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DENR reminds bets to observe environment-friendly campaign

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As the the campaign period for national candidates started on Feb. 8, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) reminded political aspirants to be environmentally-conscious when it comes to the use of their campaign materials.

DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu reminded candidates that campaign materials may only be allowed in public areas such as plazas, markets, barangays, and centers, as stated in Section 9 of Republic Act (RA) 9006 or the Fair Election Act of 2001.



photo: DENR

“We call on all candidates to please be conscious of the environment when posting and disposing of campaign-related materials during this period. Please refrain from posting these materials on trees,” said Cimatu.

Cimatu said that violators of this law will be punished with six months to two years imprisonment and a fine up to P5,000.

To reduce campaign season-generated waste, he said the department will ensure the implementation of the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) 2013-01 signed by the DENR, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Comelec.

“Implementing this circular will reduce the volume of waste during the election and post-election periods as it encourages the use of recyclable, reusable, and environment-friendly materials. It will also protect the trees and plants as the circular prohibits posting on trees, flowering plants, and shrubs,” Cimatu said.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2022/02/10/denr-reminds-bets-to-observe-environment-friendly-campaign/>



DENR urges: Be environmentally conscious on campaigns

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu reminded candidates to be environmentally conscious as the campaign period for the 2022 national elections formally kicked off.

“We call on all candidates to please be conscious of the environment when posting and disposing campaign-related materials during this period. Please refrain from posting these materials on trees,” Cimatu said.

The DENR chief also reminded the candidates to properly segregate their campaign materials and dispose them properly while keeping in mind that there are laws related to the prohibition of posting materials on trees, shrubs, and other plants.

He noted that Section 9 of Republic Act 9006 or the Fair Election Act of 2001 states that posting campaign materials “may only be allowed in common poster areas in public places such as plazas, markets, barangay centers and the like.”



DENR sa bets: Environment-friendly campaign panatilihin



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Manila, Philippines – Nagpaalala ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa lahat ng political aspirants na maging environmentally-conscious sa paggamit ng kanilang campaign materials.

Paalala ni DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu, papayagan lamang ang campaign materials sa mga pampublikong paaralan tulad ng plazas, markets, barangays, at centers, base na rin sa nakasaad sa Section 9 ng Republic Act (RA) 9006 o ang Fair Election Act of 2001.

“We call on all candidates to please be conscious of the environment when posting and disposing of campaign-related materials during this period. Please refrain from posting these materials on trees,” ani Cimatu.

Ang mga lalabag naman dito ay maparurusahan ng anim na buwan hanggang dalawang taon na pagkakakulong hanggang two years imprisonment P5,000.

“Implementing this circular will reduce the volume of waste during the election and post-election periods as it encourages the use of recyclable, reusable, and environment-friendly materials. It will also protect the trees and plants as the circular prohibits posting on trees, flowering plants, and shrubs,” dagdag pa ni Cimatu. **RNT/FGDC**

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/denr-sa-bets-environment-friendly-campaign-panatilihin/>



[DENR moves to ensure continuity of Cagayan River rehab](#)

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DENR-led task force moves to ensure continuity of Cagayan River rehab post-PRRD administration.

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has formalized its alliance with 22 national government agencies to sustain the gains made in the rehabilitation of Cagayan River even after the exit of the incumbent Duterte administration in June this year.

The signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on February 2 highlighted the first anniversary of the Cagayan River Rehabilitation Project (CRRP) under the Task Force Build Back Better (TF BBB) chaired by DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu.

“Let us hope that what this administration has started to build back better, the mighty Cagayan River will be built upon by the next administration,” Cimatu said in his virtual address to the regional directors representing the 23 national agencies comprising the TF BBB.

Cimatu added that the “immediate, impactful, and doable solutions” undertaken by the regional TF BBB member-agencies have provided a guide and roadmap to the task force’s other priorities on the use of limited resources and has made the first year of the CRRP successful.



[DENR moves to ensure continuity of Cagayan River rehab](#)

Meanwhile DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement and TF BBB focal person for Region 2 Benito Antonio de Leon said the rollout of projects in Cagayan Valley is a "pioneer" in the establishment of a regional task force in light of Cimatú's recent order for the creation of regional task forces starting in typhoon Odette-stricken regions, namely Mimaropa, Caraga, Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Central Visayas, and Northern Mindanao.

"Region-2 TF BBB served as the template for the other TF BBB areas to follow," De Leon said, noting the prompt response of Region 2 member-agencies to convene after President Duterte issued Executive Order No. 20 on November 18, 2020, for the creation of the TF BBB.

At least 19 sandbars have been identified by TF BBB for clearing, of which three are for priority dredging as they obstruct the floodwater flow to the Aparri Delta and to the Babuyan Channel, which is its final destination.

Phase 1 of TF BBB's project on flood mitigation in Cagayan River covered the dredging of a sandbar in the Magapit Narrows in Bangag, Lal-lo which was done in nine months, from February to October last year, exceeding its target of 344,304 cubic meters by 17,229 cubic meters.

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DENR, tiniyak na magtutuloy-tuloy ang Cagayan River rehab kahit tapos na ang termino ni Pangulong Duterte

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#)

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Tiniyak ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na magtutuloy-tuloy ang ginagawang restorasyon at rehabilitasyon ng Cagayan River kahit na matapos ang termino ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa Hunyo 2022.

Ayon kay DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu, nangako ang 22 na national government agencies na bigyang prayoridad ang pagpapatuloy ng proyekto.

19 na sandbars ang natukoy ng task force para sa “clearing” kung saan tatlo sa mga ito ang prayoridad na hukayin dahil nababarahan nito ang pagdaloy ng floodwater sa Aparri Delta patungo sa Babuyan Channel na siya nitong pinal na destinasyon.

Ang proyekto ay magsisilbing “pioneer” para maitatag ang mga regional task force na sisimulan sa mga rehiyon na sinalanta ng Bagyong Odette.

Kabilang dito ang MIMAROPA, Caraga, Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Central Visayas at Northern Mindanao.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/2316600095231066/posts/3967730186784707/?app=fbl>



'Yellow bins' vs health waste ipakakalat sa bus, dyip



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MANILA, Philippines – Maglalagay ng mga dilaw na basurahan at plastic bag ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa mga pampublikong sasakyan kasabay ng pangako ng kagawaran sa mas agresibong pamamahala ng basura sa bansa.

