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“Mga Kwentong KLIMA-likasan Tungo sa Katatagan” features stories and narratives of women and men, and organizations, addressing the impacts of climate change in their communities through gender-responsive programs related to environmental protection and conservation, climate change, and disaster risk reduction.

THE 56th episode of “*Stories for a Better Normal: Pandemic and Climate Change Pathways*” featured gender-responsive climate programs of local government units (LGUs) topped this year’s “*Mga Kwentong KLIMA-likasan Tungo sa Katatagan: A Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards.*”

The awards are initiatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) launched in March of this year, in observance of National Women’s Month.

The online conversation, conceptualized and hosted by three-term Senator, now Deputy Speaker and Antique Representative Loren Legarda featured guests including DENR Undersecretary Analiza Teh; Ms. Annadine Manzinares, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) of Botolan, Zambales (First prize winner); Dr. Eduardo M. Bisquera Jr., Assistant City Environment



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and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) of Zamboanga City (Second prize winner); and Mayor Maria Clarita G. Limbaro of Bayabas, Surigao del Sur (Third prize winner).

“Climate change is an issue that affects all of us, whether you’re in the city or in the province, in lowland areas or in the mountains or in coastal areas. Hindi tayo makapagtatago sa climate change, kaya ito ay kailangan nating harapin nang sabay-sabay,” co-host Atty. Ipat Luna said.

“Mahalaga na laging maging handa sa mga epekto ng nagbabagong klima sa pamamagitan ng climate change adaptation and mitigation at disaster risk reduction,” she added.

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“Aside from promoting gender empowerment, we are promoting also good stories at gusto natin talagang tumuntong sa hope-based communication para makita nila na kung lahat tayo ay sama-sama, may pag-asa pa po para mas higit pa nating mapaiyting ang ating pagkilos para sa kalikasan,” said Usec. Teh.

The local government of Botolan in Zambales won the first prize with their entry, “Women Leadership, Trailblazers of Environmental Sustainability.”

It showcased the programs and projects they initiated to achieve environmental sustainability in their municipality which includes programs on Artificial Reef with Coral Transplantation; Mangrove and Reforestation; Sustainable Eco-Tourism; Disaster Preparedness; and Solid Waste Management.

“We have the “Basura Mo, Palit Mo” Program that started in 2017 where 1kg of plastic waste can be exchanged with 1kg of rice. It encourages the household level to segregate their wastes. We also have Botolan Waste Products such as Eco-bricks made from plastic wastes; Fish Amino Acid made of fish entrails/trash from the municipal market; and Eco-soil (soil conditioner) made from rotten fruits and vegetables also from market wastes. [These projects] aim to minimize the wastes being dumped in the sanitary landfill and to create a simple income-generating program out of waste for the MRF operators,” said Manzinares.

The local government of Zamboanga City, the second prize winner, shared that their initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions were also components of their Local Climate Change Action Plan or LCCAP.

Their mitigation measures include Waste to value; Establishment of Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facilities; Developing the City Water front and heritage walk development; Construction of climate resilience building; and Conduct of rehabilitation, reforestation and enhancement projects on the city’s watershed and central district mangrove forest areas.

“The forests are the world’s largest carbon sinks along with the ocean, atmosphere and soil. Protecting these vital ecosystems is essential for tackling climate change and keeping our climate stable. In the year 2020, a 30-hectare Watershed Rehabilitation/ Reforestation Project was completed within the



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Pasonanca Watershed area, the main source of the city’s potable, domestic, industrial and agricultural water. A total of 33,702 seedlings of indigenous tree species were successfully planted,” said Bisquera.

The local government of Bayabas in Surigao del Sur, the third prize winner, introduced the Sagip-Wakatan program, an annual mangrove reforestation, replanting, and coastal cleanup initiative that aims to maintain and improve the mangrove cover density to help protect the community against destructive effects of storm surges, tidal waves, tsunami, and soil erosion.

“I always believe that what we do today defines our future. Sagip-Wakatan program is not just saving the mangroves, but it will always be part of saving our environment for our children. For the changing climate, the strong community ownership and co-ownership of ecosystem conservation is a resilient foundation of a community,” said Mayor Limbaro.

Legarda lauded the exemplary efforts of the featured LGUs and encouraged more cities and municipalities to do the same and pursue relevant programs on environmental protection and conservation, climate change, and disaster risk reduction in their communities.

“Ipinapakita natin na sa pag-plant ng mangroves, paggawa ng ecobricks from tingi-tingi at single-use plastic, hanggang sa pagbilang ng ating greenhouse gas emissions, hanggang energy efficiency, at sa lahat ng paraan, kung gusto ay kakayanin... Importante ang climate action dahil ‘yan ay nakakapagbigay ng buhay at pangkabuhayan,” she said.



Mining firm to help conserve native plants



By [Leander C. Domingo](#)

August 7, 2021

A [PACT](#) to conserve and boost the reproduction of native plant species in Region 2 ([Cagayan Valley](#)) was forged between the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) and a [London](#)-based mining firm [FCF Minerals Corp.](#)

The memorandum of agreement (MoA) was signed last July 30 at the Community Environment and Natural Resources in Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya for the establishment of an arboretum in the province, according to Corie Corpuz, DENR-Region 2 information officer.

Corpuz said the three-hectare provincial arboretum will house endemic and indigenous forest tree species such as narra, dao, yakal, molave, kamagong, kalumpit, anilau, panglomboien, tuai and Philippine teak.

During the signing of the MoA, the DENR was represented by Region 2 Executive Director [Gwendolyn Bambalan](#) while the FCF Minerals was represented by country manager [James Carmichael](#).

According to Corpuz, FCF Minerals will provide P1.5 million for the establishment, protection and maintenance of the arboretum for five years.

FCF Minerals operates in Runruno village, Quezon town in Nueva Vizcaya its gold-molybdenum project under a financial or technical assistant agreement or FTAA with the Philippine government.

Corpuz said FCF Minerals will conduct monitoring activities and attend meetings to assess the development of the arboretum. For its part, the DENR shall be responsible for site preparation, planting and maintenance and protection of the arboretum, she added.

"The arboretum will serve as a source of quality planting materials, an ecotourism site and educational laboratory," Corpuz said.



DENR renews call for conservation of rare civet cat

By Sarwell Meniano August 6, 2021, 2:07 pm



CALL FOR CONSERVATION. The injured civet cat rescued by a group in Guiuan, Eastern Samar in this July 24, 2021 photo. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Eastern Visayas has renewed its call for conservation of civet cats following the recent rescue of the animal in Guiuan town. *(Photo courtesy of Guiuan Marine Resource Protected Landscape and Seascape)*

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Eastern Visayas has renewed its call for the conservation of civet cats following the recent rescue of an injured rare animal species in Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

In a statement sent to reporters late Thursday, DENR Eastern Visayas director Tirso Parian, Jr. reiterated his call to the public to report wildlife crimes and violations immediately since these are considered threats to the ecosystem.

“Civet cat plays an important role in the ecosystem by propagating the seeds it spews after eating. This natural process contributes to growing a variety of plants and fruit trees in the forests,” Parian said.

The office of Guiuan Marine Resource Protected Landscape and Seascape (GMRPLS) rescued a Philippine palm civet locally known as “garong” at the town center of Guiuan on July 24.

Rescuers discovered the adult civet cat had injuries on its left eye and mouth. It was immediately brought to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Guiuan field office for proper care and treatment.

After recovering, the civet cat was released to its natural habitat in Guiuan town on July 29. “Our office is grateful to everyone who shows concern for our wildlife and their natural habitat. Our call continues - let’s keep our wildlife such as the civet cats alive and protected in their natural habitat,” Parian added.



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Civet cats are considered one of the country's rare and endemic species. This wildlife excretes coffee seeds considered as the world's most expensive coffee, making it a high-value animal for some households and coffee manufacturers. *(PNA)*



DENR, Zambo police seize 2 illegally kept PH sailfin lizards

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ZAMBOANGA CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has issued a stern warning to the public that it is unlawful for anyone to collect, possess, or sell wildlife without the necessary permit from the department.

