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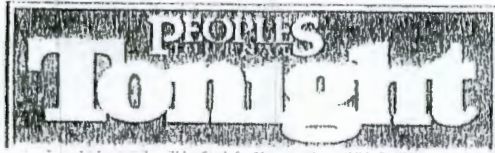
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DENR cites mining's role in PH economic recovery

By CORY MARTINEZ

DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga has reiterated the commitment of the agency to responsible mining through the implementation of a "pro-people, pro-environment, and science-based legislation, policies, and programs."

Loyzaga made the commitment during the recently held 68th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference in Baguio City wherein several mining companies were given recognition for operating in the most socially, economically, and environmentally responsible way.

In her keynote address, Loyzaga underscored the vital contribution of responsible mining to the country's economic recovery.

She urged the mining sector to work with the DENR towards a sustainable future "where no ecosystem and no community are left behind."

During the event, Loyzaga handed over the awards,

including the prestigious Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award (PMIEA), to the honorees.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners and awardees for this year, especially the recipients of the prestigious [PMIEA]," Loyzaga said.

"We are certain that your exemplary achievements will set the trajectory, encourage replication, and raise awareness of the mining industry's vital contributions to inclusive, resilient, and sustainable progress," she added.

Created under Executive Order No. 399, series of 1997, PMIEA is conferred every year on mining companies that have exhibited exemplary performance in terms of safety and health, environmental protection and enhancement, and social development management.

This year, a total of 12 companies received the PMIEA, which was divided into three categories: surface mining operation, quarry operation, and mineral processing.



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Law for carbon credit systems in Phl pushed

By DANESSA RIVERA

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is pushing for the creation of a law that will institutionalize carbon credit systems to streamline the country's climate change thrust.

Environment Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga said there may be a need to craft a legislation for carbon credits.

"Carbon credit systems still needs to be adequately developed in the country. This is part of the overall commitment toward mitigation, reduction of greenhouse gases, and of course adaptation because of the ecosystem services our forests can actually provide," she said.

This will be part of the department's push to review existing laws affecting the environment, including the Climate Change Act of 2009.

Climate Change Act, or Republic Act 9729, aims to integrate disaster risk reduction measures into climate change adaptation plans, development and poverty reduction programs.

Last month during COP 27, the Philippine delegation headed by Loyzaga pushed for the adoption of a precise definition of "loss and damage."

This, as the country pressed for urgent and bolder climate

action through financing and technical assistance from richer countries, asserting the country's rights amid the impact of climate change.

Meanwhile, the DENR is urging potential partners to consider a wider scale implementation of climate change programs.

This is after DMCI Mining Corp., the mining arm of Consunji-led DMCI Holdings Inc., proposed to help create the country's carbon credits system.

Loyzaga said DMCI made the offer with its global partner, Marubeni Corp., which is involved in large scale forestation projects globally in countries like New Zealand and Indonesia.

"So, there is a proposal put forward that they be involved in some large-scale forestation project, specifically for mitigation. And we are urging them not just mitigation values but certainly also the adaptation, disaster risk reduction values that forestation can actually provide in terms of carbon credits," she said.

Apart from the private sector, the DENR is partnering with bilateral and multilateral organizations to include Philippine forests as part of the global thrust to reduce greenhouse gases.



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New law sought for carbon credits framework

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is calling for a new legislation or a review of existing laws to put up a national framework on carbon credits.

DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga in a briefing last week said there is a need to craft a new legislation and review the Climate Change Act.

Loyzaga said the DENR is working with the Climate Change Commission in developing a carbon credits framework especially in light of the Philippines' representation to the recent Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Carbon credits are tradable certificates for the right to emit an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

DMCI Mining Corp. has earlier offered to help the DENR create a national framework for carbon credits.

Loyzaga said the framework is now in the development stage and that DMCI and its Japanese partner Marubeni Corp. proposed a large-scale forestation project for climate change mitigation.

But the agency is encouraging the parties to be involved in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction as well.

"In terms of carbon credits, we are working very closely with global partners as well as multilateral and bilateral partners to look at the potential of our forest lands to actually be part of global commitment towards the reduction of greenhouse gases," Loyzaga added.

The DENR said a carbon credits system needs to be adequately developed in the Philippines as it is part of the overall commitment towards mitigation, reduction of greenhouse gases and adaptation because of the ecosystem services local forests can provide. - *Jed Macapagal*



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Zero tariff for imported electric vehicles will help ease global warming, mitigate climate change

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The Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines (EVAP) has been pushing for the grant of zero tariff importation on pure EVs and plug-in hybrid EVs only. The removal of the 30 percent duty on EVs could reduce cost by as much as ₱300,000 a unit.

Widespread use of electric vehicles is one of the effective ways for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It enhances the attainment of the objective to contain global warming by ensuring that ocean temperature does not rise by more than 1.5 degrees Centigrade. Climate change has been wreaking havoc, particularly in Climate Vulnerable Countries (CVCs) like the Philippines.

