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SHELL-DENR PARTNERSHIP. Shell Pilipinas Corp. president and chief executive Lorelie Quiambao-Osial (seated, left) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Maria Antonio Yulo-Loyzaga (seated, right) sign a memorandum of understanding to signal collaboration on the identification and development of Nature-Based Solutions opportunities in the Philippines. NBS comprises activities related to the protection and enhancement of natural ecosystems such as forests, grasslands, wetlands and coastal zones or projects that improve agricultural sustainability to help absorb or prevent the release of greenhouse gases, while also delivering benefits to local communities and enhancing biodiversity of the area.



Remove vessel with smuggled fuel in Pangasinan, BOC asked

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan – The Bureau of Customs (BOC) should remove a vessel loaded with more than one million liters of smuggled fuel docked in Sual Bay, according to the Pangasinan provincial government.

"The ship should be moved to a safer location to protect the bay area from destruction in the event crude oil from the ship leaks," Gov. Ramon Guico was quoted as saying in a post on the official Facebook page of the provincial government on Wednesday.

Provincial legal officer Baby Ruth Torre said she has written the BOC regarding the request of the provincial government.

Motor vessel *Veronica I* was placed under the custody of the BOC office in Sual after it was found to be carrying 1,350 kiloliters of smuggled fuel on May 4.

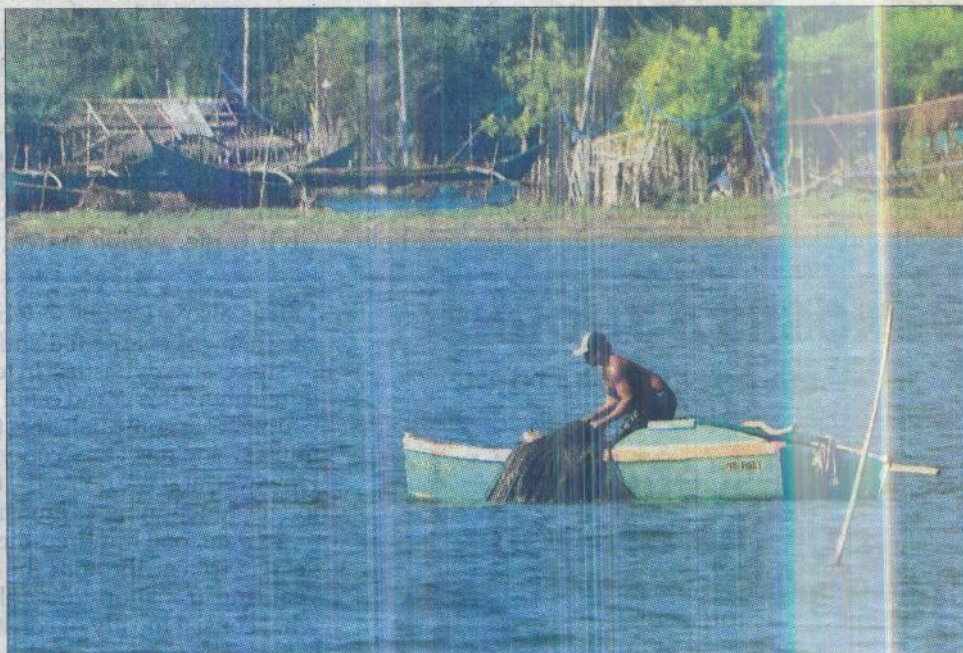
Guico called an emergency meeting on Monday during which the Maritime Industry Authority confirmed that the vessel was not issued a safety certificate.

Commander Mark Theodore Valencia, Philippine Coast Guard-Pangasinan station chief, said *Veronica I* should be allowed to dock at Sual Fish Port as a safety precaution for a super typhoon expected to enter the country this weekend.

"But it has to be ensured that the evidence, the contents of the ship, will be guarded," Guico said even as he stressed that the ship should be eventually re-

moved from the bay.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources said no oil slick has been detected so far in the area. – Cesar Ramirez



A fisherman prepares to cast his net into the Limahong Channel in Lingayen, Pangasinan yesterday.

