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168 volunteer groups, indibidwal pinarangalan ng DENR



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Manila, Philippines – Dahil sa kanilang volunteerism efforts at suporta sa programa at adbokasiya ng DENR, ipinagdiwang ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang National Volunteer Month (NVM) noong Martes, Disyembre 7 sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay pugay sa may 168 indibidwal at organisasyon sa pribado at publiko. mga sektor.

Sa press release, sinabi ni DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu na ang pagdiriwang ng NVM ngayong taon ay “may mas makabuluhang kahalagahan para sa atin sa DENR,” na binanggit na ang kapansin-pansing pagtaas ng bilang ng mga boluntaryong grupo at indibidwal “ay nagpapatunay sa pagiging maayos ng tatak ng Pangkapaligiran ng Administrasyon na ito. pamamahala.”

“Persistency and altruism, this is the true face of volunteerism or the bayanihan spirit which has blossomed in the time of Covid-19,” ani Cimatu , noting that the pandemic period “has served as an impetus to spur more and more individuals and groups take direct action on environmental citizenship through volunteerism.”

Dagdag pa ng DENR, lahat ng 168 na pinarangalan ay ginawaran ng Certificates of Recognition sa hybrid program na ginanap sa DENR Social Hall sa Quezon City na may temang “Volunteer Now: Spark Hope, Create Solutions, and Respond to Pandemic Challenges.

Samantala, binigyang-diin ni Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny D. Antiporda ang kahalagahan ng mga boluntaryo sa pagpapataas ng pangangalaga sa kapaligiran sa gitna ng pandemya.

“We are grateful to our volunteers for their continued support to the programs and projects of the DENR. Truly you are deserving of this recognition for advocating environmental stewardship most especially during this time of pandemic,” ani Antiporda.

Kaugnay nito samantala, pinangunahan ni DENR Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service Director Hiro Masuda ang pagtatanghal ng mga parangal kasama si Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency Executive Director Donald James Gawe, na binanggit ang malakas na pagkilala ng DENR sa volunteerism para sa kritikal na papel nito sa katatagan “sa konteksto ng pagbabago ng kalikasan at dalas ng natural na sakuna.”

Kasama sa mga awardees ng NVM recognition ngayong taon ang Department of Health, Lions Clubs International (LCI) Multiple District 301 Philippines, LCI District 301-A2, National Council on Disability Affairs, Philippine Coast Guard-Action Center, PCG-Cavite, Philippine National Police-Drug Seksyon ng Enforcement Group-Community Affairs, at ang Career Executive Service Board. **(Santi Celario)**

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DENR Davao chief justifies cutting of trees permit inside PH Eagle nesting site

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by [Keith Bacongco](#)

DAVAO CITY — Despite prior rejection from the city government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) -11 chief Bagani Fidel Evasco justified that his issuance of the permit to cut trees in a known nesting area of the critically-endangered Philippine Eagle in the hinterlands of Marilog District has a legal basis.

In an interview with reporters, Evasco insisted that the issuance of Private Land Timber Permit is covered by Presidential Decree 705.



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“It appears that I’m the villain here, where in fact we are just following DENR existing laws,” he added. “We will not just issue a permit without legal basis.”

However, Evasco bared that he already “ordered the cancellation” of the permit.

“Ako na to gipa-stop,” he responded to reporters when asked about the status of the cutting permit.

Evasco issued the PLTP to a certain Ling-Ling Wu Lee in August this year even as the Watershed Management Council has already denied his application through a resolution issued in January 28, 2021.

He admitted that they don’t know about the “metes and bounds” of the conservation area. Asked if the permit will be revoked, Evasco said it depends on the decision of all the stakeholders.

“Naay chances if mo-approve ang tanang stakeholders on the ground nga i-disallow nato ang maong permit. It’s up to the decision sa karon nga day, meeting nila didto sa Barangay Salaysay (There is a chance if all stakeholders would approve to disallow the permit. It’s up to the decision of the stakeholders who are meeting in Barangay Salaysay today),” Evasco said, referring to the community consultation held Tuesday.

He admitted that he has yet to get in touch with the environmental groups and other stakeholders to discuss the issue.

The issuance of the permit has sparked an outcry among environmental groups in the city as they launched an online campaign to call for the cancellation of a timber permit issued to cut down century-old trees in Mounts Makabol-Alikoson Conservation Area (MMACA), which is believed to be “an ancient nesting site” of the critically endangered Philippine eagle.



The petition calls on the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Region XI to “cancel Private Land Timber Permit No. RXI-PLTP-001 2021 issued for the cutting of 121 old-growth trees within the MMACA.”

