

Haus Talk cancels projects in Pangasinan, Laguna

Ties with tech companies sought for legal sector

PHILIPPINE law firms should collaborate and consult with more information technology (IT) firms to keep up with the changing times, a corporate law firm said on Thursday.

“The future of the law practice will be now focused on more IT-aided business today and even established firms seeking to upgrade their capacities,” Carlos Alfonso T. Ocampo, founding partner of the Ocampo Manalo law firm, told reporters at a media roundtable discussion celebrating its 25th anniversary.

He added that local law firms should also provide legal solutions through the new online platforms firms have adopted into their way of doing business, especially during the coronavirus pandemic.

“It is like we are part of the construction crew of a house being built and we are serving this purpose to firms that want to enhance their services,” the lawyer said. “The world is changing very fast and we need to evolve with the times.”

When it was established in 1997, the firm started out

representing clients from the aviation industry and provided legal consultation for the construction of several airports such as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3.

Managing Partner Manolito A. Manalo told the same event that the aviation industry was the firm’s gateway to growing its clientele.

Some of the firm’s notable clients include Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, and Philippines AirAsia.

“We were able to get more and more clients in different industries, which proved that the kind of legal consultancy we provide is what helped us expand and still be in the business,” he said.

The law firm also offers legal services to companies engaged in infrastructure, transportation, energy, mining, labor and employment, and international trade, it said in a statement sent to reporters on Thursday.

“We are following the path of the nation’s development and I would like to see us breaking new ground in these new industries,” said Mr. Manalo. — **John Victor D. Ordoñez**

LISTED property developer Haus Talk, Inc. has canceled its projects and land acquisitions in Calasiao, Pangasinan and Sta. Rosa, Laguna to refocus funds to its project in Biñan, Laguna, its chairman said.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, the company quoted its chairman, Terence Restituto D. Madlambayan, as saying that “the corporation decided to refocus its resources and cancel the projects in Calasiao, Pangasinan and Sta. Rosa, Laguna, and recognized the potential of the Biñan project.”

Mr. Madlambayan comments were culled from his response to questions asked during Haus Talk’s annual stockholders’ meeting on Oct. 19.

Slated to be launched by November this year, the Biñan project will have 1,400 units in a 12-hectare development. A company official previously told *BusinessWorld* that it was expecting P3.8 billion in revenues from the mixed-use project development.



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The project is said to be classified under the government’s economic housing program, which has a price ceiling of P2.5 million for the basic unit.

Meanwhile, the company said that despite the cancellation of its projects in Calasiao and Sta. Rosa, it will still continue its two

prime projects in Bacoor and Mariveles.

“In the pipeline are the Bacoor and Mariveles projects which are expected to be launched in the next few years,” Mr. Madlambayan said.

The project in Mariveles, Bataan is expected to increase

the company’s housing units by 2,200.

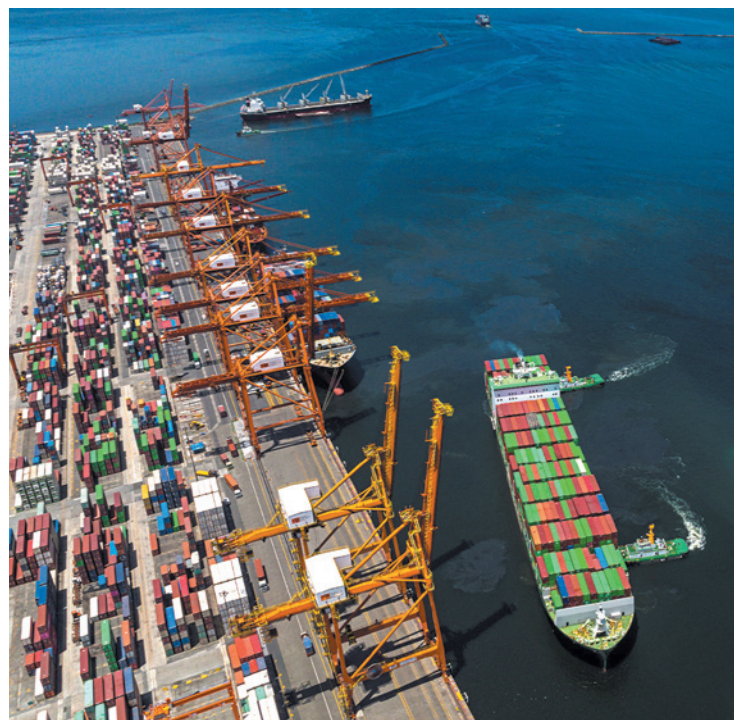
Haus Talk’s chairman was also asked about efforts to return to its initial public offering (IPO) price of P1.5 a share in January, to which he said that the company’s fundamentals “are good, and it has been performing relatively well.”

