

Parehas sa suweldo sa Mangyans (Istorya sa Pahina 3)

3 wind power dev't approved by DOE

THE Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded three pre-commercial wind power development contracts to Alternergy Philippine Holdings Corp., a local firm identified with former energy secretary Vince Perez.

The contracts, signed on Dec. 24, 2008, gave Alternergy the right to assess the wind power potential in Caliraya in Laguna, Pililia in Rizal and

quarter of 2009, citing as

reason the same global

board decision that will

optimize the process and

cost efficiency of the

feasibility study, in

reference to the current

global financial situation,"

Intex president and chief

executive officer Erlend

in

"The new schedule is a

financial crisis.

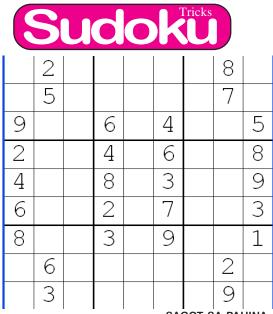
Abra de Ilog in Occidental Mindoro.According to the DOE's 2008 accomplishment report, the three precommercial wind resource assessment contracts were the first in a string of wind power deals that it would award in the coming months.

This year, the DOE plans to award six pre-commercial contracts for wind resource development to three local

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MORAL BOOSfER. Francis "Mindoro Kid " Jamilla Layron poses with Vice-President Noli De Castro, during the Christmas 2008 celebration visit of the VP to his hometown of Pola. Or.Mindoro. The vicepresident gave pointers to the aspiring ring fighter, particularly on personal discipline. Mindoro Kid said his Christmas encounter with the No. 2 highest official of the land boosted his moral and confidence that helped him in conquering his opponent in his December 29 fight in Calapan City.



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<u>The last remaining nickel mine firm in RP after 2008</u> Norway firm stays put but slows down plan

However, in a recent

partner

Mining

posting in their website, Intex

Resources Philippines, Inc.

Corporation (AMC) stated it

had deferred the completion

of a definitive feasibility study

for the said nickel mining

project in Mindoro, including

the construction of a \$2.9-

billion processing plant, from

early next year to the fourth

and its local

Aglubang

By Jerry Alcayde

CALAPAN CITY - Norwaybased Intex Resources ASA announced that despite the current global economic crisis and the drop of price in the world market of nickel mineral, they remain committed to the Philippines and will continue their nickel project in the central Mindoro Island this year 2009.

Ecologists hails mining moratorium in Palawan

MILITANT ecologists hailed the Palawan provincial government's decision to stand by its 25-year moratorium on mining, saying it shows the province now sees the "evil" of government's revitalized mining program.

Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment (Kalikasan-PNE) national Clemente coordinator Bautista Jr. said they welcome the growing ranks of local

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GALING SA BAKASYON.Nagmistulang pila sa isang movie box-office hit or concert ng isang sikat na singer ang Philippine Ports Authority Compound sa Calapan City Pier, Oriental Mindoro nang dumagsa noong Linggo, January 4 ang mga pasaherong karamihan ay nanggaling pa sa Iloilo at Aklan via the Strong Republic Nautical Highway pabalik sa Metro Manila. Photo by Jerry Alcayde



statement.

Grimstad nevertheless stated that despite the current global economic crisis, Intex Resources "remains well-funded to take the Mindoro nickel project through a full study. The company has a strong cash position and no interest-bearing debt." "Once the results of the

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ay hindi isang garantiya ng

pagiging kaakit-akit sa mata

Kailangang isabuhay niya

ang kanyang "Oo" sa pang-

araw-araw niyang buhay sa

pakikipagtulungan na rin sa

mahina at patuloy siyang

makikibaka laban sa sarili.

Ngunit ang "oo" niya sa

binyag at kumpil nawa ang

siyang magsilbing gabay sa

Kung lahat lamang sanang

binyagan ay tunay na

nagsasakatuparan nito, mas

makatarungan, at maunlad sa

lahat ng aspeto ang ating

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mapayapa,

Patuloy siyang magiging

Banal na Espiritu.

bawat pagpapasya.

magiging

daigdig.

ng Diyos.

NOONG ako'y ordinahan bilang pari, napakaraming ekspektasyon ang mga taong nakakakilala at malapit sa akin.