Sinabi ni DENR Sec. Sinabi ni Roy Cimatu na nakipagtulungan na sila sa Department of Transportation (DOTr) para matiyak na masusunod ang naturang hakbang sa lahat ng public utility vehicles sa buong bansa.

“Ang mga dilaw na bin at bag ay magpapadali sa mga commuter na itapon ang kanilang ginamit na mga face mask, upang hindi ito ihalo sa iba pang basura,” sabi ni Cimatu.

Idinagdag niya na ang hakbang ay bilang pagsunod sa resolusyon ng National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) na inilabas noong nakaraang taon upang maiwasan ang higit pang pagkalat ng sakit na coronavirus (COVID-19) at hikayatin ang mga commuter na ihiwalay at itapon ng maayos ang kanilang mga potensyal na kontaminadong maskara.

Ipinag-utos din ni Cimatu ang mahigpit na pagsubaybay sa mga health care waste mula sa mga eroplano cruise ship na potensyal na mapagkukunan ng virus.

Sinabi niya na ang resolusyon ng NSWMC ay isang makabuluhang hakbang upang maayos na pamahalaan ang mga basura sa pangangalagang pangkalusugan na may kaugnayan sa COVID. **RNT**

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/yellow-bins-vs-health-waste-ipakakalat-sa-bus-dyip/>



Following Sara, DENR warns vs posting political propaganda on trees

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By Junex Doronio
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LAPU-LAPU CITY, Cebu — Apparently taking a cue from an earlier appeal of Davao City and vice-presidential candidate Sara Z. Duterte to her followers, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Region 7 has sternly warned supporters of candidates to refrain from posting election propaganda on trees.

“Those caught cutting or injuring these trees, plants, or shrubs shall be punished,” the DENR in Region 7 said in an advisory.

Last week, Inday Sara — monicker of the presidential daughter — recalled that when she was vice mayor of Davao City, she pushed for the ban on the posting of banners on trees in the country’s largest city.

“Paalala lang po sa mga kaibigan huwag po natin ikabit ang aking banners sa mga puno, please po pakitanggal at ilipat. Nasasaktan po ang mga puno at ayaw natin magalit sila sa akin. Mahalin natin ang mga puno ng Pilipinas!” Inday Sara said on her Facebook post.

The DENR-7 cited Section 3 of Republic Act 3571 provides that there should be no cutting or injuring planted trees on public grounds.

It further said that under Section 27 of COMELEC Resolution 10730: “Creation of Task Force to Tear Down and Remove Unlawful Election Materials”, DENR can tear down and remove all unlawful election materials, along with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Philippine National Police and an election officer.

“Let us be responsible citizens not only in the upcoming elections by exercising our right to vote but also in helping in the conservation of our nature,” the DENR-7 advisory read. (ai/mtvn)



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“ Before the year ended, there was not much rainfall in the watershed. Right now, our water levels continue to decrease. We need to manage the release of water and take care of this supply these coming months, particularly in the summer.

SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR.

Self-contradictory! MVP says DENR can't promote mining while

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Bilyonaryo Many V. Pangilinan is urging an overhaul of the mining regulatory structure in the country by spinning off the environment protection duties of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Pangilinan said the Environmental Management Bureau and Mines and Geosciences Bureau should be independent so that these agencies could focus on protecting the environment while the DENR focuses on championing the mining industry.

He pointed out the set-up in the United States where the Environmental Protection Agency is separate from the mining regulator.

“You’re put in that very tough position and typically somebody in that position will have to be populist. Kaya tayo nandito sa sitwasyon na ganito, nobody takes up the cudgels for the business itself...mining. So there’s still check and balance,” said Pangilinan in an interview with TV5’s “The Chiefs.”

The Philex Mining chairman also batted for sufficient funding for mining regulators even if it meant that private firms would have to chip in.

“I think we should support that because the more informed our regulators are, the better it is for the industry. Better safeguards are enforced and adopted and that should be welcomed by the industry as a whole,” said Pangilinan.

Source: <https://www.bilyonaryo.com/2022/02/09/self-contradictory-mvp-says-denr-cant-promote-mining-while/>



Region 3: P9M from bamboo industry

By [Jerry Hernandez](#)

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THE bamboo industry in Region 3 (Central Luzon) has generated P9.12 million in investment that created 28 new jobs and pulled in a total of P7.54 million in sales for 38 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as of December 2021.

In a statement, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Regional Director Leonila Baluyut said the good news was part of the continuing effort to promote the bamboo business as one of its priority industry clusters.

She added that as the national coordinator of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Cluster Development Council, DTI-3 was tasked to put together efforts to promote and develop the industry to help the MSMEs involved in the venture.

These efforts are done in convergence and collaboration with various agencies including the Department of Education, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Science and Technology to help increase employment and livelihood in the countryside.

"We implement the value chain approach. We take into account the whole production process from obtaining raw materials, as well as who are the stakeholders involved from the production, to manufacturing, delivery and marketing," Baluyut said.

She added that the DTI helps by training stakeholders on how to properly plant and care for bamboo, including food sustainability because bamboo is not only used in furniture and furnishings, but in food as well.

"The labong that we eat is made from bamboo and we want it to be further developed. We are exploring how we can process it so that it is available all year round," Baluyut said.



200 pawikan pinawalan sa Bataan

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Dalawang daang bilang ng bagong pisang pawikan ang pinakawalan sa baybayin ng Bagac sa Bataan. Ayon sa isang general manager ng resort na si Raffy Babula, madalas umanong mangitlog ang mga pawikan sa kanilang lugar kaya inaalagaan din nila ang mga ito.

Ito ay upang mailigtas ang mga pawikan sa mga poacher para kainin o ibenta.

Samantala, sino man ang mahuhuling magbebenta ng itlog ng pawikan ay magmumulta ng P200,000.



BSP cites 'urgent' need for better climate data



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THE Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) believes there is a need for more “climate change-related” disclosures among banks and other local firms in order to move forward the country’s fight against global warming forward.

In a recent report on financial stability, the Central Bank said there is little understanding of the country’s actual exposure to climate change agents because there is limited data disclosure involved.

“There is an urgent need for better climate change-related disclosures. The lack of granular data limits our appreciation of the financial costs of climate change and the shift to greener energy sources,” the BSP said in the report.