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China, which is the largest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world, with 10,668 million metric tons in 2020 has set a goal of 20 percent EV penetration in many of its eastern provinces by 2030. The United States, the second largest CO2 emitter at 4,713 million metric tons, "has set a goal to make half of all new vehicles sold in the U.S. in 2030 zero-emissions vehicles, and to build a convenient and equitable network of 500,000 chargers to help make EVs accessible to all Americans for both local and long-distance trips."

Similar moves by the governments of India, Russia, and Japan, the next top CO2 emitters, will go a long way to complement the efforts of countries like the Philippines that, ironically, contributes a negligible amount of only 0.35 percent of the global carbon footprint.

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Renewable energy ang pag-asa natin

NANGANGALUGI nang bilyun-bilyong piso ang coal-fired power plants. Nagmahal na nga ang coal nang pitong beses nitong 2021-2022, kapos pa ang global supply dahil sa Ukraine war. Tapos matutuyot na ang Malampaya gas field. Wala pang pamalit; samantala, inaagaw ng China ang langis at gas sa Recto Bank. Mahirap at matagal ding maghanap ng geothermal energy sources, maski maraming bulkan sa kapuluan.

Paspasan sana ng gobyerno ang paggamit ng renewable energy.

Pangunahin dito ang solar. Malawak ang surface water ng mga dams sa La Mesa, Ipo, Angat, Pantabangan, Magat, Ambuklao, at iba pa. Maaring maglatag doon ng floating solar panels. Makakakuha ng enerhiya sa sinag ng araw para patakbuhin ang mga pabrika, opisina ng gobyerno, ospital, eskuwela, malls at bahayan. Malilikom ang kuryente sa storage batteries para magamit sa gabi.

Merong dalawang malalaking pabrika ng solar panels sa Pilipinas. Bukod pa ang ilang maliliit. Karamihan ng pro-

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dukto nila ay ine-export sa America at Europe. Pakyawin at gamitin ang panels dito.

Init ng araw ang nagpapahip ng hangin. 'Yon ang prinsipyo ng wind turbines. Nakaka-generate ng kuryente ang pag-ikot ng turbines. Merong ganyan sa tabing dagat ng Ilocos Norte, probinsiya ni President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., kaya alam niya ang teknolohiya.

Merong 7,641 isla sa kapuluan. Sa halos lahat ay maaring magtayo ng wind farms. Gayahin ang Germany, na umani ng labis na wind electricity. Nagmura ang kuryente nila nang siyam na beses, €80 per megawatt-hour na lang mula €720.

Kapag umihip ang hangin, nagkakaalon sa dagat. Tulad sa Portugal, maari maglatag ng electric turbines sa dagat na pinaandar ng alon. Dahil sa pag-ikot ng mundo sa axis at pag-ikot ng buwan dito, nagkakaagos (tide). Puwede rin 'yon gamitan ng electric turbines.

Hindi nauubos ang araw, hangin, alon at agos.



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CAPMI event laban sa climate change dinaluhan ng celebrities

MATAGUMPAY ang ginanap na makabuluhang entertainment event ng Clean Air Philippines Movement, Inc. (CAPMI) sa pangunguna ng chairman nitong si Dr. Michael Aragon.

Dinaluhan ito ng ilang celebrities, cosplayers at iba pang kilalang personalidad sa iba't ibang larangan para makisaya at makiisa sa ipinaglalan ng CAPMI. Ginanap ito sa kanto ng Sct. Borromeo at EDSA noong Bonifacio Day, November 30.

Ang isyu tungkol sa climate emergency ang isa sa mga tinalakay ng mga personalidad na naanyayahan sa nasabing okasyon. Kaya naman mas lalo pang nainspire ang CAPMI dahil sa dami ng dumalo at nakiisa sa kanilang panawagan na magpahayag ng kanilang suporta sa malarebolusyonaryong pakikibaka at pakikipaglaban para sa climate change.

Kasama ang singer-actor na si Lance Raymundo, ang character actress na si Chase Romero, at ang actress-beauty queen na si Ali Forbes sa mga nanawagan at umapela sa mga

polluters na bawasan ang carbon residues upang kahit paano ay makaiwas sa climate change na unti-unti nang nararamdaman ang bag-sik sa bansa.

Sa ngayon, ang Pilipinas ay hindi pa maituturing na carbon polluter dahil sa pananaliksik, ang greenhouse gas emissions ay less than 1 per cent (0.03% lang) kumpara sa industrialized nations na gaya ng Tsina Amerika, India at marami pa.

Ang lead convener ng multi-sector na grupo ay ang environmental watchdog ngang CAPMI na nais makatulong sa laban ng mundo kontra climate change.

"Tayo ngayon ay nasa proseso ng paghahain ng trillion dollar class suit laban sa mga polluter countries sa buong mundo.

Kaya naman ang kanilang plano, hihiling sila ng sizable amount sa ating pamahalaan para magamit sa mitigation, adaptation, at resiliency programs.