CESAR RAMIREZ



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GOV WANTS VESSEL AWAY FROM SUAL BAY DUE TO LEAK THREAT

SHIP CARRYING 1.3 M LITERS OF CRUDE OIL HELD IN PANGASINAN

SUAL, PANGASINAN—Citing environmental threats, Pangasinan Gov. Ramon Guico III on Wednesday asked the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to remove a ship loaded with more than a million liters of crude oil from Sual Bay, where it is being held for lack of papers.

In a statement, Guico said MV Veronica I should be moved to a safer location to protect the bay from destruction, noting that crude oil from the ship may leak into local waters.

Guico called for an emergency meeting at Urduja House, the governor's official residence in the capital Lingayen, on Monday to alert local officials about the ship, which carries 1.35 million liters of crude oil. The ship is

now under the custody of the BOC office in Sual after the agency seized it when its crew members failed to show the necessary documents for its cargo.

The Maritime Industry Authority extension office in Pangasinan said it did not issue any safety certificate that would have allowed the vessel to sail. Its port of origin and destination were not immediately known, but its 13 crew members were initially detained at a local police station and were later freed on bail.

Mariculture area

Provincial legal officer Baby Ruth Torre said she had written the BOC to formalize the governor's request to re-



AVERTING DISASTER The Pangasinan provincial government wants MV Veronica I, which is carrying more than a million liters of crude oil, out of Sual Bay to prevent any spillage that may damage its marine resources. The vessel is held by the Bureau of Customs after its crew members failed to show documents for its cargo. —PHOTO COURTESY OF PANGASINAN PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

move the ship from the bay.

Sual Bay is a cove facing Lingayen Gulf and hosts the town's mariculture area where more than 800 "bangus" (milk-

fish) cages are located.

Government data showed that Sual, and the towns of Bolinao and Anda, supply about 80 percent of bangus

produced in Pangasinan.

Commander Mark Theodore Valencia, chief of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) station in Pangasinan, asked the provincial government to allow MV Veronica I to temporarily dock at Sual fish port as a safety precaution because a typhoon is expected to enter the country on Friday.

'Imminent threat'

Guico said he was heeding Valencia's recommendation but asked the PCG to safeguard the ship's cargo.

According to the governor, the ship's docking at the pier would be temporary, stressing that the vessel should eventually be removed from the bay.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) recommended that spill booms be installed around the ship in case of a leak. It also asked for the installation of additional anchors to stabilize the vessel.

According to the DENR, their divers found out that the ship dropped its anchor on a muddy substrate.

Catherine Regino, Sual legal officer, said there was already "an imminent danger or threat" because of oil spillage from the ship.

But laboratory analyses of water samples taken by a DENR team near the ship indicated that there were still no traces of an oil spill in the area. —YOLANDA SOTELO INQ



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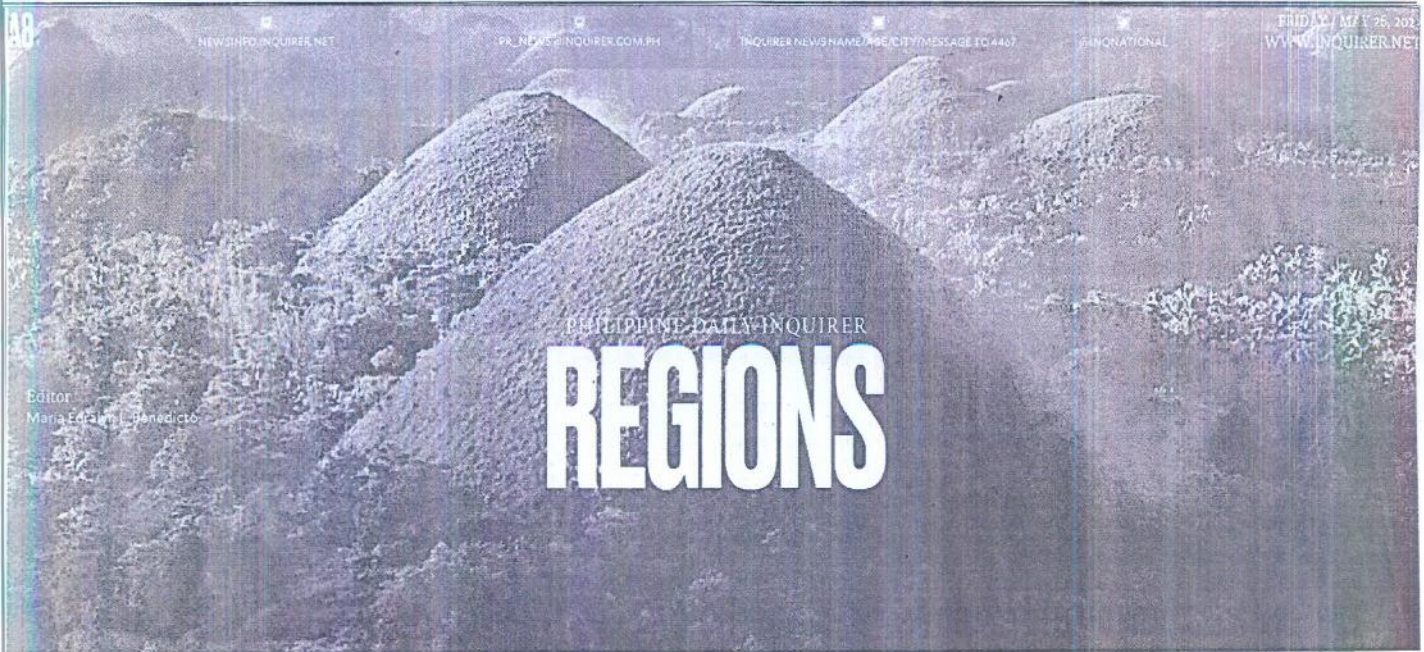


