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City Hall WINDOWS:

A Clear View of Legazpi's Governance



The latest issue of City Hall Windows (September-October) isn't just a magazine; it's a vital reporting tool, offering Legazpi citizens a clear view of the leadership of Legazpi City Mayor, Honorable Hisham B. Ismail. In its pages, find facts, figures, and stories that illuminate how our city is run.

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Ma. Cristina D. Zantua

The First 100 Days: A Look Inside the Mayor's Development Agenda

In the first 100 days of the mayor's tenure, the push for a transformative development agenda has been a hallmark of leadership. Prioritizing community engagement, Honorable Hisham B. Ismail has fostered open dialogues, ensuring that the voice of Legazpeños shape local policies. Key initiatives include affordable housing projects targeting vulnerable populations, which reflect a commitment to address the rising cost of living.

Ismail's focus on socio-economic development is evident through programs aimed at business support, boosting local tourism and strengthening employment facilitation programs, fostering economic resilience in the city. His commitment to education and healthcare also remains a priority, with investment directed toward schools and health facilities. Importantly, the mayor has promoted environmental sustainability, launching cleanliness initiatives in the entire city and waste management reforms to address long-term ecological concerns.

Despite challenges, such as budget constraints and bureaucratic hurdles, Ismail's approach has been inclusive, seeking input from various stakeholders to shape policies that resonate with community needs. His leadership style - collaborative and transparent - has garnered public support and instilled confidence among citizens.

Looking ahead, the next phase will test the administration's ability to sustain momentum and translate initial successes into lasting development. Overall, these first 100 days suggest a dedicated, forward-thinking mayor committed to building a resilient, prosperous Legazpi.

A SUNSHINE IN PUBLIC SERVICE



Hon. Maria Paz “Sunshine” C. Imperial, the sole lady councilor of Legazpi City, stands out as a beacon of dedication and compassion. As the only woman among twelve councilors, she brings a unique perspective to leadership, advocating for community development and social welfare. A proud single mother of three beautiful children, Sunshine balances her responsibilities at home and public with grace and resilience.

In the office, Councilor Imperial is a serious worker teeming with tenacity and integrity – navigating as Chairman of three distinct committees of the Sanggunian: Committee on Women, Children, and Family Welfare, Committee on Health & Sanitation, and Committee on Solo Parents, Person with Disabilities, & Other Vulnerable Groups.

Beyond her political role, she is a successful businesswoman demonstrating her acumen and entrepreneurial spirit. She is also the only daughter of former Legazpi Mayor Benny Imperial, inheriting his legacy of service and integrity. Known throughout the community for her simplicity, kindness and generosity, Sunshine often leads a helping hand to those in need. Her unwavering commitment to making Legazpi a better place highlights her remarkable character, inspiring many as a devoted mother, driven leader, and compassionate citizen.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua

The Pillar of the City's Administrative Operations: The City Administrator's Office and its Potency in Delivering Efficient Public Service

At the heart of the city's governance schemes stands the City Administrator's Office, led by **Grace R. Bachiller**, whose leadership anchors the coordination of all departments and ensures the seamless execution of the mayor's vision and directives. The office serves as the bridge between planning and action—translating policies into tangible results that promote efficiency in every corner of public service. Through coordination, oversight, and leadership, the City Administrator's Office ensures that every initiative of the local government aligns with the interests of Legazpeños. In every challenge faced and milestone achieved, the office stands as a steadfast pillar—supporting direction, discipline, and dedication to public service.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

The City Government's Legal Vanguard: The City Legal Office at the forefront of Championing Public Trust, Integrity and Justice

As one of the busiest frontline offices, the City Legal Office stands at the forefront of the City Government's pursuit of lawful, transparent, and accountable governance. Under the leadership of **Atty. Noel Allen Bose**, it ensures that every action, policy, and transaction of the city is firmly grounded in legal soundness and ethical compliance. Beyond drafting opinions and reviewing contracts, the office plays a vital role in protecting the city's interests, guiding the Local Chief Executive in decision-making, and strengthening institutional integrity. With a dedicated team of legal professionals, the City Legal Office serves as both guardian and adviser. Moreover, the office continues to champion a culture of justice, professionalism, and principled governance that keeps Legazpi City on its path of progress.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

Hotlines and Frontlines of Public Service: The City 8888 Citizen's Complaint Center

Headed by Executive Assistant I **James B. Calisin**, the Legazpi City 8888 Citizen's Complaint Center serves as the city's direct link between the people and the City Government of Legazpi. As a vital platform for transparency and accountability, the office promptly receives, evaluates, and addresses a multitude of public concerns, ensuring that every citizen's voice is acknowledged and heard. Beyond complaint management, the 8888 Citizen's Complaint Center actively engages in public information drives to raise awareness about the government's commitment to good and responsive governance. Through close coordination with concerned departments, the office ensures that issues are resolved swiftly and effectively. In fact, under Calisin's stewardship, the center has strengthened Legazpi's reputation as a model city equipped with a government that listens to its people and values inclusive participation in governance.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

GADvocates of Equality: The City Gender and Development Office in Focus

Under the capable leadership of **Marites T. Pasa**, the Gender and Development Focal Point Office of Legazpi City continue to champion equality, inclusivity, and empowerment. The office plays a central role in ensuring that gender perspectives are integrated into the city's policies, programs, and activities—bridging gaps and fostering respect between men and women across all sectors.