Katunayan, matagal na palang supporter ng climate change advocacy ng CAPMI ang aktres na si Ali Forbes at nanga-

ko siya na maglalaan ng sapat na panahon para sa awareness program nina Dr. Aragon.

"Taong 2012 pa kami magkakasama nina Doc sa mga show at 'yan na ang pinalaganap namin. Kumbaga, pagsisimula ng isang rebolusyon gaya ng sabi niya. Na ngayon umabot na sa pag-file ng class suit," ani Ali.

Samantala, bukod sa makabuluhang adhikain ng CAPMI, mas pinasaya at pinakulay pa ng "Dance Versus Climate Change (From the Philippines to the World)" ang naturang event.

Nagkaroon ng "Costume With Dance" challenge na ang grand prize ay P30,000 na ipinagkaloob sa best dance na may full costume. Lahat ng contestants ay rumampa sa kalye at sumayaw sa loob ng 25 minuto with marathon judging.

Para naman sa cosplay contest na pagandahan naman ng costume, ang nanalo ay minag-uwi ng P20,000, P15,000 sa 2nd place, P10,000 sa 3rd place habang ang consolation prizes ay P2,000 at P1,000 each.



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Academic sector vital to climate change education

LEARNERS, teachers and other personnel in the education sector may fulfill significant roles in the fight against the effects of climate change, according to the Department of Education

The DepEd-Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service said addressing climate change entails a demand for a collective action, including raising awareness on the issue.

"Our small actions, when united, can make [go] a long way in our fight against climate change," DepEd-DRRMS Director Ronilda Co said, pertaining to the DepEd's initiative for the 6th National Climate Change Conference.

"In collaboration with the UPLB - University Library ALIVEreryBOOKS Program, the DepEd DRRMS conducted the 6th NCCC with the theme "Responding to Climate Change: Role of

Education towards Climate Change Action" to provide a space for knowledge-sharing and learning platforms on the science of climate change, challenges, and opportunities," the DRRMS said.

Co noted that achieving and maintaining awareness among learners and other groups within the education sector through conferences such as this are crucial, considering the Philippine setting where natural calamities often cause disruptions and damage to schools.

"We believe that by encouraging participation of learners and DepEd personnel in climate change adaptation and mitigation, we can have a deeper grasp of climate change, especially the challenges and opportunities confronting us," she added.

With this in mind, the DepEd-DRRMS conducted the climate change

conference last November 23 to 25 where webinars, action stories, and dialogues with climate change experts were highlighted.

Since the reopening of face-to-face classes on August 22, many schools have implemented class suspension due to inclement weather, flooding, and even earthquakes, including the destructive effects of a magnitude 6.4 earthquake in Abra and severe tropical storm Paeng, among others.

For its part, the DepEd ordered the building of temporary learning facilities and utilized alternative class delivery modes for affected areas.

It earlier said it has started its initial consultation with experts to build disaster-resilient schools, as well as hopes for increased quick response funds for school rehabilitation and repairs, whenever destroyed by natural calamities.



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Kaliwa Dam project pushing through - MWSS

By DANESSA RIVERA

The development of the controversial New Centennial Water Source-Kaliwa Dam Project is pushing through, according to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

"It's a go because we have already acquired all the permits. In fact, we have signed a memorandum of agreement with the indigenous peoples (IPs) of Rizal and Quezon. These are separate because they are separate ancestral domains," MWSS administrator Leonor Cleofas said.

According to MWSS chairman Elpidio Vega, the agency is now ready to implement the project following the release of all permits.

"The tunnel boring machine is already in place and maybe next week we'll be starting the boring of the tunnel going to General Nakar where the dam is going to be

built," he said.

Dumagat communities in Quezon province signed the agreement in January while IP communities in Rizal inked the deal in December last year.

However, opposing groups alleged that the MWSS and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples railroaded negotiations with IP communities whose land would be affected by the project.

As the proponent of the project, the MWSS wants to clear out the issues surrounding the development of the Kaliwa Dam, Cleofas said.

The MWSS said it is fully compliant with the free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) process.

Apart from the MOAs, the MWSS carried out additional undertakings to consider the IPs and Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) desire for higher levels of income and employment, relocation and resettlement packages,

and other benefits.

"These agreements demonstrate MWSS' steadfast commitment to complete the Kaliwa Dam Project for the long-term water security of mega Manila and its sincere respect for the IPs and ICCs, which are in line with the government's social, environmental, and institutional inclusivity policies," the MWSS said.

It said Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Protected Area Management Board (DENR-PAMB) approved and endorsed the clearance for the Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) application last February.

In September, the agency secured the approval of DENR-PAMB for the issuance of a clearance for the Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) and the green light from the NCIP en banc (CEB) for its application for certificate precondition for

Kaliwa Dam.

The MWSS said the Kaliwa Dam is essential to the country's long-term water security and the realization of its sustainable development goals.