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NATURE'S WONDER Bohol's Chocolate Hills, according to a 1988 government declaration, were formed ages ago by coral deposits and the action of rainwater and erosion. This unique landform found in the towns of Carmen, Batuan and Sagbayan earned its famous name as the verdant grass covering the mounds turns brown during the dry season. —PHOTO COURTESY OF VAN CLAYTON RESPONTE

NATURAL LANDSCAPE, SEASCAPE

**BOHOL NAMED PH'S FIRST
UNESCO 'GLOBAL GEOPARK'**

By **Leo Udtohan**
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TAGBILARAN CITY—Bohol, home of the iconic Chocolate Hills and one of the world's best diving destinations, has been recognized as the Philippines' first global geopark by the cultural agency of the United Nations.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has declared Bohol as one of the 18 new global geoparks, bringing the total number of sites to 195 in 48 countries. The Unesco global geopark label, created in 2015, recognizes geological heritage of international significance.

"Geoparks serve local communities by combining the conservation of their significant geological heritage with public outreach and a sustainable approach to development," read Unesco's statement on its website. The announcement was made during the 216th Unesco executive board session held in Paris on Wednesday.

Unesco also cited Bohol's Danajon Double Barrier Reef, consisting of two sets of large offshore coral reefs formed by tidal currents and coral growth, as "one of its kind in Southeast Asia" and one of the six documented double barrier reefs on earth.

It also highlighted Bohol's three-tiered Can-umantad waterfalls, the highest in the province, as well as the uplifted marine terrace in Loon town which residents call as "coral garden."

According to Unesco, Bohol, which is among the major islands of the Visayas, has a "geological identity that has been pieced together over 150 million years, as periods of tectonic turbulence have raised the island from the ocean depths."

Aside from Bohol, the other 17 newly designated geoparks include Caçapava

and Quarta Colônia in Brazil; Lavreotiki in Greece; Ijen, Maros Pangkep, Merangin Jambi and Raja Ampat in Indonesia; Aras and Tabas in Iran; and Hakusan Tedorigawa in Japan.

Also part of the list are Kinabalu in Malaysia; Waitaki Whitestone in New Zealand; Sunnhordland in Norway; Jeonbuk West Coast in Republic of Korea; Cabo Ortegal in Spain; Khorat in Thailand; and Mourné Gullion Strangford in the United Kingdom.