As of 10am of December 8, the online petition posted at Change.org has already gathered at least 4,300 signatures.

Jayson Ibañez, director of the Conservation and Research at the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF), told Manila Bulletin that there were 12 eagles that have been hatched in the MMACA since the first eagle couple’s nest were recorded in 1986.

The PEF said the cutting area is located “within only 100 meters away” of a nest of the Philippine eagle.

Ibañez added that the indigenous peoples in the area could even attest to the presence of the nesting sites since they have been the ones watching the sites for decades already.

Environmental lawyer Mark Peñalver, executive director of the Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS), said the WMC denied the application because the PTLP falls within the environmentally critical area and is protected by the Watershed Code of the local government.

Peñalver clarified that WMC is not questioning the authority of the DENR to issue the permits.

But he explained that the local government has the authority to issue policies to protect its natural resources as provided by the Local Government Code.

Under the Watershed Code, Peñalver pointed out that the cutting of trees is prohibited inside the conservation area.

He said the local government also has the authority to regulate even the private properties, especially on the issue of cutting down trees.

IDIS, an environment group, is part of the WMC and chair of the information and education campaign committee. (Armando Fenequito Jr.)



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Nahuling sawa, pinakawalan sa natural habitat sa Quezon

CATANAUAN, Quezon - Pinakawalan ng Wildlife Enforcement Officer (WEO) ng Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) ang isang Reticulated Python na nahuli sa bayang ito noong Martes (Nobyembre 7).

Natagpuan ang sawa sa likod-bahay na pag-aari ni Maricel Moreno ng Barangay 8.

Agad naman itong dinala sa opisina ng CENRO ng Catanauan, kung saan sinuri ito ng Designated Veterinarian.

Ang sawa na may sukat na 187 sentimetro ang haba at humigit-kumulang 500 gramo.

Ang Reticulated Python (*Malayopython reticulatus*) ay kabilang sa International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List bilang hindi gaanong pinag-uusapang species dahil sa malawak na distribusyon nito na katutubong sa rainforest ng Southeast Asia kabilang ang Pilipinas.

Ang python ay nabibilang sa nanganganib na species (endangered species), dahil sa predation, pagkasira ng mga tirahan, o banta ng pagkaubos.

Nanawagan naman si WEO Darwin Dimayacyac sa publiko na makipag-ugnayan sa mga tauhan ng CENRO Catanauan kung may impormasyon ng pagkolekta, pagmamay-ari o pagturn-over ng anumang mababangis na hayop.

Ang mababangis na hayop o wildlife ay protektado sa ilalim ng Republic Act 9147 o Act Providing for the Conservation and Protection of Mga Yamang Wildlife at ang kanilang tirahan.

(Anna Gob)

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Isko wants animals from Cebu for Manila Zoo

By [Marc Jayson Cayabyab](#) (The Philippine Star) - December 9, 2021 - 12:00am



When Manila Mayor Isko Moreno became mayor, city hall allotted P1.7 billion to rehabilitate the 60-year-old zoo and make it more habitable to animals. The zoo is set to reopen in February 2022.

MANILA, Philippines — Manila Mayor Isko Moreno said he would like to partner with the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park to provide animals for Manila Zoo, which is undergoing rehabilitation.

The presidential aspirant struck the deal with Cebu park management after a visit there Sunday, according to a statement released by Moreno's camp.

Moreno lauded the amusement park's capability to breed animals.

"Their animals are welcome in Manila. We are willing to receive some donations," Moreno said during the visit.

In 2019, then Manila mayor Joseph Estrada ordered Manila Zoo to temporarily shut down after Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu tagged the zoo's sewage as a major pollutant of Manila Bay due to its lack of a sewage treatment plant.

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Manila Zoo has been the home for 40 years of the elephant Mali, whose release from the zoo was called for by several animal rights groups due to her poor living conditions in a concrete enclosure.



Manila Zoo to forge pact with Cebu Safari

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by [Rey E. Requejo](#)

The city government of Manila will forge a partnership with the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park for future exchanges of wildlife and animal medicines.

Presidential candidate and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso made the disclosure after his three-day Listening Tour in Cebu where he was accompanied by Deputy Speaker and Cebu 3rd District Congressman Pablo John Garcia in visiting the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park last Sunday as part of his itinerary during his third visit to Cebu province in a span of six weeks.

Moreno was warmly welcomed by the Cebu Safari vice president and chief operating officer Eduard Loop. The Aksyon Demokratiko presidential bet also had a warm reception from some 300 employees, some of whom came with their families.