Among the examples of granular data the BSP cited include numbers such as physical risk metrics per firm or household, or the exposure of banks to carbon- vs. renewables-based energy producers.

“The cooperation of the private sector is necessary, especially on transparency and the quality of ESG reporting to have better data-driven frameworks,” the BSP said, referring to the new metric for sustainability reporting now required of private business.

The Central Bank also said the Securities and Exchange Commission’s (SEC) work on sustainability reporting of publicly listed companies is a “promising start” to getting more climate change-related information and enhancing our understanding of risks.

Various studies put the Philippines as among the riskiest, if not the riskiest, in terms of severe weather occurrence.



BSP cites 'urgent' need for better climate data

“While there is no doubt that climate change is global in nature, the expectation remains that lower-income countries are more vulnerable to losing a larger share of their economic output due to climate change,” the BSP said.

The BSP said urgent attention is needed for the country to push its climate change agenda, as gains against sustainability usually take time before its effects are felt by the masses.

“As long-term as climate-related risks are, they need more immediate action as well. This is because any gain is also ‘slow-burn’ in nature,” the BSP said.

In December 2021, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno urged banks to support the country’s energy transition and shift to mainstream sustainable finance in an effort to “climate-proof” the local financial system.



DBP to fund seedbank for native tree species

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MANILA – State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) to launch the DBP Seedbank Project, a corporate social responsibility initiative that seeks to preserve the genetic diversity of Philippine native trees, a top official said.

DBP president and chief executive officer Emmanuel Herbosa said the initiative would organize and establish plant nurseries that will conserve, propagate, and cultivate native trees and flora to help restore upland watersheds and forest cover.

“As a bank for the environment, DBP recognizes the importance of supporting initiatives that promote ecological restoration and climate change mitigation,” Herbosa said. “This project envisions to develop viable small-micro-medium forests and encourage the establishment of agri-enterprises to jumpstart rural economies.”

DBP is the fifth largest bank in the country in terms of assets and provides credit support to four strategic sectors of the economy –infrastructure and logistics; micro, small and medium enterprises; environment; social services and community development.

BPI is an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (DA) tasked to collaborate with plant industry stakeholders to ensure the availability of high-quality seeds and advanced farming technologies, maintain the safety and integrity of plant food, and support the export industry through proactive biosecurity.

Under the project, Herbosa said DBP would grant funds to eligible local government units or national government agencies, cooperatives or organizations for the payment of native seeds or



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wildings, as well as for their germination and propagation, while BPI would provide the technical expertise for site identification and development.

He said the seedbank project would enhance the capacities of local communities in preserving and developing the forest landscape, including nature-based infrastructure development for forest protection, while providing them with livelihood opportunities as project partners.

“The bank will continue to invest in more local communities as we endeavor to further empower them both economically and in the fight against environmental degradation,” he added. **(PR)**



The end of waste: The grand plan to build a truly circular economy

We hack almost 100 billion tonnes of stuff from Earth's surface every year, and most of it goes to waste. Changing that means a complete overhaul of how we live

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MANY of us, at least in richer parts of the world, are familiar with the feeling of buying, owning and discarding too much stuff. We probably feel a bit guilty about it. We may even have tried to do something about it, ditching the plastic straws, keeping a tote bag for the shopping and diligently separating out the recycling.

We might also be aware that this isn't enough. To fulfil our material wants, humanity now uses some 100 billion tonnes of stuff every year. More than 90 per cent of it is virgin material that is mined, drilled and hacked from the planet's surface. Only 30 billion tonnes of it makes anything of permanence. The rest is burned as fuel or used fleetingly and discarded – at each stage polluting land, water and air and creating climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions.

Can we do better? Ideas of “circular” economies, in which pretty much everything is reused and waste doesn't really exist, have been around for a while. They are usually dismissed as woolly utopianism, but just lately the tone has been changing. That isn't just because of our late-dawning realisation of the scale of our impact on the planet and the trouble it is storing up for us. It is also because we increasingly have the ideas and the technologies to make ourselves and our consumption patterns not just less bad for the planet, but perhaps even beneficial for it. A more



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circular, sustainable way of satisfying our material wants is certainly possible. But it will require nothing less than a complete reimagining of the way we live our lives.



EU wants pandemic treaty to ban wildlife markets, reward virus detection — source

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Wildlife market in Myanmar. Image by Dan Bennett/CC BY 2.0/Wikimedia Commons

BRUSSELS — The European Union (EU) is pushing for a global deal aimed at preventing new pandemics that could include a ban on wildlife markets and incentives for countries to report new viruses or variants, an EU official told Reuters.

International negotiators will meet for the first time on Wednesday to prepare talks for a potential treaty, said the official, who is not authorized to speak to media and so declined to be named.

The aim is to reach a preliminary agreement by August.

However, Brussels has so far struggled to get full backing for a new treaty from the United States and other major countries, some of which want any agreement to be non-binding.

A spokesperson for Charles Michel, the president of the European Council who in November 2020 proposed a new treaty on pandemics, said he had no fresh comment on the matter.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

According to the most widely accepted theory, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic began with the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus from an animal to humans in a wildlife market in China.

Although Beijing was initially praised by the World Health Organization (WHO) for notifying it quickly of the new virus, the United States in particular has accused China of holding back information about the likely origins of the outbreak.



EU wants pandemic treaty to ban wildlife markets, reward virus detection — source

Among measures the EU wants to be included in the treaty is a gradual shutdown of wildlife markets, the EU official said.

The European Commission, which is expected to negotiate on behalf of EU states, said that its mandate had not been agreed yet by EU governments and concrete proposals to other international negotiators will be made at a later stage.

The EU wants to introduce legally binding obligations to prevent and report new virus outbreaks, the EU's draft negotiating mandate seen by Reuters says, without spelling out precise proposals.

Incentives for countries to report new viruses are also seen as crucial to help with speedy detection and avoid cover-ups, the official said.

Last year, southern African nations were hit with punishing flight restrictions after they identified the Omicron coronavirus variant, which some fear could deter reporting of future outbreaks if incentives are not attractive enough.

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The official said incentives could include guaranteed access to medicines and vaccines developed against new viruses, which poorer nations have struggled to obtain quickly during the COVID-19 pandemic as wealthier states rushed to secure supplies.

