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# **DENR Receives Oscar Award for PH**

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By Rjhay E. Laurea

MANILA — The Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is among the recipients of "Oscar on Best Policies" award.

Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, during the online awarding ceremony of Future Policy Award 2021 held recently, acknowledged the Special Award for Lead in Paint category which the Philippines received as a result of the issuance of DENR's Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2013-24 or the Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds.

The DAO mandates the prohibition on the use of lead and lead compounds in the production/manufacturing of packaging for food and drink, fuel additives, water pipes, school supplies, cosmetics, and paints.

Cimatu said the award bespeaks the commitment of the national government in protecting human health and the environment through responsive policies.

The Philippines is among the top five awardees from the 55 policies nominated, and the first Southeast Asian country to win the award. The Future Policy Award dubbed as the "Oscar on Best Policies" is an annual event of the Germany-based World Future Council.

Last December 23, 2013, then DENR Secretary Ramon J. Paje issued DAO 2013-24 pursuant to Republic Act 6969 otherwise known as the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Act of 1990, and to other previous DAOs and implementing policies.

The DAO 2013-24 aims to increase awareness about the toxicity of lead and lead compounds and the availability of the technically superior and safer alternatives.

It also aims to develop the framework for proper implementation of appropriate prevention based programs to reduce and eliminate risks from the use of lead.

Provide guidelines and assistance to identify and release potential lead exposure industrial facilities to reduce workers lead exposure is also one of its objectives.

It also enforce the provisions within the specified limits provided under DAO 2013-24. (AI/MTVN)

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# DENR cites individuals, initiatives on climate and disaster resiliency

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA JULY 12, 2021

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has announced the top three winners of the 2021 "Mga Kwentong KLIMA-Likasan Tungo sa Katatagan: A Climate and Disaster Resiliency" recognition awards.

Seven entries were also given special citation for the categories of Youth Empowerment, Gender Empowerment, Originality, Sustainability Initiatives, Community Participation, Ecological Waste Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.

The 2021 Resiliency Awards gives recognition to Filipino "movers and workers" who have been making change to bolster climate and disaster resiliency.

The first place winner was Annadine Marzinares of the local government unit (LGU) of Botolan, Zambales for her entry, "Women Leadership, Trailblazers of Environmental Sustainability," which showcased the programs and projects initiated by the Botolan municipal government in achieving environmental sustainability in their municipality.

These include fabrication and installation of artificial reef with coral transplantation, mangrove and forest reforestation, and solid waste management.

The second place winner was engineer Reynaldo Gonzales of the Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources in Zamboanga City for the "Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction (GHG): Zamboanga City Initiatives for Climate Change Mitigation."

The entry describes Zamboanga as one of the model cities that integrated the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as a component for their Local Climate Change Action Plan or LCCAP.

Maria Clarita Limbaro from the local government of Bayabas, Surigao del Sur was the third prize winner for her entry "Sagip-Wakatan Program: Kwentong KLIMA-likasan ng Bayabas, Surigao del Sur."

The Sagip-Wakatan program is a yearly mangrove reforestation, replanting, and coastal cleanup initiative of the municipality of Bayabas that aims to maintain and improve the mangrove cover density to help protect the community against destructive effects of storm surges, tidal waves, tsunami, and soil erosion.

Special citations in seven categories were also given recognition during the virtual ceremony:

- Youth Empowerment: Carvel Acabal of the National Anti-Poverty Commission's Children Basic Sector and Kalambulan Youth Organization (Kayo) in Zamboanga del Sur for "Kayo: Extraordinary Youths in Extraordinary Times."
- Gender Empowerment: Nyla Cordero of Kalayaan Organic Practitioners Association in Laguna (KOPA) for "Nyla Cordero's Story: Empowering Women on Climate and Disaster Resiliency in the Community."
- Originality: Adela Jamelo of Panatao Plastic Waste Recycling Association in Surigao del Norte for "From Waste to Wealth Project."
- Sustainability Initiatives: Danielle Ann Ravalo of Graymont (Philippines) Inc. in Las Piñas City for "Juan Earth: Efforts in saving the only thing we all have in common."
- Community Participation: Auria Primaverde Gonzales of the Metropolitan Naga Water District (MNWD) in Camarines Sur for "MNWD Integrated Watershed Management Program: The Beginning of a Promising Story."