With the Manila Zoo expected to finish with its redevelopment and general renovation, Moreno said there is a need for the zoo to acquire additional wildlife before its scheduled re-opening sometime in February 2022. Rey E. Requejo

Moreno said that Cebu Safari and Adventure Park can easily supply the Manila Zoo with wildlife since several species have been successfully breeding in the 170-hectare animal reservation.

The Manila Zoo, the first zoo in Southeast Asia which opened in 1959, was closed temporarily for upgrade and renovation in January 2019, especially after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) called the attention of the zoo's management due to lack of proper sewage system.

Located atop the beautiful and scenic hills of Carmen, the 170-hectare Safari Park is a brainchild of hippophile and orchid collector, Michel Lhuillier, together with his business partner, Eduard J. Loop who became the catalyst and the driving force that opened successful ancillary businesses to support the passion of Lhuillier.

Complaint vs Tayud reclamation project reaches Malacañang

By: Doris C. Bongcac December 08, 2021 - 08:36 AM



| Fisherfolk and residents of Sitio Baha-baha protest against the planned Seafront City Reclamation Project last month. | Contributed photo

CEBU CITY, Philippines – Government agencies are now looking into concerns raised against the proposed Seafront City reclamation project in Tayud, Consolacion.

This after a complaint against the project’s implementation reached the Office of the President.

“Actually sa case po na pinag-uusapan natin meron na pong umabot sa amin, copy furnished kami. May nag reklamo na po kay Presidente. So, kami naman po sa PRA since we are under the Office of the President, nirerefer din po sa amin yan,” Atty. Joseph John Literal, Assistant General Manager of the Reclamation and Regulation Office of the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), said during an online multisectorial forum on reclamation projects in Minglanilla and Consolacion towns organized by Oceana and the Philippine Earth Justice Center (PEJC) held on Monday, December 6.

But Literal failed to elaborate on the nature of the complaint and where this came from.

An advisory that was released after the forum quoted Literal saying that there are processes to be followed in their verification of complaints raised against reclamation projects.

Reclamation Frenzy

During the forum, Dr. Filipina Sotto, a scientist and project leader of the FBS-Environment and Community Research and Development Services, raised a concern on the “reclamation frenzy” that is now happening in Cebu.

Sotto told Literal that not much emphasis has been given as to how these projects will affect the fisherfolk and the other concerned sectors.

“How about studies, people who will complain? What if they [the proponents] already have the clearance of PRA, these different agencies. How about if there are also groups, for example, that will complain, how will you deal with this?” she asked.

Literal, who was tasked to discuss the reclamation project application process during the forum, said that concerns on the Tayud reclamation project has already reached the Office of the President.



A Baha-Baha resident shows his catch for the day. | Contributed photo

“In compliance with due process, when we receive these documents, we also furnish that to the DENR because they are, under the bureaucracy, they are the experts in environment laws and then sa LGU kung sino ang affected party. Kailanagn po kasi namin marinig lahat ng side. We will act accordingly but we also have a process. Otherwise kami naman ang ma expose for not following the process,” he said.

As part of the verification process, Literal said, they will also be asking the project proponents – the Municipality of Consolacion and La Consolacion Seafront Development Corporation (LCSDC) – to comment the concerns raised by the affected fisherfolk.

“Ultimately ang concerns ng fisherman itatanong din po namin yan sa proponents,” he said. Consolacion Mayor Joannes Alegado was invited to the same forum but was unable to come. Mark Eran, the municipal government’s representative, asked for copies of the speakers power point presentations so he can also discuss these with their group.

Public Scoping

Engineer Mary Ann Bueno of the Environment Impact Assessment Section of the Environment Management Bureau in Central Visayas, said sectors that will be affected by the Tayud reclamation project can always “contest” its implementation in the absence of proper consultation by its proponents.

“If ever important stakeholders were not invited, the fisherfolk, shipyard owners, they can contest to really require the proponent to conduct again public scoping,” Bueno said.

The conduct of public scoping is an early stage in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process wherein the project proponent are asked to provide an overview of the project, present issues and concerns, and other relevant information.

Bueno said public scoping is needed before the proponents can proceed with the conduct of technical scoping that is done ensure the that proposed project will not have negative impact on the environment as well as identify mitigating measures.

EIA is needed for the issuance of an Environment Compliance Certificate.



A Tayud resident takes a break after spending the day at sea. | Contributed Photo



In the case of the Consolacion reclamation project, Bueno said, its proponents already forwarded to their central office their application for an ECC and they were advised in January 2021 to conduct public scoping.