DENR 9 (Zamboanga Peninsula) Executive Director Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez issued the warning Friday after the agency's Environmental Law Enforcement Team and policemen seized two Philippine sailfin lizards, locally known as "Ibid", which were up for sale here.

The two Philippine sailfin lizards were confiscated Thursday from a couple, who are residents of Barangay Victoria, this city.

Rodriguez said she ordered to conduct an investigation after receiving an anonymous call from their hotline number on the presence of two Philippine sailfin lizards being sold for an exorbitant price.

"This is a clear violation of Section 27 of Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act wherein it states that it is unlawful for anyone to collect, possess, or sell wildlife without the necessary permit from the DENR," she said.

Cidur Julsadjiri, Environmental Law Enforcement Division chief, said Friday the investigation result showed that the wildlife was being kept in a pen and was just waiting for the buyer who was paying PHP50 million for the lizard that would be shipped to Malaysia.

Julsadjiri said the suspect's wife could not produce any permit or document allowing them to keep the wildlife. The couple's name was withheld.

The wife vehemently denied any involvement in the business of her husband as she informed the team that the wildlife was only entrusted to them by her husband's friend.

"A criminal complaint will be filed by our office against the suspect or suspects before the Office of the City Prosecutor of Zamboanga City upon termination of our investigation report," Julsadjiri said.



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Rosevirico Tan, DENR-9 information officer, said the two Philippine sailfin lizards are now in the custody of the Community Environment and Natural Resources – Zamboanga City and will be released back to their habitat when deemed fit and healthy.

The Philippine sailfin lizards are endemic in the country and classified as vulnerable under the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Their main threats are habitat loss, being hunted for food, and collection for the pet trade. (*PNA*)



Importance of old trees cited

[By Eireene Jairee Gomez](#)

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THE [Department of Education](#) (DepEd) highlighted the significance of conserving and protecting the environment to schools and communities, which could further develop Filipino students' core values to be better citizens.

Speaking at the recently concluded Search for Heritage Trees Awarding Ceremonies, Education Undersecretary for Administration [Alain del Pascua](#) explained how discovering century-old trees and their cultural and biological value will help Filipino communities understand the importance of conservation and environmental protection.

"Layunin natin na hubugin [ang](#) kabataang Pilipino na may kaalaman, pagpapahalaga at pangangalaga [sa](#) kapaligiran at kalikasan ng ating bansa (It's our goal to equip the Filipino youth with knowledge, care and concern toward the environment and natural resources of our country)," Pascua said.

"Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, nagiging living laboratories ang ating mga paaralan at nabibigyan ng pagkakataon ang mga estudyante para matuklasan at mapag-aralan ang biological at cultural value ng mga puno sa kanilang paligid na kadalasan ay hindi nabibigyang pansin (Through this program, our schools have turned into living laboratories and it gives the students the chance to discover and study the biological and cultural value of trees in their environment, which are frequently not given attention to)," he added.

The Education department recognized [Padre Burgos Central School](#) in Quezon province; Partida I Elementary School in Nueva Ecija; Tungngod Elementary School in Ifugao; Sumacab Elementary School in [Cabanatuan City](#); and Tinawagan Elementary School in Camarines Sur as part of the competition's winners.

Meanwhile, Carcarmay Elementary School in [La Union](#); Kaligayahan Elementary School in [Quezon City](#); [Bogo Central School](#) in [Bogo City](#); Iling Elementary School in Occidental Mindoro; and [Tuguegarao West Central School](#) in [Tuguegarao City](#)) were also part of the top 10 winners who were able to preserve their respective century-old trees.

"On behalf of the Department of Education, I congratulate each and every one of you who participated in the Search for Heritage Trees. Your efforts will create a ripple of change toward the preservation and conservation of trees and the environment in your respective schools and community," Pascua said.

Furthermore, Hubert Dale Riña, licensed forester and digital illustrator of the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#), discussed the Importance of Heritage Trees in Biodiversity and its policies during his talk.

Riña emphasized the different priority programs in the country in protecting our environment including the [National Greening Program](#), [National Forest Protection Program](#), and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation strategy.



Importance of old trees cited

For his part, DepEd-Bureau of Learner Support Service Director Lope Santos 3rd mentioned that "makakalikasan" is one of the DepEd core values in developing the learners to be better Filipino citizens, "which is why where giving importance to trees that have been witness of our education, growth and development."

Aside from the recognition, the schools included in the top 10 also received laptop bags, shoes and flash drives to aid their students in adapting to distance learning.



Asean kicks off greening initiative

[By Eireene Jairee Gomez](#)

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THE [Association of Southeast Asian Nations](#) (Asean) on Friday formally launched its regionwide [Green Initiative](#) (AGI) that aims to ramp up restoration efforts and plant at least 10 million native trees within the next 10 years.

Ahead of the celebration of Asean's 54th anniversary, the association held a virtual launch of the AGI led by the [Asean Center](#) for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Asean Secretariat that was joined by representatives of the Asean member states (AMS), civil society organizations and the private sector.

Demonstrating the strong cooperation and commitment among the 10 AMS to biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration in the region, the AGI aims to set standards for the recognition of tree-planting activities and programs across the region not only to regrow forests but also contribute to peoples' well-being, livelihood improvement and resilience-building.

"Across the Asean, there are ongoing commendable efforts in nature restoration. With the AGI, we hope to give recognition to the outstanding initiatives that comprehensively address the concerns of the people and the environment," said ACB Executive Director [Theresa Mundita Lim](#).

Lim cited various tree-planting movements in Asean such as the aim of [Singapore](#) to plant a million trees over a period of 10 years and [Malaysia](#)'s 100 million tree-planting campaign.

The AGI is supported by the [European Union](#) and the German development agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für [Internationale](#) Zusammenarbeit, through the Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Protected Areas in [Asean Project](#), and the Institutional Strengthening of Biodiversity Sector in the [Asean II Project](#), respectively.

The launch and implementation of the AGI are aligned with the [United Nations](#) Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a global movement to accelerate restoration goals and commitments, which commenced this year. The campaign is a rallying call on the urgent need to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide to "end poverty, combat climate change and eliminate mass extinction."



Asean launches region-wide greening project

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MANILA – The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) formally launched on Friday a region-wide program that would ramp up restoration efforts and plant at least 10 million native trees in a span of 10 years.

Called the Asean Green Initiative (AGI), the program will bring together different stakeholders to participate in an ambitious goal of planting at least 10 million native trees and regrow Southeast Asian forests.

“This landmark initiative for the Asean environment and ecosystem health germinated even before the pandemic began. This is even more crucial now as the region gears towards its long-term recovery from the ongoing health crisis,” Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) Executive Director Theresa Mundita Lim said in a virtual conference.

Lim said the initiative would recognize greening programs and tree-planting initiatives by individuals and groups from any Asean member states that positively contribute to the bloc’s sustainable restoration efforts.

Qualified tree planting activities by participating communities or organizations could be documented and acknowledged as contributors to ecosystem restoration, combating desertification, halting land degradation, and curbing biodiversity loss in the Asean region.

The AGI awardees, meanwhile, will be widely promoted by the ACB through the official AGI website, regional and international events, exhibitions, and other communication platforms.



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Proponents of selected AGI-recognized projects may also be invited to international conferences and events to share their greening practices that may be replicated by other individuals, communities, and entities.

‘A bigger movement’

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According to ACB, Southeast Asia region plays a vital role in this global call since about 60 percent of the world’s tropical peatlands, 42 percent of mangroves, and 15 percent of tropical forests are located in Asean member states.

And while the region is known for its rich biodiversity, it is also vulnerable to climate-related risks and human-driven activities that drive biodiversity loss.

“Restoring the condition of our ecosystem to its healthy state will take a whole-of-society approach. Through concerted and collaborative efforts that support this initiative, we can achieve incredible results and transform a more sustainable future for the Asean community,” Lim said.

In the Philippines, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said there is an ongoing effort to select indigenous and endemic plants as reforestation species to ensure that the ecosystem and the wildlife that once flourished in the country’s forests can also be restored.