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- Ecological Waste Management: Ian Chester Solver of the Parish Youth Ministry-Basud, Youth of Poblacion Uno-Basud in Camarines Norte for "Binhi ng Pag-asa (Seed of Hope)."
- Disaster Risk Reduction: Zia Sagoso from General Santos City for her entry "Green Initiatives: A Better Life and Environment."

The winners received P50,000, P40,000, and P30,000 for first, second and third prizes, respectively. Meanwhile, special citation awardees received P15,000 each.

"We recognize all the winners as our environmental heroes. They, who tirelessly work to protect our environment and natural resources deserve honor and acknowledgment," DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said in a statement.

"No work and no project to save our planet are ever too small or too big because everyone can make a difference and can provide a solution to climate change – individuals, organizations, communities, and local governments," Cimatu added.

DENR Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh congratulated the winners for their contributions, which she said were "nothing less than a mark of passion, dedication, commitment and love for our campaigns and advocacies for the environment and our peoples."

The DENR received almost 100 entries all over the country for the recognition awards.

The awards support the "Global Good Stories Movement," which seeks to recognize the stories of individuals—both women and men—and groups on the impacts of climate change and disasters in their communities, and on how they are addressing them through pursuing relevant programs on environmental protection and conservation, climate change, and disaster risk reduction.

The "Global Good Stories Movement" is composed of "people who share the common belief that we can change the story of the world by changing the storyline."

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Illegal wildlife trade sa Ph mahigpit na tinutukan ng DENR



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Manila, Philippines – Bilang paghahanda sa nalalapit na 4th National Environmental Law Enforcement (NELE) Summit sa Hulyo 14 hanggang 16, 2021, nagsagawa ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ng pre-event noong Hulyo 7, Miyerkules upang matutukan ang masamang epekto ng illegal wildlife trade sa bansa.

Para sa pre-event, tinalakay nina DENR undersecretaries Benny Antiporda, Edilberto D. Leonardo, at Benito de Leon, kasama si Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) Wildlife Resources Division Chief Atty. Theresa Tenazas ang iba't-ibang aspeto at lawak ng illegal wildlife trade sa isang media briefing.

Kabilang sa mga tinalakay ay ang mga hamon sa DENR wildlife enforcement officers, online illegal wildlife trade, at mga salient points upang maging mas mahigpit ang Republic Act (RA) 9147 or the Wildlife Resource Conservation and Protection Act of 2001 kasama na ang mga "context and threats," policy gaps, and its proposed revisions for amendment."

Napag-usapan din ang madalas na kinakalakal na species kasama na ang illegal wildlife trading hot spots at strategies for combating illegal wildlife trade.

Ipinaliwanag din ng mga opisyal ng DENR ang kahalagahan ng nalalapit na NELE Summit at binanggit na isang workshop ang ginanap noong Marso 11-12 upang pag-aralan ang enforcement of green laws (forestry, flora and fauna), blue laws (water bodies such as estuaries, rivers, lakes, bays and oceans), brown laws (mining, land, and solid waste management), prosecution, and the roles of supporting agencies before the actual event.

"Hopefully, during this pre-event for the upcoming environmental law enforcement summit, we can make the Filipino people realize the magnitude of what we are lobbying and continuously advocating," saad ni DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu.

Layunin ng NELE Summit na makapagpresenta ng mga nagawa ng environmental law enforcement tulad ng "laws and policies, implementing guidelines, programs, and tools, and come up with a new NELE Action Plan for 2021-2028."