Bueno was asked during the forum what will happen if affected sectors were not consulted? “The proponent has a checklist to follow. If the requirement for public scoping is not addressed, hindi po mag move to the next step which is the technical scoping,” she said.

Source: https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/415939/complaint-vs-tayud-reclamation-project-reaches-malacanang?fbclid=IwAR1kJtcMBUp4K34Dd0KgNKgf3_0VdRi1XU1Mgors0D8QOeXWgdNkww1QYA#ixzz7EPZqET7H



EDITORIAL – Nakamamatay na air pollution

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NAGBALIK na ang maraming sasakyan sa Metro Mnila kaya bukod sa buhol-buhol na trapik na pasang-krus sa mamamayan, problema na naman ang air pollution. Mula nang ilagay sa maluwag na alert level ang Metro Manila, marami nang sasakyan ang yumayaot. Sa dami nang yumayaot, ang usok ay nakakasulasok.

Ayon sa pag-aaral, 80 percent na pinagmumulan ng air pollution sa Metro Manila ay mga hindi namimintinang sasakyan gaya ng mga karag-karag na dyipni, taxi, trak at traysikel. Pinagmumulan din ng pollution ang mga usok mula sa pabrika at sinusunog na basura.

Walang aksiyon ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) laban sa mga lumalason sa hangin. Wala na ang mga operatiba na nanghuhuli sa smoke belchers. Mabuti pa ang Manila Bay at pinagaganda ng DENR sa pamamagitan ng pagtatambak ng dolomite. Pinondohan ng P389 milyon para maging kaaakit-akit. Pero ang pagpapasariwa sa hangin, walang hakbang ang DENR.

Ayon sa Department of Health (DOH), ang maruming hangin ay nagdudulot ng noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) gaya ng allergies, acute respiratory infections, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, cancer at cardiovascular diseases.

Bumababa na ang kaso ng COVID-19 kaya patuloy ang pagluwag sa restrictions. Lahat nang sasakyan ay maaari nang pumasok sa Metro na lubhang delikado. Bumababa ang kaso ng COVID pero malamang na sa air pollution mamatay ang mamamayan. Makagawa sana ng paraan ang DENR sa problemang ito bago maging huli ang lahat.



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LOOK: The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) conducted a cleanup drive at the Manila Bay's Dolomite Beach as part of its 88th founding anniversary celebration on Wednesday. | 📺 Screengrab from DOLE's FB live



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Dolomite Beach clean up

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by [Norman Cruz](#)



Employees from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) join the clean-up of the Manila Dolomite Beach during their celebration of the 88th founding anniversary of the DOLE on Wednesday.

DOLE, nagkasa ng cleaning drive sa Dolomite Beach

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) -Dec. 8, 2021 at 10:46am



Nagsagawa ng cleaning drive ang mga opisyal at empleyado ng Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Ito'y bilang bahagi ng kanilang 88th founding anniversary.

Nasa higit 100 tauhan ng DOLE mula sa iba't-ibang departamento at regional offices nito ang nagtutulong-tulong upang malinis ang mga basurang natangay mula sa Manila Bay.

Ang iba sa kanilang ay dinadampot pa ang mga basura upang hindi masama ang mga artificial na buhangin.

Todo higit naman sa seguridad ang mga tauhan ng Manila Police District (MPD) dahil may ilang indibidwal ang nagtutungo dito sa pag-aakalang bukas na muli sa publiko ang Dolomite beach lalo na't holiday ngayong araw.

Bukod sa cleaning drive, ikakasa rin ngayong araw ang Nationwide Job Fair na bilang bahagi ng aktibidad sa anibersaryo ng DOLE.

Source: <https://rmn.ph/dole-nagkasa-ng-cleaning-drive-sa-dolomite-beach/?fbclid=IwAR0Ezsntgdrvuh5vkNm0ZYEVRGctu915kQ6iaCLf6YEJhgztHRU9skWrCK>



Mining industry adopts climate change protocol

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THE Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (CoMP) adopted a climate change protocol put forward by the Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) organization, while harmonizing its standards for managing mine tailings with global norms.

“This development was approved by the TSM community of interest (CoI) advisory panel following the recommendation of CoMP’s technical working group (TWG) that was tasked to align TSM with the global industry standard on tailings management,” CoMP said in a statement Tuesday.

The CoMP said TSM is a globally recognized sustainability program established in 2004 by the Mining Association of Canada that guides mining companies in managing key environmental and social risks. The global industry standard was issued in 2020 to operators of tailings facilities, aiding them in achieving zero harm to communities and the environment.

