Filing of Criminal Complaints

RR 9A-Cabal-Milo's Legal Division filed a criminal complaint before the Office of the Prosecutor last February 13 against two (2) individuals for possession of excisable articles without payment of Excise Tax and for unlawful pursuit of business in violation of the Tax Code. Said individuals were apprehended by elements of the San Jose Municipal Police based on confidential information that master boxes of counterfeit cigarettes with affixed fake Internal Revenue Stamps were to be unloaded at Barangay Silang. The Revenue Collection Officer of RD 37-San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, together with the Regional Investigation Division of RR 9A, prepared an inventory and verified the authenticity of the seized excisable articles. All internal revenue stamps were verified to be fake.

Legal Division Chief Nestor Escalona of RR 17-Butuan City filed a criminal complaint before the Office of the City Prosecutor of Butuan City last February 14 against Emelino Maestro, Marice Maestro, Marites Maestro, Rosely Dagasa and Rutchel Conjurado for Usurpation of Authority or official functions punishable under Article 177 of the Revised Penal Code. Present during the filing of the criminal case was the subscribing officer, City Prosecutor Al Jay Go.

Filing of RATE Case

RDO Tohammie Yahya of RD 5-Alaminos City spearheaded the filing of a RATE case against an erring taxpayer last February 12 at the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor in Lingayen, Pangasinan. Legal Division Chief Jodaly Idos, Atty. Genevieve Mendeguarin, GS Imelda Rejano and RO Ma. Elaine Moreno filed the said criminal complaint.

“Oplan Kandado” Operations

Regional Director Thelma Milabao and OIC-Asst. RD Fely Simon of RR 1-Calasiao, Pangasinan, together with RDO Tohammie Yahya and Asst. RDO Marinela Tandoc of RD 5-Alaminos City, Pangasinan, Legal Division Chief Jodaly Idos and Asst. Chief Genevieve Mendeguarin, and revenueers from RD 5, temporarily closed last February 13 four (4) establishments located in Lingayen town and Alaminos City, for violation of the provisions of the Tax Code.

Revenues of RD 84-Tagbilaran City, led by RDO Aldo Esmeña, temporarily closed two (2) business establishments in Panglao, Bohol last February 12 for violating the VAT provisions of the Tax Code. Regional Director Eduardo Pagulayan Jr. of RR 13-Cebu City joined the operations.
Tax Enforcement Activities

RR 3 - Tuguegarao City

Regional Director Clavelina Nacar and Asst. RD Lorna Binara of RR 3-Tuguegarao City, together with RDO Cesar Balangatan of RD 15-Naguilian, Isabela, CSU Head Ma. Teresa Avila and RCO Marietta Chua, conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 12.

RR 14 - Eastern Visayas Region

OIC-Regional Director Antonio Jonathan Jaminola of RR 14-Eastern Visayas Region, together with RID Chief Neil Cordero and other investigators, checked last February 8 the confiscated fake stamps in cigarettes. The operation, which was coordinated with the Bureau of Customs-Region VIII, uncovered smuggled cigarette-making machines, 1,856 master cases of fake/counterfeit cigarettes, 5 boxes of BIR stamps and various raw materials for cigarette making, which were all stored in a warehouse at Barangay Bagacay, Tacloban City.

RR 7 - Abra

Revenuers of RD 7-Abra, headed by OIC-RDO Frumencio Belisario, conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive in the municipality of Manabo last February 12 to 13.

RR 5 - Alaminos City

RD 5-Alaminos City, headed by RDO Tohammie Yahya and Asst. RDO Marinela Tandoc, together with the Assessment Section and Compliance Section personnel, conducted last February 8 a Tax Compliance Verification Drive in all resorts, hotels/inns and establishments with short-stay accommodation in Alaminos City.

RR 9 - La Trinidad, Benguet

Revenuers of RD 9-La Trinidad, Benguet, led by RDO Jimmy Tangonan, checked the registration and invoicing compliance of all business establishments in Pico and Balili, La Trinidad Benguet during their Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 12 to 13.

RD 8 - Baguio City

Revenuers of RD 8-Baguio City, led by RDO Gerardo Utanes, conducted tax mapping operation last February 12 to 13 in business establishments along Session Road, Baguio City.