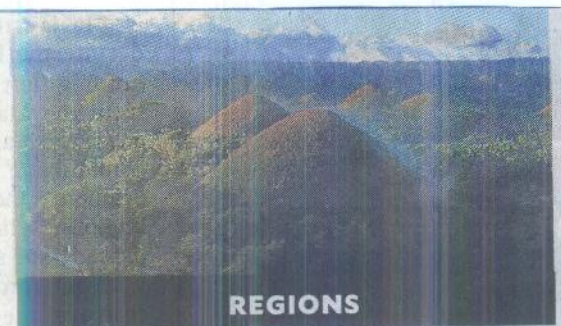
Source of pride

Bohol Gov. Aris Aumentado said: "This is a great achievement for Bohol—something that we are very proud of. I hope this will encourage other localities in the country to take care of geological places."

Aumentado said Bohol would strengthen its tourism industry in a bid to attract more people as well as to preserve its ecological sites.

The provincial government, in a statement, said a group of researchers led by the University of the Philippines' School of Urban Planning in 2013 searched for a place in the country that possessed a significant range of geological heritage that could be a part of the global geopark network of Unesco. After years of undertaking comparative investigations and consultations with communities, the group concluded that Bohol was best qualified for this recognition.

"Bohol's geopark is not only a testament to the earth's very dynamic history preserved in the diverse rocks and geomorphological features in and around the island, but it is also a demonstration of the Boholanos' strength and steadfast faith while embracing the uncertainty of geological hazards coming their way," Unesco's National Commission of the Philippines said. **INQ**



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**Bohol is first PH
'global geopark'**

TAGBILARAN CITY—The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has declared Bohol as one of the 18 new global geoparks, bringing the total number of these important sites to 195 in 48 countries. Bohol, home of the Chocolate Hills and one of the world's best diving spots, is the first in the Philippines to earn the distinction, a mark of geological heritage of international significance. —**STORY BY LEO UDTOHAN**

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Bohol named Unesco Global Geopark, 1st for Phl

By PIA LEE-BRAGO

Bohol has been named as the Philippines' first Global Geopark, joining sites and landscapes of international geological significance.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific

and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has endorsed the addition of 18 new sites from around the world, including the Philippines, to its network of

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outstanding geoparks, showcasing some of the most beautiful sites of natural beauty around the globe.

The 18 new designations bring to 195 UNESCO Geoparks in 48 countries, covering a total surface area of 486,709 square kilometers, equivalent to twice the size of the United Kingdom.

"Two UNESCO member states are joining the network for the first time: New Zealand and the Philippines," UNESCO said in a statement.

The other new Global Geoparks are Cacapava and Quarta Colonia (Brazil), Lavreotiki (Greece); Ijen, Maros Pangkep, Merangin Jambi and Raja Ampat (Indonesia); Aras and Tabas (Iran); Hakusan Tedorigawa (Japan); Mount Kinabalu (Malaysia); Waitaki Whitestone (New Zealand); Sunnhordland (Norway); Jeonbuk West Coast (South Korea); Cabo Ortegal (Spain); Khorat (Thailand) and Mourne Gullion Strangford (United Kingdom).

Bohol Island's Global Geopark status

was announced during the 216th session of UNESCO's executive board, which was held in Paris, France.

The UN agency said Bohol Island's geological identity has been pieced together over 150 million years, as periods of tectonic turbulence have raised the island from the ocean depths.

The geopark abounds in karstic geosites such as caves, sinkholes and cone karst, including the famous cone-shaped Chocolate Hills at the center of the geopark.

UNESCO described the Philippine area as having "scenic and varied landforms and structural features."

"The Geopark features one of the six double barrier reefs in the world and the only barrier reef in Southeast Asia," it said.

The UNESCO Global Geopark designation, created in 2015, recognizes "geological heritage of international significance."

Geoparks serve local communities by combining the conservation with public outreach and a sustainable approach to development.



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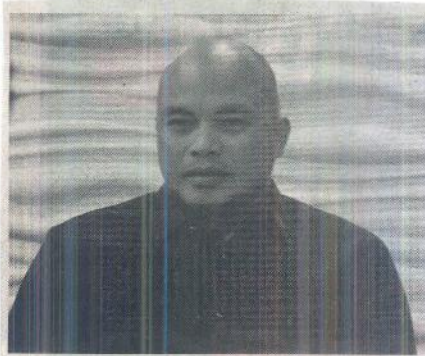
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Bohol declared first global geopark in PH



GOV. ARIS AUMENTADO

By CALVIN CORDOVA

CEBU CITY – The island of Bohol has been declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as the first and only global geopark in the Philippines.