DENR Forest Management Bureau Division Chief Ma. Teresa Aquino added that the country continues to map its degraded forest lands in order to prioritize its reforestation activities.

Aside from Manila, several Asean member states have already launched their own tree-planting movements like Singapore, which seeks to plant a million trees over a period of 10 years, and Malaysia with its 100 million tree-planting campaign. (PNA)



'Protect Marikina watershed'

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by [Maricel Cruz](#)

A legislator from Rizal on Friday urged law enforcement authorities to “closely and constantly monitor” the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape to ensure that those illegally occupying parts of the watershed are kept out.

Rep. Fidel Nograles of Rizal’s second district made the urging after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Calabarzon reported that as of July it has issued stoppage orders against 123 illegal structures in the area.

The DENR served 80 show-cause orders and 43 cease-and-desist orders against encroachers of the 26,000-hectare watershed, including operators of piggeries, resorts, camps, and retreat centers.

“I urge the police and army to closely and constantly monitor the watershed to ensure strict compliance with the DENR’s stoppage orders, Nograles, an assistant majority leader, said.

He added that law enforcers’ visibility would discourage illegal activities, as he emphasized that perpetrators are becoming more brazen.

Two forest rangers working in a reforestation site of the Masungi Georeserve Foundation were shot by still unidentified attackers last July 24.

“Thankfully, the rangers survived, but this latest incident should underscore just how much the lives of those who are tasked with preserving the environment are at risk, and should spur us to doing more,” said Nograles.


The neophyte lawmaker also appealed to the House leadership to prioritize the passage of a bill seeking to create a specialized government body tasked with protecting the Sierra Madre mountain range would be passed during the 18th Congress.

House Bill 5634, which Nograles filed in 2019, calls for the creation of a Sierra Madre Development Authority (SMDA).

“I hope that the House leadership would see this as a legacy measure.

Let us pass this bill as soon as possible so that we can protect Filipino families from the harsher effects of climate change. Every day that we fail to act, the threat of flooding becomes an inevitable and inescapable reality,” stressed Nograles.



 **Masungi Georeserve**
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[#ProtectOurRangers](#) | The work to find JUSTICE for our injured rangers and the abused Upper Marikina Watershed does not stop, even with the MECQ in Rizal. The recent act of cowardice against two of our forest rangers only solidifies the need for genuine and fearless enforcement of environmental laws. If these are not enforced consistently and promptly, those who sacrifice to defend our forests will continue to be at risk. While we continue to face institutional problems in fighting for the integrity of the watershed and seeking protection for our rangers, we will never lose hope and faith.

We are thankful for different groups and individuals who are helping our team in different ways. You lift our spirits and enable us to continue our work despite our frustrations & massive barriers!

We will continue to update everyone here in the next few weeks, including the filing of multiple criminal charges against suspects of the crime.

To collaborate for rangers, please reach us at communications@masungigeoreserve.com.
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Ang trabahong hindi kayang sikmurain ng iba, ang river warriors ang gumagawa para mabawasan ang mga basura at mapanatili ang kalinisan ng ating mga ilog at estero.

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Dumi ng tao at hayop, mga nabubulok na basura, patay na hayop at iba pang bagay na pinandirian ng iba—ito ang realidad na araw-araw hinaharap ng mga tinaguriang river warrior.

Ang trabahong hindi kayang sikmurain ng iba, ang river warriors ang gumagawa para mabawasan ang mga basura at mapanatili ang kalinisan ng ating mga ilog at estero.

Tunghayan ang kanilang kuwento sa pinakabagong dokumentaryo ni [Sandra Aguinaldo](#) na 'River Warriors' ngayong Sabado.

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Labanan sa Manila Bay

OPINION

On Aug 6, 2021



HUWAG magtaka kung ilang bahagi ng Manila Bay ay maging isla na titirikan ng mga pabahay at condo, hotel at restaurant, gusali ng negosyo, at pasyalan at libangan ng mga taong nababagot sa Metro Manila. May anim na land reclamation project na pawang pinayagan ng pamahalaan na maging isla at bagong urban center sa Look ng Maynila.

Naubos ang malalaking piraso ng lupa sa Metro Manila upang paunlarin na maging mga bagong urban center. Kailangan ng mga bagong urban center na maidadagdag sa hanay ng downtown Manila at Chinatown, Cubao Commercial District sa Quezon City, Ayala Business District sa Makati City, Bonifacio Global City sa Taguig, at iba.

Babawi ang pambansang ekonomiya kapag nawala ang pandemya na nagpahirap sa bansa. Ang anim na reclamation project sa Manila Bay ang bubuhay at magpapasigla sa kabuhayan ng bansa. Mas mura ang land reclamation kesa bumili ng mga bagong lupa. Walang maraming kausap sa land reclamation kundi ang LGU at Philippine Reclamation (PRA) na nangangasiwa sa lahat ng land reclamation project sa bansa.

Estratehiya ng mga local government units ng mga siyudad ng Navotas, Maynila, at Pasay ang gumawa ng mga bagong lupain sa pamamagitan ng pagtatabon sa kanilang mga teritoryong dagat sa Look ng Maynila. Kung naubos ang mga lupain, marapat gumawa ng mga bagong lupa sa mismong karagatan. Kasama ng mga LGU ang mga pribadong kumpanya na nagbuhos ng kanilang salapi at teknolohiya sa land reclamation. Halos walang gastos ang gobyerno at kumita pa sila sa mga land reclamation project.

Maingay ang ilang grupo na nagtataguyod ng pangangalaga ng kalikasan. Tinutulan nila ang mga land reclamation project dahil maaaring mauwi ito sa matinding baha at storm surges sa tag-ulan. Sisirain umano ng mga proyekto ang mga bahay ng mga isda sa Look ng Maynila at mauwi ito sa hindi balanseng kalikasan. Mawawala rin ang ilang uri ng mga ibon pandagat, ayon sa kanila.



Labanan sa Manila Bay

Patapos na ang Navotas City Coastal Bay Reclamation Project kung saan nagsama ang City of Navotas City at San Miguel Corporation (SMC) upang bumuo ng 650 ektarya na tatawagin Navotas Business Boulevard Park sa baybay dagat ng Navotas City. Nagkakahalaga ng P57.5 bilyon ang proyekto na inumpisahan noong 2019. Nasa proseso ng soil stabilization ang proyekto. Pinatatag ang lupa upang kayanin ang mga itatayong kalsada, imprastruktura, at gusali na gagamitin sa negosyo tirahan, at iba pa.

Gagamitin ang Navotas Business Boulevard Park sa pagtatayo ng P736 bilyon na Bulacan International Airport na itinatayo ng SMC sa susunod na limang taon. Nakatakdang itayo sa bagong isla ang estasyon at depot ng MRT Navotas City, aviation depot ng bagong paliparan, sports center, biotech park ng mga kompanya ng gamot, aviation academy, hotel at restaurant, condo at pabahay iba pa. Malaking bahagi ng bagong lupa ang para sa mga proyekto ng SMC sa hinaharap. Gagawin itong pinto para sa Bulacan at Gitnang Luzon.

May dalawang land reclamation project sa teritoryong pandagat ng Pasay City. Itatayo ang unang proyekto – ang 360 ektarya SM New Bay City- sa likod ng Mall of Asia. Proyekto ito ng Pasay City LGU at SM Prime Holdings. Buuin ng tatlong magkakahiwalay na isla ang proyekto at maglalaman ito ng mga condotel at restaurant, at mga gusali na magsisilbing tanggapan ng mga negosyo. May balak na magtayo doon ng isang sports center. Aabot sa P75 bilyon ang proyekto. Nagbigay na ng Notice to Proceed ang PRA.

Palalawakin ang proyekto ng SM Prime Holdings sa itatayong pangalawang land reclamation project – ang 265 ektaryang Pasay City Harbor Reclamation Project sa tabi ng SM New Bay City. Binubuo ng dalawang isla ang Pasay Harbor. Kasama ng Pasay City LGU ang Udenna Corp. ni Dennis Uy, Ulticon Construction ni Charlie Gonzales, at Royal Boskalis Westminster NV, isang kompanyang Dutch na ang specialization ay maritime infrastructure. Aabot sa P72 bilyon ang proyekto ng Udenna, Ulticon, at Boskalis. Aprubado ng PRA ang proyekto. Mag-uumpi sa Septiyembre ang dredging operations ng proyekto.

