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GOVERNOR OF BOHOL



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# **Rep. Chatto Slams Fake News, Defends Joint Venture, Power Interconnection Projects**

Bohol First District Rep. Edgar Chatto has issued a statement to counter the false information posted by Willy Ramasola alleging that the province's joint venture agreement has caused the October 1, 2023 brownout in Bohol.

He said that the joint venture has been beneficial for everyone for many years and has nothing to do with yesterday's power outage.

According to Chatto, the brownout was due to the maintenance requirements of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), which operates the Leyte-Bohol Power Interconnection that supplies electricity to Bohol.

He said that this problem will be solved once the Cebu-Bohol Power Interconnection Project, which he initiated when he was the governor and the Regional Development Council (RDC) chairman, is completed by next year or 2024.

The Cebu-Bohol Power Interconnection Project will connect Bohol to the power supply loop of Cebu and Leyte, and will enable Bohol to sell its excess electricity to the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM). - next page -



This will also attract more power investors to invest in power generation projects in Bohol, Chatto said.

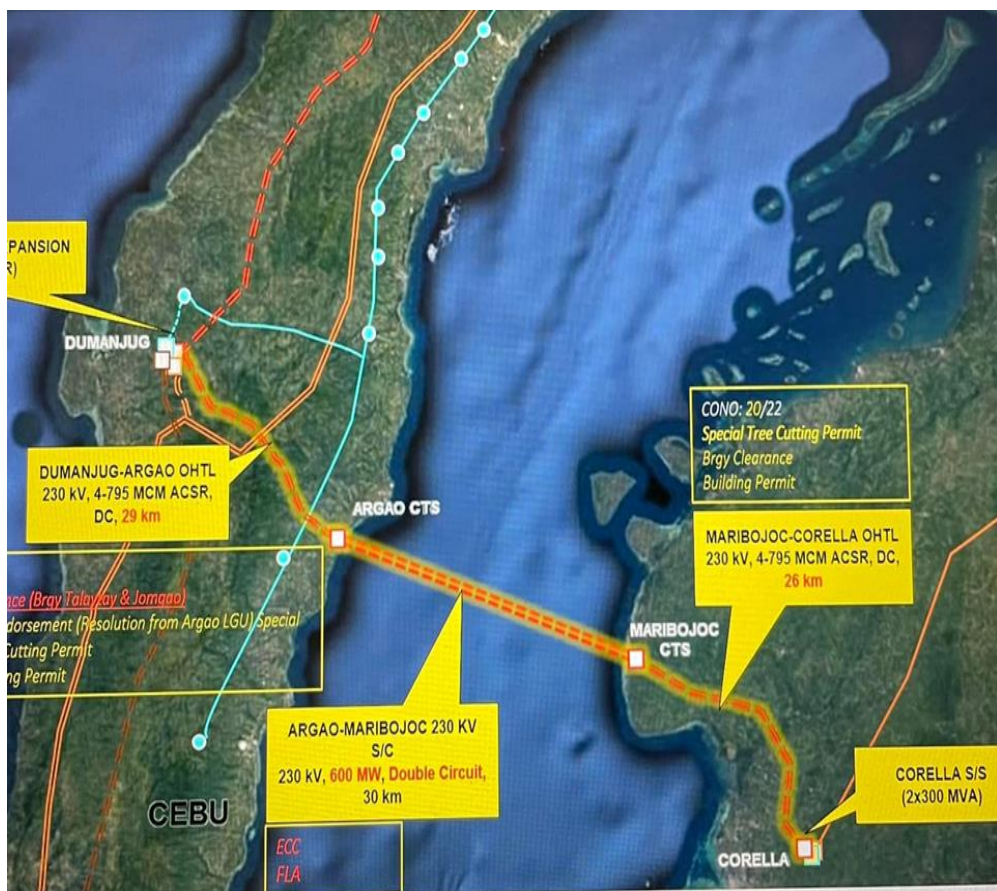
He added that another project that he spearheaded, the One Bohol Power, will ensure the power supply in Bohol in case there are problems with the power interconnections in Leyte and Cebu.

The One Bohol Power is a land-based power project that involves the three distribution utilities in Bohol: BOHECO 1, BOHECO 2 and BLCI.

Chatto urged the public to ignore the fake news and misinformation that are being spread by some people who have ulterior motives.

He said that he will continue to work hard to improve the power situation in Bohol and to serve the best interests of his constituents.

