosa mayor stressed the importance of sports in the city government’s campaign on illegal drugs.

“We have a strong program for sports. The players will serve as an inspiration for the youth,” said Espinosa.

The mayor also boasted of the city government’s different programs for sports such as the Palarong Panlunsod and the sports fest for the drug surrenders relative to “Be in sports not in drugs” campaign.

Recently, Espinosa said Iloilo City should have a state-of-the-art sports facility for the youth sector.

“The lack of these facilities limits the discovery of local aspiring athletes for amateur and professional level and likewise the possibility of hosting national and international sports events,” he noted.

During its regular session on Monday, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Jose S. Espinosa III to “negotiate on behalf of the city government” the proposed PHP500-million loan from either the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) or the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to finance the construction of the Iloilo City Sports Arena.

The proposed project was already included in the 2017 to 2019 Annual Development Plan of the city government.

Aside from the volleyball game, the highlight of the 81st Charter Day celebration will kick off with a street dance parade around the city hall grounds at 7 a.m. and will end with the Sister Cities Night at the Elizalde Building, 7 p.m.
THE Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Regional Office VI served as one of the partner agencies in the first localized adoption of the Global Road Safety Leadership Course (GRSLC) held recently at the Damires Hills in Janiuay, Iloilo.

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This year’s theme is “Pag-silid kag Pagdhong: Fostering Local Communities by Strengthening Global Connections.”

The street dancing competition will involve schools, City Hall departments and offices, representatives of seven districts through the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, National Government Agencies (NGAs), civic associations, civil society organizations, business corporations and companies.

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CPU grad lands on Top 5 of Pharmacist Board Exam

AN ALUMNA of the Central Philippine University in Iloilo City made it to the Top 5 of the 2018 Pharmacist Board Exam. Apryl Joyce Campañera Catalan got a rating of 91.22 to place 5th overall in the Board of Pharmacy licensure exam in the cities of Manila, Baguio, Cagayan De Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo and Zamboanga on August 4 and 5, 2018.

Catalan is one of the 2,927 passers out of 4,230 examinees.

“I prepared for the board exam by enrolling in a review center for the first 2 months and doing self-review for the remaining two months,” she said in an interview.

“My greatest challenge was probably self-reviewing. Knowing I made it to the top 5 was overwhelming and I am still in disbelief that it happened. Based on my experience on the exam and the days following, I thought I was going to fail.”

Catalan thanked her loved ones of the support she got.

“I’d like to thank my family for supporting me throughout my education as well as after, second, our teachers who took their time to equip us with knowledge, and above all, I’d like to thank God for His guidance and goodness.”
A STUDENT of the Central Philippine University won first place in the 5th International Competition of Arts and Culture in Armenia on July 7 to 12, 2018.

Clem Marnel Burgos performed a theatrical piece about a mentally-ill patient, a hybrid of a piece made last year in his school’s Character Interpretation during the University Day celebration. He also presented his portrayal of Captain Hook when he joined Iloilo Prima Galaw in 2016.

Burgos used his in-depth understanding of mentally ill patients as a nurse as an inspiration for his performance, mixing his profession in medical care and his passion as an arts advocate.

The most difficult part he felt “wasn’t the performance alone but knowing that you’re bringing the name of your country, Philippines, alongside your journey. I’ve never felt so exhausted after performing until that competition in Armenia. I really gave my all and prayed incessantly to God for strength,” he recalled in a chat regarding his performance.

Burgos’ performance won the approval of eight adjudicators from Lebanon, Armenia, Czech Republic, Russia, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Cyprus, and Lithuania aside from receiving high praises from the audience.

Burgos said he still feels surreal about the whole thing.

“I honestly still feel that everything that happened and still happening is a dream. Nothing has ever sunk in yet. It felt like an event in Armenia,” he said.
How Iloilo City streets got their names

By Cornelia T. Tagawa

The streets of Iloilo City are witnesses to its old grandeur and serves as testimonials to its modern progress. Even the concrete pavements, potholes and uneven surfaces of the streets are parts of the city’s history.