Ang dating "Fr. Bar" ay inaasahan nilang maging kakaibang Fr. Bar - mas banal, mas responsable, mas matyaga, mas kaibig-ibig, at marami pang "mas".

Ang hindi nila alam, ako ay ako pa rin, mahina at patulov pa ring nakikibaka laban sa mga tukso.

Ang pagkakaiba lamang, sa pagkakataong ako ay sumagot ng "oo," ay ibinibigay ko ng buong-buo ang aking sarili sa misyong inaasahan sa akin ng Diyos at ng kanyang sambayanan.

Ang "Oong" ito ay isang pangakong sa bawat pagpapasya, aking isasaalang-alang ang kalooban ng Diyos sa bawat partikular na sitwasyon.

Ito ay nangangahulugang ang pangakong mabuhay ng pagiging isang maralita, pagiging malinis, at pagsunod sa kalooban ng otoridad ng simbahan ay gagawin ko habambuhay. Ito ay isang pangakong di ko dapat kailanman na kalimutan.

Tunay na napakalaking pagpapasya bago ko pasukin ang ganitong uri ng buhay na di nagtatapos sa una kong "oo". Patuloy sa bawat araw ng aking buhay ang pagpapanibago ng "oong" ito

Si Hesus, bago niya simulan ang kanyang misyon sa sangkatauhan, kinakailangan din niyang magpasya. Kinakailangan din Niyang sumagot ng "Oo".

Binyag mo, isabuhaymo



Ngunit di doon nagtatapos. Pinanindigan Niya ito hanggang sa pagaalay ng Kanyang buhay.

Marami ring mga pagsubok na dumating sa Kanya, ngunit ang una Niyang "Oo" ang naging batayan Niya sa bawat oras na kailangan Niyang magpasya.

Tayo man, sa ilang punto ng ating buhay, ay sumagot ng "Oo" sa Diyos. Noong tayo ay binyagang at noong pinagtibay natin ito noong tayo ay kumpilan.

Sinasabi nating pag ang isang tao ay binyagan, "Kristiyano" na siya. Ngunit ang isang taong Kristiyano lamang sa binyag



consuming four packs of cigarettes daily on a regular basis. I sure am happy I licked the addiction. -000- The year just past easily qualifies as the most threatening and terrifying year in recent memory with its many bizarre events and developments. The series of threatening events during the year included the sinking of the Princess of the Stars ferry off Romblon in May, the cruel massacre of the 10 employees of the RCBC branch in Cabuyao, Laguna in June, the rice crisis that created snaking lines of people buying the grains, the sustained surge of oil prices that hit P60 per litter and the MILF rampage in Mindanao when the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the Bangsa

Moro Juridical Entity. Equally disturbing were the unending senate investigations of irregular state transactions including the NBN-ZTE deal that exploded after Joe de Venecia was booted out from his post as House Speaker and which made a celebrity out of Jun Lozada, the faceoff between GSIS president and CEO Winston Garcia and Meralco with its unfortunate fall out in the Court of world

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Bansa ng mga addict

SA pagihiwalay ng taong 2008 at 2009, marami ring pareha ang naghiwalay. Karamihan ay sa showbiz.

Nandyan ang parehang Dingdong Dantes at Karyle Tatlonghari, Jolina Magdangal at Bebong Muñoz, Beth Tamayo at non-showbiz husband, Iza Calsado at negosyanteng boyfriend, Dr. Hayden Kho at Dra. Vicky Belo.

May tsismis pang hiwalay na rin sina Asunta de Rosi at former Rep.Jules Ledesma.

At maging sa inyong barangay, alam nyong meron ding hiwalay bagaman ayaw nilang ipahalata.

Isang matinding pasabog sa pagpasok ng Bagong Taon ang banggaan ng **Police Drug Enforcement** Agency (PDEA) at mga prosecutors ng Department of Justice (DÔJ)

Ito'y dahil sa pagpapalaya sa tatlong anak ng mayayamang pamilya sa Ayala-Alabang ng nahuli ng PDEA na umano'y nagtutulak ng droga.

May malakas na insinuasyon ng malaking bayaran. Nabanggit ang alok ng "3 Manok" at "3M Pizza" na ang ibig sabihin daw av P3 milvon. Pero umabot pa raw sa P20 at P50.