With its clear advocacy for empowerment, the office spearheads various initiatives such as gender-sensitivity training and other support programs. These efforts contribute to building a community where everyone—regardless of gender—can thrive and participate fully in social, economic, and office life. Under Pasa's direction, the GAD Office continues to stand as a strong partner in Legazpi's pursuit of sustainable and inclusive development.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

Building Homes and Building Futures: The Office of Resettlement, Housing and Community Development in Action

The Office of Resettlement, Housing & Community Development is proud to introduce its new head, **Attorney Raphaela G. Albor**. Despite her youth, Atty. Albor is known for her tough and determined approach to community development. She brings a fresh perspective and unwavering dedication to Legazpi. office. With her appointment, the City Government of Legazpi is confident that her leadership will drive positive change and create new opportunities for our community. Their office formerly known as the Urban Poor Affairs' Office looks forward to a productive future under her guidance.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

A Cultural Gem in the Heart of the City: The Halls of Museo de Legazpi

The Legazpi City Museum, managed by Officer-in-Charge **Arlene D. Almasco**, serves as the city's cultural heart—preserving Legazpi's colorful past alongside celebrating its progress. Inside its galleries, visitors can trace the city's transformation through dioramas, artworks, and exhibits that celebrate the resilience, identity and creativity of its people. The museum stands as a monument to Legazpi's enduring heritage and the city government's commitment to cultural preservation. Under Almasco's leadership, the museum continues to evolve into an engaging learning space for students, academic professionals and tourists. It even hosts cultural events that promote historical appreciation and artistic expression. The Legazpi City Museum not only safeguards the city's legacy but also inspires new generations to value their identity and positively contribute to the ongoing story of Legazpi City.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

The Youth at the Center of Legazpi's Progress: The City Local Youth Development Office

As one of the youngest and most proactive leaders in the city government, **Roxanne D. Baldoza** heads the Local Youth Development Office, spearheading initiatives that nurture leadership, creativity, and civic responsibility among young Legazpeños. The office embodies the spirit of youth empowerment in Legazpi City – it actively partners with Sangguniang Kabataan, and civic-spirited organizations to implement programs that develop future-ready and socially aware young citizens. In recent years, the LYDO has expanded its reach through advocacy campaigns and civic activities that emphasize inclusivity and social innovation; one good example is the successful conduct of Linggo ng Kabataan 2025. The office serves as a platform for young people to voice their ideas and participate meaningfully in governance and the city's development. With Baldoza's passion and drive, the office continues to strengthen the youth sector's crucial role in shaping Legazpi's sustainable future.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

The City's Pride in Tertiary Education: City College of Legazpi and Its Role towards Asenso Para sa Gabos

Presently located in Buyoan, the City College of Legazpi, remains dedicated to providing accessible, and quality education to the city's youth. According to Officer-In-Charge **Marites T. Pasa**, the school offers a range of degree and technical programs, including agricultural crop production aligned with TESDA standards. CCL equips students with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for employment and entrepreneurship. The school takes its pride in molding competent graduates who are future-ready. Furthermore, the City College also partners with local industries and government agencies to ensure that its programs remain relevant to the demands of today's workforce. With a vision anchored in excellence and service, CCL continues to be a cornerstone of educational advancement and opportunity in the city.

Paul Joshua S. De Dios

Legazpi City Executive Council Prioritizes Economic Growth

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail led a crucial Legazpi City Executive Council meeting, emphasizing the strategic allocation of the 20% Development Fund. SP Councilor Lourence M. Beltran, head of the Committee on Appropriation, played a key role in the discussions. The primary focus was to optimize the fund’s utilization for bolstering the city’s economy.

“We are committed to ensuring that every peso of the Development Fund contributes to sustainable economic growth,” Mayor Ismail stated. The council explored various initiatives, including infrastructure improvements, support for local businesses, and skills development programs.

Councilor Beltran added, “Our goal is to create a resilient economy that benefits all Legazpi citizens.” The meeting underscored the importance of collaborative efforts to identify and support projects with the highest potential for economic impact, ensuring a prosperous future for Legazpi City.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Ismail leading the discussion with SP Councilor Beltran, the City’s Budget Officer, Mr. Jeffrey Navarro and other attendees of the Executive Council Meeting.



Legazpi City Mayor Takes Helm as CPS Advisory Group Chairperson

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail has been elected as the Chairperson of the City Police Strategy (CPS) Advisory Group for Police Transformation and Development, signaling a strong commitment to enhancing law enforcement and public safety. This initiative is in partnership with SP Councilor Roberto Rafael N. Lucila II and City Prosecutor Atty. Brian Baleda, ensuring a collaborative approach to police advancement.

In a move to bolster the capabilities of the Legazpi City police force, the Local Government Unit (LGU) has distributed 241 new uniforms to policemen. Additionally, funds have been allocated for four container van extension offices. These offices will ensure a five-minute quick response time for the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), particularly in the northern and southern barangays. This investment aims to improve emergency response and overall security for the residents of Legazpi City.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Ismail Enhances Disaster Response Skills at CDRRMO

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail recently participated in an Incident Command System (ICS) Executive Course at the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO). This intensive training is designed to equip executives with the skills necessary to effectively manage and respond to emergencies.

The course covered key aspects of incident management, including resource allocation, inter-agency coordination, and strategic decision-making during crises. Mayor Ismail's attendance underscores the city's commitment to strengthening its disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Participants engaged in simulations and workshops to enhance their practical skills. The CDRRMO aims to foster a resilient community by ensuring its leaders are well-prepared for any eventuality.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Ismail & Engr. Azur in intense collaboration at CDRRM training.



Mayor Ismail with fellow participants listens intently during the duration of course.

Legazpi City Showcases Disaster Resilience at ASEAN Forum

Legazpi City made a significant impact at the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanization Forum at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from August 11 to 13, 2025, with Mayor Hisham B. Ismail wholeheartedly supporting Engr. Miladee N. Azur, head of the City Disaster Risk & Reduction Office, as she represents both Legazpi and the Philippines. Engr. Azur highlighted the city's local innovations on a regional stage, focusing on Legazpi's journey towards becoming a smart city.