May sukat na 55 ektarya ang unang isla ng Pasay Harbor at maglalaman ito ng sea aquarium, water park, camping ground, botanical garden, quays restaurant at hotel, adventure theme park, bikers' park, museo at iba pa. May sukat na 210 ektarya anmg pangalawang isla. Maglalaman ito ng yacht pier, helipad, port control para sa mga cruise ship, mga gusali para sa tirahan, negosyo, at aliwan, theme park, at mga high-rise condo.

May tatlong lang reclamation project sa teritoryong dagat ng Maynila, at kasama ng City of Manila ang tatlong iba't-ibang pribadong kumpanya sa tatlong magkakahiwalay na proyekto. Nagsimula na ang proyekto ng Solar City ng Manila Gold Coast Holdings ng pamilya Tieng na nasa cable TV at communications. May sukat na 148 ektarya ang Solar City at buuin ito ng tatlong isla sa likod ng Manila Yacht Club na malapit sa Cultural Center of the Philippines. Iba ang konsepto ng Solar City dahil pawang makabagong solar panel ang gamit sa bawat gusali.

Kalapit ng Solar City ang proyektong 419 ektarya Horizon Manila na itatayo ng City of Manila at Jbros, isang pribadong kompanya sa construction na sinasabing pag-aari ni Ricky Razon. Aabot sa P60 bilyon ang proyekto at binubuo ito ng tatlong halos magkasinlaking isla. Wala masyadong detalye ang proyekto, bagaman may mga negosyong nagkainteres na gamitin ito.



Labanan sa Manila Bay

Uumpisahan ang proyektong Manila Waterfront reclamation at itatayo ang 318 ektaryang isla sa likod ng Quirino Grandstand. Maaaring umabot sa P100 bilyon ang proyekto na sinasabing pinangungunahan ng grupo ng negosyanteng William Gatchalian. Tinatangkilik ang tatlong proyekto ni Isko Moreno, alkalde ng Maynila.

May 25 land reclamation project sa Manila Bay. Walang Notice to Proceed ang marami dahil sa pandemya at ekonomiya. Kasama sa ang reclamation ng 1,600 ektarya sa planong Sangley Point International Airport, 1,300 ektaryang Bacoor City Reclamation Project ng Century Pack Corp. ni Wilfredo Keng, at 287 ektaryang Paranaque City Wetland Park na hindi matuloy-tuloy dahil sa pagtutol ni Senadora Cynthia Villar.

Kapag naitayo ang anim proyekto sa Manila Bay, inaasahan ang labanan ng mga malalaking kumpanya upang akitin ang mga negosyo na lumipat doon. Ang mga bagong reclamation project ang aako na paglaki at paglawak ng Bonifacio Global City sa Taguig. Hindi maiiwasan ang mabangis na digmaan sa negosyong real estate.

Hindi bago ang Manila Bay sa mga land reclamation project. Panahon ng mga Amerikano ng itayo ang Manila South Harbor. Noong panahon ni Ferdinand Marcos, may reclamation project na 88 ektarya kung saan itinayo ang Cultural Center of the Philippines, Philippine International Convention Center, Folk Arts Theater, at Philippine Sofitel Hotel.



Experts approve key UN climate science report

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PARIS — Representatives from 195 countries on Friday approved a critical UN science report that will provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date assessment yet of the state of Earth’s climate.

“Today, #IPCC’s latest #ClimateReport – #ClimateChange 2021: the Physical Science Basis – was approved and accepted in a historical first virtual approval session,” the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) tweeted on Friday.

The report is set to be released on Monday.

IPCC delegates have been locked in virtual negotiations for two weeks, vetting a 30-page “summary for policymakers” – line-by-line, word-by-word – of underlying scientific report years in the making.

“This was such an amazing experience, so proud to be a small part of this great team and what we have achieved,” German climatologist and IPCC contributor Friederike Otto said on Twitter.



This file photo taken on February 11, 2015, shows the sun scorching the already cracked earth on a farm in the Australian agricultural town of Walgett, 650 kilometers (404 miles) northwest of Sydney. Soaring temperatures driven by climate change are whipping up ever-more intense storms inundating cities with flash floods but leaving the countryside and crucial agricultural land parched, an Australian study has found. / AFP PHOTO / Peter PARKS

On the heels of deadly floods in India, China, and northern Europe as well as asphalt-melting heatwaves in North America and southern Europe, the IPCC’s report assesses the latest climate science.

The world has changed since its last comprehensive assessment in 2014.

With increasingly sophisticated technology allowing scientists to measure climate change and predict its future path, the report is expected to make for harrowing reading.



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It will project global temperature changes until the end of the century under different emissions scenarios.

Based almost entirely on published research, it could forecast – even under optimistic scenarios – a temporary “overshoot” of the 1.5C target of the Paris Agreement, and upwardly revised estimates for long-term sea-level rise.

It is also expected to reflect huge progress in so-called attribution science, which allows experts to link individual extreme weather events directly to man-made climate change.

While the underlying IPCC report is purely scientific, the summary for policymakers is negotiated by national representatives, and therefore subject to competing priorities.

Belgian climate physicist and former IPCC co-chair Jean-Pascal Ypersele, who was party to the negotiations, said the talks were guided by the underlying science.

“I can testify that the authors of the #ClimateReport had the last word on every sentence in the SPM, which really was a Summary FOR (and not BY) policymakers,” he said on Twitter.

‘Most important report’

The report comes less than three months ahead of the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow, which are seen as vital for humanity’s chance of limiting the worst impacts of global warming.

French climatologist Corinne Le Quere congratulated the delegates for finalizing “the text of what I think will be one of the most important scientific reports ever published”.

There will be two further parts to the IPCC’s latest round of climate assessments, known as AR6.

A working group report on climate impacts, a draft of which was exclusively obtained by AFP, is set for release in February 2022.

Another report on solutions for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change will be out the following month.

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Game on for green growth

By: [Paul Gruenwald](#) - [@inquirerdotnet](#)

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New York—Research into economic growth has a long and distinguished history, but the recent introduction of sustainability into the debate has given the field a necessary and overdue shake-up. In particular, a report on the economics of biodiversity, commissioned by the UK government and led by Partha Dasgupta of the University of Cambridge, represents a tectonic shift in thinking, rather than only a logical extension of previous growth models. While this may be unsettling to some, it provides a great opportunity to use the power of data and analytics to put growth and finance on a more sustainable path.

In a nutshell, the new economics of growth no longer regards the environment as external to the economy. Rather, the economy is embedded in the environment, and can prosper and grow sustainably only as long as we manage nature wisely. While some “exploitation” of the environment is possible, there exists a tipping point beyond which it can never recover.

There is thus a new bottom line for thinking about growth. Bigger is no longer better; nowadays, sustainable is better. Previous growth models regarded the accumulation of human and physical capital—through education and training, and investment in plant, equipment, and infrastructure—as good, because they expanded the economy. Combining these factors in more efficient ways through technological innovation was seen as beneficial for the same reason. The problem was that these models never explicitly considered the environment, or natural capital.

Some simple accounting highlights the adverse consequences of this approach. According to the Dasgupta report, at the global level between 1992 and 2014, physical capital per capita roughly doubled, while human capital per capita rose by 13 percent. But natural capital per capita declined by 40 percent. This obviously is not sustainable, particularly if the environment faces an irreversible tipping point.

Growth has become unsustainable mainly because market prices did not capture the negative environmental externalities of economic activity. Resource allocation that followed these price signals thus led to environmental degradation. Moreover, conventional GDP measures scored increases in output per capita as raising living standards. While this was true in a narrow sense, a balance sheet for the environment, or some way to adjust GDP figures for ecological damage, was missing. Many economists and policymakers thus largely ignored this negative externality.

