

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE
TRECE MARTIRES

IN RE: PETITION FOR
RENEWAL IN THE WEEKLY
RAFFLE OF JUDICIAL AND
LEGAL NOTICES

TMACCRE-004-22

CAVITE NGAYON
REPRESENTED BY ITS
PUBLISHER BAYANI N.
ZOLETA

Petitioner.

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ORDER

A verified petition for accreditation of CAVITE NGAYON to publish all legal notices and announcements required by law to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Cavite, pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1079, Supreme Court En Banc Resolution, Administrative Matter No. 01-1-07-SC and OCA Circular No. 5-2002, was filed on 09 November 2022 by its publishers, Bayani N. Zoleta (Exhibit "A").

The Notice of Hearing dated 17 November 2022 was issued setting the petition for hearing on 02 December 2022 and all interested persons who have cause or reason to object to the grant of the same were directed to file a verified written opposition (Exhibit "B"). The said Notice of Hearing was posted at the bulletin board of the Regional Trial Court of Trece Martires City and in front of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Trece Martires City (Exhibit "C") and was sent to the petitioner through registered mail.

Records show that Bayani N. Zoleta, publisher of Cavite Ngayon and Atty. Evelyn R. Dominguez personally appeared on 23 November 2022 for the pre-marking of the documentary exhibits to substantiate the allegations in the petition.

During the initial hearing on 02 December 2022, nobody appeared to oppose the petition. Atty. Evelyn R. Dominguez and Bayani N. Zoleta personally appeared.

After going over the petition and the documentary evidence presented, the following facts were established, to wit:

Cavite Ngayon is a weekly newspaper edited and published in the Province of Cavite with editorial and office address at 271, Virata Subdivision, Palico III, Imus City with contact number 0969-0102911. It officially started its circulation on 18 February 1981 and every week thereafter up to present, as evidenced by the fifty-two (52) uninterrupted publication and circulation of newspaper copies (Exhibits "F to "F-51") with 52,000 printed copies as of the date of its petition. The said newspaper was duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under Certificate of Business Name Registration No. 2424178 valid from 22 February 2021 to 22 February 2026 (Exhibit "D"). It was granted Mayor's Permit by the Office of the Mayor of Imus City, Cavite (Exhibit "N"). It was registered with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) with TIN No. 203-779-114-000 (Exhibit "M"). The nature of business as appearing in the BIR certificate of registration is publishing of newspapers, journals periodicals. The aforesaid newspaper is being circulated in the Province of Cavite as evidenced by a list of bonafide subscribers (Exhibit "E") and did not merely reproduce or reprint news pages of other newspapers or periodicals within the region. It also carries a commercial display advertising (Exhibit "H"). Petitioner submitted a copy of the current advertising contract and commercial advertisement rates (Exhibit "I"), and official receipt (Exhibit "O"). Petitioner also submitted three (3) sample issues of newspaper (Exhibits "P" to "P-1") with the prescribed format of Presidential Decree 1079. At present, the said newspaper is not participating in the raffle of legal and judicial notices in other provinces or cities.

The pieces of evidence presented show that petitioner Cavite Ngayon has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications as set forth under A.M. No. 01-1-107-SC (Guidelines in the Accreditation of Newspapers and Periodicals Seeking to Publish Judicial and Legal Notices and Other Similar Announcements and in the Raffle Thereof).

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the instant petition is hereby GRANTED. The CAVITE NGAYON is hereby allowed to participate in the raffle of judicial, legal notices and orders issued by all the courts within the jurisdiction of the Regional Trial Court of Trece Martires City, Cavite and to publish the said judicial and legal notices and orders within the Province of Cavite. The accreditation shall be valid within five (5) years from the date of approval unless suspended or revoked in accordance with the guidelines.

Petitioner is ordered to submit to the Office of the Executive Judge a copy of its newspaper before the date of each and every raffle participated in by it. The same is further ordered to faithfully comply with the following

prescribed format by the Supreme Court appearing in its Circular No. 5-2002- dated January 11, 2002, to wit:

**Title text size not
more than 10 pts.**

**Body text size not
more than 8 pts.**

**Column width not
Less than 9 ems**

Let CAVITE NGAYON be included in the list of accredited newspapers, which shall be posted in three conspicuous places Regional Trial Court Trece Martires City, Government Center Building, Trece Martires City, Cavite and in the respective bulletin boards of Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Trece Martires Martires City, Municipal Trial Court in Cities, City of General Trias, Cavite and Municipal Trial Court, Tanza Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, 2 December 2022.


FLORDELIZ CABANLIT FARGAS
Executive Judge