A key feature of her presentation is the city's advanced early warning systems, which serve as a model for resilience, foresight, and people-centered disaster risk governance. Mayor Ismail emphasized the importance of sharing Legazpi's experiences and learning from other ASEAN cities to further enhance the city's sustainability and disaster preparedness. This initiative reinforces Legazpi's commitment to building a resilient and future-ready urban environment.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Legazpi Investment & Incentive Board Holds Organizational Meeting

The Legazpi Investment & Incentive Promotion Office (LEIPO), headed by Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez successfully spearheaded the organizational meeting of the Legazpi Investment & Incentive Board (LIIB) on September 18, 2025, at La Piazza Convention Center with the leadership of the Honorable City Mayor Hisham B. Ismail and the support of Hon. City Councilor Alan O. Ranola, LIIB Alternate Chairperson and SP Chair of the Committee on Trade & Commerce.

The meeting gathered key partners from the Albay Chamber of Commerce & Industry headed by Mr. John Glenn Lee, representatives from the Albay Filipino - Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, representative of Real Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines, Inc. – Legazpi Chapter, DTI, DOST, LCITECC & committed City Department Heads to collaborate on initiatives aimed at fostering economic growth & development within the city.

The meeting focused mostly on strategies to boost investment in Legazpi City and streamline incentive programs for businesses.

Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez



Mayor Ismail takes the lead together with SP Councilor Alan O. Rañola, City Department Heads & employees, with the lively participation of stakeholders from the Business and Tourism Industry.

Legazpi Sets the Stage for Business Forum 2025

The Office of the City Mayor, headed by Honorable Hisham B. Ismail, through its Economic & Investment Promotions Division under the guidance of Ms. Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez, spearheads the Business Forum 2025 in partnership with the Albay Chamber of Commerce & Industry, headed by Mr. John Glenn Lee on October 9, 2025, at Casablanca Hotel, Legazpi City. The forum serves as a platform that brings together local government business leaders to discuss and directly address the issues and concerns of the business community, with key offices participating in a resource person, BPLO Asuncion C. Vinas, CPDO Jocelyn M. Codorniz, and CEO Antony Enaje – strengthening collaboration toward building an investment-ready Legazpi City.

Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez



Legazpi City Establishes Creative Industry Council

Legazpi City took a significant step towards bolstering its creative sector with the establishment of the Creative Industry Development Council on October 16, 2025. The event, held at La Piazza, was spearheaded by the Legazpi City Investment and Promotion Office (LEIPO). The council aims to foster collaboration among local artists, businesses, and government agencies to promote innovation and economic growth within the creative industries.

LEIPO head, Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez, envisions the council as a catalyst for developing Legazpi City into a vibrant hub for arts, culture, and creative entrepreneurship, attracting investment and talent to the region. The initiative promises new opportunities for the city's creative community.

Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez

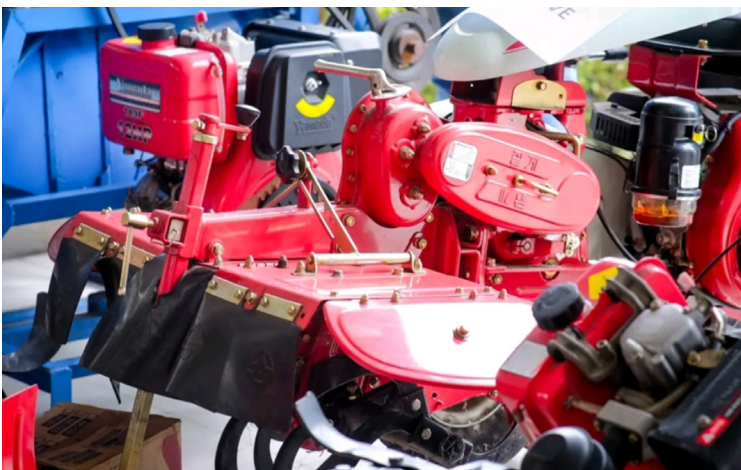


Mayor Ismail Boosts Agriculture with Machinery and Gear Distribution

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail spearheaded an initiative to bolster the city's agriculture and food security by distributing essential farm machinery and fishing paraphernalia to local farmers' organizations and fisherfolk. The distribution, overseen by Ms. Sheila Nas, Department Head of the City Agriculture's Office, aims to modernize farming practices and enhance fishing yields.

"This is an investment in our community's future," Mayor Ismail stated. "By providing the necessary tools, we empower our farmers and fisherfolk to thrive and ensure a stable food supply for our city." The initiative is expected to significantly improve the agriculture sector's productivity and resilience.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Legazpi City Charts a P1.9 Billion Path Towards Inclusive Growth & Resilient Governance in 2026



The Budget Officer at the helm of fiscal integrity—championing transparency, efficiency & inclusive growth for every Legazpeño.

The City Government of Legazpi has released its proposed ₱1,915,914,835.00 budget for fiscal year 2026, laying the foundation for strategic investments in public service, infrastructure, and economic resilience. Anchored on the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028 and the city's Comprehensive Development Plan, the budget reflects a commitment to inclusive growth and transparent governance.

At the helm of this fiscal roadmap is the City Budget Office, led by City Budget Officer Jeffrey P. Navarro, whose office plays a pivotal role in crafting a budget that balances

ambition with accountability. Under Navarro's guidance, the budget preparation process has been marked by strategic foresight, data-driven analysis, and adherence to the principles of participatory governance.

The lion's share of revenue—₱1.19 billion—will come from the National Tax Allotment (NTA), while ₱724 million is expected from local sources, including ₱41.49 million from economic enterprises. This 62:38 NTA-to-local revenue ratio underscores the city's growing fiscal independence and improved collection efforts—an achievement that reflects the Budget Office's strengthened coordination with revenue-generating departments.

Expenditure priorities are clearly defined. Frontline services receive the largest allocation at ₱699.89 million, followed by general administration and finance at ₱238.2 million. The budget also earmarks ₱632.85 million for Personal Services, ₱921 million for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses, and ₱361 million for Capital Outlays—all within the legal limits set by RA 7160.