Sa pagdinig sa Kongreso, umamin ang isang "magaling" na abogadong siya ang nagdraft ng release order na tinanggang papirmahan kay Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez. Na nakadampot din umano ng letterhead ng DOJ na pinagsulatan niya ng draft release order.

Dito, lumantad kung gaano na katalamak at katindi ang industriya ng droga sa Pilipinas.

Nakakatakot, dahil mukhang kayang-kayang bilhin na ang ilang miyembro ng pulisya at ahensiya ng bansa.

Tapos, lumabas pa ang suvey na No. 1 na ang Pilipinas sa dami ng addict sa Asia.

We will cope with the global crises

THE holidays may be over head. Easily among our and its now back again to the old grind but the pleasant memories of the long vacation will hopefully sustain our energy and bright disposition during the days

pleasant holiday memories are the happy reunions many of us had, especial for families with overseas balikbayan members who returned home for the Christmas and



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New Year holidays. I myself enjoyed the same pleasant memories with my children and grandchildren gathered at home for the traditional Noche Buena on Christmas eve. Pleasant indeed was the sharing of old banters when they were still kids. Family togetherness may be universal in context but we Filipinos cherish it fondly especially during special occasions, particularly during the Christmas season. —o0o— Despite the hard times and the risks involved, Filipinos simply find it hard to shake off the old superstition-based of exploding habit firecrackers during the new year, ostensibly to drive away evil spirits. Such habit, however, assumes irresponsible and irrational dimensions when we do it even after the new year revelry. Proof of such irrational bent were the additional post new year firecracker casualties involving both revelers and innocent people. Worse still than the irrational urge to explode firecrackers is the mindless firing of guns during the revelry despite the awareness that they can kill innocent lives. There is absolutely no sense in firing guns indiscriminately. The law prohibits it. Moreover, it produces only minimal noise. If it is noise they want, they can bang their heads with metal kitchen utensils like frying fans or even their steel gates. We

will not be sorry if guilty gun owners are themselves killed accidentally by their equally Old habits don't die easily, including the adoption of socalled New Year's at the onset of every new year to change certain bad habits. You may have in fact drawn up yours like many others who forget theirs just a week after. One common bad habit people want to get rid of is smoking. Every now and then, smokers resolve to throw away the vice, but too often they soon forget and go on to continue smoking their lungs to perdition. One reason many of us fail to make true and realize our resolve to abandon smoking is simply our lack of resolve to do so. This actually goes true for all our other New Year's Resolutions. The secret to successfully quit smoking and similar such bad habits is simple enough. Decide on what bad habit you want to quit, plan how you intend to lick it, put it in writing as a ready and constant reminder, and stick to your resolve without reservation. Through this formula, I quit smoking four years ago now. I carried on the habit for over 45 years. When I stopped smoking, I was a chain smoker

<u>Sa 'exploration site'</u> <u>sa gitnang Mindoro</u> **Parehas na pasahod sa mga Mangyan**

CALAPAN CITY, Oriental Mindoro – Malaki ang pasasalamat ng mga Mangyan na ngayon ay nagtatrabaho sa lugar na sakop ng Mindoro Nickel Project (MNP) ng Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. sa lalawigang ito dahil sa pagkakataong ibinigay sa kanila at sa suweldong tinatanggap nila na pantay sa mga natatanggap ng mga Tagalog o hindi Mangyan.

"Ngayon lamang kami nakaranas ng pantay na suweldo sa aming trabaho. Dati, mas malaki ang suweldo ng mga Tagalog kaysa amin. Pero ngayon, pareho ang pasweldo ng Intex sa Mangyan at sa Tagalog man. Kaya sana naman ay ipagpatuloy ng pamunuan ng Intex ang kanilang pagtulong sa amin hanggang magsimula na ang gagawing pagmimina."

Ito ang tahasang sinabi ni Ramil Baldo, isa sa mga pinuno ng SADAKI (Samahan Apo Diya Alangan Kisluyan, Inc.), sa isang panayam kamakailan na isinagawa kamakailan sa kahilingan na rin ng nasabing opisyales kasama si Regin Garong, isa ring kinatawan ng nabanggit na lehitimong grupo ng tribong Alangan Mangyan na nakabase sa kabundukan ng Brgy. Villa Cerveza, sa bayan ng Victoria dito.