There are many interesting things to see from this Most Noble City. I believe the city’s street names—almost unchanged, largely unnoticed—are part of it since it reflects the history and progress of city and the people living here right now.

So, because school starts in a few weeks, please get out your pens and paper and let’s discuss our new lesson for this moment: Calle 101.

1. Calle Sto. Rosario
Santo Rosario Street is the oldest street in Iloilo, and it certainly shows: the old Spanish-era houses lining the street gives you a feel of the old city’s charm.

The street was originally constructed to connect Plaza Alfonso XII (now Plaza Libertad) to Fuerte del Santo Rosario (now Fort San Pedro). It was where the grand procession took place when the Spaniards carried the image of Santo Rosario in celebration of their victory over the Dutch in 1616.

2. Calle Iznart
Iznart Street is named after Gov. Manuel Iznart, a former Capitan del Barrio of Iloilo in the 1860s. Currently, Iznart is home to the city’s Filipino-Chinese community, which has since established small, family-owned businesses ranging from hardware stores to general merchandise outlets.

For those unfamiliar with the location, Iznart Street starts from Plaza San Ildefonso to the Maria Clara intersection (which is now more famously known as Iloilo’s “Chinatown”). Curiously enough, the street from Provincial Capitol to Plaza Iznart was changed to another name by virtue of City Ordinance No. 6, Series of 1971, and it is now called...

3. Calle Dr. Fermin Caram
Caram Street stretches from Provincial Capitol to Plaza Iznart, and the name change was completely warranted: Dr. Fermin Caram, a medical doctor who later served as governor of Iloilo during the Japanese occupation of the city when World War II broke out in the Pacific, famously saved Iloilo City from imminent bombing by the Americans in 1945 when he, along with Lt. Oscar Nava, signaled the pilot flying over them to cease bombing by writing “NO MORE JAPS” in bold letters across his terrace.

4. Calle JM Basa
“JM” stands for Jose Maria Basa and was a well-known merchant, revolutionary and friend of Jose Rizal. Jose Maria Basa was a reformer and propagandist responsible for funding and smuggling Rizal’s novels and La Solidaridad into the Philippines in 1898.

Nowadays, JM Basa is more famous for its other name, “Calle Real” or Royal Street, and is now being built up as the shopping area and entertainment center of downtown Iloilo; many 19th century cinemas, after all, were located there at one point in time.

5. Calle Ledesma
The street is said to be named after Don Anastacio Lopez Ledesma, part-owner of the land where the street was supposed to be built on. He donated the land for public use and, in return, was named after him in his honor.

Some sources claim that Calle Ledesma is named after Gen. Pascual Ledesma, a former merchant ship chief who later served as captain in the Katipunan.

Ledesma Street spans from Plaza Iznart to Rizal Elementary School. During the 1940s, this place was the fiscal artery of Iloilo City: parlors, tailoring shops, and printing presses were all located here back then.

6. Calle De Leon
The street is named after famed revolutionary and municipal president, Juan De Leon. After the establishment of the Estado Federal de Visayas and the Fall of Manila in 1898 shortly thereafter,
What makes Boracay Island stand out from the rest of beautiful islands in the world? Its powdery white sand beach that is always cool beneath your naked feet. Tourists loved to walk barefoot on it, especially during the hot summer days.

On sunny days, one cannot help but be awed by the island’s turquoise waters that beckon one to take a dip. Boracay’s powdery white sands and its fascinating waters give life to the island – the essentials of its very existence.

Any wanderlust gasped at its breathtaking beauty and desires to explore Boracay, the paradise island. But when it was tagged a “cesspool” by the president himself, a shock wave was invisibly sent to all the people who loved Boracay for what they believe it was: a clean island.

Discovery of illegally buried pipes that spew out untreated wastewater to the sea had proved the president’s statement to be factual. It took one “iron-fisted” leader to mobilize hard-working employees on the ground and finally help address Boracay Island’s environmental woes. Despite all the misgivings of many upon the government’s decision to totally shut down the island for six months, it was one commendable move.