The city's strategic focus spans five key areas: health and hospital upgrades, infrastructure and tourism development, social services and utilities, peace and environmental resilience, and urban beautification with gender-responsive programs. These initiatives aim to uplift vulnerable sectors, enhance mobility, and build climate-adaptive communities—priorities that the Budget Office has helped translate into actionable funding plans.

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail's budget message emphasizes transparency, accountability, and a shared commitment to public service. *"Let us continue to serve the people of Legazpi with a SMILE full of sincerity and commitment,"* he affirms—capturing the spirit of a city determined to grow with purpose and heart.

Ruffa Mae A. Abiño

City Treasurer's Office Posts P196.76M in Business Tax Collection, Records 6% Revenue Growth

The City Treasurer's Office has achieved a major milestone in business tax collection, posting a total of ₱196,760,772.55 from February to August this year. This reflects a ₱10,662,165.92 increase or a 6% rise in revenue compared to the ₱186,098,606.63 collected during the same period in 2024.

Ms. Carlita P. De Guzman, Chief of the City Treasurer's Office, expressed optimism that the upward trend will continue. She reported that the figures were drawn from 6,565 establishments, including 747 newly registered businesses and 5,818 permit renewals. Additionally, 121 more businesses have pledged to settle their taxes promptly.

The surge in revenue is largely attributed to the entry of major investors, whose contributions have significantly accelerated the city's economic growth. Their presence

has created a ripple effect, boosting activity and compliance among local enterprises.

Ms. De Guzman also underscored the role of full automation and the electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) in improving tax compliance. The system, implemented by the City Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) under the guidance of Ms. Asuncion C. Viñas, Business Permit and Licensing Officer, has streamlined the business permit renewal process, making it more efficient and accessible for entrepreneurs.

She further emphasized that the collected taxes are being allocated to critical public services, including employee salaries, social welfare programs, and developmental projects spearheaded by the city administration.

Ruffa Mae A. Abiño



The City Treasurer and her inspired team, championing empowerment and progress together.

Brgy. Mabinit Speeds Up for Enhanced Services Following BAPA Transfer Budget Presentation

Brgy. Mabinit is set to see improved services following a crucial budget presentation meeting regarding the Barangay Power Association (BAPA) Transfer held on October 6, 2025, at the City Mayor’s Office. The meeting was attended by key figures including Legazpi Mayor Hisham B. Ismail, Engr. Mark Jessan Lucilo, TSD Department Manager, and representatives from Albay Electric Cooperative (ALECO).

The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss and finalize the budget allocation for the BAPA Transfer, ensuring that resources are strategically utilized to address the needs of Brgy. Mabinit residents. Mayor Ismail emphasized the importance of transparency and efficiency in the implementation of the budget, highlighting the commitment to providing better services to the community. ALECO representatives contributed valuable insights, ensuring the technical feasibility and sustainability of the planned initiatives. They also shared their expertise, particularly concerning infrastructure and utility-related projects. The collaborative effort aims to optimize the BAPA Transfer’s impact, fostering

development and enhancing the quality of life for all residents in Brgy. Mabinit.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Legazpi City Embarks on Decent Housing Initiative

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail accompanied by Councilor Roberto Rafael N. Lucila II and other city officials, recently visited Residencia de Legazpi on September 30, 2025, in Brgy. Homapon, Legazpi City, to inspect the near completion of Building 1. This condo-type residential building, featuring 120 units, is a key component of the city government’s flagship Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) program.

The project aligns with President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. 4PH initiative, driven in collaboration with the PAG-

IBIG Fund, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, the City Government of Legazpi, and the private sector.

“The housing project is expected to be awarded this year to qualified beneficiaries,” Mayor Ismail stated, emphasizing the commitment to providing decent housing for Legazpi residents. The Residencia de Legazpi symbolizes a significant step towards addressing housing needs and fostering community development within the city.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Ismail Awards Pumping Station Maintenance to DPWH

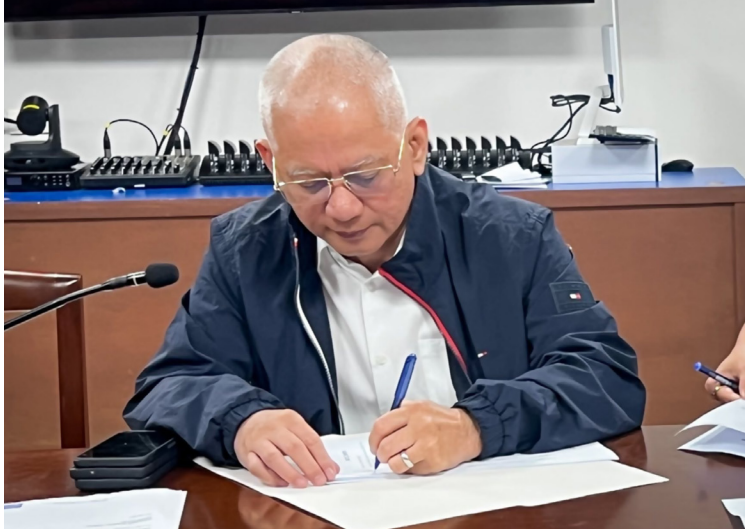
In a proactive move to combat recurring floods, the City Government of Legazpi, led by Mayor Hisham B. Ismail, and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Region V, under the leadership of Director Virgilio C. Eduarte, CESO III, have formalized a Joint Signing Deed of Transfer for the city's pumping station. The agreement was made to ensure the pumping station is fully operational to mitigate flooding in the city.

Under the terms of the deed, the DPWH will assume responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the pumping station, ensuring its smooth and efficient

operation during heavy rainfall. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in Legazpi City's ongoing efforts to enhance its flood control infrastructure.

