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CENTRAL LUZON'S NO. 1

POWER DANCE. Cultural dancers of the Madalacat Power Dance Troup deliver a stunning performance during the My City, My SM, My Cuisine book launch at SM City Pampanga on Friday. — Chris Herrera

Court allows GMA to undergo medical tests at St. Luke's

THE anti-graft court on Friday allowed Pampanga Representative Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to undergo series of tests at St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City due to her complaints in urinating.

Arroyo's legal counsel Mercedes Thomas said the Sandiganbayan First Division allowed the former President to undergo medical check-up until afternoon of May 2.

"Initially my request mainly aims to conduct my urinalysis, Sabado (Saturday)," Patro negacionista said in administrative hearing at St. Luke's being a gagawin ang tinatay na sanlibo tungkol Sabado," Thomas said.

Thomas said Arroyo needs Urodynamics test to have her bladder and urethra checked since the Pampanga lawmaker is having difficulty in urinating since last month.

"Naging unang tunggag ng April (April) malalapag siyang urethra, may blooding," he said.

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Village chief warns illegal gas traders

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MABALACAT CITY — A barangay chief here has warned owners of small and unlicensed shops selling gasoline and other petroleum products refilled in soda bottles to stop their illegal operations.

Dr. Oscar Aurelio, chairman of Barangay Dea, said he ordered the stoppage of the merchants' illegal operations two months ago following an incident where two children died at Sitio Canida because of a fire and an explosion.

"It is really hazardous. Tinatawag natin sila. I directed these people to stop selling gasoline, yung ralis-bots," Aurelio said.

Last month, a group of residents at Sitio San Isidro (Barangay Sada-

vision) asked the assistance of Vice-Mayor Omberta Hala regarding the continuous operation of a certain Balingis in their neighborhood.

According to the complainants, Balingis did not stop from selling "bottled gasoline" to tricycle drivers and motorcycle owners.

Hala immediately directed the city police to close down Balingis's fuel station.

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SPANISH SOJOURN. Presidential Merit Awardee for Ecclesiastical Art Willy Layug and his family are welcomed by prominent Spanish sculptor Francisco Romero Zafra. Layug is on a month-long study tour in Spain on contemporary and ecclesiastical art. — Contributed Photo

'Dukit' with 10 nominations in 37th Gawad Urian Awards

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO— The Kapampangan independent film "Dukit" is nominated for at least 10 categories in this year's 37th Gawad Urian Awards.

This was announced by president Grain Jerles Alfonso, National Artist Emeritus Lumbera, and Maria Fernandez of the Manunuri ng Pambalang Pilipino. Most of those nominated this year are independent films.

"Dukit" is nominated for Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor (Oyo Quinsig), Best Supporting Actress (Rosal Villanueva), Best Director (Bing Lao), Best Screenplay (Bing Lao), Best Production Design, Best Music, Best Cinematography, Best

Editing and Best Sound.

"Dukit," the Kapampangan word for woodcarving, is centered on the region's culture: its arts, crafts, food, music, values and traditions. It is the latest film of Lao, an acclaimed screenwriter.

The story is about a celebrated Kapampangan sculptor, Willy Layug, who is embittered by how the father abandoned his family for another woman. It takes him years and success to learn to forgive the old man.

It was judged as Best New Wave Film and New Wave Best Picture in the 37th Metro Manila Film Festival in 2013.

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OFWs told: Canada tightens rules on hiring foreigners

ASPIRING Canadian Permanent Resident (OPWs) citing Canada as their work destination better think again as the Canadian government has decided to tighten its rules on hiring foreigners. In a statement, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said that Canada is tightening its rules on hiring foreigners under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP).

Canada is considering legislative amendments to give the federal government the authority to levy minimum wage on employers who break

the rules of the program, and to help ensure that it is used as a temporary source of labor as a last resort when Canadians are not available," said Labor Secretary Rosalinda Madra citing information from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

She noted that the measure is intended to ensure that Canadian job seekers will be first preferred for available jobs in the North American country.

Among the measures introduced by the TFWP by the Canadian government are to provide the government with the authority to conduct

inspections to make sure the employers are meeting the conditions of the program.

The new country also allowed the governments to ban new employers from the program and immediately end their access to a specific list. It also provided the government with the authority to revoke or suspend Labor Market Opinions (LMOs), which is a basic document required of employers to employ a vacancy in employment.

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