In cleaning Boracay’s waters, all illegal pipes were closed up and daily water quality monitoring was conducted by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) as per instruction of DENR 6 Regional Director Jim O Sampulna.

“Directly discharging wastewater into the sea is like killing Boracay. It is the very life of the island, thus, its coastal waters must be cleaned. We cannot allow greedy businessmen to keep abusing Boracay. They either comply with the Clean Water Act or they don’t do business in the island,” DENR 6 Regional Director Jim O Sampulna said.

One of the six conditionalities outlined by DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu for the island to be opened is to lower the coliform level in the waters of Boracay. The water quality must pass the standard within thirty days prior to the reopening of tourism activities for the island. Thus, the EMB worked double time in their water quality monitoring activities.

There are seventeen (17) ambient stations monitored by the EMB technical team along the White Beach, where most tourists loved to swim.

Notably, EMB’s water quality monitoring results conducted from January–May 2018, showed Boracay’s average fecal coliform concentration to be within standard along the White Beach area. Boracay water is Class SB with fecal coliform standard set at 100 most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliter (ml).

The results of water quality monitoring even dropped lower after the closure when the discovered illegal pipes were stopped up and abandoned. The work was further speed up with the help of the two water companies – the Boracay Island Water Co. (BIWC) and the Boracay Tubi System, Inc. (BTSI) which upgraded their sewer lines.

“I would like to say categorically that we will be opening Boracay on Oct. 26. Categorically, I am saying that Boracay is no longer a cesspool,” Cimatu assured members of the panel during a congressional hearing last July 11, 2018.
In behalf of my family and the people of the 4th district of Iloilo, I congratulate the City of Iloilo on its 81st Charter Day Anniversary.

Iloilo City will always be a partner of the Province of Iloilo in all development endeavors. We remain united with the City Government under Mayor Jose Espinosa III in his quest to make Iloilo the most livable and progressive urban center in the Philippines.

We look forward to forging significant and meaningful partnerships with Iloilo City in our common goal of showing to the world that WE ARE THE BIGGEST THING TO HAPPEN IN ASIA.

MORE POWER!
We join all Ilonggos in celebrating the 81st Charter Day Anniversary of Iloilo City.

Our unity with the City of Iloilo is what propelled our communities to thrive together. As the center of Western Visayas, we are more excited than ever on the prospects and future of this great Ilonggo nation.

May we keep the spirit of unity and undying faith in each other alive in our hearts.

HON. BRYANT PAUL Q. BIRON
Member
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo

My warmest congratulations to Iloilo City as you celebrate your 81st Charter Day!

The success of Iloilo City in the past 81 years is a testament that resilience and faith in other’s abilities and visions are the most potent forces of progress and development.

It is my ardent wish that the bonds of city and province of Iloilo will remain stronger as we look forward and work for a brighter future.

Congratulations and more power!

HON. BRAEDEN JOHN Q. BIRON
Mayor
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo
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Iloilo City eyes rehab of Muslim cemetery

THE Iloilo City government will assess if the Muslim cemetery in Barangay Tabuc Suba, Jaro can still be rehabilitated.

“I am aware that our Muslim brothers have no burial place here,” Mayor Jose Espinosa III said on Monday. “Instead, they have to go to the town of Sara in the fifth district of the province to bury their dead.”

Espinosa said the old cemetery is no longer usable because it gets flooded every time it rains.

“They have a tradition that they have to bury their dead within 24 hours after death. And Sara is far,” he added.

The mayor said the possible rehabilitation of the old cemetery would be one of priorities of his administration citing that Iloilo is home to a

Iloilo City

SISTER CITIES NIGHT FOR
ILOILO CITY CHARTER DAY

IN CELEBRATION of Iloilo City’s 81st Charter Day, the City Government is hosting a Sister Cities Night at the historic Elizalde Building on August 25, 2018.

This year’s theme “Weaving of Cultures” aims to showcase Ilonggo culture at the same time build up strong relationship between Iloilo City and its sister cities for cultural and economic exchanges.