In addition to the deed signing, Mayor Ismail has also directed city workers to intensify declogging operations on canals and waterways. These efforts aim to clear obstructions and improve the flow of water, further reducing the risk of flooding in vulnerable areas. The combined initiatives demonstrate a comprehensive approach to safeguard Legazpi City and its residents from the impact of severe weather events.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Hisham Takes to the Streets: Declogging and Beautifying Legazpi City

Legazpi City Mayor Hisham B. Ismail spearheads a city-wide declogging and tree-trimming initiative in the city. Demonstrating hands-on leadership, Mayor Ismail has ordered the clearing of drainage systems and the pruning of overgrown tree branches in numerous barangays, addressing long-standing issues and enhancing the city's aesthetic appeal.

This proactive approach aims to mitigate flooding during the rainy season, improve traffic flow by clearing obstructed roads, and create a cleaner, more pleasant environment for residents. City workers,

under the direction of Mayor Ismail, are actively engaged in removing debris from waterways and carefully trimming tree branches to ensure public safety and prevent damage to infrastructure.

The initiative has been met with positive feedback from residents, who appreciate the visible improvements and the mayor's commitment to addressing their concerns. The mayor's hands-on approach sends a clear message that his administration is dedicated to creating a more livable and resilient Legazpi City, one barangay at a time.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Legazpi City Continues Wire Removal Under Mayor Ismail

Legazpi Mayor Hisham B. Ismail in coordination with the Legazpi City Engineering Office, Albay Electric Cooperative, Inc., cable and telecommunication providers has ordered the continuation of the "spaghetti wire" removal project in Legazpi City, following in the footsteps of former Mayor, Atty. Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr. The initiative aims to improve the city's aesthetics and ensure public safety by removing tangled and unnecessary overhead cables.

"We are committed to continuing the work started by Mayor Garbin to create a cleaner and safer environment for our residents," Mayor Ismail stated. The project will focus on identifying and removing unused or hazardous wires, working in collaboration with utility companies and local communities. The city government aims for completion within the year, with regular updates provided to the public, twice a week.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Ismail leading the charge to clear the skies of unsightly wires in Legazpi, promoting a cleaner and more beautiful city.

Mayor Ismail Backs ICT Equipment Turnover to Boost Education in Geographically Isolated Area

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail has expressed strong support for the CLICK Turnover of ICT Equipment program, a strategic initiative designed to strengthen education for students in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA). Spearheaded by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in partnership with AKB, the program seeks to bridge the digital divide by providing essential technology to selected learners.

“This initiative is crucial for ensuring all students, regardless of their location, have access to the tools they need to succeed,” said Mayor Ismail. “By providing ICT equipment, we are empowering these students and investing in their future.”

On October 8, 2025, a total of 75 qualified students from Albay received brand-new Lenovo laptops during a ceremonial turnover held at Embarcadero de Legazpi. The event marked a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to promote inclusive and equitable access to digital education.

The program is expected to enhance educational outcomes in GIDA communities by equipping students with digital resources and fostering essential skills in information and communications technology. Through this initiative, DICT and AKB reaffirm their commitment to leveling the playing field for learners in underserved areas.

Ma. Cristina D. Zantua



Mayor Ismail and Congressman Garbin are joyfully captured in one photo during the distribution of laptops to deserving students.

Mayor Ismail Oversees SPES Payout with PESO Manager Rañeses

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail spearheaded the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) payout this year. The event was conducted alongside Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Manager, Mr. Diosdado R. Rañeses, and other line agencies at the Office of the City Mayor.

As of writing, a total of 363 beneficiaries received their salary for the 2025 implementation, with 30 receiving their salaries last October 6, 2025, while the 37 beneficiaries are being processed for the next payout within the year.

This initiative underscores the commitment of Mayor Ismail's administration to support students through temporary employment opportunities, enabling them to gain valuable work experience and financial assistance to further their education. The SPES program is a nationwide initiative designed to help students from poor families earn money to continue their studies.

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Mayor Ismail and Mr. Rañeses actively participate in distributing salaries to SPES beneficiaries at the Office of the Mayor.



Legazpi City Gears Up for Geriatric Clinic Construction

Legazpi City is moving forward with its commitment to senior citizen healthcare with the upcoming construction of a Geriatric Clinic at the Ibalong Centrum for Recreation. Mayor Hisham B. Ismail, accompanied by City Engineer Clemente A. Ibo, recently conducted an ocular inspection of the site to ensure the project aligns with the city's vision.

The clinic, to be housed within the Ibalong Centrum, is designed to cater specifically to the health needs of Legazpi's senior population. This proactive step underscores the local government's dedication to providing accessible and specialized medical care for its elderly residents.

"We want to make sure our senior citizens have a place where they can receive the attention and care they deserve," Mayor Ismail stated during the inspection. Engineer Ibo added that the inspection was crucial to ensure the construction meets all safety and quality standards.

The Geriatric Clinic is expected to significantly improve the quality of life for senior citizens in Legazpi



City, offering a range of medical services tailored to their unique needs. The project reflects the city's ongoing efforts to create a more inclusive and caring environment for all its residents.

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Legazpi City Prioritizes First Aid Training for Medical Personnel



Mayor Hisham B. Ismail and first aid training participants showcase their captivating smiles after a rigorous session.

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail emphasized the critical importance of preparedness and rapid response in emergency situations during the Standard First Aid Training of Trainers program. The event, a collaborative effort between the Department of Health Regional Office No. V and the Legazpi City Health Office, is backed by the City Government of Legazpi.

"In Legazpi, our commitment to the health and safety of our citizens is unwavering," Mayor Ismail stated. "This training equips our medical personnel with essential skills, ensuring

they can act swiftly and effectively during emergencies. It's about saving lives and building a more resilient community."

The training program aims to enhance the capabilities of local medical professionals, enabling them to train others in basic first aid. This initiative ensures that vital life-saving skills are disseminated throughout the community, creating a network of trained individuals ready to respond in critical situations.