The textbook way to create more sustainable growth is to tax things that are bad for the environment, and the simplest instrument is a carbon tax. The amount of the tax should raise the private cost of economic activity to the social cost, which includes the environmental impact. This modified market signal will then help to allocate resources in a more sustainable way.

But the private sector can go beyond being a mere price taker in the green transition and play an active role by internalizing the negative externality. Already, sovereign wealth funds, university endowments, and insurance and pension funds are seeking to invest their assets in more sustainable ways. Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles and other green financing tools are increasingly available to guide investment. This market segment has exploded in recent years, but more needs to be done to harmonize definitions and track results more accurately and consistently.



Game on for green growth

The key to prospering in a sustainable world will be to foster economic growth while managing the natural capital stock. Size still matters, but now in a negative way. For example, there is no demographic dividend. In traditional growth models, more labor leads to more output. But in a sustainable-growth world, higher output lowers natural capital. The corollary of this is that population declines are good, so Japan and Europe need not despair.

A command-economy model of financial repression to fund rapid investment and growth doesn't look too promising, either, unless it can enable an upgrade to a cleaner capital stock with a lighter environmental footprint.

Technology for its own sake is out as well. In a sustainable world, technology needs to reduce the environmental impact of economic activity, and innovations that increase it are unlikely to be adopted. Countries will still need technological change to drive growth, but the focus must shift to environmental efficiency.

Recasting the challenge of growth means altering priorities and policies. Countries will still have opportunities to grow, trade, innovate, and move up the value chain to secure a brighter future. But they will need to realize them in an economy that is at one with nature, not external to it. Project Syndicate

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COP26: What is the UN climate conference in Glasgow and why is it so important?

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Leaders from 196 countries are meeting in Glasgow in November for a major climate conference.

They are being asked to agree action to limit climate change and its effects, like rising sea levels and extreme weather.

What is the climate conference?

The summit is widely seen as crucial if climate change is to be brought under control.

It is the moment world leaders will discuss whether enough has been achieved since 2015's [landmark Paris climate agreement](#).

This was the most important attempt so far to commit all the countries of the world to limit global warming.

They agreed to try to keep temperature increases "well below" 2C (3.6F) and to try to limit them to 1.5C. But many scientists say efforts have fallen far short and [global warming could be set to reach 3C](#).

Organised by the UN, the [conference is called COP26](#) (COP stands for Conference of the Parties).



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What action needs to be agreed at COP26?

Countries are being asked for "ambitious" targets to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases - which add to global warming - going into the atmosphere by 2030.

And they will be asked how they will achieve "net zero" - no more going into the atmosphere than is removed - by 2050.

Burning fossil fuels is a major cause of emissions.

So, the [steps needed could include](#):

- Ending the use of coal
 - Stopping deforestation
 - Switching to electric vehicles
 - Investing in renewable energy
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What is climate change?

Climate change describes a long-term change in the weather patterns of the planet.

The world has already warmed by about 1.2C since factories became widespread, and temperatures will keep rising unless governments take action.

Food shortages, heatwaves, storms and rising water levels are among the possible effects.

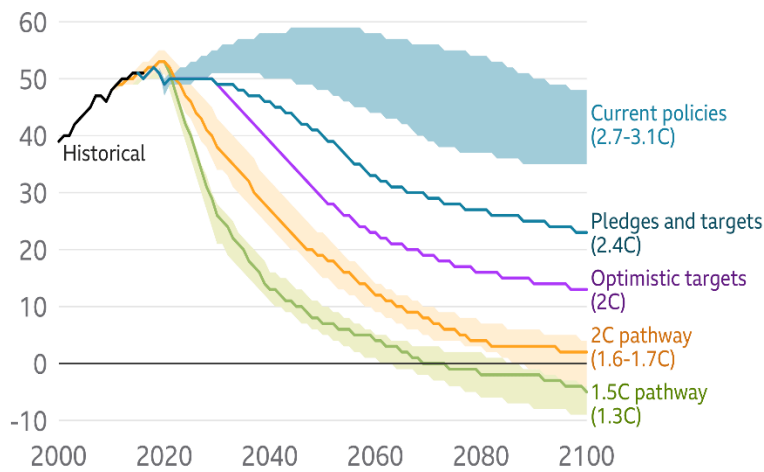
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How the world is projected to warm by 2100

Past and projected emissions in gigatonnes of carbon dioxide



Source: Climate Action Tracker



What do the world's poorer countries want?

People living in poorer countries are at the frontline of many of the changes caused by global warming.



IMAGE SOURCEGETTY IMAGES

Not only is there the danger from drought or heatwaves, but rising sea levels are slowly submerging entire island nations, and poisoning fields with salty water.



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Ahead of COP26, [more than 100 developing countries have set out their demands](#), including:

- Funding to fight and adapt to climate change
- Compensation for the effects it will have on them
- Money to help make their economies greener

They say that without progress on these points, COP26 will be worthless and will end in failure.

What have richer countries promised?

Wealthy countries pledged \$100bn (£720m) a year by 2020, to help poorer nations:

However, the most recent figures showed that [they've only managed \\$79bn](#).

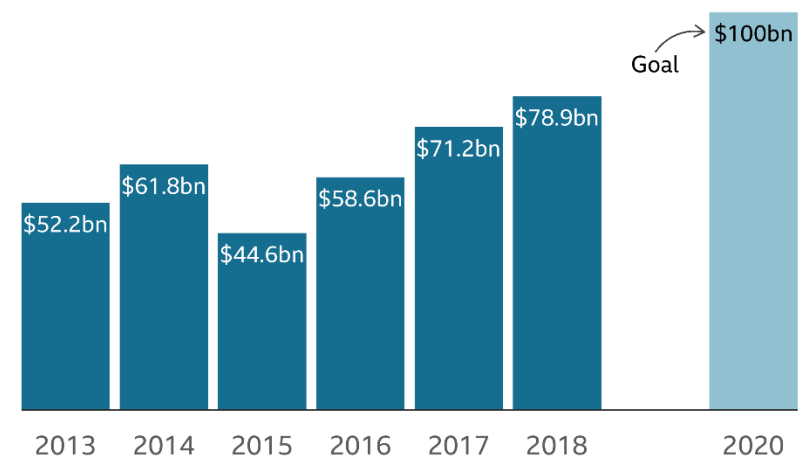
By 2018, about three-quarters of the money was in the form of loans that need to be paid back, rather than grants that do not. This is a problem for poorer countries, many of which are already in debt.

The issue has become "a matter of trust" and rich nations "must deliver now", said Alok Sharma, the president of COP26.

This topic - known as climate finance - is going to be one of the biggest subjects of debate.

Climate finance

Amount provided and mobilised by developed countries



Source: OECD (figures are in US dollars)



How committed is the UK to tackling climate change?

In 2019 the UK government was the first major nation to announce a target of ["net zero" carbon emissions by 2050](#).

Earlier this year, it also said it wanted to [achieve a 78% cut by 2035](#).



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However, opposition politicians say the government's words have not been matched by action.

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer has accused the Conservatives of using "[soundbites with no substance](#)".

What would success at COP26 look like?

There are [huge expectations COP26 will deliver significant progress](#) in the battle against rising temperatures.

Richer countries will be asked to honour the \$100bn financial pledge they have already made, if any progress is to be made.

An agreement committing the world's nations to phasing out coal-burning would be a major achievement, although pre-summit meetings suggest [this will be no easy task](#).

There will also be pressure on countries to keep raising their ambitions, not only with regard to cutting emissions, but in helping those communities and countries already affected by climate change.



[Greenland mass ice-melting event is worrisome](#)

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For years, scientists have warned that sea level rise born of climate change threatens coastal communities.

In recent days, Greenland's massive ice sheet has been melting at twice its average summer rate, shedding enough water to cover the entire state of Florida with 5 inches of water, research from Danish scientists shows.

Greenland's ice sheet covers just over 660,000 square miles and is 5,000 feet thick in places, but since July 27 it has lost 9.37 billion tons of ice due to rising surface and water temperatures in the Arctic and a recent heat wave that sent temperatures close to 70 degrees.