“We want them to see a glimpse of our city and culture. I believe that this event will be the best time to introduce the things they need to know about us and what more we can offer. We have already sent invitations to some cities since last month and we’re glad that there are already some who have shown interest to come,” Mayor Jose Espinosa III said.

Among those expected to join are Dededo and Agat from Guam, San Juan, Koronadal, and Bacolod.

City Protocol Officer Jorvelyn Jaruda-Espinosa said a fashion show featuring Hablon creations of Ilonggo designers is part of the event.

“This will be similar to what we did during the trade mission in New York and Washington D.C., USA in June, but this time, the department heads will serve as models. We believe that it’s not enough to say that you’re proud of your culture, you must wear your culture and show it to the people,” she added.

(Thessalonia Ordales/Iloilo City PIO)
It also hosts local universities like UP of the Visayas, University of San Agustin, St. Paul's University, and several primary and secondary schools. It directly connects Benigno Aquino Avenue (now popularly known as Diversion Road) to the Provincial Capitol building.

9. Calle Guanco

Named after Esperidion Guanco, a Molo native, he was one of the first senators of the country during the American Occupation. Guanco Street is part of the old business district where the first pawnshops, jewelry stores, and money exchange services were established. Of course, who can forget the old Cagiao Guanco shopping center there?

10. Calle Muelle Loney

The street is named after Nicholas Loney, a British con- bukt who is dubbed as the Father of The Philippine Sugar Industry—Part owner of Loney & Keats in the city. In one of his lending business based in Iloilo during that time, he was responsible for the opening British sugar industry by giving loans and financial aid to land barons and farmers which they used to cut avaluing-edge machineries and tools that enabled them to speed up production of the "sweet stuff".

Today, Muelle Loney Street sits adjacent to the Iloilo River Wharf and houses the Aduan Building (the present-day Iloilo Customs House). The Iloilo City government built a monument of Loney facing the river in tribute to his contribution to the city's trade and commerce.

11. Calle Valeria

Valeria Street holds the distinction of being the only street carrying a first name; that of Valeria Ledesma, the daughter of Anastacio Lopez Ledesma and Clara Jalandoni Lopez.

Valeria is one of the oldest streets in Iloilo, and the subject of one of the quirkiest stories of its kind you’ll hear. Don Anastacio Ledesma planned to get his lot to the city in honor of his daughter; however, since ‘Calle Ledesma’ was already taken as a street name (see item number 5 above), he simply chose to name it instead as ‘Valeria’. What a father’s love can do, indeed.

12. Calle Santos Chiu Kim

Whatever you may think, no, Kim Chiu is not magi- cally related to any of us in Iloilo. However, it is more popularly known by its "unof- ficial" street name nowadays—Valeria Extension.

The street is named after a merchant from China who settled in Iloilo in 1914 and established a business selling native products and crops. Similar to several Chinese migrants who made their mark in the local community, Santos Chiu became one of the most respected Chinese businessmen in the city because of his spirit for volunteerism and humanitarian acts. A frequent example he conducted for citizens of note was not by nature of past experiences and disasters.

La Maya’s Noble Ciudad de Iloilo—The Most Loyal and Noble City of Iloilo—has an interesting history etched in its old buildings and hidden in its streets and avenues. These names above are just few words written in signs; these are the names that helped put Iloilo in its current place of history and culture. Is all that clear now? Good. Class dismissed. Did we miss any other local street names? You can share it with us in the comments section below!

This article was first posted on http://projectiloilo.com/calle-101 how-to-streets-got-their-names/ The article was revised to correct the entry which erro- neously credited Le Solidadista as Jose Rizal’s publication. It has also been revised to include Anastacio Ledesma’s role in the creation of ‘Calle Ledesma’. Research for this piece is further supported by the writings of Dr. Henry F. Fantuca and Rex Salvia.

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MW. De Leon relocated from Iloilo to Northern Negros to serve as councilor.