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Mayor Ismail and Congressman Garbin Unite to Provide Financial Aid to Families with Special Needs Children

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail Ismail, in a collaborative effort with Ako Bicol Partylist and through the dedicated efforts of Congressman Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., is launching a financial assistance program aimed at supporting families with children diagnosed with autism, Down syndrome, or cerebral palsy. The initiative, facilitated through the Department of Social Welfare and Development and implemented by the City Social Welfare and Development, will provide P3,000 in financial aid to eligible families.

Cong. Garbin's advocacy played a crucial role in securing the necessary resources for this program, underscoring a shared commitment to uplifting vulnerable communities. Mayor Ismail emphasized the importance of providing comprehensive support to families facing the unique challenges of raising children with special needs. This financial assistance aims to alleviate some of the economic burdens associated with specialized care, therapy, and essential resources, ensuring these children can thrive and reach their full potential.

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P3,000 ayuda para sa **1,500** Legazpeño parents na may anak na may **Autism, Down Syndrome, o Cerebral Palsy.**

Programang handog ng **DSWD** in partnership with the **City Government of Legazpi**, sa inisyatibo ni **Cong. Alfredo Garbin**.

Limitado lang ang pondo kaya **first 1,500** lang ang makakapagpalista. Para sa interesadong Legazpeño, magtungo sa **CSWDO Office** (likod ng Brgy. Hall ng Gogon)

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Legazpi Offers Free Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery

Operation Smile

FREE SURGICAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CLEFT CONDITIONS

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NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | 8:00 AM
DABAIGA DOCTORS HOSPITAL

DAYS OF SURGERY
NOVEMBER 8-10, 2025

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Mayor Hisham B. Ismail Ismail has announced a new initiative providing free surgical operations for residents suffering from cleft lip and cleft palate conditions. This program is made possible through a partnership with Operation Smile Philippines, aiming to restore confidence and happiness to citizens.

The mayor stated that individuals with these conditions are encouraged to visit the Persons with Disability Affairs Office at Legazpi City Hall to register and learn more about the opportunity. The medical assistance seeks to provide comprehensive care, addressing not only the physical aspects but also the emotional well-being of patients.

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Legazpi City to Offer Free Cataract Surgery Starting November 2025

Legazpi City residents will soon have access to free cataract surgery, Mayor Hisham B. Ismail announced with great enthusiasm. The groundbreaking initiative is set to commence in November 2025, thanks to a newly forged Memorandum of Agreement between the Legazpi Eye Center and the City Government of Legazpi.

"This partnership underscores our commitment to the well-being of our citizens," Mayor Ismail stated. "We want everyone to have the opportunity to see the world clearly."

The agreement will allow eligible residents to receive free cataract surgery, significantly improving their quality of life. The Legazpi Eye Center, a leading ophthalmology clinic in the region, will provide the medical expertise and facilities, while the city government will handle logistical support and patient coordination. This program promises to bring clearer vision and brighter futures to many in Legazpi.

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MALINAW NA MATA, PARA SA MALINAW NA KINABUKASAN

LIBRENG OPERATION SA KATARATA

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SA PAGITAN NG LEGAZPI EYE CENTER AT GOVERNMENT OF LEGAZPI

APPROBADO NA!

INAASA HANG MAG SISIMULA ITO SA NOBYEMBRE 2025

Sa mga interesadong pwede mag inquire sa Legazpi City Hospital o sa City Mayor's Office para malaman ang mga requirements.

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A Review of Ibalong Festival 2025: An Epic Success!

The recently concluded Ibalong Festival 2025, spearheaded by SP Councillor Alan O. Ranola, Chairperson, Committee on Tourism, Culture and Heritage and Vice Chairman of the Ibalong Festival 2025 with Legazpi City Tourism Office, was a vibrant celebration of Bicolano culture and heritage. The festival pulsed with energy, showcasing the epic stories of Ibalong through colorful parades, street dances, and theatrical performances.

A standout moment was the grand street parade, where participants donned elaborate costumes depicting legendary heroes and mythical creatures. The performance was captivating, drawing in both locals and tourists. Legazpi City Tourism's dedication shone through in the seamless execution of events and smooth flow of activities.

Tribu Pulang-Angui of Polangui, Albay emerged as the grand champion of the 2025 Ibalong Festival Street Dance Competition, clinching the grand prize of ₱500,000. Their dynamic performance and striking visuals brought the

Ibalong epic to life, earning thunderous applause and admiration from the crowd.

Adding to the festival's prestige was the successful staging of Mutya ng Ibalong 2025, a highly anticipated pageant that celebrates beauty, intelligence, and cultural pride. Ms. Lienel Navidad of Legazpi City emerged as the Grand Winner, receiving a ₱500,000 cash prize for her exceptional poise, wit, and embodiment of the Ibalong spirit.

While the festival was a resounding success, the administration is looking forward to further improve the festivities - poised to become a highlight festival in the region, and eventually, in the country's colorful literary landscape. Overall, the Ibalong Festival 2025 was a memorable experience, leaving a lasting impression and promoting Legazpi City as a premier tourist destination. It successfully blended tradition with modern entertainment, promising an even grander celebration in the years to come!

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Legazpi Port District Fiesta 2025 Kicks Off with Grand Celebration

The Legazpi District Port Fiesta 2025 officially opened October 23, 2025, with a vibrant celebration attended by Mayor Hisham B. Ismail, city officials, and enthusiastic employees. The event marks the beginning of a series of festivities highlighting the district's rich maritime heritage and community spirit.

Mayor Ismail expressed his excitement for the fiesta, emphasizing its importance in fostering unity and showcasing Legazpi's cultural identity. "This fiesta is a testament to our

shared history and a celebration of our bright future," he stated.

The opening day featured colorful parades, traditional music, and various food stalls offering local delicacies. Residents and tourists alike joined in the merriment, creating a lively atmosphere throughout the district. The fiesta is expected to run for two weeks, with a diverse program of activities planned for all ages.