UNESCO made the declaration during the 216th UNESCO Executive Board Session in Paris, France, on May 24, Gov. Aris Aumentado disclosed.

“This is a big honor for us to be

declared as a global geopark in our country,” said Aumentado.

The UNESCO Global Geoparks are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education, and sustainable development.

The geopark has to be managed by a multidisciplinary project team through a holistic approach, focusing on education and environmental sustainability.

Bohol’s journey to becoming a global geopark started in 2013 when a group of researchers from the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning conducted field works on potential geoparks in the country.

The researchers then identified Bohol’s geological karst and limestone landforms as a prospect.

In 2015, the researchers partnered with Bohol’s provincial government by conducting research,

collaborations, and workshops in preparation for the UNESCO designation guided by the Philippine National Commission for UNESCO.

Bohol became one of the 18 potentially new global geoparks nominated in 2022 for its geological significance and scientific importance.

“Me and the whole provincial government are thankful to UNESCO and especially to those who worked for the province to get this accolade,” Aumentado said.



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Bohol in list of Unesco global geoparks

FOR the first time, the Philippines made it to the list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (Unesco) geoparks.

According to a statement by the Geopark on Wednesday, the decision took place during Unesco's 216th executive board meeting in Paris, France.

Bohol was cited for its world-famous Chocolate Hills and the Danajon Double Barrier Reef.

"Bohol Island, along with 17 other new geoparks, will soon join the Global Geoparks Network, bringing the total number of members to 195 this year," the Geopark said.

"The island's geological identity has been pieced together over 150 million

years, as periods of tectonic turbulence have raised the island from the ocean depths," it said.

"Traces of the island's subterranean past can be found in the limestone, which forms characteristic karstic structures. The geopark abounds in karstic geosites such as caves, sinkholes and cone karst, including the famous cone-shaped Chocolate Hills in the center of the geopark," it said.

The Danajon Double Barrier Reef, on Bohol's northern coast, "is the only one of its kind in Southeast Asia and one of just six documented double barrier reefs on Earth; it provides visitors with a chance to discover 6,000 years of coral growth," it said.

The reef consists of two sets of large

offshore coral reefs which were formed by a combination of favorable tidal currents and coral growth on a submarine ridge in the area.

In a statement on Wednesday, Unesco's National Commission in the Philippines congratulated the provincial government of Bohol.

"The island province is home to 1.4 million inhabitants who have kept alive more than 400 years of rich history and cultural traditions in harmony with its unique geological treasures," the commission wrote.

The Geopark thanked the members of the "technical working group, technical advisers, partners from the academe, schools, nongovernment organizations,

national government agencies, local government units, tour agencies, local businesses, volunteers, and supporters who made this dream a reality."

In a Facebook statement on Wednesday, the Bohol government said the Geopark was 10 years in the making.

"Bohol's journey as a Global Geopark started in 2013 when a group of researchers from the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning conducted field works on potential Geoparks in the country and identified the Province's geological karst and limestone landforms as a prospect," it said.

It added that Bohol Gov. Aris Aumentado embraced the Global Geopark campaign as "an inclusive and multi-sectoral

platform that can leverage Bohol's position as a living laboratory for arts, culture and heritage in the country, and in the region; one that represents Bohol's best and pride of place."

"May this milestone inspire us more to collaborate for the sustainable development of our geopark and serve as an inspiration for other regions and provinces in the Philippines to follow suit," the Geopark wrote.

The other geoparks named in Unesco's list are in Brazil (two geoparks), Greece, Indonesia (4 geoparks), Iran (two geoparks), Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Thailand and the United Kingdom.

