

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

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

RE: PETITION FOR RE-
ACCREDITATION OF CAVITE
DIGEST IN THE WEEKLY
RAFFLE FOR JUDICIAL
NOTICES AND LEGAL
NOTICES

TMACCRE-002-18

EDNA B. CUYNO,
Petitioner

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ORDER

A verified petition for re-accreditation of CAVITE DIGEST 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 May 15, 2018 by its publisher, Edna B. Cuyno.

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. Evelyn Dominguez appeared as counsel for the petitioner and marked Exhibits "A" to "Q" inclusive of its sub-markings 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:

CAVITE DIGEST is a weekly newspaper edited and published in the Province of Cavite with editorial and office address at Perpetual VII, Palico IV, and Imus, Cavite (Exhibit "L" and Exhibit "M") with Telephone No. (046) 6863126. It has photographs of the newsstand in Trece Martires City (Exhibit "N") and in General Trias (Exhibit "N-1") It officially started its circulation on July 8, 2003 and every week thereafter up to present, as evidenced by the fifty-two (52) uninterrupted publication and circulation of newspaper copies (Exhibit "Q" to "Q-51") with 3,000 printed copies every week for the past fifteen (15) years. Its first issue was published on July 8-14, 2002 (Exhibit "P"). The said newspaper was duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under Certificate of Business Name Registration No. 05359486 valid from 22 May 2018 to 22 May 2023 (Exhibit "D"). It was granted Mayor's Permit by the Office of the Mayor of Imus City, Cavite. It was registered with the Bureau of Internal Revenue with TIN No. 117-812-884-002 (Exhibit "H"). It was previously accredited to publish judicial or legal notices in the Province of Cavite by the Regional Trial Courts of City of Bacoor, Cavite (Exhibit "K"), City of Dasmariñas, Cavite (Exhibit "K-1"), City of Imus, Cavite (Exhibit "K-2"), Tagaytay City (Exhibit "K-3"), Naic, Cavite (Exhibit "K-4"), and Cavite City (Exhibit "K-5"). It is being circulated in the Province of Cavite as evidenced by a list of bonafide subscribers (Exhibit "O") 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 "G"). Petitioner submitted three (3) sample copies of the newspaper's printed form for legal and judicial notices (Exhibit "F" to "F-2") with the prescribed format of Presidential Decree 1079 and a copy of official receipt showing payment for contracted advertising rate (Exhibit "I"). It also carries a commercial display advertising and it submitted a copy of the current advertising contract form, its commercial display rates, and official receipts (Exhibit "J" to "J-1"). At present, the said newspaper is not participating in the raffle of legal and judicial notices in other provinces or cities.

On 7 January 2020, petitioner submitted the updated Mayor's permit, pursuant to the order dated 27 December 2019.

Hence, the pieces of evidence presented show that petitioner CAVITE DIGEST 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 DIGEST 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 not more than 10 pts.	Body text size not more than 8 pts.	Column width Less than 9 cms
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Let CAVITE DIGEST 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, January 10, 2020.


FLORDELIZ CABANLIT FARGAS
Executive Judge