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Mayor Ismail Unveils Night Markets at Puro & Ayala Malls, Igniting City Tourism and Economy.

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail proudly announced the grand opening of vibrant night markets at Puro starting August 13 and Ayala Malls from October 15 to 24 in time of Legazpi fiesta, marking a significant step towards boosting local tourism and invigorating the city's economy. The initiative promises a lively atmosphere, unique shopping experiences, and a platform for local businesses to thrive.

"These night markets are more than just places to shop; they're community hubs that showcase the best of our city," Mayor Ismail stated in one of his interviews. "We're creating opportunities for entrepreneurs, artisans, and food vendors to connect with residents and tourists alike."

The markets feature several stalls offering a diverse range of products, from handcrafted goods and local delicacies to clothing and souvenirs. Open every day from 4pm onwards, the night markets aim to attract both local residents and tourists, providing a safe and enjoyable evening experience.

This initiative is expected to generate revenue and create jobs, significantly contributing to the city's economic growth. Mayor Ismail encourages everyone to visit the night markets, support local businesses, and experience the unique charm of our city after dark.

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Mayor Ismail, vivid & bright with City Officials and supporters during the unveiling of the night markets in the City of Legazpi.

Legazpi Ranked 9th Best City to Visit by World Travel Index 2025

Legazpi City has been declared the 9th best city to visit in the Philippines by the World Travel Index 2025. The city, known for the iconic Mayon Volcano, garnered high scores for its blend of natural beauty, adventure activities, and cultural experiences. According to the WTI, Legazpi excelled in providing sustainable tourism options and authentic local interactions. The city’s commitment to preserving its environment while offering unique attractions has set it apart. This recognition is expected to boost tourism, benefiting local businesses and communities. Legazpi’s win highlights the Philippines’ diverse and appealing travel destinations.

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Legazpi Tourism Shines at Baguio Event: Bicol Loco Festival Garner Recognition

Legazpi City’s tourism efforts have been recognized on a national stage! The city’s tourism board secured the Second Runner-up position in the Best Local Event Hosting (Independent Component City Category) during the event held in Baguio City from October 1st, 2025. Their entry, the vibrant and engaging Bicol Loco Festival 2024-2025, impressed judges with its unique showcase of Bicolano culture and creativity.

The Bicol Loco Festival, known for its colorful hot air balloon presentations, music festival and delicious local cuisine, has become a major draw for tourists and a source of pride for Legazpi. This award highlights the city’s commitment to promoting tourism and celebrating its rich heritage. The Legazpi tourism team is super proud and is committed to making the next festival even better!

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Mr. Ricky A. Loterte, OIC of Legazpi Tourism Office, celebrating excellence at the awarding rights in the Summer Capital of the Philippines.

Legazpi City Hailed as Top 5 Most Business-Friendly LGU

Legazpi City received a SPECIAL RECOGNITION in the 2025 Most Business-Friendly LGU Awards this month of October 2025. Out of 29 LGUs in the Level 2 – Component Cities Category, Legazpi was cited as ONE of the TOP 5 FINALISTS for its innovation in Ease of Doing Business – a reflection of our continuing effort to make Legazpi a more dynamic and business-friendly city.

This prestigious award highlights the city's commitment to fostering a supportive environment for

businesses to thrive. Under the leadership of Mayor Hisham B. Ismail, Legazpi City has implemented innovative policies and streamlined processes, making it easier for entrepreneurs to start and grow their ventures. The city's focus on infrastructure development, efficient public services, and a welcoming regulatory framework has attracted significant investment and spurred economic growth. This recognition solidifies Legazpi City's position as a premier destination for business in the region.

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CGoLegazpi's finest employees, LEIPO Ma. Theresa D. Nuñez, BPLO Asuncion V. Calleja, CPDO Jocelyn M. Codorniz, & CLO Atty. Noel Allen R. Bose with ACCI Chairman Mr. John Glenn Lee in one frame showcasing Legazpi's innovation of Ease of Doing Business among LGUs.

Legazpi City LGU Accounting Office Receives Prestigious Award



The Local Government Unit of Legazpi has been honored with the Outstanding Accounting Office Award by the

Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP) during a ceremony held last October 7, 2025 in Davao City.

The award recognizes the LGU's excellence in maintaining accurate and transparent financial records, as well as its commitment to sound fiscal management.

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail expressed his pride and extended his heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Gloria E. Aringo, the dedicated department head of the Accounting Office, and her entire team. "This award is a testament to the hard work, competence, and integrity of our accounting personnel," Mayor Ismail stated. "Their dedication ensures that public funds are managed responsibly and efficiently, contributing to the overall progress and development of Legazpi City."

The City Government of Legazpi continues to set a high standard for excellence in public service, demonstrating its unwavering commitment to good governance and fiscal responsibility.

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City Government of Legazpi Honored with Five Exemplary Awards



The CSWDO Head Dr. Arcilla beautifully poses with the City Administrator and the DILG regional representative during the awarding ceremony.

Mayor Hisham B. Ismail proudly announced that the City Government of Legazpi has been recognized with five exemplary awards for CY 2024, from the Department of Interior and Local Government during the Aldaw nin Honra 2025 held at the Marison Hotel on October 29, 2025.

The awards include: 1. High Performing Local Government Unit, recognizing overall excellence in governance and service delivery; 2. High Performing Local Council for the Protection of Children, acknowledging the city's dedication to children's rights; 3. High Performing Local Committees on Anti-Trafficking & Violence, highlighting efforts to combat these critical issues; 4. Regional Awardee on Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit, signifying the city's commitment to creating a safe and nurturing environment for children; and 5. Model LGU for Exemplary Recovery Initiatives, celebrating successful disaster recovery efforts.

Mayor Ismail highlighting the outstanding performance of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) headed by Dr. Cecilia E. Arcilla, emphasized that these awards reflect the hard work and dedication of all city government employees and the active participation of the community. He reiterated the city's commitment to upholding the highest standards of governance and continuing to improve the lives of all Legazpeños.