The company also said that it was confident that its new projects in Biñan and Mariveles “will contribute to the increase in the market price of the [Haus Talk] shares.”

In a separate disclosure, the company said that it will be using proceeds from its IPO, which were previously allotted to acquire the Calasiao and Sta. Rosa properties, for the acquisition of the Biñan property.

It added that it will post the disbursement of the funds 30 days from the disclosure’s posting on Oct. 17.

On the stock market on Thursday, shares in Haus Talk closed unchanged at 85 centavos apiece. — **Justine Irish D. Tabile**



COMPANY HANDOUT

ICTSI’s flagship operation receives ‘green port’ seal

AN EVALUATION system for ports has recognized the Philippines’ international trading gateway, Manila International Container Terminal (MICT), for its “green” strategy.

In a media release on Thursday, International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), which operates MICT, said that the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Port Services Network (APSN) had given the recognition to its flagship operation during the 2022 Green Port Award (GPAS).

The GPAS program, which evaluates ports in the APEC region, was developed by APSN with the endorsement of the APEC Forum.

ICTSI described the recognition as given to “high caliber and excellent environmental actions and leadership demonstrated by ports in the Asia-Pacific region.” It said the award is valid for three years.

Christian R. Gonzalez, ICTSI executive vice-president and chief sustainability officer, said the company’s work as a port operator “demands that we maintain efficient operations all the time while contributing to continued sustainability of resources and decreasing adverse impact on the environment.”

“We thank the APSN, with the support of our regulator, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), for recognizing our efforts in championing environmentally sustainable port activities at the [MICT],” he added.

In the release, ICTSI said that MICT had a green strategy that integrates climate change management into its day-to-day operations, “with the goal of becoming the most sustainable terminal in the Philippines.”

“Aligned with the commitment to operate in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner, MICT has implemented several environmental programs and activities, including improving waste and water management, circular economy initiatives, ecological protection and biodiversity programs, and decarbonization efforts,” it said.

With the recognition, MICT joins 10 other ports from six APEC member economies that received the GPAS in 2022, it said.