Vega said the Kaliwa Dam was one of the projects presented in 2019 to then president Duterte to address the water crisis.

"As you know the most important thing to the secure of Metro Manila. Hopefully with these projects ongoing, with the help of the private sector, we'll be able to complete them barring no opposition from left and right sources," he said.

The controversial project was originally proposed in the 1970s. But the construction of the multi-billion water project was only approved by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in 2014. Financing scheme was changed in 2017 from a public-private partnership to official development assistance.



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IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR KALIWA DAM PROJECT

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It's all systems go for the controversial Kaliwa Dam project, which is being pushed to bolster water supply in Metro Manila.

Leonor Cleofas, administrator of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), said they had secured all the necessary permits to undertake the P12.2-billion New Centennial Water Source-Kaliwa Dam Project in the Sierra Madre.

These include the certificate of precondition from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), which means that MWSS had secured the free, prior and informed consent of concerned indigenous peoples.

"In fact, we have signed a memorandum of agreement with the IPs of Rizal and Quezon. These are separate because they are separate ancestral domains," Cleofas told reporters.

Barring any delays, MWSS chair Elpidio Vegas said tunnel boring would start as early as next week as the equipment is already in place. INQ



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Kaliwa Dam still a go, tunnel boring starts soon

THE construction of the Kaliwa Dam in the provinces of Rizal and Quezon is still a go despite recent opposition from several groups, according to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

"...We have already acquired all the permits. We have signed a memorandum of agreement with the IP (indigenous peoples) of Rizal and Quezon. These are separate because they are separate ancestral domains," said Leonor Cleofas, MWSS administrator, in an interview last week.

Elpidio Vega, MWSS board chair, said a tunnel boring machine will start work this week at the site in General Nakar, Quezon.

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Based on earlier government pronouncements, Kaliwa Dam involves the development of a 60-meter tall dam with a riverbed

elevation of 100 meters with a reservoir surface area of 291 hectares and a full supply level volume of 57 million cubic meters.

The project costs P12.2 billion of which 85 percent will be funded by China via official development assistance and the remaining 15 percent by the Philippine government.

When typhoon Karding hit the country in October, environmentalists and civic organizations clamored for the protection of the Sierra Madre mountain range and for the cancellation of the construction of Kaliwa Dam saying it may greatly affect the Sierra Madre negatively. - *Jed Macapagal*



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Group pushes bamboo industry development bill

BAMBOO industry stakeholders asked the government to certify as urgent the proposed Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Act or House Bill 9576 to raise the country's competitive edge in the natural bamboo market in transport, construction, furniture and fabric sectors.

"House Bill 9576 should be approved under the administration of President Bongbong Marcos. It will substantially help advance our industrial development. We already have the clumps in our inventory. We just need the support for production, training, processing," said private sector lead for the bamboo industry Deogracias Victor Savellano.

The House of Representatives approved the bill on final reading in August 2021. It will be refiled by Bohol Representative Edgardo Chatto, for endorsement in the Senate.

Savellano leads private sector advocates of bamboo in raising the awareness on the plant's multi-functional abilities as a nature-friendly, climate-smart industrial material through the 5K (Kawayan: Kalikasan, Kabuhayan, Kaunlaran, Kinabukasan) Foundation Inc.

The bill which envisions to seize part of a global market placed in 2010 at \$8 billion aims institutionalize the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council.



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PROJECT contractors of the Department of Public Works and Highways will now be required to plant more trees in addition to undertaking the mandatory Tree Replacement Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF DPWH



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1Rotary partners with DENR for environmental sustainability project

With its founding ethos of "*Tamang Gawa, Gawang Tama*," 1Rotary Trading Corp. partners with the Department of National Resources in its massive tree planting drive to stress the need to protect the environment for future generations. 1Rotary launched its "Plant Trees, Plant Hope" campaign earlier in the recently concluded tree planting activity held at the La Mesa Eco Park, Quezon City as part of the company's longstanding commitment to corporate social responsibility and sustainability. Headed by 1Rotary's President Rodel Eusebio and EVP Jinky Eusebio, 1Rotary team was able to plant 500 saplings. "Small actions, when collectively taken, generate a major impact. We wanted to take one further step and motivate our employees to volunteer to plant trees to make an even bigger impact," said 1Rotary's Marketing Department Head Kacy Cruz.



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Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary (MHRWS) cannot be compared to any other place, protected areas for that matter. But for several reasons, it shuts down all the others. Conservationists, researchers, even trekkers must know.

MHRWS is a haven of exceptional biodiversity that is of paramount value. Flora and Fauna species of all sizes, distinctions and characteristics are here. The tiniest ones, the oldest, the newest, even the rarest. Some sits, some hangs, some serves as a host, some as hemiparasites- all representing both the beauty and relatively complex environmental condition of said mountain.



Agathis philippinensis (almaciga)

Said range is interestingly dissected into various types of vegetation- Agro ecosystem, dipterocarp, montane, mossy pygmy and the iconic, vast pygmy forest.

