

Sta. Lucia launches first condotel project in the metro

PUBLICLY listed firm Sta. Lucia Land, Inc. (SLLI) announced the launch of its first condotel project in Metro Manila, the La Breza Tower.

Located on Mother Ignacia St. in Quezon City, La Breza is Sta. Lucia's response to the rising demand for upmarket real estate in the city and to the influx of tourists visiting the area.

The 22-storey development will feature furnished condotel units from the third to the seventh floor and residential units from the eighth to the twentieth floors, the latter available as studio, deluxe studio or 1-bedroom units. It will also include four bi-level penthouse units on the twenty-first and twenty second floors.

Envisioned to serve as a hub for executives businessmen and upwardly mobile professionals, La Breza will have a business center at the second floor, comprising of function rooms, meeting rooms and conference rooms.

"Sta. Lucia's latest project is a landmark development, as it is the very first condotel of its kind to rise in Quezon City. It signals a dynamic and innovative move for our company, while still maintaining the Sta. Lucia stamp of quality and excellence," says Michelle Robles, Corporate Marketing Director.

"La Breza is not just a home—it's a wise investment. Owners can get their condotel units leased out on a timeshare basis, which gives them a source of revenue. As an additional stream of income, it's truly a worthwhile asset," adds Robles.

Since its inception, Sta. Lucia Land has become synonymous with building high quality homes and developing well-planned communities all over the Philippines. With more than three decades of solid experience in real estate and 200 developed projects, Sta. Lucia has built an impressive roster of residential estates, commercial developments, golf and country clubs, resort and beach clubs, condominiums, and other projects.

Aside from being recognized as the developer with the widest reach in terms of property locations, Sta. Lucia holds the record in the country for building the most number of golf courses, designed by world-class golfers, among the many awards and honors conferred to Sta. Lucia are the Developer of the Year by Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations (CREBA) and the Most Trusted Property Developer from Reader's Digest Asia.

La Breza Tower is exclusively marketed by Royale homes Marketing Corporation. For more information about La Breza Tower, please call (+632) 584-1164, (+63922) 857-5078 or log on to www.labreza-tower.com.

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Annual Enrollment Fair

San Francisco Unified District, Saturday, November 7, 2009
Concourse Exhibition Center
620 - 7th Street, (near Brannan) San Francisco

This event is one of the best ways for our families to learn about ALL of the programs in ALL of the schools throughout the San Francisco Unified School District. Parents will have an opportunity to meet and speak with the Principal, teachers and other parents of the school. This is especially great for students who will be entering Kindergarten, Middle School (6th grade) or High School (9th grade).

Kindly distribute this flyer far and wide to the community and encourage families to attend. The enrollment deadline to participate in Round 1 is Friday, January 8,

2010. If families do not return their application by the 8th, they lose out on so many opportunities.

30% of our families do NOT participate in the enrollment process! Filipinos make up 6% of the school district population, and 30% did not enroll their children to school on time or at all.

The seminar will help parents identify the schools nearest them or appropriate for their children.

For more information, contact Hydra Mendoza, Education Advisor to Mayor Gavin Newsom. Email her at hydra.mendoza@sfgov.org

Eco Shipping with Manila Forwarder

by MANNY PAEZ

MANILA Forwarder introduces an earth-friendly reusable plastic shipping drum as an alternative to the usual balikbayan box and jumbo box.

The plastic drums comes in two sizes, Bianca, is a 30 gallon and Roland, a 55 gallon. They can be shipped to Metro-Manila for as low as \$99 for Bianca and \$169 for Roland, including the reusable, EPA approved, recycled plastic drum. A \$30 deposit will be required upon drum request which will be deducted or applied to the final shipping cost. There is also a \$7 coupon available when one schedules their pick up on the company website, www.manilaforwarder.com.

The coupon also gives the clients the option to save \$7

or to donate the amount to the relief efforts being done by Manila Forwarder.

As the first to introduce the jumbo box in the balikbayan box industry, Manila Forwarder answers the call to be earth-friendly with this Bianca and Roland shipping containers.