Listed firm ICTSI has a portfolio of terminals and projects located in developed and emerging market economies in the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, and Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022
BULACAN (CALUMPIT) BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT CALUMPIT 38YQ Portion of MacArthur Highway from Iba Este Road to and including Teh Hsin Enterprise Phils. Corp., Purok 1; and Caniogan St. in Bgys. Caniogan, Iba Este and Palimbang. REASON: Line reconducting work along MacArthur Highway in Bgy. Caniogan, Calumpit, Bulacan.	MANILA (STA. CRUZ) BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 1:30PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NORTH PORT 17H Portion of Alfonso Mendoza St. from Malabon St. to Lacson Ave. Portion of Aragon St. from Lacson Ave. to Quiroga St. Portion of Consuelo St. from Lacson Ave. to Elias St. Portion of Lacson Ave. from Alfonso Mendoza St. to Consuelo St. REASON: Installation of additional lightning protection devices, replacement of poles, upgrading of facilities and line reconducting work along Alfonso Mendoza St. in Sta. Cruz, Manila.
QUEZON PROVINCE (TAYABAS) BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 6:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS TAYABAS 42ZY AND 46ZY Portion of Tayabas – Sariaya Road from Ilayang Nangka Road in Bgy. Baguio to and including Escueta Subd., Vista Verde Subd. Phase 2, Villa Malaoa Subd. and Sitio Ilaya Malaoa in Bgys. Calumpang, Anos, Potol and Malaoa. Portion of Bukal Ibaaba and Bukal Ilaya Roads from Tayabas – Sariaya Road to Market Road in Bgys. Bukal Ibaaba, Bukal Ilaya and Calantans. REASON: Replacement of poles and line reconstruction work along Tayabas – Sariaya Road in Bgy. Malaoa, Tayabas, Quezon Province.	QUEZON CITY (BAHAY TORO) BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALINTAWAK 55E Portion of Road 11 from Shorthorn St. to Road 19. Portion of Road 19 from Road 11 to Road 15. Portion of Road 15 from Road 19 to near Road A. Portion of Road 12 from Road 11 to near Road 18. REASON: Line reconducting work along Roads 11, 15 & 19 in Bgy. Bahay Toro, Quezon City.
SUNDAY TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 24, 2022 CAVITE (GEN. TRIAS CITY) BETWEEN 11:00PM (SUN., 10/23/22) AND 6:00AM (MON., 10/24/22) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT FCIE - PHCI - LANCASTER San Miguel – Purefoods Hormel Cannery Inc. along Governor’s Drive in Sitio De Fuego, Bgy. San Francisco. REASON: Relocation of facilities affected by Cavite – Laguna Expressway (CALAX) project along FCIE – PHCI – Lancaster 115kV transmission lines.	RIZAL PROVINCE (TANAY) BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALAYA 48MM Portion of Campupot St. from Tanay Road to Marcos Highway including Sitio Pulang Lupa, Rosal, J. P. Rizal, Dama De Noche, Kamagong and ROTC Sts.; and Dizon St. in Traveller Ville Subd. in Bgy. Sampaloc. REASON: Replacement and installation of poles, and line reconducting work along Campupot St. in Bgy. Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal Province.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 BULACAN (BOCAUE) BETWEEN 12:30AM AND 1:00AM AND THEN BETWEEN 5:00AM AND 5:30AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAOG 413SAO Portion of Narra St. from M. De Jesus St. to S. Castillo St. including Pag-asa Subd.; D. Garcia, E. Eusebio, M. E. Nicolas, D. Garcia, E. Eusebio, M. E. Nicolas, P. Lasaro, G. De Guzman, Zaera, D. Macam, D. Lazaro, E. Del Rosario, M. Rosario, A. Jose, Geralde, B. Nicolas and P. Francisco Sts. in Bgy. Taal. BETWEEN 12:30AM AND 5:30AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAOG 413SAO Portion of Narra St. from Ireneo Rodriguez St. to near M. De Jesus St. including Daang Bakal Road, D. Macam, M. Roxas, E. Eusebio, Nicolas and M. E. Nicolas Sts.; Slimtex Industrial Inc., Globe Textile Industries, L. N. Angeles Rice Mill and Asia Best Landholdings Inc. in Bgys. Caingin and Taal. REASON: Line conversion work affected by DOTr North – South Commuter Railway (NSCR) construction project along Narra St. in Bgy. Taal, Bocaue, Bulacan.	WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 27, 2022 QUEZON CITY (PASONG TAMO) BETWEEN 11:00PM (WED., 10/26/22) AND 5:00AM (THU., 10/27/22) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT DILIMAN 42VU Portion of Philand Drive from Tandang Sora Ave. to and including Maplewood Estate Subd., Philand Village, APA Executive Compound, Ramos Compound, Fabra Compound, Philand Subd. Ext., Geronimo Compound, Espiritu Compound, Dofia Manuela Compound, Roxasville Subd., Centerville Subd., Regina Village, Sitio Evergreen, Varsity Lane Subd. Ext. and Yingkian I Subd.; Libis and Philand Ext. Sts.; FVT Corp. and TSB Enterprises Inc. REASON: Relocation of facilities affected by road widening project along Philand Drive in Bgy. Pasong Tamo, Quezon City.