RR 3 - San Fernando City, La Union

RD 3-San Fernando City, La Union, headed by RDO Charmaine De La Torre and Asst. RDO Doris Rimando, conducted focused tax mapping last February 13 in resorts located in San Juan, La Union.

RR 10 - Bontoc, Mountain Province

Revenuers of RD 10-Bontoc, Mountain Province, led by RDO Jose Proceso Gorospe, conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 12 to 14 in all business establishments in Bontoc, Mountain Province.

RD 12 - Ifugao

RD 12-Ifugao, headed by RDO Gil Vinluan, Jr. and Asst. RDO Arlan Davis, conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 12 to 13 in business establishments located in Lagawe, Ifugao to check on their compliance with the Bureau’s registration, bookkeeping and invoicing requirements.

RD 15 - Naguilian, Isabela

Revenuers of RD 15-Naguilian, Isabela, led by RDO Cesar Balangatan, together with Regional Director Clavelina Nacar, conducted a two-day Tax Compliance Verification Drive in Santiago City, Isabela last February 12 to 13.
Tax Enforcement Activities

RD 61 - South Quezon (Gumaca)

RD 61-South Quezon (Gumaca), headed by RDO Gerlo Cacatian and Asst. RDO Edgardo Holman, conducted Tax Compliance and Verification Drive/Post-Evaluation last February 7 to 8 to verify the re-accreditation of printers.

RD 79 - Dumaguete City

RD 79-Dumaguete City, headed by RDO Consuelo De Asis, conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive in all business establishments in Bais City, Canlaon City and Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental last February 12 to 13.

RD 92 - Pagadian City

RD 92-Pagadian City conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive in the municipalities of Margosatubig and San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur last February 11 to 14.

RD 20 - Bataan

RD 20-Bataan, headed by RDO Maria Thelma Pulhin, conducted a two-day Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 13 to 14 in Mariveles, Bataan.

RD 21A - North Pampanga

RD 21A-North Pampanga, headed by RDO Ray Anthony Geli and Asst. RDO Lope Tubera, conducted tax mapping operation last February 12 in all business establishments along Balibago, Angeles City to check on taxpayers’ compliance with the BIR registration, bookkeeping and invoicing requirements.

RD 32 - Quiapo, Sampaloc, San Miguel, Sta Mesa

Revenuers of RD 32-Quiapo, Sampaloc, San Miguel, Sta Mesa, headed by RDO Jose Maria Hernandez and Asst. RDO Marinelia German, simultaneously checked and conducted post evaluation of CRM/POS machines of various taxpayers, such as convenience, grocery, and apparel stores, last February 12 to 14.

RD 50 - South Makati

RD 50-South Makati, headed by RDO Claire Corpus and Asst. RDO Narciso Laguerta, conducted last February 8 Post Evaluation of Cash Register Machines (CRM), Point-of-Sales (POS) Machines, other Sales Receipting Systems Software, including the Extraction of Data from Electronic Sales (eSales) Journal, Z Reading, back-end report at 711 Convenient Store in Salcedo Village Makati City, Entrusted Corp. in Guadalupe Makati City, and Palma Drugstore in Pembo Makati City.

RD 36 - Puerto Princesa City

RD 36-Puerto Princesa City, headed by OIC-RDO Lorenzo Delos Santos and Asst. RDO Luz Magdalena Bocita, conducted Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 7 to 8 in all establishments located in the tourist destination of Palawan, specifically Taytay and San Vicente, Palawan.

RD 89 - Ormoc City

RD 89-Ormoc City, headed by RDO Ma. Teresa Noemi Pizon, conducted a series of Tax Compliance Verification Drive last February 8, 13, and 14 in various establishments within the municipalities of Hindang, Leyte, Inopacan, Leyte, Matalom, Leyte, and Brgy. Caridad and Brgy. Hilapnitan of Baybay Leyte.
Tax Information Drives

**RR 6 - Manila**

Asst. RDO Evangeline Capule of RR 6-Manila, together with GS Rosario Villaflor and RO Kim Lintang of RD 29-Tondo/San Nicolas, Manila (headed by RDO Teresita Lumayag), talked about the district's priority plans for 2019 and the forthcoming annual Income Tax filing season during an interview conducted last February 9 by Mr. Taxman at DWIZ 882.

