REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TRECE MARTIRES CITY

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

RE: PETITION FOR RE-ACCREDITATION OF THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "CAVITE MONDAY TIMES" IN REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE

TMACCRE-002-19

CAVITE MONDAY TIMES represented by its Administrative and Finance Manager, MODESTO C. PEREZ.

Petitioner.

ORDER

A verified petition for re-accreditation of CAVITE MONDAY TIMES to publish all legal notices and announcements required by law to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Lowise 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 September 12, 2019 by its administrative and finance manager, Modesto C. Perez. Its Publisher is Renmin S.R. Andal.

Notice of Hearing dated November 8, 2019 (Exhibit "B") was issued setting the petition for hearing on December 11, 2019 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. The said Notice of Hearing was posted at the bulletin board of the Regional Trial Court, Trece Martires City (Exhibit "C") and was received by the duly authorized representative of the petitioner.

During the initial hearing on December 11, 2019, nobody appeared to oppose the petition. Atty. Walfredo Sumilang appeared as counsel for the petitioner and marked Exhibits "A" to "R" inclusive of its submarkings to prove compliance with the jurisdictional requirements and to support the allegations in the petition.

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

The CAVITE MONDAY TIMES is a weekly newspaper edited and published in the Province of Cavite with editorial and office address at 151 Panamitan, Kawit, Cavite (Exhibits "D" to "D-3"). It officially started its circulation on August 19, 2003 and every week thereafter up to present. as evidenced by the fifty-two (52) uninterrupted publication and circulation of newspaper copies (Exhibits "E" to "E-51") with more or less 650,000 copies as of the date of this petition. The said newspaper was duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under Certificate of Business Name Registration No. 05629837 valid from November 19, 2018 to November 19, 2023 (Exhibit "F"). It was granted Mayor's Permit by the Office of the Mayor of Kawit, Cavite (Exhibit "G"): It was registered with the Bureau of Internal Revenue with TIN No. 300-428-883-006 (Exhibit "H"). It was previously accredited to publish judicial or legal notices in the Province of Cavite by the Regional Trial Courts of City Bacoor, Cavite (Exhibit "R"), City of Imus, Cavite (Exhibit "R-1"), and Naic, Cavite (Exhibit "R-2"). It is being circulated in the Province of Cavite as evidenced by a list of bonafide subscribers (Exhibit "I" to "I-5") and did not merely reproduce or reprint news pages of other newspapers or periodicals within the region. It is a member of Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) (Exhibit "N"). Petitioner submitted three (3) sample issues of newspaper containing legal and judicial notices (Exhibits "J" to "J-2") with the prescribed format of Presidential Decree 1079 and sample official receipt for judicial notices (Exhibit "K"). It submitted the newspaper's Editorial Box (Exhibit "P"). Aside from judicial notices, it also published commercial advertisements and it submitted sample of advertisement contract containing the rate per size of advertisement (Exhibit "L"). It has certification that it is not accredited in Lipa City and Rosario, Batangas (Exhibit "M" to "M-1"). At present, the said newspaper is not participating in the raffle of legal and judicial notices in other province.

The pieces of evidence presented show that petitioner CAVITE MONDAY TIMES 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 MONDAY TIMES 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 and to publish the said judicial and legal notices and orders within the Province of Cavite. The accreditation shall be valid within five (§) 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 writ:

Title test size not more than 10 pts.

Body trut size not more than 8 pts.

Culumn width not Less than 9 cms

Let CAVITE MONDAY TIMES 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 City, Municipal Trial Court in Cities, City of General Trias, Cavite and Municipal Trial Court, Taron, Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, December 27, 2009.

FLORDELIZ CARANLIT FARGAS Executive Judge