MONDAY TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - 25, 2022 CAVITE BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:30PM (MON., 10/24/22) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:01AM AND 4:30AM (TUE., 10/25/22) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT TERNATE 31Z0 Portion of Governor’s Drive from E. Riego De Dios St. to Antero Soriano Highway including Ciudad Silangan Subd., Villa Apolonia Subd. Phase I, Dorotea Homes Subd. Phase II, Mango Orchard Subd. Phase II, Coastal Homes, Belmont Homes Phase I, Harbour Homes Phase I, Junto Del Mar Village and Ericka Louise Ville; Sitios Gulod, Guco, Pobres, Camachile and Maname; and INC Compound in Bgys. Calubcob, Garita 1 – A and B, Halang, Ibayong Silangan, Makina, Malainin Bago, Malainin Luma, Molino, Munting Mapino, Muzon, Palangue 1, 2 & 3, Pantihan 1, 2 & 3, Pinagsanhan 1 – B, Sabang, San Miguel A & B, San Roque and Sapang I in Maragondon, Naic and Ternate. Portion of E. Riego De Dios St. from Magallanes – Maragondon Road to Governor’s Drive including Kataasan Homes Subd., Poblacion 1 – A, 2 – A & 2 – B in Bgys. Bucal 1, 2, 3 & 4, Layong Mabilog, Mabato, Talipungso, Caingin, Garita 1 – A and Tulay Silangan in Maragondon. The whole of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo except Bgy. Narvaez. Bgys. Kaysuyo and Kaylitinga II in Alfonso. REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco – Ternate substation.	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 RIZAL PROVINCE (CARDONA) BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 4:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BINANGONAN 415BIN Portion of Concepcion St. from Manila East Road to and including Capistrano, Dupax, Nido, Ramos, S. San Juan, Zapanta and San Miguel Sts.; Sitio Kuhala; and Kuhala Bay Resort in Bgys. San Roque, Dalig and Loo. REASON: Reconstruction of facilities along Concepcion St. in Bgy. San Roque, Cardona, Rizal Province.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 CAVITE (BACOR CITY) BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BACOR 415WX Portion of Molino Blvd. from Princeton Heights Subd. in Bgy. Bayanan to and including Homeaid Bldg., Nomo Mall, ShuangMa Industrial Park, Chowking, Jollibee, McDonald’s, Roma Cafe, Shell Gas Station and Phoenix Gas Station; Celina Royale Subd., Vita Toscana Subd. and Bacoor City Hall Compound in Bgys. Bayanan, Mambog IV and Niog II. REASON: Relocation of facilities affected by Imus - Bacoor Bypass Road construction along Molino Blvd. in Bgy. Bayanan, Bacoor City, Cavite.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 MALABON CITY (POTRERO); AND CALOCCAN CITY (SANGANDAAN) BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 9:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 1:30PM AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALABON 413YD Portion of P. Bonifacio St. from Rimas Road to Mango Road in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of Guava Road from Tuazon Ave. to Mango Road in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of Tuazon Ave. from P. Bonifacio St. to Pinagtipunan Circle Road in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of Mango Road from Pinagtipunan Circle Road to P. Bonifacio St. Caimito Road in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALABON 413YD Portion of Samson Road from M. H. Del Pilar St. to NLEX Harbour Link (C-4 Road) in Sangandaan, Caloccan City. Portion of Dunwoody St. from North Polytech St. to Edison Tech St. in University Hills Subd., Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of Brixton Tech St. from Edison Tech St. to London Tech St. in University Hills Subd., Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of Tuazon Ave. from Dunwoody St. to University Ave. in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of University Ave. from Guava Road to Mango Road in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of Mango Road from University Ave. to Araneta Ave. in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City. Portion of University Ave. from Mango Road to Samson Road in Caloccan City. Portion of Caimito Road from University Ave. to P. Bonifacio St. in Caloccan City. Portion of Araneta Ave. from near Tuazon Ave. in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City to Samson Road in Caloccan City. REASON: Upgrading of facilities along Caimito Road in Bgy. Potrero, Malabon City.
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