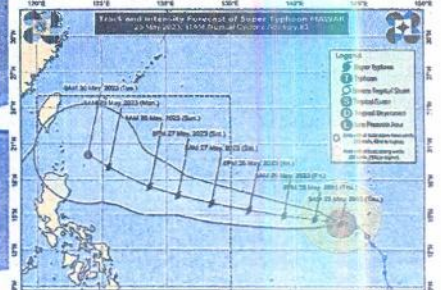
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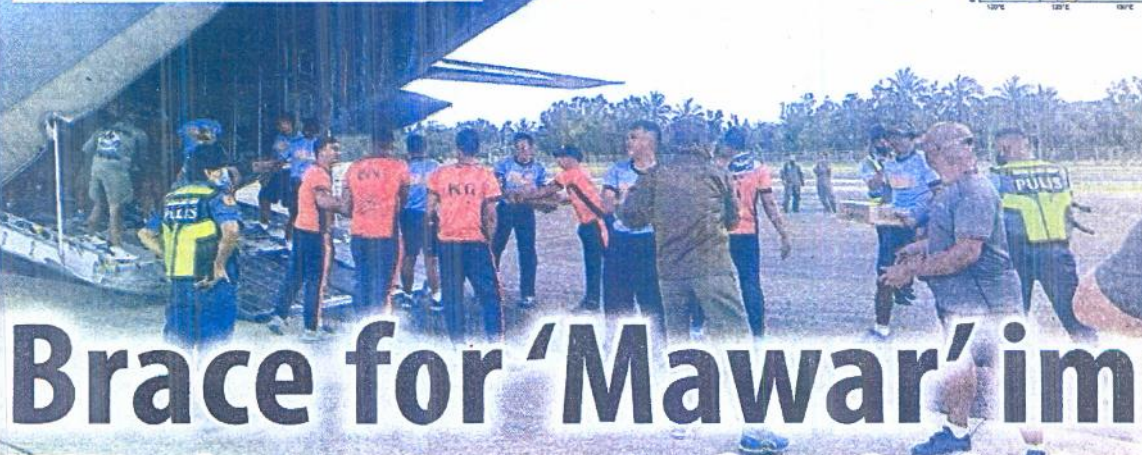
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BRACING FOR MAWAR. Members of the Philippine Coast Guard and Philippine National Police haul family food packs that arrived in Tuguegarao City Thursday preparation for the incoming Super Typhoon Mawar. Inset photo (left) shows a personnel of the Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office preparing rescue equipment even if the typhoon is not expected to hit the capital directly. Facebook page of President Marcos, Norman Cruz



Brace for 'Mawar' impact

PBBM orders agencies to prepare for onslaught of super typhoon

By Vince Lopez and Joel E. Zurbano

THE government is taking the appropriate steps as the country braces for the possible effects of Super Typhoon Mawar, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. assured the public on Thursday.

In a Facebook post, Marcos said the situation and updates on the expected government continues to monitor the onslaught of Mawar as it moves closer to

the Philippine area of responsibility after hammering Guam.

"We are preparing for its possible effects not only on the northern part of the country but also in areas that might be possibly hit by the typhoon," Marcos said in Filipino.

Marcos said Defense Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. assured him that the national government and local government units (LGUs) are ready to provide assistance to areas where Mawar may wreak havoc.

Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said.

Mawar was last spotted 2,065 km east of southeastern Luzon, packing maximum winds of up to 185 km per hour near the center and gustiness of up to 230 kph.

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Mawar is forecast to continue intensifying in the next three days and may reach a peak intensity of 215 kph by Sunday.

PAGASA said the typhoon's rain bands may bring heavy rains over Cagayan Valley between Sunday and Tuesday next week.

A tropical cyclone wind signal may be hoisted in the coming days, as strong to gale-force conditions may be experienced in most areas of the region, except for Batanes-Babuyan Islands area which may have gale to storm-force conditions.

Mawar may also enhance the southwest monsoon, bringing rains over the western parts of Luzon and Visayas beginning Sunday or Monday.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) is anticipating that eight airports will be affected by Mawar.

Those airports include Tuguegarao Airport, Basco Airport, Itbayat Airport, Cauayan Airport, and Palanan Airport, according to CAAP.

Additionally, airports in Laoag, Vigan, and Baguio are also gearing up for possible harsh weather.

As of Thursday, CAAP Tuguegarao Airport assisted in the delivery of 1,000 boxes of relief goods from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DWSD) Region 2 through C-130 aircraft from Tuguegarao to Basco Airport in preparation for the coming typhoon.

In a message, CAAP Area Center 2 Manager Mary Sulyn Sagorsor said precautionary measures are being undertaken by Tuguegarao Airport for the coming super typhoon, such as clearing of water-

ways and canals and cutting or pruning of branches of trees near the Passenger Terminal

Building, especially at the arrival area and other areas inside the airport's premises.