States that detect and report a new virus could also receive immediate support, which might involve shipments of medical equipment from a global stockpile.

Talks will be chaired by delegates from six countries, representing the world's main regions — Japan, the Netherlands, Brazil, South Africa, Egypt, and Thailand, officials said.

Brazil, which will represent northern and southern American countries, favors a non-binding treaty.

If an agreement is reached, the treaty is expected to be signed in May 2024.

As part of an overhaul of global health rules, countries are also negotiating tweaks to the International Health Regulations, a set of global rules to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

The United States wants to strengthen rules to boost transparency and grant the WHO quick access to outbreak sites, two sources following the discussions told Reuters. — **Francesco Guarascio/Reuters**



Davao Light uses plant-based oil for distribution transformers

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QUALITY ASSURANCE. Davao Light engineers conduct acceptance testing on their brand new natural ester-insulated distribution transformers to ensure that all the units are operational and within applicable standards.

AboitizPower subsidiary Davao Light & Power Co. (Davao Light) is embracing more “green” initiatives as it strives to deliver reliable electricity to homes and businesses while helping care for the environment.

Davao Light has already implemented such projects in recent years, including the conversion of Davao City’s High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) street lamps to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights, which have 70% lower energy consumption, maintenance costs, and lasts three to four times longer than the former, helping improve overall energy efficiency as well as reducing environmental impact.

Davao Light also unveiled its fully digital substation just late last year. Among other advantages such as enhanced efficiency, reliability, and availability of power supply through real-time control and protection operations, digital substations have fewer conventional components that enable space reduction in the total area required for the installation of equipment, allowing for a decrease in substation footprint.

But little do people know that the distribution utility has been at it for much longer.

Since 2015, the power distributor has been using natural ester oil as insulation fluid for all of its new distribution transformers. Davao Light sets aside ₱87 million to purchase around 1,300 “green” transformers each year, mainly meant to serve the ever-growing demand of distribution transformer installations and to replace old units that use mineral oil due for decommissioning.



Davao Light uses plant-based oil for distribution transformers

Natural ester, which is classified as vegetable oil, is sourced from rapeseed, canola, or soybean, making it non-toxic and 100-percent biodegradable.

Mineral oil, meanwhile, is derived from crude petroleum. While generally effective for transformers, one of its disadvantages is that mineral oil leaks are more susceptible to fire due to their relatively low flashpoint. Used transformer oil, some types of which are considered toxic, must be dealt with through accredited environmental services companies for recycling or disposal.

“We had difficulties in looking for contractors that can safely dispose of our used transformer oil, which back then was still mineral. Since it was already widely used in the energy industry, natural ester was an attractive option to us,” shared Arnel Bersabe, head of Davao Light’s substation and electrical equipment department.

Distribution transformers perform the last voltage transformation in the grid, transforming medium voltages such as 13,800 volts, 23,000 volts, and 34,500 to one suitable for household and commercial use, typically around 240 volts.

Bersabe said they considered how natural ester helps prolong the life of transformers and is safer to use than mineral oil because it needs a higher temperature to burn. The average lifespan of distribution transformers is 35 years, but ester oils are estimated to extend the longevity of units by up to 33 percent.

While he admitted that esters are 20 to 25 percent relatively more expensive than their mineral counterpart, the advantages offered by these fluids lead to cost savings on the part of the utility, which may eventually be translated into greater customer benefits.

Pushing the sustainability envelope further, Bersabe shared that Davao Light is also looking into using amorphous steel instead of the current silicon steel for the core components of their transformers.

The Davao Light officer said that according to studies, amorphous steel can lower transformer losses, or the energy “wasted” due to resistance in the wire used to wind a coil, by up to 60 percent for a typical 50 kVA unit. He added that the total owning cost for transformers that use amorphous steel cores is pegged to be at least 10 percent lower than those that use conventional silicon steel.

“We are still validating this data. We will have a simulated installation of this transformer for actual measurement of its losses and verification of its in-service performance,” Bersabe said. Distribution transformers consist of a magnetic core made from laminated silicon steel sheets stacked and either glued together with resin or banded together with steel straps, with primary and secondary wire windings wrapped around them.

Through innovations such as these, Davao Light sets an example for other distribution utilities in the pursuit of sustainability.

Davao Light is the third-largest privately-owned electric distribution utility in the country in terms of customer size and annual kWh sales. Davao Light’s franchise area covers Davao City, areas of Panabo City, and the municipalities of Carmen, Dujali, and Santo Tomas in Davao del Norte, with a population of approximately 2.2 million and a total area of 3,561 square kilometers.



Davao Light uses plant-based oil for distribution transformers

As of December 2021, Davao Light served a total of 458,498 customers, with a recorded peak demand of 459 MW.

About AboitizPower

[AboitizPower](#) is the holding company for the Aboitiz Group's investments in power generation, distribution, and retail electricity services. It advances business and communities by providing reliable and ample power supply at a reasonable and competitive price, and with the least adverse effects on the environment and host communities.

The company is one of the largest power producers in the Philippines with a balanced portfolio of assets located across the country. It is a major producer of Cleanergy, the company's brand for clean and renewable energy with several hydroelectric, geothermal, and solar [power generation facilities](#). AboitizPower, together with its partners, is the Philippines' largest owner and operator of renewable energy based on installed capacity. It also has thermal power plants in its generation portfolio to support the country's baseload and peak energy demands.

The company also owns distribution utilities that operate in high-growth areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, including the country's second and third largest private utilities.

In the next 10 years, the company will significantly expand its Cleanergy portfolio, in support of the government's efforts to promote renewable energy in the country. AboitizPower will build an additional 3,700 MW of renewable energy, growing its existing Cleanergy capacity threefold by 2030.



Phivolcs records 'phreatomagmatic burst' in Taal Volcano

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MANILA - A phreatomagmatic burst happened at the Main Crater of Taal Volcano on Thursday afternoon, producing plumes as high as 300 meters, state seismologists confirmed.

It occurred at 4:16 pm, and no eruption followed, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

Experts earlier said that a phreatomagmatic burst is a result of new magma and water interacting.

Taal volcano remains at Alert Level 2, the agency said.

Late last month, the volcano also had phreatomagmatic bursts, reaching as high as 900 meters.