Kasabay nito, muling nilinaw nina Baldo at Garong na ang *exploration* at *proposed mining site* ng Intex Resources para sa MNP sa gitnang kabundukang lugar ng isla ng Mindoro partikular sa Kisluyan sa Brgy. Villa Cerveza ay bahagi ng lupang ninuno ng mga Alangan Mangyan, at doon na umano ipinanganak at lumaki ang dalawang nabanggit na pinuno ng mga katutubo.

"Kami at ang iba pa naming mga kasamahan at mga magulang namin, na mas matanda sa amin, ay makapagpapatunay na ang lugar na pagmiminahan ng Intex ay lupang ninuno naming mga Alangan," dagdag na pahayag ni Garong, na siyang kasalukuyang kapitan at kini-kilalang "kuyay" (pinuno) ng Sitio Lipak Lakoy sa nasabi ring barangay.

Tiniyak pa ni Garong na tanging mga Alangan Mangyan na ngayon ay naninirahan doon ang siguradong maaapektuhan ng planong pagmimina ng Intex Resources. Noon umano, ang mga Mangyan ay itinuturing na "second-class citizen," subalit sa tratong ibinibigay sa kanila ngayon ng Intex gaya ng sa pagpapasahod ng mga Mangyang trabahador nito sa MNP, sinabi ni Baldo na parehas na ang antas ng pagtatrabaho nilang mga katutubo sa hindi katutubo ng Mindoro.

Ang ipinagtataka lamang umano ni Garong ay napakarami nang mga nagsasabi na sila ay tutulungan at pagmamalasakitan ngayong sila ay nagdesisyon para sa kanilang kabuhayan sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagkasundo nito sa kumpanyang Intex.

"Bakit noong kami ay naghihirap at wala halos makain, ang aming mga anak ay halos mamatay na sa gutom, ay walang gustong tumulong sa amin?"

Dahil dito, idiniin ng dalawang lider na hinding-hindi sila papayag na mayroong mga taong makikialam sa desisyong pagsang-ayon at pag-suporta nila (SADAKI) sa mga proyekto ng Intex Resources.

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companies. The potential sites to be awarded include four in Ilocos Norte, one in Negros Occidental and one in Negros Oriental.

The DOE has prequalified Energy Development Corp. to assess and develop the Nagsurot site, and has likewise approved the firm's entry into the prequalification stage for the Pagudpud site, both in Ilocos Norte.

Two mo agudpud are up for award to Northern Luzon UPC Asia Corp.Although the company has already submitted all the requirements for its precommercial contract applications, the DOE still has to resolve the issue of overlapping areas, as part of its application covers an area that overlaps with the Pagudpud site that EDC is eyeing.

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RUNNING. Businessman Anthony Yap (second from left) formally announces his congressional bid for the second district of Oriental Mindoro which may pit him against Deputy Customs Commissioner Rey Umali, Securities and Exchange Commissioner Tady Venturanza, former TV reporter Margaux Salcedo, barrio boy financial expert Atty. Benrome Abao and other local bets. His announcement was made during a recent press forum in

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ongoing metallurgical pilot plant testing are available, detailed engineering and the design of the process plant will commence," he said.

Intex plans to invest \$2.9 billion in a high-pressure acid leach (HPAL) facility at the Mindoro mine site which is actually located in Victoria town in Oriental Mindoro province and Sablayan in Occidental Mindoro.

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government units banning large-scale mining in their areas.

"Aside from the environmental degradation, insignificant contribution to local and national economy, health hazards and massive displacement of people due militarization and confiscation of lands, are enough reasons for Governor Joel Reyes and his colleagues at the Provincial Board, to post the moratorium," he said in an article on the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines website.

Included in the list of local governments that temporarily ordered halt to the large-scale mining activities are the provinces of Capiz, Western Samar, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Marinduque, Mindoro Oriental and North Cotabato, he said.

The Palawan government has good reason to post a moratorium in large scale mining, Bautista said.

For its part, the Philippine Misereor Partnership Mining Advocacy (PMP-MAC), in their national gathering held produce 80,000 metric tons of nickel and 3,700 metrictons of cobalt annually. Grimstad said the new schedule should "allow

The plant is projected to

lower [feasibility study] capital costs to be estimated, as it will better capture the general price deflation of capital items currently ongoing in the industry."

"It will also enable a larger mineral reserve to be included in the [study's]

at Tagbilaran, Bohol, reported an increasing number of sites of struggle facing social and environmental threats of mining.