CAAP spokesperson Eric Apolonio said airport personnel are positioned and ready to implement necessary measures to safeguard the facilities and ensure the safety of passengers.

"CAAP-operated airports are often well-prepared in the event of flight delays or possible cancellations brought by natural calamities, and utmost care is usually provided to affected passengers," he said.

In other developments:

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) announced it alerted all of its search, rescue and retrieval units for possible humanitarian assistance and disaster response (HADR) operations

in areas that might be affected by the looming Super Typhoon Mawar. AFP spokesperson Col. Medel Aguilar said vehicles and personnel are being prepared to assist in the mandatory evacuation of residents in vulnerable areas. Aguilar added that air and naval assets are also on standby for deployment for future aerial assessment, transport, and evacuation operations.

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is on red alert status and ready for the possible onslaught of Typhoon Mawar. MMDA chairman Romando Artes said the agency's Urban Search and Rescue Team composed of 20 men trained in water search and rescue operations is now on standby to render assistance in road clearing, rescue and quick response, traffic management, and other operations to different areas in the National Capital Region



EDITORIAL

Bracing for another super typhoon

The country has suffered grievous loss of lives, crops and property from typhoons of varying strengths, so people must be familiar by now with preventive safety and mitigation protocols.

In this dry season, the country is bracing for another super typhoon, which has just pummeled Guam. Mawar, which will be called Betty when it enters the Philippine area of responsibility this weekend, roared across the US territory as a Category 4 cyclone with winds of up to 240 kilometers per hour, according to reports.

Super Typhoon Yolanda, which flattened large swathes of Eastern Visayas in 2013, was a Category 5 cyclone. A Category 4 cyclone, however, is powerful enough, and Mawar could still pick up strength as it moved toward the Philippines.

Weather experts have issued sufficient alerts and tracked the likely path of the typhoon, so the places expected to be hardest hit are known. Local government units, working with the national government, must be fully prepared for the cyclone.

Residents in coastal communities must be readied for evacuation to sites with

decent accommodations, with adequate health and sanitation facilities. Those in charge of the evacuation centers must remember that COVID-19 is still around, with highly transmissible coronavirus subvariants posing a threat particularly to the vulnerable elderly and the immunocompromised. The Arcturus strain of COVID is also known to infect even young children.

With the typhoon approaching, some local governments have urged their farmers to harvest crops even if the timing is slightly premature. Rescue teams and equipment are being readied, while houses and other structures made of light materials are being lashed to the ground. Light fishing boats are being secured inland.

Mawar is the first super typhoon to enter the country this year, and the second cyclone after Tropical Depression Amang struck the Bicol region in April. Climate change has fueled extreme and unpredictable weather disturbances, and we have seen the images of Mawar wreaking havoc in Guam. This powerful cyclone is barreling toward the Philippines. There is no excuse for being unprepared.



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DPWH to build more rainwater collectors in '23

THE Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on Thursday said it would build more reservoirs or rainwater collectors systems (RWCs) across the country to negate the harmful effects of both floodings and long dry spells such as the El Niño phenomenon.

DPWH Secretary Manuel Bonoan, in a statement, said "it is high time to provide RWCs in public facilities to help mitigate the impact of climate threats."

"The rainy season and the threat of El Niño increase the demand to build disaster-resilient infrastructure that will be beneficial in harvesting rainwater intended for agriculture, commercial, and domestic use," Bonoan said.

The RWCs were expected to enable the country to overcome challenges on water supply and flooding.

Bonoan directed all the regional and district engineering officials to secure the respective lists of proposed RWC beneficiaries.

"Using the list of proposed beneficiaries, we will be able to determine the total serving population that will be benefited by the project and reduces the daily burden of people in areas with physical water scarcity," Bonoan said.

The DPWH has earmarked A P582.9-million for the construction of additional RWCs throughout the country this year, under the agency's INFRAgenda 2028.

Among the regions with the highest allocations include Calabarzon, Bicol, and Western Visayas with P47.64 million each; followed by Central Luzon and Central Visayas with P44.84 million each; and P42.04 million for Eastern Visayas.

The budget for the remaining regions ranges from P25.22 million to P39.23 million each.