[Since last year](#), Taal's main crater has shown continued activity, including the upwelling of hot volcanic fluids that generated plumes thousands of meters high.

The volcano, which sits on an island surrounded by a lake in Batangas province, had a steam-driven eruption on [January 12, 2020](#), triggering ash fall that reached parts of Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

The eruption displaced more than 700,000 people in Central Luzon, Calabarzon and Metro Manila.

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WHO seeks \$16B from rich countries to narrow vax gap, fight Covid

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GENEVA – The World Health Organization on Wednesday renewed its appeal to high-income countries to stump up USD16 billion (PHP800 billion) for its program to give lower- and middle-income nations equal access to vaccines, treatments, and personal protective equipment.

The ACT-Accelerator is asking donor countries to contribute USD16.8 billion of the USD23.4 billion total budget in immediate grant funding for October 2021 to September 2022, said the WHO.

“The rapid spread of Omicron makes it even more urgent to ensure tests, treatments and vaccines are distributed equitably globally,” WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

“If higher-income countries pay their fair share of the ACT-Accelerator costs, the partnership can support low- and middle-income countries to overcome low Covid-19 vaccination levels, weak testing, and medicine shortages,” he added.

He said science had given the world tools to fight Covid-19, and if they are shared globally, the world can reach its goal of ending the pandemic as a global health emergency this year.

WHO said only USD814 million of the USD16.8 billion has been pledged so far.

The ACT-Accelerator initiative works to overcome vast global inequities by providing low- and middle-income countries with access to Covid-19 tests, treatments, vaccines, and personal protective equipment.



WHO seeks \$16B from rich countries to narrow vax gap, fight Covid

The accelerator agencies urgently need new funding to scale up their work to develop and deliver the Covid-19 countermeasures essential to address the threat of omicron and prevent even more dangerous variants from emerging.

New financing framework

WHO said a diverse group of governments has agreed on a new financing framework developed to support the ACT-Accelerator, making “fair share” requests to more affluent countries.

“Supporting the rollout of tools to fight Covid-19 globally will help to curb virus transmission, break the cycle of variants, relieve overburdened health workers and systems, and save lives,” the WHO said. “With every month of delay, the global economy stands to lose almost four times the investment the ACT-Accelerator needs.”

According to the WHO, the ACT-Accelerator is the only global, end-to-end solution to the pandemic, supporting access to Covid-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines from research to rollout.

The initiative is structured around diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines.

The main partners of the ACT-Accelerator are: WHO, CEPI (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations), FIND, Gavi, the Global Fund, UNICEF, Unitaid, Wellcome, the World Bank, and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (*Anadolu*)

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1167479>



'Beyond tragic': Omicron death toll hits 500,000

AFP

by [AFP](#)

[February 11, 2022, 2:57 am](#)

The World Health Organization lamented that half a million COVID-19 deaths had been recorded since the Omicron variant was discovered, calling the toll "beyond tragic."

The WHO's incident manager Abdi Mahamud said that 130 million cases and 500,000 deaths had been recorded globally since Omicron was declared a variant of concern in late November.

It has since rapidly overtaken Delta as the world's dominant COVID variant because it is more transmissible, though it appears to cause less severe illness.

"In the age of effective vaccines, half a million people dying, it's really something," Mahamud told a live interaction on the WHO's social media channels.

"While everyone was saying Omicron is milder, (they) missed the point that half a million people have died since this was detected," he said. "It's beyond tragic."

Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's technical lead on COVID-19, said the sheer number of known Omicron cases was "astounding," while the true number would be much higher.

"It makes the previous peaks look almost flat," she said.

"We're still in the middle of this pandemic," she said. "Many countries have not passed their peak of Omicron yet."

Van Kerkhove said she was extremely concerned that the numbers of deaths had increased for several weeks in a row.

"This virus continues to be dangerous," she said.

In their weekly COVID-19 epidemiological update issued Tuesday, the WHO said nearly 68,000 new deaths were reported last week – up seven percent compared to the previous week.

Meanwhile the number of new weekly COVID cases decreased by 17 percent to nearly 19.3 million.

The WHO's Europe region accounted for 58 percent of new confirmed cases last week, and 35 percent of new deaths. The Americas made up 23 percent of new cases and 44 percent of new deaths.

The pandemic is currently "characterised by the continued rapid global spread of the Omicron variant," the report said, with the variant now detected "in almost all countries."

The WHO said Omicron accounted for 96.7 percent of samples collected in the last 30 days that have been sequenced and uploaded to the GISAID global science initiative. Delta now makes up just 3.3 percent.



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The report said limited data was available for the efficacy of vaccines against Omicron.

“However, available estimates show reduced protection of the primary series COVID-19 vaccines against the Omicron variant for all outcomes (severe disease, symptomatic disease, and infection) than has been observed previously for other variants of concern,” it said.

But it added that booster jabs “substantially” improve efficacy.

COVID-19 has killed more than 5.7 million people since it emerged in China in December 2019, according to the report, while over 392 million cases have been recorded.

Nearly 10.25 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered globally.



GALIT AT GULO SA COVID VAX SA CANADA



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NAGKAKAUBUSAN na ng pasensya ang mga taga-Canada ukol sa protesta laban sa sapilitang pagbabakuna sa mga truck driver.

Ika-14 araw na ang pagsasara ng mga kalsada sa Ottawa na kapital ng Canada na nagbubunga naman ng pagsasara at pagkalugi ng mga negosyo at pag-unti ng suplay ng mga pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan sa lugar.

Gusto ng mga trucker na bumubuo Freedom Convoy at may dalang nasa 500 malalaking cargo truck na huwag silang piliting magpabakuna laban sa COVID-19.

Huwag rin silang i-quarantine ng 14 araw pagbalik nila mula sa biyaheng United States na may namamatay na libo-libo araw-araw ngayon.

Humantong na ang kanilang protesta sa pagkontra sa halos lahat ng batas o patakarang pangkontrol sa pandemya.

PABOR AT KONTRA

Habang nagpoprotesta ang mga truck driver at operator na maliit na bahagi ng mahigit 120,000 driver na may rutang Canada-United States, may mga pumabor sa kanila at may nagtayo pa nga ng #GoFundMe na pangangalap ng pondo para sa kanila na umabot na ang halaga sa 10 milyong Canadian dollar.