Magsisilbi rin itong lugar upang matiyak na patuloy ang koordinasyon at kooperasyon ng mga environmental law enforcement agencies at pagbibigay ng pagkilala sa partner agencies at institusiyon maging sa bawat indibiduwal.





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Ayon kay Cimatu, upang mapanatili ang "momentum" ng Senate hearing noong nakaraang Hunyo 30 para sa mga panukulang batas na magpapalakas sa RA 9147, ang DENR ay kinakailangang "must continue to reverberate the drumbeat of calls to enact a law that will provide a more stringent legal framework to punish illegal wildlife traders."

"The sophistication of these illegal wildlife traders gives us the sense of urgency to clamor for the immediate legislation of the Senate bills concerning this matter," aniya.

Sa kasalukuyan, ang illegal wildlife trade sa Pilipinas ay tinatayang aabot sa halagang P50 billion kada taon, kabilang na dito ang market value ng wildlife at ng resources nito, ecological role at value, pinsala sa habitat na nagawa sa paghuli at pagkawala ng potential ecotourism revenues.

Sa nakalipas na sampung taon, ang DENR ay nakakumpiska ng P248-million halaga ng wildlife specimens.

Sinabi pa ni Cimatu na ang bilang na ito ay nakaaalarma at "could invite more criminal minds and unscrupulous individuals, especially during this time of crisis—if they are left with merely a slap in the wrists."

Noong Mayo 26 nang pumasa na sa House Committee on Appropriations ang substitute House Bill na pinamagatang "An Act Providing for the Conservation and Protection of Wildlife Resources and their Habitats, and Appropriating Funds Therefore, Repealing for this Purpose Republic Act No. 9147" or the "Wildlife Resources Conservation And Protection Act," na inisponsoran ni Occidental Mindoro Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato at labing-limang iba pang representante.

Kasalukuyan namang tinatalakay sa public hearing ng Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change kasama ang Committee on Finance at Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation, and Futures Thinking ang Senate Bills 2078 at 2079 na iniakda nina Senators Cynthia Villar at Juan Miguel Zubiri, ayon sapagkakasunod. **Ernie Reyes** 

Source: https://www.remate.ph/illegal-wildlife-trade-sa-ph-mahigpit-na-tinutukan-ng-denr/





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# Live leopard gecko confiscated



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Customs agents at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) seized a parcel from Thailand that contained a live leopard gecko.

In coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the parcel which lacked the required import permit was seized following a physical examination at the PairCargo warehouse in Pasay City.

The gecko was valued at P20,000.

The DENR said the gecko is a specie regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) and protected under Republic Act (RA) 9147, otherwise known as the Philippine Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

Its collection from the wild, as well as trade, requires import permit from the Biodiversity Management Bureau under the DENR. Violation of RA 9147 is punishable by imprisonment up to four years and a fine up to P300,000.

NAIA Customs officers said the seized gecko shall be subjected to seizure and forfeiture proceedings for violation of Section 1113 in relation to Section 117 of RA 10863, or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, and Section 11 of RA 9147.

The custody of the seized wildlife species was immediately turned over to DENR pursuant to Section 8 of Customs Administrative Order 10-2020.

The DENR will pursue the case building and prosecution against the importer of the gecko.

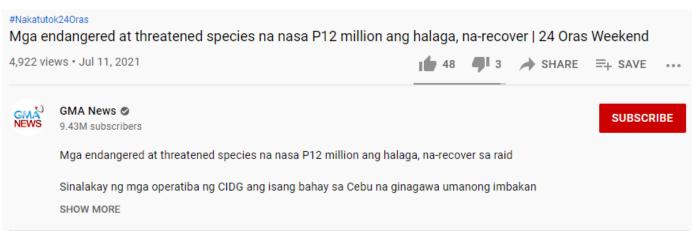
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# DENR, LGUs to produce, implement forest land use plan in Calabarzon

BY BUSINESSMIRROR AND JONATHAN L. MAYUGA JULY 12, 2021

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and concerned local government units (LGUs) are pushing for the formulation and implementation of a comprehensive forest land use plan (Flup) for individual LGUs in Region IVA or the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) region.