"This ice melt is accelerating and it's going to be unbelievable over the next decade or two," Harold Wanless, professor of geography and urban sustainability at the University of Miami, told Yahoo News. "We're just at the beginning."

Wanless, who has spent nearly six decades studying the geological impacts of rising seas on global coastlines since the last ice age, noted that mass melting events have been occurring with greater frequency over the past 20 years.



[Greenland mass ice-melting event is worrisome](#)

“In 2012, when Greenland had their first dramatic melt across the whole ice sheet, it was unexpected,” he said. “That wasn’t in the models for decades to have anything like that. Now that has become pretty commonplace.”

In the summer of 2013, Wanless traveled to Greenland and was shocked by what he saw.

“The top of the ice sheet was amazing. The top 3 feet of it was soft with vertical holes where the water was melting down through this ice,” he said. “I had a friend who went further onto the ice sheet with a military group and they got out of their helicopters and were halfway to their knees in slush. That’s just a very unhealthy ice sheet.”

Warmer ocean

While summer melting of Arctic ice is not new, warmer ocean water has sped up the rate. A recent study found that while the Earth lost an average of 760 billion tons of ice in the 1990s, that rate grew to more than 1.2 trillion tons in the 2010s.

“When you’re in a warming climate and the presence of ice, you have these pulses of rapid collapse of ice and that’s what we have to look forward to,” Wanless said. “We just started melting ice in about 1990, and we’re seeing this rapidly accelerate in both polar areas.”

And Greenland is one region where the melting of the ice sheet could have a huge impact on the entire world. According to an estimate by the U.S.’s National Snow and Ice Data Center, if all of Greenland’s ice were to disappear, sea levels would rise by approximately 20 feet.

For years, scientists have warned that sea level rise born of climate change threatens coastal communities.

Based on current modeling and research, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration created an online mapping tool that allows people to visualize how a specific amount of sea level rise will affect the coastline in their communities.

The rate of sea level rise has been sharply accelerating in recent years and is expected to continue to speed up in the decades to come.

“The barrier islands and the low coastal areas of the bays behind the barrier islands, you have to realize that everything in those areas around the world is going to be at risk with the next 2 to 3 feet of sea level rise,” Wanless said.

“With the rate of acceleration of ice melt, it’s very, very likely that we could be at 3 feet of rise by 2050.”

Tags: #Greenland, #climatechange, #globalwarming, #sealevels

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Flood risk will rise as climate heat intensifies

A warmer world will be a wetter one. Ever more people will face a higher flood risk as rivers rise and city streets fill up.



Heavy flooding in Jakarta has been exacerbated by infrastructure projects. Image: [World Bank Photo Collection, CC BY-SA 2.0](#)

By **Tim Radford, Climate News Network**
Aug. 6, 2021

In a world of climate change, the flood risk will be more intense and more frequent, presenting higher danger to ever more people in a greater number of countries.

In this century alone, the global population has increased by 18 per cent. But the number of people exposed to damage and death by rising waters has increased by more than 34 per cent.

This finding is not based on mathematical simulations powered by weather data. It is based on direct and detailed observation. Researchers report in the journal [Nature](#) that they looked at more than 12,700 satellite images, at a resolution of 250 metres, of 913 large flood events between the years 2000 and 2015.

During those years, and those floods, water spilled from the rivers to inundate a total of 2.23 million square kilometres. This, considered as one event, would cover a total area larger than Saudi Arabia. And during those first 15 years of the century, the number of people directly affected by the floods was at least 255m, and possibly 290m.

In those 15 years, the numbers of people in the way of the ever more devastating floods rose by at least 58m, and possibly as many as 86m. That's a rise of as much as 24 per cent.

It will get worse. According to the researchers, climate change and the multiplication of human numbers will extend the reach of flood risk: 32 nations already experience ever more flooding. By 2030, another 25 countries will have joined them.

The humans caught up in the sickening flow of mud, sewage and silt spilling from the rising rivers will mostly be in south and south-east Asia – think of the Indus, Ganges-Brahmaputra and Mekong



Flood risk will rise as climate heat intensifies

Rivers – and many of them will have migrated to the danger zones: poverty and population pressure will leave them no choice.

None of this should come as a surprise. In the past 50 years, according to [a new compilation by the World Meteorological Organisation](#), weather, climate and water were implicated in 50 per cent of all disasters of any kind; in 45 per cent of all reported deaths and 74 per cent of all economic losses. Floods have claimed 58,700 lives in the last five decades. Between them, floods and storms – the two are often linked – cost Europe [at least US\\$377bn in economic losses](#).

Higher flooding frequency

And things will certainly get much worse for Europe as global average temperatures continue to rise in response to ever higher greenhouse gas emissions from ever greater use of fossil fuels. That is because what had once been relatively rare events will grow in force and frequency.

More heat means more evaporation, and a warmer atmosphere has a greater capacity to absorb water vapour. So it will rain harder. And the arrival, say researchers in the journal [Geophysical Research Letters](#), of intense, slow-moving storms that precipitate [devastating flash floods of the kind that swept Belgium and Germany this summer](#) will by the close of the century become 14 times more frequent.

“Governments across the world have been too slow in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global warming continues apace,” said [Hayley Fowler, a climate scientist at Newcastle University](#) in the UK, and one of the researchers.

“This study suggests that changes to extreme storms will be significant and cause an increase in the frequency of devastating flooding across Europe. This, alongside the current floods in Europe, is the wake-up call we need.”

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Philippines logs 10,623 new COVID-19 cases, highest daily rise in over 3 months

(Philstar.com)

- August 6, 2021 - 4:00pm



Authorities screen motorists passing through a checkpoint near the border of Marikina and Antipolo on Friday morning, Aug. 6, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Local health authorities on Friday reported 10,623 more COVID-19 infections, bringing the national caseload to 1,638,345.

This is the highest single-day rise seen since April 16 when the Philippines recorded 10,726 new coronavirus cases. New deaths reported today are also the highest since April 9 when authorities reported 401 fatalities.

- **Active cases:** 74,297 or 4.5% of the total
- **Recoveries:** 3,127, pushing total to 1,535,375
- **Deaths:** 247, bringing total to 28,673

Enhanced community quarantine in Metro Manila

- The National Capital Region entered the [most stringent form of community quarantine](#) today and will stay under it until August 20 in a bid to contain the threat of the Delta variant of COVID-19 which is driving a surge in neighboring countries.
- The same highly transmissible variant has now been [detected in every city of the NCR](#), the Department of Health said.
- Another 119 cases of the Delta variant [announced](#) by the DOH today bring the country's total to 450.



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- DOH also said [37 areas in the country, including eight in Metro Manila, have been placed under Alert Level 4](#) which means that their risk classification is moderate to critical and that the bed utilization rate in hospitals is more than 70%.
- Earlier Friday, the government's pandemic task force released a [comprehensive list](#) of persons allowed to travel within, to, and from areas under ECQ also known as authorized persons outside of residence (APOR).
- Ahead of the lockdown, the government managed to [vaccinate a total of 9.81% of the country's total population](#). Officials earlier said they hope to ramp up vaccination in Metro Manila within the next two weeks.



10,623 bagong COVID-19 cases naitala sa Pilipinas, pinakamarami sa 112 araw

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Large crowds gather at various vaccination sites in Las Piñas City as they try to get inoculated after alleged fake news spread of "no vaccine, no ayuda" and "no vaccine, no work" policies in the city on Aug. 5, 2021, a day before Metro Manila is placed under enhanced community quarantine.

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health (DOH) ng 10,623 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Biyernes, kung kaya't nasa 1,628,345 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

Batay sa mga bagong nakalap na datos ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan, narito ang bagong mga pasok na datos para araw na ito:

- **lahat ng kaso:** 1,628,345
- **nagpapagaling pa:** 74,297, o 4.5% ng total infections
- **bagong recover:** 3,127, dahilan para maging 1,535,375 na lahat ng gumagaling
- **kamamatay lang:** 247, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 28,673

Delta variant latag na sa buong Metro Manila

- Humataw naman na sa 10,623 ang bilang ng bagong nahahawaan ng COVID-19 na ini-report ngayong araw, dahilan para umapaw ito sa pinakamataas na antas simula pa ika-17 ng Abril, 2021.
- Ngayong araw din naitala ang pinakamaraming bilang ng bagong namatay sa COVID-19 iisang araw lang (247) sa Pilipinas simula pa noong ika-9 ng Abril.