May mga sumawsaw na ring politiko, lalo na ang mga kalaban sa pulitika ni Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, kasama na ang isang anak ni dating US President Donald Trump na anti-vaccine.



GALIT AT GULO SA COVID VAX SA CANADA

Sa kabilang banda, mismong si Trudeau na ang nagsasabing gagawa ng paraan na masibak na ang protesta na gawa lang naman umano ng iilang mamamayan ngunit hindi ito gagamit ng pwersa militar.

Kasabay nito ang pag-freeze sa pondong Can\$10M para hindi magamit ng mga nagpo-protesta at sinupalpal na rin ng korte ng Ottawa ang walang habas na pagbusibudina ng mga trucker.

Nagsimula na ring mainis ang maraming mamamayan na nahihirapan sa pagkaparalisa ng lugar habang nagbanta na ang mga pulis na huhulihin nila ang sinomang magbibigay ng suplay ng pangangailangan ng mga nagpoprotesta.

LIBO-LIBONG MASISIBAK SA TRABAHO

Ayon sa Canadian Trucking Alliance, maaaring masibak sa trabaho ang nasa 16,000 driver mula sa nasa 120,000 driver na ayaw magpabakuna.

Anila, nasa 85% ng mga nasabing truck driver ang bakunado at ilan sa natitirang porsyento ang nagpoprotesta at kabilang umano rito ang wala namang kinalaman sa pagbibiyahе kundi nagsisilbing sulsol na may kasamang mga pambabastos maging sa mga memorial ng mga namatay na at pagdadala maging ng simbolo ng Nazi ni Adolf Hitler.

SA PILIPINAS?

Magpasalamat tayo at walang ganitong mga pagkilos bagama't may mga nagsagawa na ng mga protesta na anti-vaccine ngunit nakontrol naman kaagad.

Nagpapasalamat din tayo na marunong tumugon ang mga mamamayan sa mga pakiusap ng pamahalaan sa pagpapabakuna.

Para naman kasi sa kaligtasan natin lahat laban sa pandemya ang pagpapabakuna at upang makabangon na tayo sa labis na paghihirap sa kuko ng nakamamatay na COVID-19.

Sa halip na magprotesta, hikayatin natin ang lahat ng hindi pa nababakunahan na magpabakuna na.

Sa nasa 129 milyong nang doses ng bakuna na naiturok na, mahigit 61M na ang may first dose, nasa 60M ang may second dose habang halos 9M na ang may booster shot.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

2.6%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
93,307

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

95.9%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
3,479,485

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.51%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
54,783

MGA BAGONG KASO **4,575**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **7,504**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **94**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **3,627,575**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING PEBRERO 8
DATOS NGAYONG PEBRERO 10
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG PEBRERO 8

15.1%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

36,407

BILANG NG
TINEST

HALOS
94.9%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

ALAMIN
ANG TAMANG
IMPORMASYON

KABUANG PILIPINAS
PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

ICU BEDS (3.9K TOTAL BEDS)
39% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.7K TOTAL BEDS)
34% Utilized

WARD BEDS (15.2K TOTAL BEDS)
31% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
19% Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.3K TOTAL BEDS)
31% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.6K TOTAL BEDS)
28% Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.2K TOTAL BEDS)
29% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
18% Utilized

3,316 Asymptomatic

85,244 Mild

2,991 Moderate

1,444 Severe

312 Critical

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For health concerns and emergencies, you may access here the DOH hospital hotlines across the country:

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INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 160-B

Series of 2022

February 03, 2022

WHEREAS, Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of the exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on 10 September 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s. 2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until 12 September 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS CoV-2 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the cross-border transmission of SARS CoV-2, there is a need to adopt border control and quarantine measures for all passengers entering the Philippine territory by sea or by air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that, in view of the temporary suspension of the classification of countries, territories and/or jurisdictions into “Green,” “Yellow,” and “Red,” the following shall be the new entry, testing and quarantine protocols for **foreign nationals arriving from abroad, effective 0001H of 10 February 2022:**

A. Foreign Nationals Entering the Philippines Visa-Free

1. Foreign nationals traveling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes may enter the Philippines without visas, provided they:
 - a. Qualify as former Filipino citizens with *Balikbayan* privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their spouse and/or children who are not *balikbayans* in their own right and are traveling with them to the Philippines; provided they are not restricted nationals; **OR**
 - b. Are a citizen/national of the following countries entitled to a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days (Executive Order 408, S. 1960, as amended):



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1. Andorra
2. Angola
3. Antigua and Barbuda
4. Argentina
5. Australia
6. Austria
7. Bahamas
8. Bahrain
9. Barbados
10. Belgium
11. Belize
12. Benin
13. Bhutan
14. Bolivia
15. Botswana
16. Brazil
17. Brunei Darussalam
18. Bulgaria
19. Burkina Faso
20. Burundi
21. Cambodia
22. Cameroon
23. Canada
24. Cape Verde
25. Central African Republic
26. Chad
27. Chile
28. Colombia
29. Comoros
30. Congo
31. Costa Rica
32. Cote d'Ivoire
33. Croatia
34. Cyprus
35. Czech Republic
36. Democratic Republic of
the Congo
37. Denmark
38. Djibouti
39. Dominica
40. Dominican Republic
41. Ecuador
42. El Salvador
43. Equatorial Guinea
44. Eritrea
45. Estonia
46. Ethiopia
47. Fiji
48. Finland
49. France
50. Gabon
51. Gambia
52. Germany
53. Ghana
54. Greece
55. Grenada
56. Guatemala
57. Guinea
58. Guinea Bissau
59. Guyana
60. Haiti
61. Honduras
62. Hungary
63. Iceland
64. Indonesia
65. Ireland
66. Israel
67. Italy
68. Jamaica
69. Japan
70. Kazakhstan
71. Kenya
72. Kiribati
73. Kuwait
74. Kyrgyzstan
75. Lao PDR
76. Latvia
77. Lesotho
78. Liberia
79. Liechtenstein
80. Lithuania
81. Luxembourg
82. Madagascar
83. Malawi
84. Malaysia
85. Maldives
86. Mali
87. Malta
88. Marshall Islands
89. Mauritania
90. Mauritius
91. Mexico
92. Micronesia
93. Monaco
94. Mongolia
95. Morocco
96. Mozambique
97. Myanmar
98. Namibia
99. Nepal
100. Netherlands
101. New Zealand
102. Nicaragua
103. Niger
104. Norway
105. Oman
106. Palau
107. Panama
108. Papua New Guinea
109. Paraguay
110. Peru
111. Poland
112. Portugal
113. Qatar
114. Republic of Korea
115. Romania
116. Russia
117. Rwanda
118. Saint Kitts and Nevis
119. Saint Lucia
120. Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines
121. Samoa
122. San Marino
123. Sao Tome and Principe
124. Saudi Arabia
125. Senegal
126. Seychelles
127. Singapore
128. Slovak Republic
129. Slovenia
130. Solomon Islands
131. South Africa
132. Spain
133. Suriname
134. Swaziland
135. Sweden
136. Switzerland