“The adoption of the climate change protocol will not only support the alignment with the standard of CoMP members with tailings facilities. It will also support the alignment of our nickel producers with other environmental, social, and governance standards, such as responsible steel,” CoMP Chairman Gerard H. Brimo said.

The chamber said the adoption of the protocol adds to the list of measurement tools that its members can use to grade their environmental and social responsibility obligations.

CoI panel member Carlos Primo C. David said the protocol is important because of the outsized impact of climate change on tropical island nations such as the Philippines.

“The efforts must remain strong for reforestation efforts and carbon footprint reduction, but the impact of climate change warrants ensuring business continuity and, more importantly, resilience in our communities in the near future,” Mr. David said.

“This climate change protocol and its supporting guide will provide mining companies the required focus to attend to local impacts and, through this, enable them to contribute to the global effort to address climate change,” he added.

Mr. Brimo said the climate change guide is the only mine-related reference that offers procedures for incorporating climate change considerations in the miner; operational decision-making.



Other TSM Protocols include water stewardship, preventing child and forced labor, biodiversity conservation management, health and safety, indigenous peoples and community outreach, and crisis management.

TSM partner countries are Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Norway, the Philippines, and Spain. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**

Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/mining-industry-adopts-climate-change-protocol/?fbclid=IwAR3pZYmHptif_3OhOWcEA-pWIW8VMkIwondrLSe8K3QsIBMBGsZ1f7fj-_w



Coal mining in Lake Sebu mulled

By [Franz R. Sumangil](#)

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THE [Provincial Council of South Cotabato](#) endorsed the coal mining project of Daguma Agro-Minerals Incorporated (DAMI), [Sultan Energy Philippines Corp.](#) (SEPC), and [Bonanza Energy Resources Inc.](#) (BERI) in Barangay Ned, [Lake Sebu](#), South Cotabato in a session on Monday, December 6.

Around 9,000 hectares of land is encompassed in the Coal Operating Contracts (COC) 126, 134 and 138 of the said mining companies.

The resolution released by the Provincial Council requires that "strip mining with progressive rehabilitation" must be the mining method to be employed and not the open-pit mining method that is prohibited in the Environment Code of the province.

The Provincial Council unanimously endorsed the implementation of the COCs of DAMI, SEPC, and BERI along with the approval of the Department of Energy.

The session was attended by Board Members Hilario De Pedro 4th, Dardanilo Dar, [Henry Ladot](#), [Rolando Malabuyoc](#), [Edgar Sambog](#), [Eamon Matti](#), Jinky Avance-Samodal, Ellen Grace Subere-Albios, [Ester Marin Catorce](#), [Antonio Fungan](#), [Alyssa Marie Fale](#), [Rose Grace Achurra](#), [Noel Escobillo](#), and presiding officer South Cotabato Vice Gov. Vicente de Jesus.

[Ramon Ang](#), CEO of San Miguel Corp. which owns DAMI, also attended the session virtually as he assured the council that they will not incorporate the open-pit method in their mining activity.

It can be recalled that the Provincial Council denied the coal mine project in 2018 as it allegedly violated the South [Cotabato Environment Code](#).

The opposing argument at that time was that strip mining is considered as open-pit mining and violative of Section 22-b of South Cotabato's Environment Code.

The coal deposits in Barangay Ned, however, were also seen as the reason for multiple landslides and tension cracks in some areas in the village.

Thus, based on a geohazard threat advisory of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau-Region12 issued to Lake Sebu Mayor [Floro Gandam](#) on Aug. 13, 2019, one of the recommendations to mitigate said disasters is the extraction of the coal deposits in the village.



PH missing the carbon opportunity

By [Ben Kritz](#) December 9, 2021

ONE of the achievements of the recent [UN Climate Change Conference](#) (COP26) in Glasgow that has not received much attention was the forging of an agreement to reform global carbon markets and improve rules governing carbon trading. Carbon trading, although still problematic in certain respects, is considered a vital tool to encourage the transition to sustainable energy and provide funds for climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Unfortunately, it is a tool that seems much too large for the [Philippines](#) to grasp unless there is a significant improvement in imagination and competence in the next administration.

Carbon trading is a system by which the government sets a limit on the total amount of carbon that can be emitted within a certain time period (a month or a year), expressed in metric tons, and then allocates the carbon on a unit basis to different individual industries, businesses or sectors. These units can then be traded like any commodity; in fact, there is already a lively market for carbon in some parts of the world — the price for carbon futures on the European market as of December 6, for example, was 81.25 euros/MT, about 22 euros higher than it was a month ago.