10,623 bagong COVID-19 cases naitala sa Pilipinas, pinakamarami sa 112 araw

- Record-breaking din ang aktibong kaso ng COVID-19 ngayong araw (74,297). Ito na ang pinakamarami sa Pilipinas simula pa noong ika-26 ng Abril, 2021.
- Nakarating na ang mas nakahahawang Delta variant sa [lahat ng 17 lungsod at bayan sa Metro Manila, pagkukumpirma ng DOH ngayong Biyernes](#).
 - Umabot naman din sa 119 bagong Delta variant cases ang naitala ngayon ng DOH, UP-Philippine Genome Center at UP-National Institutes of Health sa patuloy nilang paglalabas ng sariwang batch ng whole genome sequencing. Sumatutal, 450 na ang Delta variant cases sa Pilipinas.
- Taliwas naman sa pahayag ni NTF deputy chief implementer Secretary Vince Dizon nitong Huwebes, idinidiin naman ngayon ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Veggeire na [wala pang rekomendasyon at pahintulot para magbakuna laban sa COVID-19 sa mga 12-17 taong gulang, kahit na may comorbidity pa](#). Ito'y kahit may emergency use authorization (EUA) na ang Pfizer para iturok ito sa mga batang ganoon ang edad.
- Kinumpirma naman ni Food and Drug Administration (FDA) director general Eric Domingo na [nag-apply na ng kanilang EUA ang American pharmaceutical firm na Novavax](#) para magamit ang kanilang COVID-19 vaccines sa Pilipinas. Sa kabila nito, hindi pa raw kumpleto ang mga ipinasa nilang rekisitos.
- Pumalo naman na sa 10.7 milyong katao, o [9.81% ng populasyon ng Pilipinas](#), ang nakatatanggap ng kumpletong doses ng COVID-19 vaccine sa Pilipinas simula Marso, ulat ni Dizon ngayong araw.
- Umabot na sa 200.17 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, [ayon sa huling datos ng World Health Organization](#). Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.25 milyong katao.

— James Relativo

3K more survivors, 10K new Covid-19 cases: DOH

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz August 6, 2021, 5:39 pm



(Infographic courtesy of DOH)

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Friday reported 3,127 new recoveries, bringing the country’s total to 1,535,375.

In its daily Covid-19 bulletin, the DOH said this accounts for 93.7 percent of the total 1,638,345 infections since the pandemic started last year.

Another 10,623 new infections were also reported, bringing the total active cases to 74,297 or 4.5 percent of all cases in the country.

Of the active cases, 94.8 percent have shown mild symptoms, followed by those with severe symptoms at 1.8 percent, the asymptomatic at 1.2 percent, those with moderate symptoms at 1.18 percent, and those in critical condition at 1 percent.

The current rise in Covid-19 cases, it said, was brought about by several factors—failure to observe minimum public health standards, failure to enforce the prevent-detect-isolate/quarantine-reintegrate strategies, continued movement of the public, and the presence of different variants of concern such as the Delta variant.

“Patuloy ang ating panawagan at paalala sa ating mga kababayan na mag-ingat at palaging sumunod sa ating mga safety protocols at agad na magpabakuna kung pagkakataon na (We continue to urge and remind the public to take care and to always follow our safety protocols and to immediately have yourself vaccinated when the opportunity comes),” the DOH said.

Based on the latest Covid-19 testing data, a total of 58,372 persons were tested for Covid-19 on Wednesday, with 18.4 percent turning positive for the disease.



3K more survivors, 10K new Covid-19 cases: DOH

In Metro Manila, there are 1,200 beds at intensive care units (ICU) currently at 61 percent occupancy, 4,500 isolation beds at 53 percent occupancy, 3,600 ward beds at 53 percent occupancy, and 45 percent of its 1,000 ventilators are in use.

For the whole country, there are 3,700 ICU beds at 62 percent occupancy, 19,600 isolation beds at 53 percent occupancy, 12,800 ward beds at 54 percent occupancy, and 44 percent of 2,900 ventilators are currently in use. (*PNA*)



Who are APORs and what documents should they bring?

By [Xave Gregorio](#)(Philstar.com)

- August 6, 2021 - 3:03pm



Members of the Quezon City Police District continue to conduct checkpoint along the boundary of San Mateo, Rizal and Quezon City on Aug. 5, 2021.
The STAR/Boy Santos

MANILA, Philippines — Enhanced community quarantine is back in Metro Manila and the province of Laguna, and the cities of Iloilo and Cagayan de Oro, and along with it comes restrictions on the movement of most people, except for APORs.

But what is the meaning of APOR, anyway? Who are they and what documents should they bring with them when they leave their homes?

What is the meaning of APOR?

APOR is an acronym that the government has been using since the first lockdown in March 2020 which means “authorized persons outside of residence.” Its meaning is self-explanatory: These are people who can leave their homes even during ECQ.

Who are APORs?

Philippine National Police spokesperson Ronaldo Olay told **Philstar.com** that there are two types of APORs — consumer APORs and worker APORs.

Consumer APORs are those who are leaving their households to access essential goods and services, while worker APORs are those who are leaving their homes for work in sectors and industries permitted to operate under ECQ.

Those who would be leaving their residences to get vaccinated are also considered as APORs, Olay said.



Who are APORs and what documents should they bring?

Here is a full list of APORs as of August 5:

- People traveling to access essential goods and services, like buying groceries and medicines or availing of consular services as long as they have appointments, and for medical and humanitarian reasons, like those leaving their homes to get vaccinated as long as they are scheduled for a job
- Workers in public and private hospitals, health, emergency, and frontline services, including those working in hospitals, dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, HMOs/health insurance providers, as well as disaster risk reduction management officers, public safety officers, and uniformed personnel
- Workers involved in the manufacturing of medicines and vitamins, medical supplies, devices, and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution
- Workers in industries involved in agriculture (crops, fruits, vegetables, livestock, and poultry), forestry, fishery, and such other components of the food value chain and their workers, including farmers and fisherfolks
- Workers of logistics service providers (delivery and courier services; cargo handling; warehousing; trucking; freight forwarding; shipping, port and terminal operators including contractors in port terminals and ancillary services)
- Workers in essential and priority construction projects, whether public or private, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways, including contractors, subcontractors, and consultants of the Department of Transportation for the construction of the “Build Build Build” flagship infrastructure projects
- Workers involved in the manufacturing of food and other essential goods, like soap and detergents, diapers, personal hygiene products, toilet paper, wet wipes and disinfectants
- Workers involved in the manufacturing, distribution, and/or supply of equipment or products necessary to perform construction or maintenance work, such as cement and steel, or spare parts
- Workers in essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, office supplies, bicycle shops, laundry shops, and water-refilling stations



Who are APORs and what documents should they bring?

- Workers in food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, but limited to take-out and delivery
- Workers in public and private financial service providers involved in the distribution of government grants and amelioration subsidies
- Workers in business process outsourcing establishments, export-oriented businesses, including mining, and quarrying activities
- Public transport providers and public utility vehicle operators, and their workers
- Media workers
- Workers providing emergency dental services, rehabilitation optometry, and other medical clinics for the treatment of illnesses or injuries
- Workers in veterinary clinics
- Workers in banks, money transfer services, including pawn shops but restricted to money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicles
- Workers in capital markets, including the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Stock Exchange, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation, and Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation
- Workers of water utilities including their third-party contractors and service providers, building utility services, janitorial/sanitation services, and facilities, including waste disposal services, and property management services
- Workers in energy sector establishments (oil, gas, and power companies) and their third-party contractors and service providers, including electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, and those involved in the exploration, operations, trading, and delivery of any kind of fuel used to produce power, such as gasoline stations, refineries, liquefied petroleum gas stations, and depots
- Workers in telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance, and repair works



Who are APORs and what documents should they bring?