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137. Tajikistan	145. Uganda	152. Vanuatu
138. Thailand	146. UAE	153. Vatican
139. Togo	147. UK and Northern Ireland	154. Venezuela
140. Trinidad and Tobago	148. United Republic of Tanzania	155. Vietnam
141. Tunisia	149. USA	156. Zambia
142. Turkey	150. Uruguay	157. Zimbabwe
143. Turkmenistan	151. Uzbekistan	
144. Tuvalu		

- c. Are **fully vaccinated**, as defined in Section A(2) below, except only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated foreign parent/s;
 - d. Carry/possess an **acceptable proof of vaccination**, as set out in Section A(3) below;
 - e. Present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over;
 - f. **Except** for foreign spouses and/or children of Filipino citizens and former Filipino citizens with balikbayan privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their foreign spouse and/or children who: (i) are not balikbayans in their own right and (ii) are traveling with them to the Philippines, have **valid tickets for their return journey** to the port of origin or next port of destination not later than thirty (30) days from date of arrival in the Philippines;
 - g. Have passports **valid for a period of at least six (6) months** at the time of their arrival to the Philippines; **AND**
 - h. Obtain, prior to arrival, a travel insurance for COVID-19 treatment costs from reputed insurers, with a minimum coverage of USD 35,000.00 for the duration of their stay in the Philippines.
2. A foreign national shall be deemed fully vaccinated only if he/she is fully compliant with the following requisites:
- a. Received the second (2nd) dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.
 - b. The vaccine is included in any of the following:
 - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; **OR**
 - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.



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3. The following shall be the only acceptable proofs of vaccination, which shall be presented prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the country:
 - a. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; OR
 - b. VaxCertPH; OR
 - c. National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement; OR
 - d. Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF.
4. Visa-free foreign nationals who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(1) to (3) above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.
5. Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.

B. Foreign Children Traveling with Filipino Nationals

1. A foreign child or children below twelve (12) years of age who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever and traveling with their Filipino parent, shall follow the entry, testing, and quarantine protocols of their Filipino parent traveling with them.
2. A foreign child or children from ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17) years of age traveling with their Filipino parent, shall follow the protocol based on their vaccination status (i.e., vaccinated or unvaccinated). In case of such unvaccinated minor children, either foreign or Filipino parents should accompany such child or children during their facility-based quarantine.

C. Foreign Nationals Entering Through 9(a) Visa

1. Foreign nationals covered by Section A(1)(b) intending to stay beyond thirty (30) days for purposes other than tourism or leisure, or not covered or qualified under Section A(1)(a) or Section A(1)(b) above, or foreign nationals from visa-required countries or restricted foreign nationals, may enter the Philippines through an entry exemption document (EED) issued under existing IATF rules and regulations, provided:
 - a. They are **fully vaccinated**, as defined in Section A(2) above, except



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- only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated parent/s;
- b. They carry/possess an **acceptable proof of vaccination**, as set out in Section A(3) above; **AND**
 - c. They present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
2. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino citizens who: (i) are not nationals of E.O. 408 countries, whether or not traveling with said Filipino citizen; or (ii) are from visa-required countries; or (iii) who are restricted nationals may enter the country without need of an entry exemption document (EED), provided they have been issued a 9(a) visa with the appropriate visa notation. These foreign nationals are likewise required to comply with the provisions of Section A(1)(c) to A(1)(h).
 3. Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.
 4. Foreign nationals who are found not compliant with the condition set forth in Section A(3) above shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.

The local government units of destination and their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams are tasked to monitor those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine.

D. Foreign Nationals with Other Types of Visas

1. Foreign nationals with valid and existing visas other than 9(a) visas may be allowed entry into the Philippines provided they are fully vaccinated as defined in Section A(2) and are able to present proofs of vaccination as set out in Section A(3), and shall no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government



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unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.

2. Foreign nationals covered by this Section D who shall not be fully vaccinated as defined in Section A(2) above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.
3. Foreign nationals covered by this Section D who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(3) above shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.

E. Fully vaccinated foreign nationals shall not be included in the arrival quota set by the Department of Transportation (DOTR) and its One-Stop-Shop (OSS).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall supersede the relevant entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for foreign nationals under IATF Resolution No. 159 dated 27 January 2022. Other previous IATF resolutions inconsistent herewith are deemed modified accordingly.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 160th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this February 03, 2022, via video conference.

KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.2014) and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **03 February 2022** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **160-B** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. IATF Resolution No. 160-B has been amended and is being republished pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 160-D (s.2021);
7. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **10th** day of February 2022, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO GRANDE
Undersecretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF



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RESOLUTION NO. 160-D

Series of 2022
February 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of the exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on 10 September 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s. 2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until 12 September 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS CoV-2 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the cross-border transmission of SARS CoV-2, there is a need to adopt border control and quarantine measures for all passengers entering the Philippine territory by sea or by air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following:

- I. Upon the recommendations of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the national COVID-19 vaccination certificate of the following countries, namely Brazil, Israel, South Korea, and Timor Leste shall be accepted/recognized for purposes of arrival quarantine protocols as well as for interzonal/intrazonal movement, in addition to such other countries/territories/jurisdictions whose proofs of vaccination the IATF has already approved for recognition in the Philippines, and without prejudice to such other proofs of vaccination approved by IATF for all inbound travelers.

The Bureau of Quarantine, the Department of Transportation - One-Stop-Shop, and the Bureau of Immigration are directed to recognize only the proofs of vaccination thus approved by the IATF.