Today, De Leon Street is commonly known for being the location of the Iloilo Terminal Market aka ‘Super’, where jeepneys and the streets of Iloilo are to be found. Hardware and upholstery shops, many of which are several generations old, are also located there.

7. Calle Delgado

Delgado Street is perhaps one of the more famous callas in the city, so it should come as no surprise that it is named after an equally famous man: Gen. Martin Delgado, an Ilong- go revolutionary who fought against the Spanish regime in 1899 by leading the uprising in Sia, Barbara, a town which also holds the distinction of being the first place outside Manila where the Philippine flag was raised on October 28, 1899. He eventually served as Governor of Panay Island until March 1904.

For anyone who has lived a significant amount of time in Iloilo City, Delgado Street is really hard to miss. It is a road that intersects with four streets in downtown Iloilo, and it has served as a commercial artery for many establishments like banks and malls. Of course, the occasional small-time shops are also located there.

8. Calle Heneral Luna

Named after Gen. Antonio Luna, a national hero and a military strategist during the Spanish and American occupa- tion, the street itself is one of the oldest in the city dating back from the 18th century. More notably than that, the phrase the “modernization” of Iloilo took root during the American occupation, the first set of elec- tric and telephone wires were installed in said street.

General Luna is a bustling avenue lined with commercial establishments like hotels, banks, and convenience stores. It also hosts local universities
Iloilo City athletes competing in the 2018 national finals of the Batang Pinoy to be held in Baguio City on September 15-21 are now busy with their preparations, the Iloilo City Youth and Sports Development Office head has said.

“That is only the continuation of the program of the Philippine Sports Commission,” said Moises Salomon Jr., adding that a qualifying game was already held in Dumaguete City in October 2017.

He said those who are joining the national finals are already “qualifiers,” but since most of the city athletes are school-based, their training is continuous.

During the qualifying round in Dumaguete, 22 players qualified for Arnis, 19 in Taekwondo, nine in Pencak Silat and one in Karate-do. There were also qualifiers in Muay Thai and Futsal.

The exact number of the Iloilo City contingent has yet to be determined.

Salomon said the city government will try its best to send athletes to the national finals as he recalled that this highly-urbanized city hosted the national finals of the program in 2012.

“This is one good program of the government because it gives our athletes an exposure even if they are out-of-school,” he said.

The program is also a venue for the players to be scouted by other schools and even the national pool.

He said many city athletes now in the national pool of Wushu and Arnis.

Salomon said the city government will provide for the transportation and other expenses of the athletes while the Philippine Sports Commission will give them allowance during the five-day event.

Batang Pinoy is open to children 15 years old and below. (PNA)

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Junior high school students qualify for AFF U-16

TWO junior high school students of Central Philippine University represented their school to the Asean Football Federation Under-16 tournament.

James Tuazon (midfielder) and Khent Valenzuela (defender) of the CPU Golden Lions Junior High School Football team are also members of the Philippine U-16 national team.

They played for the AFF U-16 championship in Subaraya, Indonesia on July 31 to August 6, 2018, and spent 15 days preparing for the event in Cavite, Manila.

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Ilongga biker keeps striking gold

ARIANA DORMITORIO of Iloilo City is one feisty Ilongga who keeps on giving honors to her home city.

Dormitorio recently won a gold medal at the Keningau, Malaysia leg of the ASIA Mountain Bike Series 2018.

One who never backs down from a challenge, Dormitorio trained hard for the event, giving her all despite all the hurdles she faces.

And what a trial it was, it was a challenging ride, and despite a crash in the first lap, she managed to get back on her feet and pressed on in a calm and positive way despite the great pain.

“Congratulations to these women I’m sharing the podium with, they’re definitely badass!” she said in a Facebook post after her victory.

“My win wouldn’t be possible without the help of my village; you guys know who you are.”

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Charter Day catches our fancy

PROCEDED up and classy cars of all makes and designs were featured on August 23, 2018 at Plaza Libertad in front of the City Hall as part of the 81st Charter Day celebration of Iloilo City.

 Feast your eyes on the cars that were on display through these photos taken by Robbie Robles.