Pros and cons

The basic idea behind carbon trading is that it incentivizes reducing emissions. The total amount of available carbon units should represent an ideal target for a country — for example, the amount specified by its commitment to emissions reductions under the 2015 [Paris Agreement](#) — so if a particular emitter exceeds its allocation, it is going to have to pay a penalty for it by buying carbon credits from someone else who has reduced emissions and thus has a surplus. Conversely, cutting emissions and creating one's own surplus of carbon credits creates a new source of revenue, almost literally out of thin air, through the commodities market.

According to the [International Emissions Trading Association](#) (IETA), implementing carbon trading worldwide could potentially cut the costs of implementing national emissions targets in half, saving an estimated \$250 billion annually by 2030. The IETA also said that carbon trading could facilitate the elimination of about 5 billion MT of carbon dioxide emissions per year at no additional cost, although climate researchers and analysts have expressed skepticism about that estimate. Nevertheless, they acknowledge, expanded carbon trading would make a substantial impact on emissions reduction.

The biggest downside to carbon trading is that unless it is carefully controlled, it can lead to "greenwashing" — major emitters appearing to do something environmentally friendly by participating in the carbon trade, but without actually reducing emissions. This becomes even more likely if carbon credits are exportable, a provision that a majority of the countries signing the latest agreement insisted on. If carbon credits cannot be traded across borders, then the nationally set limit imposes some control on what any number of emitters can pump into the atmosphere, but with cross-border trading, they can force the national government to effectively raise that limit.

This creates a bit of a paradox, which the latest agreement has tried to address, although it will not be known for some time whether or not it has done so effectively. In order for the benefits of carbon trading to be realized, the market as much as possible has to function like any other commodities market, but if it is not controlled, it will very likely defeat the basic intent of carbon trading in the first place.



Latest provisions

The agreement signed at COP26 was, to put it in terms familiar to us here, the "implementing rules and regulations" of the original idea set down in Article 6 of the 2015 Paris Agreement, which has been stalled until now. The participants agreed on a set of uniform rules for international emissions trading, the most important of which was a provision to prevent double-counting of carbon credits by both the country selling them and the country buying them.

The deal also provided for the creation of a separate UN-governed carbon offset market where governments and private entities can trade emissions credits in the form of low-carbon projects. For example, a government could pay for another to build a solar power plant rather than a coal-fired plant. The [Asian Development Bank](#) (ADB) recently rolled out a form of this kind of exchange with its Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM), in which the Philippines and Indonesia are the first participants.

Another feature of the agreement is the creation of a new adaptation fund, which will collect five percent of the proceeds from carbon offset trades. This fund will be applied to climate adaptation and mitigation projects in emerging economies.

Opportunity lost

From the point of view of low-emissions countries — like the Philippines — which could have carbon credits to spare, the formalizing of cross-border trading is a potential bonanza. However, in order to take advantage of it, the country has to establish a carbon market of its own. Some emerging markets have quickly caught on to this and are making rapid progress in this regard, most notably Mexico, Colombia, Chile, South Africa and most recently, neighboring Indonesia.

On November 15, the Indonesian government announced that President [Joko Widodo](#) had signed the new "Economic Value of Carbon" regulation just prior to the start of the COP26 summit. The scheme is set to begin in April 2022 with the imposition of an above-cap carbon tax of Rp30,000/MT of CO₂ (about \$2.09) for power plants, and the roll-out of provisions to allow for domestic and cross-border carbon credit trades. It also calls for the establishment of a specialized market for carbon trading, which Indonesian officials said they expect to be up and running by 2025.

All of this is fairly straightforward stuff; the biggest challenge for the Indonesian government is to conduct an accurate inventory of its emissions so that it can set carbon allocations, but that is a task that is just tedious rather than complicated. The Philippines could hypothetically implement the same kind of program, but unfortunately, except for Finance Secretary (and concurrent [Climate Change Commission](#) chairman) [Sonny Dominguez](#), the agencies that would be most responsible for operationalizing it — the [Securities and Exchange Commission](#) (SEC) and the [Energy Regulatory Commission](#) (ERC) — seem to be populated by dough heads who are incapable of conceiving of any kind of "market" that doesn't feature vegetables and dried fish.

A case in point: a promising pilot of an electricity forwards market that has run successfully in the Philippines — similar to one managed by the same enterprise in Singapore — which included most of the country's big energy players and has been heartily endorsed by the industry, has been interminably stalled by the ERC and SEC pointing fingers at each other as to who is responsible for authorizing the operation of a live market.