These containers are advisable for expensive and breakable items as these drums are sturdy and will provide adequate protection to its contents providing similar protection if not better to crates. The international requirement of fumigation for wooden crates is not necessary on this as these are made of plastic.

These recycled drums are cleaned and disinfected using EPA approved methods.

The Bianca and Roland

Drums come with a metal latch that secures the cover making it water and air-tight. There is also a latch where client's can place a padlock or plastic ties that serve as security seal. However, it is required to keep it unlocked until pick up to facilitate random inspection.

All shipments are subject to US Homeland Security and / or Philippine Customs manual or x-ray inspections.

The Bianca drum's dimension is 28.5" x 19" x 19", is about the volume size of a jumbo box. This has a longer length than jumbo box that can easily fit long items like stroller, golf set, among others. The shipping cost of Bianca Drum, including the drum itself is \$99 to Metro-Manila, \$109 to all of Luzon, and \$119 to Visayas, Mindanao, and

other Philippine Islands.

The Roland drum's dimension is 37.5" x 22" x 22", is about 2.3 size bigger than regular balikbayan box. The shipping cost of Roland Drum, including the drum itself is \$169 to Metro-Manila, \$179 to all of Luzon, and \$189 to Visayas and Mindanao.

These stackable drums can be used as water container, storage barrel, and floatation device, among others.

Initially, these are available only in California and for Manila Forwarder's Philippine-based clients.

For more details, Please visit our website www.manilaforwarder.com to see videos and pictures of Bianca and Roland Shipping drums or call our Toll Free Number 1.800.210.1019.

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People and Events

Community Resource Event in Excelsior

SAN FRANCISCO—In these tough times, almost everyone has multiple queries to ask, problems to find solutions, and basic needs to mind, but has no idea where to get help. At times, some feels alone, isolated and helpless.

The Asian Pacific Islander Community Partnership, together with the San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, the Office of District 11 Supervisor John Avalos and the Corpus Christi Church, is pleased to announce the first annual community resource event in the Excelsior district in San Francisco.

The event is to be held on Friday, 6th of November, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Corpus Christi Parish Hall on 62 Santa Rosa St. corner Alemany St. in San Francisco.

The event is also dubbed as 'mini-connect resource fair' because it aims to get the people in need of services and assistance and the service and information providers connected. Hopefully, these 'connections' would provide solutions to everyone's problems.

The event is an opportunity for residents and others who seek help or have needs pertaining to housing, immigration, legal issues, Medicare drug assistance and enrollment, health screenings, telephone access, in-home supportive services, social security, veterans benefit, disability services, meals, caregiving issues, services for LGBT seniors, among others. The resources come from the many invited government and community based service agencies and programs.

The event is open to the public and it is free. Please inform and encourage your relatives and friends to come to the event and avail these resources and services.

The "Mini-Connect Resource Fair" is a collaborative project of the API Community Partnership whose members include the San Francisco Veterans Equity Center, Canon Kip Senior Center, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Openhouse, Family Caregiver Alliance, Department of Aging and Adult Services, Community Health Resource Center, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Kimochi, and Chinatown CDC. For more information call the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 415-487-3370. ■

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petitioned in 1987. So, you would have to wait until your priority date is current before you could file adjustment of status).

In addition, if you are out of status (TNT), you may also need the benefit of Section 245(i) in order to be eligible for adjustment of status. (Section 245(i) was a law that expired on April 30, 2001, and basically enabled people to adjust status in the US even if they were

out of status, worked without authorization, entered without inspection, etc., provided that they were petitioned before April 30, 2001 and were in the US on December 21, 2000. No physical presence is required if the qualifying petition was filed before January 14, 1998).

In addition, as noted above, this law only seems to apply to aliens who are in the US Therefore, if you are in the Philippines, and your relative

died, you cannot, at the present time, avail of this new law.

If you think that you are covered by this new law, I would strongly suggest that you seek the advice of a reputable attorney, who can evaluate your situation, and determine your eligibility, and perhaps assist you in filing for adjustment of status.

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For information, please contact Kristin Cantlin at 510-986-5403 or via e-mail at kscantlin@gs-warriors.com

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