Getting into the depths of MHRWS reveal different experiences- feeling small while trekking through the gigantic trees and, well, the "feels" change real quick as you walk through the stunted trees within the famous pygmy forest.

The experience sways unceasingly as you set your rugged foot into its "hidden garden", "tinagong dagat"

and its falls. On the way there, you will meet the site endemic species- those that cannot be found anywhere else in the planet. Atleast, not yet as of this writing.

You will love MHRWS based on features in different platforms. But experiencing it yourself will bring your love and amusement to a higher, incomprehensible level.

Distinct. Exceptional. Wondrous. This natural sanctum will be continuously under the strict protection of the DENR and the Protected Area Management Board with the help of the stakeholders.

Efforts will continually be of great exertion for the protection and conservation of MHRWS, being a Protected Area, an ASEAN Heritage Site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (DENR-XI PR)



Falcatifolium gruezoii bloom within pygmy forest



Mindanao Horned frog (*Megophrys stejnegeri*)



Spathoglottis plicata



Nepenthes hamiguitanensis



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Nearing its peak, MHRWS offers this point to capture your poses with this unique, stunted tree.



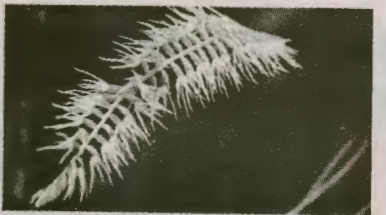
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Female flower of pitcher plant



Dendrochilum kopfii (ground orchid)



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Dolphin naligaw, pinakawalan sa GenSan

ISANG dolphin na naligaw at na-stranded ang sinalba at malaya nang pinakawalan sa baybayin ng General Santos City

Nabatid kay Dr. Roy Mejorada, in-house veterinarian ng Sarangani Protected Area Management Office na ang 'young adult male

Spinner dolphin' ay pinakawalan na ng environmental officials sa Sarangani nitong Biyernes, Disyembre 9.

Binansagang 'Yoyo' ni Maria Elvira Lumayag, officer ng Sarangani provincial office ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources

(DENR) ang nasabing dolphin para sa education at documentation purpose.

Natengga si Yoyo at nasagip ng mga taga-Barangay Bula, ng nasabing lungsod, nang mapadpad ito sa baybayin noong Martes, Disyembre 6.



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Activists dressed as birds, trees rally for nature

MONTREAL -- Hundreds of people on Saturday braved sub-zero temperatures to march the streets of Montreal, the host city of this year's UN biodiversity summit, demanding a strong new deal to protect nature worldwide.

Wearing costumes to look like birds, trees and caribou, activists said the COP15 summit could fail to meet the urgency of the issue, with about 1 million plant, insect and other animal species now threatened with extinction.

"We are inside the negotiations, we see what is happening and it is clearly not sufficient compared to our ambitions and our priorities," said the Global Youth Biodiversity Network's Esmeralda Wirtz, who traveled from Belgium to attend the summit. "That's why it is important to be on the streets today."

Delegates from 193 countries at the summit are considering 24 targets, including pollution cuts and protecting 30% of the world's land and sea by 2030.

"Governments have had years to reach the agreement we need to save our planet's biodiversity from extinction," said Oscar Soria, campaign director at Avaaz, a global civic movement which helped to organize Saturday's march.

With the draft agreement still being negotiated, Soria worried there wouldn't be enough time for an ambitious deal before the summit closes on Dec. 19.

"They've turned COP15 into a stand-off," Soria said.

Police on horseback, bicycle and foot patrolled the perimeter of the peaceful march, from where it began in Montreal's Mont Royal Park to the city's downtown, where COP15 is being held from Dec. 7-19.

The march through Montreal also saw strong calls to protect human rights, particularly those of Indigenous groups who for years have worked to prevent nature loss on their lands.

Arkilaus Kladit, a member of the Knasaimos-Tehit tribe, traveled to Montreal from West Papua, Indonesia. Dressed in a thick black parka against a midday temperature of -7 degrees Celsius (19 degrees Fahrenheit), Kladit told Reuters via translator that illegal logging and development activities were threatening the forests back home.

Countries' ministers join the negotiations next week in Montreal with the hope of adopting a deal to guide conservation through 2030 and beyond. - Reuters



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World view

Wildlife rescue can heal the human heart

By MARGARET RENKL
The New York Times

NASHVILLE – As a young college student, I worked as a volunteer for the Alabama Wildlife Center, caring mainly for baby songbirds, squirrels and opossums. The infants entrusted to my care were all healthy enough that a teenager willing to begin the day with feedings at dawn, and to continue feeding every hour until dark, would be mostly successful.

Only once was I assigned an injured animal. It was spring, baby season, and maybe there weren't enough veteran volunteers to take on yet another young cottontail, a species that is particularly stressed by human handling. This tiny bunny was so young that its eyes were still closed. All its littermates had been killed when a lawn mower ran over their nest. The one in my care had lost half of its nose to the blades. It did not survive the night.