**RD 4 - Calasiao, Pangasinan**

RDO Ernesto Mangabat of RD 4-Calasiao, Pangasinan discussed with the Municipal and City Accountants of Pangasinan matters relative to their withholding tax compliance and taxes due to BIR, during a dialogue held last February 13 at the Star Plaza Hotel, Dagupan City. GS Cherry Wong of the Assessment Section was also present during the dialogue.

**RD 5 - Alaminos City**

RD 5-Alaminos City, headed by RDO Tohammie Yahya and Asst. RDO Marcelina Tandoc, together with RR 1 Legal Division Chief Jodalyn Idos and Atty. Genevieve Mendiguarin, conducted a briefing/dialogue with members of the Regional Cooperative Development Council during their Quarterly Meeting last February 13. Mary Joy Bombasi served as resource speaker. Issues and concern were raised, particularly on registration matters and the taxability and tax exemption requirements of cooperatives and other tax updates.

**RD 42 - San Juan**

RD 42-San Juan, headed by RDO Bethsheba Bautista, conducted a seminar last February 8 for the candidates of San Juan City for the May 2019 Local Election. The seminar was hosted by Asst. RDO Ramon Navarro.

**Large Taxpayers Division-Davao**

Chief Avia Globasa of the Large Taxpayers Division-Davao spearheaded the conduct of Tax Dialogue, Briefing and Updates last February 8 to remind taxpayers of the tax filing and report deadlines, and inform them of the new BIR issuances and the Division’s 2018 year-end performance evaluation.

**RD 3 - San Fernando City, La Union**

RDO Charmaine De La Torre of RD 3-San Fernando City, La Union was invited to be the guest speaker in the Joint Monthly Business Meeting of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders’ Association, Inc. (CREBA) and Real Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (REBAP) La Union Chapter conducted last February 14 at Sea and Sky Hotel and Restaurant in La Union. She discussed tax updates concerning the real estate industry and the impending revision of schedules of zonal values of real properties in the Province of La Union. She likewise appealed for the support of the officers and members in the collection of taxes.

**RD 92 - Pagadian City**

Revenue Examiners James Robert Alvarez, Lucille Mae Rabago, Wendy Godoy and Rubie Lyne Buot of RD 92-Pagadian City, together with Revenue Officers Mark Anthony Rodriguez and Zobelle Calib, conducted a Seminar/Workshop on Enhanced Data Entry and Validation Module for eSubmission of Annual Information Return of Withholding Expanded and Other Tax Updates with the Barangay Treasurers of Zamboanga del Sur last February 8 to 14 at Hotel Guillermo in Pagadian City.

**RD 3-San Fernando City, La Union**

RDO Doris Rimando, conducted a briefing/dialogue last February 12 with political candidates of the City of San Fernando. GS Cristine Anne Laroya discussed the guidelines in registration updates and other tax compliance requirements of candidates, political parties/party list groups and campaign contributors.

**RD 13 - Tuguegarao, Cagayan**

RDO Vivian Tarectecan of RD 13-Tuguegarao, Cagayan, together with Regional Director Clavelina Nacar, CSS Chief Herminia Dimalanta and RO Juvy Alonzo, conducted a dialogue with LGU-Barangay Chairpersons and Treasurers of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan last February 13 regarding their withholding tax obligations.
Weekly Briefings for New Registrants

Revenue District Offices are conducting weekly briefings for new business registrants to inform them of their tax obligations. Photos below show some of the briefings conducted from February 8 to 14, 2019.