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Legazpi City Celebrates Overseas Migrant Fair 2025

Legazpi City hosted the Overseas Migrant Fair 2025 on October 29, 2025, at the Ibalong Centrum for Recreation, a celebration sponsored by the City Government in coordination with the Overseas Workers Welfare to honor and support its overseas workers. The event is made possible with the support of PESO Legazpi headed by Mr. Diosdado R. Rañeses.

The fair aims to provide resources, information, and assistance to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their

families. There are also booths featuring recruitment agencies, financial institutions, and government services.

Legazpi Mayor Hisham B. Ismail stated in his message that, "Our OFWs contribute significantly to our city's economy and are an integral part of our community," Mr. Raneses also added that, "This fair is our way of showing appreciation and providing them with the support they deserve."

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PESO Manager Rañeses warmly receives the Mayor of Legazpi during the Migrants Fair in the city, with OWWA Official from Manila.

PESO Legazpi Joins National PESO Congress in Tagaytay City

Legazpi City's Public Employment Service Office (PESO) participates in the National PESO Congress held in Tagaytay City from October 14 to 17. The congress serves as a platform for PESO managers and staff from across the Philippines to gather, share best practices, and enhance their knowledge of employment facilitation strategies.

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Strong Together: The PESO Manager and his dedicated team capturing moments of teamwork and commitment.

Legislative Action

APPROVED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

(From September to October 2025 only)

Sangguniang Panlungsod

Legazpi City

Ord/Res. No.	Title and Proponent
17-0001-2025	<p>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 7 SERIES OF 2025 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (₱100,000.00) FOR THE AUGMENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS OF SOME MOOE OBJECT OF EXPENDITURES UNDER CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE.</p> <p>Councilor Lourence M. Beltran</p>
17-0002-2025	<p>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 8 SERIES OF 2025 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (₱413,000.00) FOR THE AUGMENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS OF SOME MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) OBJECT OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF LEGAZPI.</p> <p>Councilor Lourence M. Beltran</p>
17-0003-2025	<p>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 9 SERIES 2025 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY PESOS & 83/100 (₱2, 594,730.83) FOR THE AUGMENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS OF SOME MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) AND CAPITAL OUTLAY (CO) OBJECT OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION-LEGAZPI CITY FIRE STATION.</p> <p>Councilor Lourence M. Beltran</p>
17-0004-2025	<p>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 10 SERIES 2025 INVOLVING EIGHTY- FIVE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY SIX PESOS & 96/100 (₱85,333,076.96) FOR THE AUGMENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS OF SOME MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) AND CAPITAL OUTLAY (CO) OBJECT OF EXPENDITURES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF LEGAZPI.</p> <p>Councilor Lourence M. Beltran</p>
17-0008-2025	<p>AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PHILHEALTH CAPITATION FUND FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE OUTPATIENT CONSULTATION AND DIAGNOSTIC BENEFIT PACKAGE (PHILHEALTH KONSULTA) TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) AND PRESCRIBING THE UTILIZATION AND DISPOSITION THEREOF.</p> <p>Councilor Maria Paz Salud C. Imperial</p>
17-0067-2025	<p>AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ALL REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS (SC) IN THE CITY OF LEGAZPI OF THEIR PVC-LAMINATED IDENTIFICATION CARDS (SC ID's), INTEGRATING QUICK RESPONSE CODE (QR) AND SETTING THE GUIDELINES FOR UPDATED ID's OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF LEGAZPI, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.</p> <p>Councilor Maria Paz Salud C. Imperial</p>
17-0083-2025	<p>RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 0017-2009, WITH REGARD TO THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE THAT HAS CLOGGED CANALS AND WATERWAYS THEREBY CAUSING FLOODING IN THE CITY OF LEGAZPI.</p> <p>Councilor Roberto Rafael N. Lucila II</p>
17-0122-2025	<p>RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (₱500,000.00) TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MASBATE CITY AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE DISPLACED FAMILIES OF THE CITY DURING TYPHOON "OPONG."</p> <p>Councilor Roberto Rafael N. Lucila II</p>



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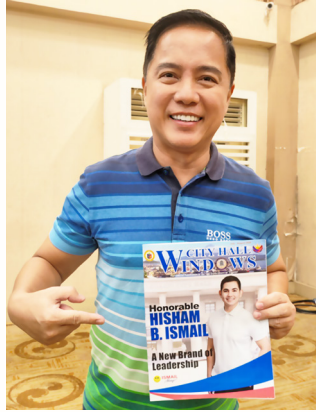
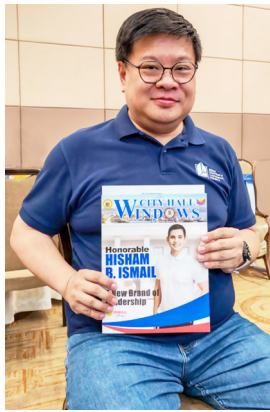
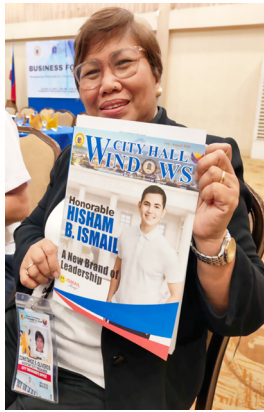
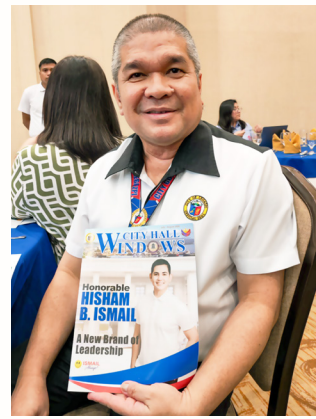
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