That tiny rabbit, I know now, never had a chance. Maybe I knew it then, too, but knowing it would not have stopped me from weeping over its cold little body at dawn.

You may be wondering why a wildlife rescue organization would bother to take in an animal so severely injured. Maybe you're wondering why they try to save these kinds of creatures at all. "But there are so many rabbits!" I often heard people say in my volunteer days. "We already have so many opossums and squirrels."

Strictly speaking, they are right. The eastern cottontail rabbit is, so far, not endangered. Neither is the eastern gray squirrel or the Virginia opossum or the northern mockingbird or the American robin. Every wild baby I hand-raised as a college student belonged to a species that was not endangered in 1980 and is not endangered now.

Tell that to the traumatized teenager cutting the grass who discovers he has slaughtered a litter of cottontails. Tell that to the traumatized commuter who has killed an opossum with young clinging to her back, or to the person whose pet has killed a mama squirrel, leaving her babies to starve.

On a species level, it's easy for people to say, "What's one less squirrel?" But there is something in even the bitterest human heart that can't help responding to the suffering of another living thing. Faced with a hungry squirrel kit desperately rooting between their fingers, people almost always feel compelled to feed it.

Nowadays, it's illegal in most states to take in a wild animal without special training and a state license. That's where wildlife rehabilitation experts and rescue organizations come in. These trained and licensed rehabbers are most often volunteers; many do this demanding work from their own homes.

But even for rehabbers in the best-equipped centers – those with ultrasound machines, lead testers and gas sedation equipment – to work in wildlife rescue is to have their hearts broken again and again. There is just so much suffering, and a huge amount of it could be avoided if human beings took just a little more care to share the land with other creatures. Why do wildlife rehabbers keep doing this heart-wrenching, physically demanding, time-consuming and often very expensive work?

It's because they have a tender heart for the creatures who try so hard to adapt to our ways. I think they must also have a tender heart even for the human beings who unknowingly create the hazards that lead to so much pain and destruction. When someone calls, frantic that they've run over a turtle with a lawn mower, the wildlife rescue experts sigh and say, "When can you bring it in?"

Rehabbers go to extraordinary lengths to save every injured animal. If they can't save the animal, they can at least give it a merciful death. And they can take the opportunity to explain why it's so important to walk the yard before mowing, giving wildlife of all kinds a chance to flee. Each animal in rescue represents a human being who has learned something important about living more gently in the world. Rehabilitating the human heart may be the most important work these organizations do.

Last week on Giving Tuesday, I focused my donations on the local wildlife rescue organizations I follow on social media: Walden's Puddle, Harmony Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center, Lillie Birds Wildlife Rehabilitation and Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. All have been instrumental in my education as a naturalist. Some have taken in the hurt or orphaned animals I've found in my own yard.

Primarily through social media, but also through school- and community-outreach programs, wildlife rehabilitation experts can reach many more people than those who bring in injured animals and orphans. They play a crucial role in educating the community about how to be a good neighbor to wild animals struggling to live among us as development encroaches on their territories. They help us understand that these common backyard creatures are all extraordinary, each as unique among their own kind as we are among ours.

That recognition is the first step toward understanding that it is our moral obligation to

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do whatever it takes to sustain our own ecosystem's biodiversity. The threat of extinction is not the only measure by which the health of an animal population should be measured, and many of our once common wild neighbors – songbirds, rabbits, turtles, frogs, toads and salamanders, just for starters – are rapidly losing ground. Every creature a rescue organization returns to the wild is one that helps to stem the losses.

From the social media accounts of these nonprofits, it's possible to learn how devastating rodent poison is, traveling up the food chain and killing or weakening predators to the point at which they starve; why the increase in rodenticides might explain the increase in mange among red foxes; when to leave a baby bird alone; why it's important to let fallen leaves lie; how to tell if a fawn is an orphan; the importance of keeping

cats indoors; the unnecessary suffering caused by sticky traps; the survival benefit to bunnies of keeping tidy; why birds that hit windows need to be taken to a rehabilitation facility, even if they seem fine; what eye color reveals about the health of a box turtle; the many reasons not to mow, or to raise your mower to its highest setting. Plus countless other fascinating facts about the creatures who live just beyond our windows.

Just as it's nearly impossible to see an animal suffering and not want to save it; whatever effort, inconvenience and expense might be required, it's impossible to study the work of wildlife rehabbers and not come away in awe of the complexities of the other animals, and animal communities, that they work so hard to preserve. It's impossible not to come away with an awe for the human capacity for compassion, too.



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NEWS BRIEF

'Rosal' hahataw pa - Pagasa

Namimiligro pang humataw at maging isang tropical storm ang Tropical Depression Rosal habang kumikilos pa-hilaga, hilagang-silangan at napapanatili nito ang taglay na lakas.