- II. Upon the recommendations of the Technical Working Group, the entry, testing, and



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quarantine protocols for **foreign nationals arriving from abroad under** the following provisions of **IATF Resolution No. 160-B, dated 03 February 2022** are hereby **amended** as follows:

A. Section A(1)(f) is amended to read as follows:

“A. Foreign Nationals Entering the Philippines Visa-Free

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f. **Except for foreign spouses and/or children of Filipino citizens and former Filipino citizens with *balikbayan* privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their foreign spouse and/or children who: (i) are not balikbayans in their own right and (ii) are traveling with them to the Philippines, have valid tickets for their return journey** to the port of origin or next port of destination not later than thirty (30) days from date of arrival in the Philippines;”

B. Section C is hereby amended to read as follows:

“C. Foreign Nationals Entering Through 9(a) Visa

1. Foreign nationals covered by Section A(1)(b) intending to stay beyond thirty (30) days for purposes other than tourism or leisure, or not covered or qualified under Section A(1)(a) or Section A(1)(b) above, or foreign nationals from visa-required countries or restricted foreign nationals, may enter the Philippines through an entry exemption document (EED) issued under existing IATF rules and regulations, provided:

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2. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino citizens who: (i) are not nationals of E.O. 408 countries, whether or not traveling with said Filipino citizen; or (ii) are from visa-required countries; or (iii) who are restricted nationals may enter the country without need of an entry exemption document (EED), provided they have been issued a 9(a) visa with the appropriate visa notation. These foreign nationals are likewise required to comply with the provisions of Section A(1)(c) to A(1)(h).

3. Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe



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facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.

4. Foreign nationals who are found not compliant with the condition set forth in Section A(3) above shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.


The local government units of destination and their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams are tasked to monitor those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine.”

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall supersede Section C of IATF Resolution No. 128, dated 22 July 2021. Other previous IATF resolutions inconsistent herewith are deemed modified accordingly;

RESOLVED FURTHER STILL, that the IATF Secretariat re-publish IATF Resolution No. 160-B, dated 03 February 2022, incorporating the amendments herein made, for the reference of the general public;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED this February 10, 2022, via *ad referendum*.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.2014) and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
1. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
1. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
2. IATF Resolution No. **160-D** was unanimously approved and adopted;
3. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
4. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **3rd** day of February 2022, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Undersecretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF

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
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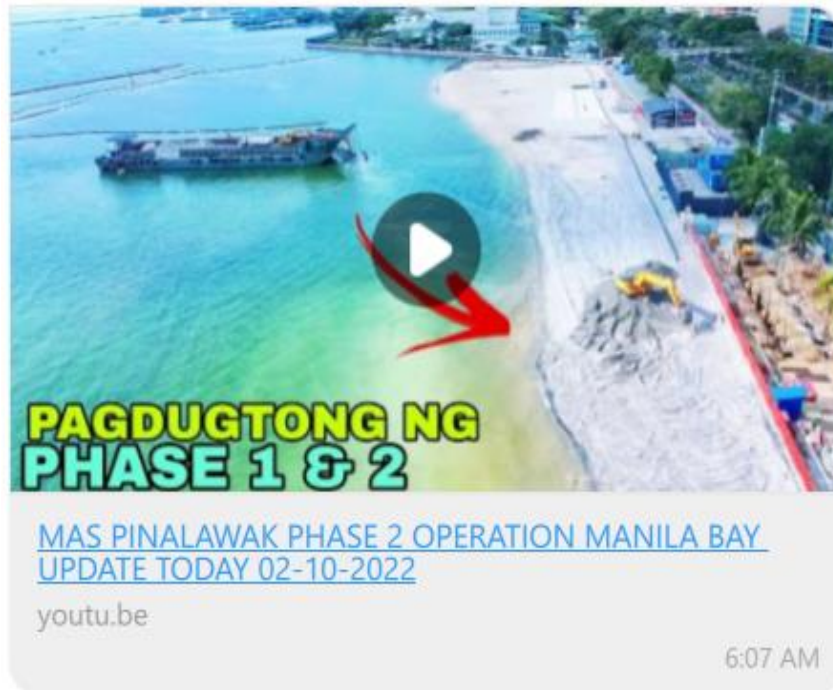
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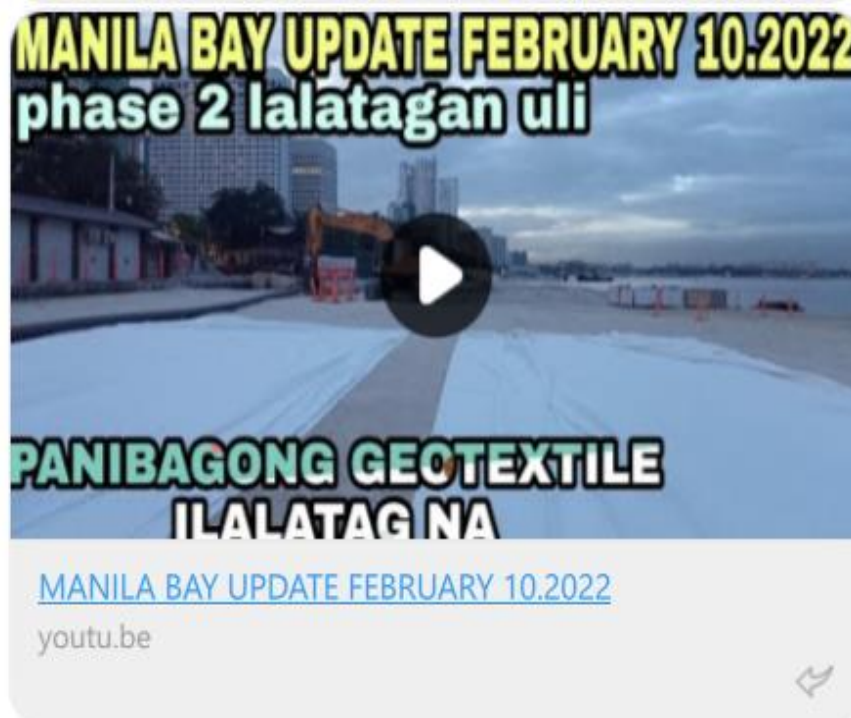
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