PMP is a network of church-based groups, nongovernmental organizations, and people's organizations working for total human development.

Due to growing concern of ill effects of large-scale mining, PMP launched its mining advocacy campaign (MAC) in 2006 to strengthen the calls of the bishops, the m i n i n g - a f f e c t e d communities, and indigenous peoples, to confront the aggressive promotion of mining under the mining revitalization Program of the current administration.

PMP-MAC project coordinator OJ Acaba said that from 11 original sites of struggles, the list has grown to 16.

The 11 original sites include Benguet; Didipio town in Nueva Vizcaya; Gabaldon in Nueva Ecija, Cabangan in Zambales; Oriental Mindoro, Rapu-Rapu in Albay; Baler;



Gloria where he was also joined by former Bansud Mayor Dr. Prudente Soller (third from left) and Margaux Salcedo (far right). Also in photo are Atty. Fernan Clasara of the Public Attorneys Office (second from right partly hidden). At right, human rights lawyer Dante Manzo explains the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Ormeco, Power One Corp. and Mid Island Power nullified by the Energy Regulatory Board.

-Photos by Jerry Alcayde

substantial nickel laterite deposits that the company says may be one of the biggest in the world — covers 9,720 hectares straddling the border of the provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro.

Most of the drilling work and evaluation were done initially in Kisluyan and Buraboy areas.

The project — involving a

parameters, as results from

ongoing drilling at Buraboy

[area in central Mindoro] can

be included in the mining

complete the study early next

year, which would allow

sourcing of funding by mid-

2009 and start of construction

by early 2010. Grimstad said

funding could come from

banks or from a possible

The old schedule was to

model," he said.

partner.

Manicani Island in Samar; Tandag in Surigao del Sur; Mati in Davao Oriental; and Tampakan in South Cotabato. In 2007, six new sites were added: Kabankalan and San Carlos, in Negros Occidental, Dinapigue in Isabela; Vitali in Zamboanga City and Tubay in Surigao del Sur.

"Under PGMA's administration, more mining tenements and applications have been approved at an unprecedented rate as compared to the number of Certificates of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADTs) issued. Large portions of these are within the ancestral domains of the indigenous people. This figure increases every day that's why it is not surprising the number of sites of struggle grows, too," Acaba said.

As of September 2007, there were 42 priority mining projects of the administration, now operating on different stages:

The First Tier Priority Mineral Development Projects in its Construction and Development, including operating projects with expansion include: Carmen (Toledo) Copper Project; Didipio Copper-Gold Project; Masbate (Aroroy) Gold Project; Iligan Ferronickel Smelter Project; Manticao Ferronickel Smelter Project; Palawan Nickel Expansion Project; Canatuan Silver-Gold Expansion Project; Masara Gold Expansion Project.

The Final Feasibility and Financing Stage include: Tampakan Copper Project; Itogon Gold Project; Siana Gold Project; Nonoc Nickel Project; and Boyongan Copper Project.

In Advanced Exploration Stage are the following: Acoje PGE/ Nickel Project; Colet Copper-Gold Project; Agata Project (Copper-Gold, Nickel); Balabag Project; Runruno Gold Project; and Pujada Nickel Project.

The Second Tier Mineral Development Project include: Amacan Copper-Gold Project;

Page 4 Noli attends Pola Christmas Party

POLANONS practically mobbed Vice-President Noli "Boy" de Castro when he attended the Pola Christmas party.

Clad casually in denims, red shirt and white robber shoes matched with white baseball cap, the No. 2 highest official of the land mingled with seniors and young residents of Pola. This is the first time that Noli attended the town Christmas party eversince he became a government official. Pola Mayor Alex Aranas led his constituents in welcoming the vicepresident. Noli gamely posed for

souvenir photos with his

na nakangiti.

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Jingoy: We have lots

nakalimutan ka, Boy

Tindero: Hoy, bili ka

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pero kayo na po ang

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Halos kita na utak ko

Doctor: Ok lang yan,

yan ang tinatawag na

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ang sumakay ng taxi. "Bakit?" tanong ng

babae sa driver na

nakatitig sa katawan

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nakakita ng hubad?'