That forwards market would make the energy sector a better credit risk and more attractive investment, as well as very likely lead to lower power costs for consumers, but neither the SEC or ERC can seem to make up their minds about it; even getting someone from either agency to take a phone call or respond to an email is a herculean task. Asking these clowns to tackle a concept as alien to them as a carbon market would probably be an exercise in futility.

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Rising seas blamed as flooding hits Pacific islands

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The Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia all reported flooding after storms and tidal surges with rising seas caused by climate change blamed for the inundation. Sea level rise is increasing the frequency and magnitude of these sorts of events.

ISLAND nations in the South Pacific were cleaning up Wednesday after storms and tidal surges triggered widespread flooding, with rising seas caused by climate change blamed for the inundation.

The Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Federated States of Micronesia all reported flooding, with reports that remote parts of Vanuatu were also hit by rising waters, the AFP reported.

"(The) government of the Federated States of Micronesia has been made aware of extensive saltwater inundation across the nation's islands as a result of ongoing king tides and storm surges," President David Panuelo said in a statement.

"The government has received numerous requests from citizens asking for support."

In the Marshall Islands capital of Majuro, sea water surged over boulder barriers and covered sections of road to the airport to a depth of 50 centimeters (20 inches) before receding.

Solomon Islands police issued a warning to residents to stay away from swollen rivers and streams.

Climate researcher Murray Ford said the flooding in the Marshalls was due to a combination of bad weather, high tides, a La Nina weather pattern and a long-term rise in sea levels, widely linked to global warming.

"An event like this would have been relatively innocuous in the 1990s, but the sea level is notably higher today than back then," the Auckland University academic told AFP.

"Sea level rise is increasing the frequency and magnitude of these sorts of events."

Ford said that tidal measuring equipment installed in Majuro in the early 1990s showed sea levels had risen by an average of 4.8 millimeters (0.2 inches) annually.

"Unfortunately, with steady sea-level rise, these flooding events will become more frequent, more widespread, and far more severe. We must plan and prepare for this now," said Majuro resident and former Marshall Islands chief secretary Ben Graham.



The Pacific's low-lying islands are among the countries worst affected by climate change, with some at risk of being swamped entirely by rising seas.

They are also threatened by increasingly powerful cyclones, while droughts and flooding are becoming more common across the region as the weather swings from one extreme to the other.

Source: <https://opinyon.net/world/rising-seas-blamed-as-flooding-hits-pacific-islands?fbclid=IwAR10gMImOEbbpwB82725DaHcmL3cAiLBGkCww3lhfpQ4it1sPmA-UDut28k>

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More Pfizer, AstraZeneca jabs arriving this week

[Rudy Santos](#) - The Philippine Star December 9, 2021 | 12:00am



Empty vials of vaccines by Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca against Covid-19 caused by the novel coronavirus are pictured at the vaccination center in Rosenheim, southern Germany, on April 20, 2021, amid the novel coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic.

AFP / Christof Stache

MANILA, Philippines — More than one million doses of US-made Pfizer vaccines arrived in the country last night to further boost the government's COVID-19 vaccination program.

Officials said 1,082,250 doses of Pfizer jabs arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 from the COVAX Facility.

Some 255,200 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by AstraZeneca will arrive today at the NAIA Terminal 1. Another 698,000 AstraZeneca jabs will be arriving in Manila tomorrow on a China Airlines flight.

The AstraZeneca vaccines were procured by the private sector.

National Task Force against COVID-19 chief implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. said about 46 million vaccine doses would arrive in Manila this month.

The government aims to administer seven million COVID-19 jabs during the second round of the vaccination campaign set next week, according to the Department of Health.

“We are targeting around seven million recipients for second dose so we can achieve the goal to fully vaccinate 54 million people by the end of the year,” Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/12/09/2146629/more-pfizer-astrazeneca-jabs-arriving-week>



NIKKEI VS BLOOMBERG SA LABAN NG PINAS SA COVID



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ANO kaya ang masasabi ngayon ng Bloomberg News sa inilabas ng Nikkei Asia na malaki ang tagumpay ng Pilipinas sa giyera laban sa coronavirus disease-19?

Sa nagdaang dalawang buwan, iniulat ng Bloomberg News na laging kulelat ang mahal kong Pinas sa 54 bansa na sinusubaybayan nito ukol sa usapin.

Ngayon naman, iniulat ng Nikkei Asia na nasa pang-57 mula sa 122 bansa ang ranggo ng Pilipinas.