The DENR recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the San Pablo LGU in Laguna for the town's Flup. The initiative aims to enhance the protection of the remaining forest lands in the region.

As defined in the Forest Management Bureau Technical Bulletin 2, a Flup "is a participatory process of allocating forests and forest lands (FFL) as natural resource asset by the government under appropriate management, tenure arrangement and eventually putting these assets according to their best uses to harmonize uses of FL and to attain a balance of production activities with forest protection and biodiversity conservation."

A Flup ensures a sustainable allocation and management of FFL that will provide environmental, social, and economic benefits to the public. A Flup also aims to identify open access areas and determine the best management and use for these open areas.

Flups are formulated by LGUs with technical assistance provided by Field and Regional Offices. LGUs are given opportunities to formulate their Flups upon submission of their Letter of Intent (LOI). Moreover, municipalities with remaining open access areas within their forestlands are targeted for Flup formulation.

In the Calabarzon Region, a Flup started in 2011 where a total of 47 plans have been formulated from 2011 to 2020. For CY 2021, there are nine targets for Flup preparation/formulation and six targets for FLUP adoption. This 2021, Lobo, Batangas has started to implement their Flup.

According to Tamoria, FLUP shall be done "beyond compliance".

It is coordination between the DENR and the LGU to create a comprehensive plan for our forest lands.

Tamoria said LGUs who are interested in the formulation of FLUP for their respective areas of jurisdiction may coordinate with the nearest DENR Office.

The signing of the MOA with the San Pablo LGU for the implementation of Flup last month included the following: Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office-Laguna Ronillo L. Salac; Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Alfredo C. Palencia; DENR Calabarzon Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria; Mayor Loreto S. Amante; Vice Mayor Justin G. Colago; and, ABC President Ariston A. Amante.

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# ADB, World Bank commit to more climate financing

BY**CAI ORDINARIO** JULY 12, 2021

MULTILATERAL development banks, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank, have committed higher climate financing as the V20 Group called on developed nations to deliver on their Paris Agreement climate assistance commitments.

The V20 Group, composed of the most vulnerable countries to climate change—the Philippines included—demanded for a "2020-2024 delivery plan" for the missing \$100 billion annual Paris Agreement climate assistance.

During the recent V20 Ministerial Dialogue, V20 Chair HE AHM Mustafa Kamal appealed to multilateral banks to stand by the V20 and make financing more accessible.

"As members of V20 countries, it is our responsibility to work out a sustainable solution to combat the adverse impact of climate change," Kamal said.

"In this regard, I request the representatives of the international financial institutions, multilateral development banks and development partners to stand beside our initiatives firmly, with the required technology and resources. Lives and livelihoods of 1.2 billion people of V20 countries could be saved through this initiative," he added.

In his remarks at last week's first "Climate Vulnerables Finance Summit" and "V20 Ministerial Dialogue VII," ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa said the bank will make every effort to achieve its climate finance goal.

This goal is to provide at least \$80 billion between 2019 and 2030 for climate finance. He also said the ADB plans to scale up its investments in adaptation and resilience to \$9 billion between 2019 and 2024.

Asakawa said the ADB also aims to fully align its sovereign operations by July 2023 and non-sovereign operations by July 2025 to the Paris Agreement. By July 2023, the ADB's non-sovereign operations will be 85 percent aligned with the agreement, according to the bank.

"ADB is partnering with countries in the region, not only to enable the implementation of their 'Nationally Determined Contributions,' but also to ensure that our own operations are aligned with the Paris Agreement," Asakawa said.