*“The role of then Bohol Gov. Edgar Chatto in the Cebu-Bohol interconnection project is that he was the governor of Bohol who pushed for the project with the Bohol Energy Development Advisory Group (BEDAG) to address the power supply reliability in the province. He also created a local coordination team composed of officials from the local government and government agencies concerned to facilitate the project. He supported the idea of submerging the power line and moving it away from the historical site of Punta Cruz in Maribojoc, which was declared as a geological monument by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). He also ensured that the power barge moored to a port in Ubay will remain in Bohol until the completion of the interconnection project.”*



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# Former Bohol Guv Denounces "Baseless" Plunder Propaganda

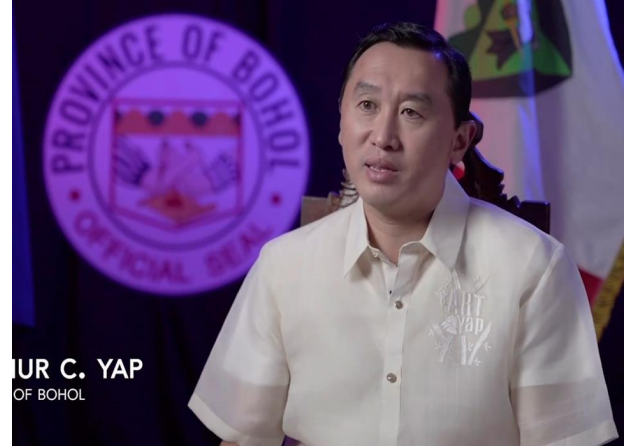
Former Bohol Governor Art Yap has denounced the "baseless" plunder case filed against him by the Provincial Government, calling it a "persecution" and an attempt to "destroy" his name.

In a statement, Yap said that the case was filed without any evidence and that it was clear that the Aumentado Government was more interested in pursuing him than in serving the people of Bohol.

"No case has as yet been filed against me and already the Bohol Chronicle, an extension of the Provincial Government, trumpets I have been charged with plunder," Yap said. "The Bohol Chronicle operates under the protection of the Constitution and yet, it does so by trampling on my civil rights: my right to be heard, to due process, and to be presumed innocent until proven guilty."

Yap said that the Aumentado Government had been persecuting him ever since it took office, and that the plunder case was just the latest attempt to destroy his reputation.

"When the Aumentado Government took over Bohol, the first official act it made was to create OGAR," Yap said. "A body to persecute me. It was a sign of what the Provincial Government was going to devote itself to. Not uplifting the lives of our people. But focus on my persecution instead. Ensuring my name is destroyed in Bohol to prevent me from ever returning to serve Bohol and to quench the bitter lust for revenge of a few."



Yap said that he would defend himself against the baseless charges, but that he was more concerned about the damage that the Aumentado Government was doing to the people of Bohol.

"We elect leaders so they can do their best," Yap said.

"The Aumentado Government instead, is doing its worst. Along the way it is insulting the people. Instead of meaningful projects, they are focusing on Facebook and sound-bites: apparently, in their eyes, that is all the Bolanon is worth."

Yap urged the people of Bohol to "weep" for their province, saying that the Aumentado Government was "destroying" the province and its people.

The plunder case against Yap is the latest in a series of controversies involving the Aumentado Government.

In recent months, the government has been criticized for its handling of rampant crimes in Bohol, its spending habits, and its alleged corruption.

# Atharra Primeland and PAG-IBIG Fund Join Forces to Empower Condo Ownership Dreams

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Atharra Primeland Development Corporation (APDC), a leading developer of affordable and quality condominiums in Bohol, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF), also known as PAG-IBIG Fund, to provide better loan options for its clients.

The MOA signing was held on September 13, 2023, at Quest Hotel and Conference Center, Cebu City and it was attended by APDC President Mr. Godfrey S. Digal, APDC Chairman Mr. Alfonso R. Damalerio II, PAG-IBIG VP for Home Lending Operations (VisMin Group) Engr. Noli Armada, and PAG-IBIG Dept. Manager III (Business Dev. Dept. Visayas) Engr. Paulino Talacay.

According to the MOA, APDC and PAG-IBIG Fund will work together to facilitate the processing and approval of housing loans for APDC's condominium projects.

The MOA also aims to promote the benefits of PAG-IBIG Fund membership and encourage more Filipinos to avail of its affordable and accessible housing programs.



Mr. Damalerio expressed his gratitude to PAG-IBIG Fund for partnering with APDC and supporting its vision of providing quality living spaces for the Filipino people.

Damalerio said that APDC is committed to empowering the dreams of condo ownership by securing the best loan options for its clients.

Engr. Armada, on the other hand, congratulated APDC for its successful projects and assured that PAG-IBIG Fund will continue to support the housing sector in Bohol.

He said PAG-IBIG Fund offers competitive interest rates, flexible payment terms, and high loanable amounts for its members who wish to purchase their own homes.

PAG-IBIG Fund is a government-owned and controlled corporation that administers the national savings program and affordable shelter financing for Filipinos employed by local and foreign-based employers as well as voluntary and self-employed members.