Hindi kulelat kundi nilagpasan ng Pilipinas ang mahigit kalahati ng nasabing bilang ng mga bansa sa laban.

At ang maganda, kinalap muna ng Nikkei Asia ang mga rekord ng Our World in Data; Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports; Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker, Cirium at sarili nitong research bago naglabas ng ulat.

MABILIS NA NAGBAGO

Ayon sa Nikkei Asia, noong Hulyo, pang-108 ang ating bansa; pang-106 noong Agosto; pang-121 noong Setyembre; pang-103 nitong Oktubre; at ngayon nga, pang-57, kasama ang Norway, Malaysia at Tajikistan.

Ang hindi lang maganda na rekord, 9% umano sa mga nagkakasakit ang namamatay at pangalawa tayo sa may pinakamaraming namamatay.

Magkagayunman, nitong mga araw Disyembre, kakaunti lamang ang namamatay at kung naglalaro man sa 100-200 araw-araw, kasama sa mga iniulat ng DOH ang mga nauna nang namatay sa nakaraang mga buwan.

Hindi rin tayo nahahanay, halimbawa, sa United States at Russia na nasa katamtamang 1,300 ang namamatay araw-araw at hindi rin natin katumbas ang iba pang bansa na namamatayan ng nasa 200-500 araw-araw gaya ng India, Brazil, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Ukraine at Mexico.

PANINIRA SA PULITIKA

Kung pakikinggan ang mga politiko na katunggali ng pamahalaang Duterte, may mga nagsasabing pinakamasahol sa kabiguan ng huli ang laban nito sa giyera sa COVID-19.

Subalit, kung tutuusin, nakatuon lang ang mata ng mga ito sa iniimbestigahang P8 bilyong anomalya umano sa personal protective equipment ng Pharmally na napakaliit kumpara, halimbawa, sa ipinambili sa mga bakuna ng pamahalaan na nasa P140 bilyon at nagiging kapaki-pakinabang sa lahat.



Minsan na ring isinama na umano'y maanomalya ang pambili ng bakuna subalit tumahimik ang mga ito sa masinsinang pagsusuri rito.

Iba pa ang malalaki ring gastos ng pamahalaan sa pamamahagi ng mga bakuna, pagkalap ng mga tao ng magbakuna at mga PPE na labas sa kontrata ng Pharmally.

Kumpara sa pagbili ng bakuna, mas malaki pang pinagkagastusan ng pamahalaan ang pamimigay ng ayuda na bagama't may nagreklamo, higit na marami ang nakikinabang, lalo't kasali sa pamimigay ang mga local government unit.

Ang isang malaking kataungan sa mga naninira sa responde ng pamahalaan sa COVID-19 ay ito: Ano-ano ang ginawa nila upang makatulong sa giyera sa pandemya sa halip na sumilip ng pagkakamali ng pamahalaan at palobohin ang mga ito sa mata ng sambayanan kahit na sa totoo ay maliit lang?

Ang kanilang pakikipagtulungan ang inaasahan ng buong bayan sa halip na manira nang manira.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

0.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
12,510

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

97.8%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,773,322

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.75%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
49,761

MGA BAGONG KASO **370**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **859**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **171**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,835,593**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING DISYEMBRE 6

DATOS NGAYONG DISYEMBRE 8
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG DISYEMBRE 6

1.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

28,942

BILANG NG
TINEST

HALOS

46.8%

ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

ALAMIN
ANG TAMANG
IMPORMASYON

KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

ICU BEDS (3.5K TOTAL BEDS)
 24% Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.2K TOTAL BEDS)
 24% Utilized

883 Asymptomatic

ISOLATION BEDS (19.6K TOTAL BEDS)
 24% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.7K TOTAL BEDS)
 21% Utilized

4,974 Mild

WARD BEDS (12.9K TOTAL BEDS)
 13% Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.9K TOTAL BEDS)
 19% Utilized

3,916 Moderate

VENTILATORS (3.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
 14% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
 16% Utilized

2,261 Severe

476 Critical



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Huwag maging kampante dahil sa mababang kaso ng COVID-19 na naitatalala araw-araw. Alalahanin na ang COVID-19 ay nasa ating paligid lamamang. Kaya ugaliing sumunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards** at makiisa sa darating na Bayanihan Bakunahan upang makaiwas mula sa COVID-19. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** na maabot sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**, para sa karampatang gabay.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.



Ihahanap ka namin ng lugar para mag-isolate o magpagamot, tumawag lang sa sumusunod:

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May tanong ukol sa COVID-19?

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