Meanwhile, World Bank President David Malpass said that over the next five years, the bank will allocate 35 percent of financing across the World Bank Group for climate investments.

Malpass added that at least 50 percent of the Washington-based lender's climate finance will be dedicated for adaptation investments.

Further, apart from direct finance, Malpass said the bank is also deploying concessional finance and political risk insurance to unlock private capital for climate investments.

"We're also thinking about how to have an impact beyond providing direct finance. Public budgets alone are not enough for the scale of climate investments we need, so we are also mobilizing private investment," Malpass said.

The V20 Communiqué urged individual developed countries that have failed their contributions towards ensuring the collective \$100 billion per year in climate finance support to take urgent steps to fulfill their part of the agreed funding well prior to COP26, for the sake of international climate action and cooperation.





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The group said developed countries were called upon to indicate how and when they will catch up with a concrete 'Delivery Plan' outlining the way in which the entirety of the agreed financing will be met during and over the years 2020-2024.

The V20 also urged developed countries to align their contributions under UN agreements by allocating public international climate finance to ensure at least 50 percent of resources for urgent adaptation needs as the climate crisis continued to disproportionately plague economies most exposed to its risks amid the Covid pandemic's shocks.

The Communiqué indicated that annual levels of loss and damage caused by climate consequences in the V20 were already more costly than any amount of climate finance received or promised by the richest, most responsible nations.

Formed in 2015 with originally 20 members, the V20 Group of Finance Ministers of the member states of the Climate Vulnerable Forum is a dedicated cooperation initiative of economies systematically vulnerable to climate change.

The V20 membership stands at 48 economies including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, The Gambia, Ghana, Grenada and Guatemala.

The list also includes Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Kiribati, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Palau, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Senegal, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen.

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# 'With policy tweaks, mining, manufacturing to lift economy'

BY**JOVEE MARIE DE LA CRUZ** 

JULY 12, 2021

FOLLOWING "encouraging" growth numbers in export sales of the mining and manufacturing sectors, an economist-lawmaker said that with the right government policy and support, these sectors can help boost the country's economic rebound.

House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Joey Sarte Salceda made the comments in response to preliminary Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) data showing merchandise exports in May went up by 29.8 percent year-on-year to \$5.89 billion.

"As I've always discussed in all my presentations to the business community, the manufacturing industry, particularly the electronics sector, and the minerals sector will be among our economic saviors during this pandemic. The demand for electronics, and the minerals that make up their parts, has been impervious to the decline in overall consumption," Salceda said.

"These sectors will continue to be strong, as sales volumes increase even as prices remain elevated. Until the global semiconductor shortage is addressed—and it takes time to build new manufacturing capacity—we will continue to see both sectors have significant pricing power. The Philippines is a leading electronics manufacturer in the region, and is also among the most mine-rich countries in the world," Salceda said.

Exports of manufactured goods grew by 35.2 percent to \$4.96 billion in May. Manufactured goods accounted for 84.2 percent of total export sales over that period. Electronic products, comprising 69.1 percent of manufactured goods and 58.2 percent of total exported goods, expanded by 25.4 percent to \$3.43 billion in May. Of these, semiconductors contributed \$2.53 billion, an increase of 11.3 percent from last year.

The sales of mineral products also increased by 23.4 percent to \$460.83 million from \$373.44 million.

"Add to that the growing demand for electric vehicles, a trend that will only grow stronger as both China and the United States make major investments in the area," Salceda added.

### **Enabling policy**

However, Salceda said both the manufacturing and mining sectors need policies that enable growth and encourage them to make the right business decisions.

According to the lawmaker, the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act is the best tool for growth in these areas, as both the Mining and the Electronics export sectors are in the 2020 Investment Priorities Plan, all of which will be in the Strategic Investment Priorities Plan mandated by CREATE.

However, Salceda said the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) must consider adding "value-added in minerals" as a higher tier in the grant of tax incentives.