**RD 3 - San Fernando City, La Union**  
Speaker: RO Trina Bautista

**RD 23A - North Nueva Ecija**  
Speaker: Mark John Soriano

**RD 27 - Caloocan City**  
Speakers: Asst. RDO Felix Roy, Gundelina Cariaga & Alexia Mae Santos

**RD 6 - Urdaneta City, Pangasinan**  
RDO Nerissa Agraam and Asst. RDO Lolita Salayog of RD 6-Urdaneta City, Pangasinan, together with CAS Enriquita Gonzalo, conducted a Briefing on Tax Updates last February 12 to taxpayers of Tayug, San Nicolas, San Quintin and Natividad. GS Delia Lapeña and ROs Jefferd Sajonas and Romelie Gonzales served as resource speakers. Also present were the RCOs of the above municipalities, namely: Narcisa Gorospe, Elmalyn Oganiza, Riza Bernabe, and Joseph Bonifacio.

**RD 74 - Iloilo City**  
RD 74-Iloilo City, headed by RDO Lilivic MInguez-Gatdula and OIC-Asst. RDO Marichu Gloria Espinosa, conducted a Seminar on Withholding Taxes and Other Tax Updates last February 8 with elected officials, Municipal Treasurers and other Government Withholding Agents in the municipalities of Pavia and Alimodian, Iloilo. GS Ma. Luna Dawn Niego served as resource speaker.

**RD 21B - South Pampanga**  
Speakers: RO Allan Christofer Lorenzo & RO Charlotte Lozano

**RD 15 - Naguilian, Isabela**  
Speakers: RDO Cesar Balangatan & RO Rowena Beltran

**RD 92 - Pagadian City**  
Speaker: Revenue Examiner James Robert Alvarez

**RD 69 - Virac, Catanduanes**  
Speakers: CSS Chief Alan Sapanta & RO Venus Sta. Ines

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**RR 18-Koronadal City**  
headed by Regional Director Lorna Tobias, presided over the oath-taking ceremony of RDO Maca-angcos Ampuan for his promotion as Chief Revenue Officer (CRO) IV. Asst. RD Christine Juliet Chua, together with the Division Chiefs of RR 18, witnessed the ceremony, which was held after the flag-raising ceremony last February 11.
Interaction with BIR Partners

RR 3 - Tuguegarao, Cagayan

Regional Director Clavelina Nacar of RR 3-Tuguegarao, Cagayan, together with RDO Vivian Tarectecan, RCO Estrellita Borja and RO Juvy Alonzo, paid a courtesy call last February 13 to Mayor Darwin Tobias of Sta. Ana, Cagayan. Regional Director Clavelina Nacar of RR 3-Tuguegarao, Cagayan, together with RDO Vivian Tarectecan, RCO Estrellita Borja and RO Juvy Alonzo, paid a courtesy call last February 13 to Mayor Teresita Garcia of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan. Regional Director Clavelina Nacar and Asst. RD Lorna Binarao, together with RDO Cesar Balangatan of RD 15-Naguilian, Isabela, Marietta Chua and Ma. Teresa Avila, paid a courtesy call to Mayor Joseph Tan of Santiago City, Isabela last February 12 to inform him of the Bureau’s tax mapping activities.

RR 4 - Pampanga

Regional Director Edgar Tolentino of RR 4-Pampanga welcomed the members of PICPA-Central Luzon Chapter, led by their President, Homarr Bondoc, as they paid their courtesy call last February 11.

RR 14 - Eastern Visayas Region

Officers and members of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (PCCI)-Tacloban-Leyte Chapter paid a courtesy call last February 12 to newly-appointed Regional Director Antonio Jonathan Jaminola of RR 14–Eastern Visayas Region. RD Jaminola presented the Accomplishment Report of the region for TY 2018, Collection Goal for 2019 and the BIR Priority Programs. PCCI Governor Henry Cua and President Wilson Uy led the group in affirming their support to the programs and initiatives of the BIR. Also present were Asst. RD Edgar Quejada, RDO Olan Bai Gumama of RD 88-Tacloban City, ORD Chief-of-Staff Jesusa Cabello and the Junior Officers of PCCI.

RD 27 - Caloocan City

Members of PICPA–Northern Metro Manila Chapter paid a courtesy visit last February 11 to RDO Miguel Morada, Jr. of RD 27-Caloocan City. RDO Morada appealed for the PICPA members’ support by way of encouraging their client-taxpayers to pay the right amount of taxes and to file their Income Tax Returns before the deadline.