Batay sa naging abiso ng Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) sa susunod na 36 na oras ay may posibilidad na maging isang tropical storm ang bagyong Rosal.

Hindi naman inaasahang tatama ang bagyo sa alinmang

bahagi ng kalupaan ng bansa.

Sinabi ng Pagasa na kahapon ay mahina hanggang katamtaman at may kalakasan na pagulan sa Mimaropa.

May pabugso-bugsong hangin din sa Batanes at Babuyan Islands samantala malakas na hangin din ang inaasahan sa Ilocos Norte, northern at eastern portions ng Cagayan, eastern portion ng Isabela, Calaguas Islands at extreme northern portion ng Catanduanes.



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LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel Nos 332-2348, 376-4039, 376-4072, 376-4049, 376-061



BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 562
Series of 2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCREASE OF SHORELAND FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 31 (s. 2012), issued by the Office of the President, directs and authorizes all heads of government-owned and/or controlled corporations to rationalize the rates of their fees and charges, increase their existing rates, and impose new fees and charges, if necessary;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of DOF-DBM-NEDA Joint Circular No. 1-2013 provides that rates of fees and charges shall be revised at just and reasonable rates sufficient to recover the costs of services rendered, taking into consideration, among others, the direct costs of rendering the service based on current appropriations, inflation rate since the year of imposition or last revision of subject rates and charges, among others;

WHEREAS, LLDA Memorandum Order No. 2018-01, dated 03 January 2018, reconstituted the Committee on Fees and Charges to review existing fees and charges, and propose new fees and charges, if necessary;

WHEREAS, the said Committee on Fees and Charges, in collaboration with Shoreland Management Office, recommended the increase of fees and charges for use and/or development of shoreland areas within the Laguna de Bay;

WHEREAS, notices for the proposed increase of fees and charges were posted in bulletin board and corporate website of LLDA on 03 May 2019 and public consultation was conducted on 29 April 2019;

WHEREAS, on 23 May 2019, the proposed increase of fees and charges were presented and discussed with the LLDA Board of Directors-Audit Committee and recommended for its approval to the LLDA Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, on 30 May 2019, the LLDA Board of Directors instructed the Management, more specifically the Committee on Fees and Charges, to conduct a periodic review of the proposed fees and charges every five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, above premises considered, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the increase of the following shoreland fees and charges:

Rate	
1. Application for Shoreland Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processing fee - P 2,000.00 Certification fee - P 5,000.00
2. Application for Shoreland Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processing fee - P2,000.00 Lease rate -- refer to Annex A
Development Clearance (SDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With structure - 5% of Zonal Value x Area in sq.m. Without structure - 1% of Zonal Value x Area in sq.m.
3. Site verification / survey fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hectare and below - P12,000.00 In excess of one (1) hectare, additional Php 1,200.00 per hectare shall be paid. Any fraction thereof shall be equivalent to 1 hectare
4. Administrative Fine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For illegal reclamation - P 500,000.00 + 20% of the zonal value per square meter For every violation of condition stated in the lease agreement/shoreland development clearance -- P 5,000.00

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this Resolution shall take effect 15 days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and after registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register, UP Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City.

APPROVED this 4th day of June through *ad referendum*.

SEC. ROY A. CIRIATO
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources as Chairman

HON. JAIME C. MEDINA
General Manager, Laguna Lake Development Authority as Vice-Chairman

ATTY. JAIME Z. RAZ
Province of Rizal as Member

ATTY. ISABEL P. PADERAYAN
Province of Laguna as Member

DIR. NEVA T. NATURAL
Director, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as Member

DIR. MAROU G. TOLEDO
Regional Director, Department of Trade Industry-IV (DTI-IVA) as Member

SEC. FRISCO S. SAN JUAN, JR.
Undersecretary, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) as Member

DEBRA MCGILL BRYANT T. FERNANDEZ
Deputy Executive Secretary, Office of the President as Member

HON. ANNA PAMELA R. DELA ROSA
Mayors' League of Laguna as Member

HON. JOSEPH BUENAVENTURA
Mayors' League of Rizal as Member

Attested by:

ATTY. AMY MONET M. SIQUI-BACANI
Corporate Secretary

Annex A

LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE OF SHORELAND LEASE RATE

Location	LAND CLASSIFICATION	
	(1% of the Highest Zonal Value in each of the Land Classification)	
	Agricultural	Residential
A. Taguig and Muntinlupa		
1 Taguig	40.00	50.00
2 Muntinlupa		30.00
B. Laguna		
1 Sta Cruz	5.00	37.50
2 Los Baños	9.00	47.50
3 Biñan	4.00	31.25
4 Calamba	13.00	45.00
5 Cabuyao	2.00	20.00
6 San Pedro	2.00	32.00
7 Sta. Rosa	6.00	49.20
8 Bay	5.00	33.00
9 Siniloan	1.00	11.00
10 Calauan	1.00	12.50
11 Kalayaan	1.00	7.00
12 Lumban	1.00	8.40
13 Pila	2.00	19.00
14 Paete	1.00	4.75
15 Pangil	1.00	4.15
16 Victoria	3.50	15.00
17 Mabrac	1.00	4.00
18 Pakil	1.00	5.25
1 Rizal		
1 Morong	1.20	20.00
2 Angono	4.00	13.50
3 Binangonan	6.50	35.00
4 Piliña	1.20	13.00
5 Tanay	1.00	21.00
6 Cardona	1.00	15.00
7 Taytay	6.00	25.00
8 Baras	1.00	10.00
9 Jala-jala	1.20	13.00