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PRIMEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CORP.
Applicant

Case No. 23-3614

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Vista Heights Subdivision, Barangay Quiapo, City of Manila, Metro Manila, with the following proposed rates:

PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

| Pipe Size | 0-5 m3 (min) | 6-10 m3 | 11-20 m3 | 21-30 m3 | 31-40 m3 | Over 40 m3 |
|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1/2" | P 399.50 | 81.60 | 83.30 | 85.00 | 86.70 | 88.40 |
| 3/4" | P 639.00 | 130.50 | 133.20 | 136.00 | 138.80 | 141.40 |
| 1" | P 1,276.00 | 261.10 | 266.40 | 272.10 | 277.50 | 282.90 |

Residential and Commercial

| Pipe Size | 0-5 m3 (min) | 6-10 m3 | 11-20 m3 | 21-30 m3 | 31-40 m3 | Over 40m3 |
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| 1/2" | P 399.50 | 81.60 | 83.30 | 85.00 | 86.70 | 88.40 |
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| 1" | P 1,276.00 | 261.10 | 266.40 | 272.10 | 277.50 | 282.90 |

Commercial and Industrial

| Pipe Size | 0-15 m3 (min.) | 16-30 m3 | 31-500 m3 | 501-1000 m3 | Over 1000 m3 |
|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1/2" | P 1,787.00 | 120.60 | 124.60 | 130.00 | 130.00 |
| 3/4" | P 2,826.00 | 193.00 | 199.30 | 208.00 | 208.00 |
| 1" | P 5,652.00 | 386.00 | 398.60 | 418.10 | 418.10 |

This application will be initially heard by the Board on 13 June 2023. The hearing will start at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 4th day of May 2023.

By Authority of the Board:

Dr. SEVILLO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:

The Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod
Manila City, Metro Manila

The Barangay Chairman
Barangay Quiapo
Manila City, Metro Manila

The Homeowners Assn. President
Vista Heights Subdivision
Barangay Quiapo
Manila City, Metro Manila

The Administrator
Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System
MWSS Compound, Katipunan Road,
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Case No. 23-3579

SECOND NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Lumina Lipa Subdivision, Barangay Tibig-Tanguay, Lipa City, province of Batangas, with the following proposed rates:

PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

| Pipe Size | 0-5 m3 (min) | 6-10 m3 | 11-20 m3 | 21-30 m3 | 31-40 m3 | Over 40 m3 |
|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1/2" | P 187.50 | 38.20 | 41.60 | 43.10 | 44.60 | 46.10 |
| 3/4" | P 300.00 | 61.10 | 66.50 | 68.90 | 71.30 | 73.70 |
| 1" | P 600.00 | 122.20 | 133.00 | 137.80 | 142.60 | 147.40 |

Residential and Commercial

| Pipe Size | 0-5 m3 (min) | 6-10 m3 | 11-20 m3 | 21-30 m3 | 31-40 m3 | Over 40m3 |
|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1/2" | P 187.50 | 38.20 | 41.60 | 43.10 | 44.60 | 46.10 |
| 3/4" | P 300.00 | 61.10 | 66.50 | 68.90 | 71.30 | 73.70 |
| 1" | P 600.00 | 122.20 | 133.00 | 137.80 | 142.60 | 147.40 |

Commercial and Industrial

| Pipe Size | 0-15 m3 (min.) | 16-30 m3 | 31-500 m3 | 501-1000 m3 | Over 1000 m3 |
|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1/2" | P 1,173.00 | 85.10 | 92.10 | 102.60 | 102.60 |
| 3/4" | P 1,876.50 | 136.10 | 147.30 | 164.10 | 164.10 |
| 1" | P 3,753.00 | 272.20 | 294.70 | 328.20 | 328.20 |

This application will be initially heard by the Board on 13 June 2023. The hearing will start at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the province of Batangas and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 2nd day of May 2023.

By Authority of the Board:

Dr. SEVILLO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:

The Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod
Lipa City, Batangas

The Barangay Chairman
Barangay Tibig-Tanguay
Lipa City, Batangas

The Homeowners Assn. President
Lumina Lipa Subdivision
Barangay Tibig-Tanguay
Lipa City, Batangas

The General Manager
Metro Lipa Water District
Barangay Balintawak
Lipa City, Batangas 4217

MT - May 26, 2023