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kababavans. Political observers, however, interpreted this as a clear sign that Noli will run for president in the 2010 elections

85 OFWs to return from Beirut Noli orders investigation of alleged illegal recruitment & deployment

VICE PRESIDENT and presidential adviser on overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) Noli "Kabayan" De Castro announced last week that upon the arrival of 85 Filipinos from Beirut, the Task Force Against Illegal (TFAIR) recruitment will immediately investigate the case of their alleged illegal recruitment and

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Batong Buhay Copper-Gold Project; Diwalwal Direct State Development Project; Far Southeast Gold Project; Kingking Copper-Gold Project; Mindoro Nickel Project; Akle Cement Project.

In its Advanced Exploration Stage are the following: Archangel Gold Project; Batoto Gold Project; Celestial Nickel Project; Del Gallego Gold Project; Hixbar Copper-Gold Project; Lobo Gold Project; Nalesbitan Gold Project; Panag Gold Project; Tagpura Copper Project; Tapian, San Francisco Project; Vista Buena Mining.

Already in its Operating Stage are Rapu-Rapu Polymetallic Project; Padcal (Sto. Tomas II) Copper Expansion Project; Teresa Gold Project; Berong Nickel Project; and ACT (Adlay-Cadianao-Tandawa) Nickel Project.

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De Castro, who heads the TFAIR, received report from the Department of Foreign

deployment.

Affairs (DFA) and Philippine Embassy in Beirut that these OFWs were due to arrive January 9, at 10:40 pm via Etihad Airways, flight EY428. "I already instructed

TFAIR to look into the case

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ppeals, the Homecoming of Jocjoc Bolante and the subsequent Senate drama on the celebrated fertilizer scam, and the kidnap-for-ransom of haughty ABS-CBN TV icon Ces Drillon and the melamine scare. Hopefully, we have learned strategic lessons from these bizarre events and will be guided accordingly in making our private decisions with public dimensions in the future, particularly when we vote in next year's elections. The most significant redeeming events during the year were the successful fights by Pambansang Kamao Manny Pacquiao that earned him accolades from around the world, aside from his purses in millions of dollars, and of course recognition for the steadfastness of the Filipino as a highly tenacious campaigner. Truth to tell, the world practically stands still every time Manny Pacquiao fights with people around theglued to their TV sets either at home, offices or in theatres. -000-

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of these 85 OFWs, as to who recruited them and as to how they were sent to Beirut, considering we have a ban on deployment to Lebanon,"

De Castro said. Earlier, Philippine Ambassador to Beirut Gilberto Asuque sought the help of the Vice President as to the increase in numbers of OFWs being illegally deployed to Beirut. The Vice President

immediately responded by tracking down recruiters who illegally deploy Filipinos to Beirut.

Moreover, upon hearing reports that there are a growing number of OFWs being housed in PE's Filipino Workers Resource Center, De Castro asked Ambassador Asuque to act the immediate on repatriation of these stranded Filipino workers. "I want to reiterate that the ban on deployment to Lebanon still stands. So please do not fall for those who offer jobs in Lebanon. Do not be a victim of these unscrupulous individuals," De Castro said.

We are read worldwide. We send our copies to big associations of Mindoreños abroad through the electronic mail ... And soon through our Website.



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Chip of the old block pamasahe mo" - JA Beauty contest Emcee: What's the biggest problem facing the country today? Contestant: Drugs Emcee: Very good, why do you say that? Contestant: Ang mahal kasi eh! Matigas ang bigkas Amo: Bakit ka umiiyak? Katulong: Sabi po ni dok

Tawa-Tawa

Bulaklak ng Saya

Kahit mahirap ang buhay dahil sa

pandaigdigang krisis pangkabuhayan, dapat

salubungin natin ang Pasko at Bagong Taon

tatanggalan po ako ng butlig Amo: Butlig lang iiyak ka na...

Katulong: Ok lang PO kung right lig or left lig, pero bakit naman PO

butligs pa..... **Pamalit butas**

Doc: Ano trabaho mo hija? Girl: Substitute po Doc: Hindi kaya prostitute? Girl: Hindi po, mama ko po ang prostitute... kung may sakit siya ako po vung substitute. Brain diet Doc: For your health take only a cup of rice, lean meat and a saucer of kangkong .. Fruits for dessert and lots of juice Erap: Doc, shall I take them before or after meals?

U can send in ur jokes n dis corner.