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1 Rates are subject to increase based on BIR issuance of updated Zonal Values of Real State Properties on each City/Municipality



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Location : Brgy. Puting Bato West, Calaca, Batangas
Description : Miscellaneous Lease Application No. 041007-6-A
Area : 20,000 sqm.
Applied for by : Calaca Industrial Seaport Corp.

represented by Mr. Chryss Alfonsus V. Damuy

The right to lease the land will be awarded to the person offering the highest annual rental, which shall not be less than three per centum (3%) of the value of land plus one per centum (1%) of the value of the proposed and / or existing improvements. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in a bidding, he must be a qualified public land applicant, and must, before the commencement of the same, make a deposit of equivalent to three (3) months rental. Only deposit in cash, money order treasury warrant, certified checks, cashier's check or manager's check can be accepted. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power of attorney. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit every time his bid is raised, to complete the three (3) months rental, otherwise, such bid as raised shall not be accepted. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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Description : Miscellaneous Lease Application No. 041007-6
Area : 9,831 sqm.
Applied for by : Calaca Industrial Seaport Corp.

represented by Mr. Ramson E. Llanto

The right to lease the land will be awarded to the person offering the highest annual rental, which shall not be less than three per centum (3%) of the value of land plus one per centum (1%) of the value of the proposed and / or existing improvements. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in a bidding, he must be a qualified public land applicant, and must, before the commencement of the same, make a deposit of equivalent to three (3) months rental. Only deposit in cash, money order treasury warrant, certified checks, cashier's check or manager's check can be accepted. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power of attorney. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit every time his bid is raised, to complete the three (3) months rental, otherwise, such bid as raised shall not be accepted. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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PAMBANSANG PUNONG REHIYON
National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Lungsod ng Quezon

PAGBEBENTA NG PAMPUBLIKONG LUPA

Ang pabatid na ito ay ipinagkakaloob bilang patunay na ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources—National Capital Region, Patents and Deeds Section, alinsunod sa Department Administrative Order No. 38, 19 April 1990, ay magkakaroon ng bilihan sa *DENR-NCR, National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City*, sa pamamagitan ng isang *sealed bidding* na makapagbigay ng pinakamataas na halaga sa ika-10 ng umaga ng APR 11, 2023, ng lupang matatagpuan sa *Brgy. Western Bicutan (Pinagsama) Taguig City* na inilarawan ng mga sumusunod:

BILANG NG APLIKASYON	PANGALANG APLIKANTE	BILANG NG LOTE/PLANO	SUKAT NG LOTE SA METRO HUKONG	HALAGANG LUPA KADA METRO HUKONG	KABUUKANG HALAGANG LUPA	KABUUKANG HALAGANG MSA STRUKTURA
IGPSA No. 007607-2184	EDWINA VIDA	Lot 34, Block 50, Pad 00-036894	84 sq.m.	PHP140.00	PHP11,760.00	PHP900,000.00

Ang mga *bid* ay dapat na selyado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisyon, mismo o bago sa itinalagang oras at petsa sa itaas at minarkahan na "*Bid for Land Described in MSA/IGPSA No. 007607-2184*". Ang mga *bid* sa pagbili ay dapat isumite sa pamamagitan ng pera, *money order*, *treasury warrant*, sertipikadong tseke, *cashier's check* o *manager's check* na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang sa sampung porsiyento (10%) ng isinumiteng turing. Kung ang bumibili ay nais bawiin ang kanilang dinepositong halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit natukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumbas na deposito ay makukumpiska pabor sa pamahalaan. Ang mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa kabuuang halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang pamahalaan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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ATTY. ALVIN JOSEPH G. CONSTANTINO
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IGPSA No. 007607-2183	RALPH EDRIAN T. VIDA	Lot 5, Block 54, Pad 00-036894	84 sq.m.	PHP140.00	PHP11,760.00	PHP180,000.00

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SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS

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IGPSA No. 007607-2183	RALPH EDRIAN T. VIDA	Lot 6, Block 54, Pds00-036994	84 sq.m.	PHP140.00	PHP11,760.00	PHP180,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division, on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA / SA / IGPSA No. 007607-2183". Bids must be accompanied with cash, money, order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA No. 007607-2184	EDWIN A. VIDA	Lot 34, Block 50, Pds00-036994	84 sq.m.	PHP140.00	PHP11,760.00	PHP800,000.00

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