- Workers in airline and aircraft maintenance, pilots and crew, including employees of aviation schools for purposes of the pilot's recurrent training for flight proficiency and type rating using simulator facilities; and ship captains and crew, including shipyard operations and repair
- Workers in funeral and embalming services
- Security personnel licensed by the PNP - Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies
- Workers of printing establishments authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and those contracted by other government agencies
- Workers involved in the repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, for households and establishments permitted to operate under an ECQ
- Workers involved in the repair and maintenance of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including the sale of spare parts
- Workers in the leasing of real and personal properties
- Workers in the recruitment and placement sector
- Teachers, professors, and other staff for purposes of conducting online/offline, and flexible classes, completion of grades, and processing of student credentials, requirements, and documents
- Lawyers only when required to provide on-site legal representation necessary to protect rights of persons, whether natural or juridical
- Workers of all other establishments, only if necessary for online shopping operations
- Workers in agencies and instrumentalities of the government required to work on-site, including government officials and employees on official travel
- Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs, whenever performing diplomatic functions and subject to the guidelines issued by the DFA



Who are APORs and what documents should they bring?

- Workers of hotels and accommodation establishments allowed to operate during ECQ under pertinent rules of the Department of Tourism
- Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, or other religious ministers and their assistants conducting religious services through online video recording and transmission, or presiding over necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals
- Payroll managers and other employees required for the processing of payroll
- Duly authorized humanitarian assistance actors, especially those transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19, and other relief and humanitarian assistance
- Persons going to and from the airport, including overseas Filipino workers carrying Overseas Employment Certificates
- Repatriated OFWs or returning overseas Filipinos who have been issued a Bureau of Quarantine/Department of Health quarantine certificate en route to their final destination in the Philippines
- Workers of private shuttle services catering to establishments permitted to operate during ECQ

What documents do APORs need to bring?

For consumer APORs, they need to bring quarantine passes if these are being required by the local government unit of their residence.

For worker APORs, they need to bring their employment ID and a certificate of employment.

If worker APORs need to be ushered and fetched by a private vehicle driven by someone who is not an APOR, the driver must be able to present the worker APOR's certificate of employment which indicates the name of the designated driver, the description of the vehicle and the contact number of the APOR's employer, and the business permit of the APOR's employer.

For those who would be going out of their homes to get vaccinated, they must bring their vaccination card or a text message confirming their vaccine appointment.



MAHIGIT 115,000 HEALTH CARE WORKERS PATAY SA COVID-19



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Grabe ang pananalasa ng coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19 sa mga health worker.

Sinabi ni World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus sa kalagitnaan ng Hulyo 2021 na nitong Mayo 2021 lamang, mahigit na sa 115,000 health care worker ang namatay sa COVID-19 at mga variant nito.

Kung maiipon umano ang lahat ng rekord, higit umanong mas marami ang bilang ng mga patay na HCW na kinabibilangan ng mga doktor, nars, midwife, radiologist, paramedics, ambulance driver at iba pa.

Pero rito sa ating tinitipa ngayon, higit na pagtuunan natin ng pansin ang mga namamatay na doktor at siyempre, ilang ibang HCW gaya ng mga nars.

600 DOKTOR PATAY SA INDONESIA, 600 IBA PA

Pinakahuling bansa na may maraming namatay na health worker ang Indonesia.

Nasa 600 doktor na ang namamatay sa buong panahon ng pandemya at nasa 600 iba pa, gaya ng mga nars, ang namatay rin.

Ayon sa Indonesia Medical Association, 24 sa mga namatay na doktor ang may kompletong bakuna at nitong Hulyo 1-17, may 114 na nasawi na bakunado ng isang shot o hindi bakunado.

Karamihan sa 120,000 health worker ng Indonesia ang naturukan ng Sinovac na pinupunang mas mahina sa ibang bakuna laban sa COVID-19.



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800 SA INDIA

Nauna na nating iniulat ang pagkamatay rin ng nasa 800 doktor sa India, karamihan nitong kasagsagan ng pananalasa ng Delta variant sa mga buwan ng Abril hanggang Hunyo 2021.

Hind sila nailigtas ng maramihang pagbabakuna gamit ang AstraZeneca o Covishield at Covaxin na gawang India mismo.

Nagsimulang magbakuna ang India noong pang buwan ng Enero gamit ang mga sariling gawang nabanggit na bakuna.

Nang hindi na mapigilan ang pananalasa ng Delta variant at Bengal variant, pinapasok na nila ang Sputnik V sa kalagitnaan ng Abril 2021 at nitong Hunyo, saka lang inaprubahan ang pagpapasok ng iba pang mga bakuna gaya ng Novavax.

Katulad ng puna sa Sinovac, naging malinaw na ang AstraZeneca at maging ang Covaxin ay hindi rin basta nakayanan ang COVID-19, partikular ang Delta variant.

PERU-260 PATAY; US-3,600 PATAY RIN

Abril 2020 nang sinubukang mag-ulat ang iba't ibang pahayagan at gobyerno ukol sa mga doktor na namamatay sa kanila dala ng COVID-19 at wala pa noon ang mga bakuna.

Sa Italy, may 66 patay; China, 13; 5; Spain, 5; France, 5; United Kingdom, 5; at iba pa.

Pagdating ng Hulyo 2020, naiulat namang may 21 patay sa Pilipinas, mahigit 120 sa Italy; Iran, nasa 43; Indonesia, 17; China, 16; United States at Spain, tig-12; at United Kingdom, 11.

Nitong Enero 2021, iniulat naman ng Medical College of Peru na may 260 na ang patay habang wala pa ang pagbabakuna.

Sa Peru rin nanggaling ang Lambda variant na mas mabagsik pa umano sa Delta variant na kumakalat na, lalo na sa Latin America.

Pagdating na Abril 2021, iniulat ng The Guardian na may mahigit sa 3,600 health worker ang patay mismo sa US, kasama na ang mga nars na katlo o 1/3 dito ang Pilipino.

Kasama rito si Estrella Quillopa na nagsilbi sa sa isang government hospital sa California na nauugnayan ng Remate ukol sa COVID-19 bago siya nasawi noong Hulyo 30, 2020.

Kasama sa mga namatay ang nasa 400 health worker na nagkaroon ng bakunang Pfizer na siyang ginamit sa mga unang buwan ng taong ito.

Hindi naman matiyak ang bilang ng mga doktor na namatay rito ngunit kasama rito si Dr. Frank Gabrin na sinasabing kauna-unahang American doktor na namatay.

Sa ulat naman ng Medscape nitong Hunyo 3, 2021, nasa 1,800 na ang naililista nilang namatay mula sa 64 bansa kaugnay ng COVID-19 na physicians, nurses, assistants, technicians, orderlies, administrators, volunteers, drivers, porters, EMTs, firefighters, at iba pa, aktibo o retirado, at nagbibilang pa.



MAHIGIT 115,000 HEALTH CARE WORKERS PATAY SA COVID-19

Kabilang dito si Dr. Kathlyne Anne Abat-Senen, 43, Neonatologist ng Philippine General Hospital.

KUDOS SA MGA DOKTOR, NARS AT IBA PA

Bilang biktima rin ng severe COVID-19, nakadadarama tayo ng matinding lungkot sa pagkasawi ng mga nag-aalaga sa atin para lang tayo mabuhay mula sa sumpa ng pandemya.

Alam nilang buwis-buhay ang kanilang ginagawa subalit binabalikat nilang obligasyon ang kanilang trabaho alang-alang sa sangkatauhan.

Kaya naman, wala tayong maihahatid sa kanila kundi lubos na pasasalamat sa pagsasakripisyo nila ng kanilang mga buhay alang-alang sa ating lahat.

Sa kanilang pagpanaw, bigyan-halaga natin ang kanilang mga habilin: magpabakuna, sumunod sa mga health protocol, sumunod sa mga pangkaligtasang community quarantine at magtulungan at magkaisa laban sa pandemya.

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