For more information about PAG-IBIG Fund's housing programs, visit their website or contact them at (02) 8-724-4244 or [publicaffairs@pagibigfund.gov.ph](mailto:publicaffairs@pagibigfund.gov.ph).

# Inabanga College of Arts, Sciences Offers Free Tuition for BS in Information Systems

The Inabanga College of Arts and Sciences (INB CAS) has announced that it will offer free tuition for students who want to enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Information Systems (BSIS) program for the academic year 2023-2024.

The announcement was made by Inabanga Mayor Jono Jumamoy on his official Facebook page on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

He said that the scholarship program is open to all Inabangnon students who have completed their senior high school education and have the necessary requirements.

The requirements include a report card, a good moral certificate, a photocopy of PSA birth certificate, two 2x2 picture IDs, a long brown envelope, and an admission fee of Php100.00.

Applicants are advised to submit their documents to the registrar's office in room 203 and look for Ms. Raycel Labayos for further inquiries.

Mayor Jumamoy said that the BSIS program is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue careers in the field of information technology.

He said that the program will also help the students develop their critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

Jumamoy added that the INB CAS is committed to providing quality education to the Inabangnon youth and to help them achieve their dreams and aspirations.

He encouraged the students to take advantage of this opportunity and enroll in the BSIS program.

"Welcome to INB CAS and let's meet you in our campus!" he said.



## **Balut Vendor Killed by Drunk Dumptruck Driver in Tagbilaran**

A tragic accident claimed the life of a 69-year-old balut vendor who was hit by a ten-wheeler dumptruck loaded with fine gravel in Tagbilaran City on Friday night.

The incident occurred around 10 p.m. at CPG North Avenue, near the cockpit arena, where the victim, identified as Alberto Obing from Brgy. Kawayanan, Tubigon, was selling balut on the side of the road.

According to witnesses, the dumptruck driver, who was allegedly under the influence of alcohol, lost control of his vehicle and swerved towards the balut vendor, burying and dragging him under the gravel.

The dumptruck driver, whose name was not disclosed, was arrested by the police and will face charges of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide and driving while intoxicated.

Obing was pronounced dead on the spot by the responding paramedics.

His body was taken to a nearby funeral home for autopsy and identification.

Obing's family and friends expressed their grief and anger over his untimely death. They described him as a hardworking and kind-hearted man who supported his wife and children by selling balut every night.

Balut is a popular Filipino delicacy that consists of a boiled duck egg with a partially developed embryo inside. It is usually sold by street vendors at night.

## **High-value Drug Suspect Arrested in Tagbilaran City**

TAGBILARAN CITY, Bohol - A high-value drug suspect who was on the target list of the provincial anti-drug operation was arrested by operatives of the Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit (PDEU) based in the Bohol Provincial Police Office (BPPO) during a buy-bust operation in Barangay Cogon, Tagbilaran City on September 25, 2023.

The arrested suspect was identified as Jay Lord de Claro y Inopiquez, alias "Tiki", 32 years old, a resident of Barangay Tambangan, Loay town.

Seized from his possession were various packets containing suspected shabu weighing 150 grams with a street value of more than one million pesos and the buy-bust money.

The suspect will face charges of violation of Sections 5 and 11 of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

The PDEU, led by Lt. Col. Romar Labasbas, said that the operation was part of their intensified campaign against illegal drugs in the province.

They also thanked the public for their cooperation and support in reporting crimes.

# Boholanos Warned on Fake FB Job Postings

Bohol First District Congressman Edgar M. Chatto has warned the public to be wary of fake hiring posts for the new hospital in Cortes, Bohol, which he initiated as a project.

In a statement posted on his official Facebook page, Chatto said that his office is not responsible for the recruitment, operation and management of the Governor Celestino Gallares Multi Specialty Medical Complex Project.

He said that he learned about the fake hiring posts when someone came to his office delivering his application paper, saying that he read a post on Facebook about the job opportunity at the new hospital.

Chatto clarified that only the Gallares Hospital Human Resources (HR) is authorized to publish, screen and hire personnel for the new facility.

He urged everyone to be especially careful of those spreading fake information and to report any suspicious posts or activities to the authorities.

He also thanked the public for their continued support and trust in his leadership and service.

The Governor Celestino Gallares Multi Specialty Medical Complex Project is a P2.2-billion hospital project that aims to provide quality and affordable health care services to the people of Bohol and neighboring provinces.

The project was initiated by Chatto when he was still the governor of Bohol, with the support of then Health Secretary Enrique Ona and then President Benigno Aquino III.

The project broke ground in 2015 and is expected to be completed by 2024. It will have a 500-bed capacity and will offer various medical specialties and services.



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