RD 5 - Alaminos City, Pangasinan

RDO Tohammie Yahya of RD 5-Alaminos City, Pangasinan, together with Asst. RDO Marinela Tandoc and Section Chiefs, paid a courtesy visit last February 14 to Police Superintendent Orlando Miranda, Jr. of Alaminos City, Pangasinan. Issues and concerns were tackled during their meeting.

RD 41 - Mandaluyong

Members of Mandaluyong Chinese Chamber, led by their President Alex Yap Cho, paid a courtesy call last February 14 to RDO Corazon Balinas of RD 41-Mandaluyong to show their full support to the BIR’s programs and activities.

RD 23A - North Nueva Ecija

RDO Esperanza Castro of RD 23A-North Nueva Ecija discussed with representatives from different private schools in Nueva Ecija the correct filing of withholding taxes and other requirements they need to comply with during their meeting last February 8.

RD 56 - Central Laguna, Calamba City

RDO Emir Abutazil and Asst. RDO Werlita Quimson of RD 56-Central Laguna, Calamba City met with the members of the ACPAP-Laguna Chapter last February 12.
Interaction with BIR Partners

RD 57 - West Laguna

RDO Antonio Ilagan and Asst. RDO Rodante Caballero of RD 57-West Laguna (Biñan) met with Mayor Walfredo Dimaguila Jr. of the City of Biñan, Laguna last February 12. Highlight of the meeting was the pronouncement of Mayor Dimaguila of the City Government’s intent to donate a real property within the City Hall compound where the office building of RD 57 would be erected. Also present were Group Supervisors Leopoldo Bulda, Rodolfo Canido, Grace Mangubat, Arvin Manuntag, Aileen Grace Parra, RO Emmanuel Navarro and Victoria Muñoz.

RD 110 - General Santos City

RDO Rodrigo Rivamonte of RD 110-General Santos City paid a courtesy call to Mayor Ronnel Rivera of General Santos City last February 11. He was warmly welcomed and his visit resulted to a stronger relationship between the BIR and the City Government of General Santos.

Revised of Zonal Values

OIC-RDO Arnel Cosinas and Asst. RDO Domingo Aguinaldo of RD 64-Talisay, Camarines Norte, together with OIC-CAS Aimer Coralde and the district’s Assessment Section personnel, met with various Municipal Assessors in the entire Province of Camarines Norte to deliberate on the recommended values of real properties within their jurisdiction, as part of its efforts to come up with a revised schedule of zonal values.

Meeting with Accredited Printers

OIC-RDO Arnel Cosinas of RD 64-Talisay, Camarines Norte, together with CSS Chief Arlen Cababan, met with the Accredited Printers of Camarines Norte last February 14 to discuss their issues and concerns regarding re-accreditation of printers and printing of non-VAT official receipts for political candidates and parties.

Operational Planning Workshop/Session

Regional Director Jose Eric Furia and Asst. RD Dolores Baygan of RR 17-Butuan City spearheaded the conduct of the region’s Operational Planning Workshop/Session for CY 2019 last February 13 at Veranda 2 in Carmen, Agusan del Norte. Participants were RDOs, Asst. RDOs, Chiefs of Division, Section Chiefs and other concerned personnel in charge of the preparation of reports.

Meeting with PMAI

RDO Tohammie Yahya and Asst. RDO Marinela Tandoc of RD 5-Alaminos City conducted a dialogue with the Alaminos City Business Sector of Western Pangasinan Muslim Association Inc. (PMAI), headed by Micky Ali Maunga and Ansari Gunting, last February 12 at Lyca’s Deal Restaurant in Alaminos City. RDO Yahya responded to issues raised by the Muslim traders.

Ocular Inspection

Administrative Section Chief Gemma Bondad of RD 19-Subic Bay Freeport Zone, together with Revenue Officers Jomar Pangan, Rachel Velasco and Jham Naluz, conducted an ocular inspection of imported fertilizers (NK 17.0.17) last February 12 in a warehouse located at the SBFZ, prior to the issuance of Authority to Release Imported Goods (ATRIG).

Management Audit

Regional Director Eduardo Pagulayan Jr. of RR 13-Cebu City gave his welcome remarks during the conference with BIR National

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