"Value-added in minerals should have more tax incentives than mere extraction. The problem with our metallic mining sector is that much of our extracted resources is transformed into higher-value goods in places like Hong Kong," he said.

We can do better by creating value-added here in the Philippines. That will create more jobs and generate more compensatory revenues to rehabilitate mining areas and protect communities," Salceda added.

Under the CREATE Law, domestic industries get 4-7 years of income tax holidays, and 5 years of enhanced deductions. Exporters get 4-7 years of ITH and 10 years of enhanced deductions or a special corporate income tax rate of 5 percent of gross income.





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"Value-added in mining will be export-oriented, so they will get more incentives, if we subdivide that as its own distinct classification in the SIPP. I recommend that the DTI take this direction when it finalizes the SIPP," Salceda said.

### Fiscal regime

Meanwhile, Salceda revived calls to pass a fiscal regime for the mining sector, following the lifting of the moratorium on the approval of new mining agreements through the issuance of Executive Order 130.

"We still need a tax regime for mining, because the EO only clarifies who will negotiate with mining companies on the government's take from their revenues. The baseline regime upon which to negotiate is not yet there," Salceda added.

The House tax chief is also a principal sponsor of House Bill 6135, which creates a fiscal regime for mining

As the government needs money for Covid-19 relief, Salceda has already recommended to the leadership of the House of Representatives and Department of Finance actions to improve government revenues from mining under Executive Order 130.

In separate aides memoire to Speaker Lord Allan Jay Velasco and Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez, Salceda proposed to have the new agreements taxed at better rates for the government, and to ensure that Congress and the DOF have a stronger role in determining the mining agreements.

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# Limay police conduct coastal cleanup

By Ernie Esconde July 11, 2021

LIMAY, <u>Bataan</u>: Members of the Philippine <u>National Police</u> here conducted a coastal cleanup activity in one of this town's seaside villages on Saturday morning.

Maj. *Madtaib Jalman*, Limay police chief, led the cleanup drive in the fishing village of Lamao.

"This activity is [meant] to raise environmental awareness in different communities and to provide a safe and clean environment with the help of the local government and force multipliers," the police chief said.

Jalman said the cleanup drive will be a regular activity of the Police <u>Regional Office</u> 3's Barangayanihan program as directed by Bataan police director Col. <u>Joel Tampis</u>.

oining the activity were members of the Kaligkasan <u>Warriors</u>, a community anti-crime group and an advisory council of Limay.

Jalman said aside from the cleanup campaign, they also conduct regular quarantine checkpoints as part of the implementation of the modified enhanced community quarantine to prevent the spread of <u>Covid-19</u>.

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Latest data from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said around 5,000 individuals are being served in 21 evacuation centers in the province.

# 13,000 residents evacuated from Taal Romina Cabrera (The Philippine Star) - July 12, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — Almost 13,000 residents have been evacuated in Batangas province over a week marked by a phreatomagmatic eruption and continuous volcanic earthquakes at Taal Volcano.

Latest data from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said around 5,000 individuals are being served in 21 evacuation centers in the province.

Over 8,900 more or 2,499 families are reported to have fled since the eruption on July 1 but sought shelter not in evacuation centers.

The NDRRMC said about 14,000 individuals reside in the five high-risk barangays in the towns of Laurel and Agoncillo.

These barangays are Banyaga and Bilibinwang in Agoncillo, and Gulod, Buso-buso and Lakeswhore Bugaan East in Laurel.

NDRRMC spokesman Mark Timbal said they are still checking with regional counterparts to confirm if evacuation of all residents in the high-risk barangays has been completed.

"So far, we're checking with the regional DRRMC if evacuation has been completed. There are some residents who have gone to their relatives without informing the local government units and the Department of Social Welfare and Development is trying to reach out to them," Timbal said.

#### Volcanic quakes

Yesterday, a total of 74 volcanic earthquakes have been recorded in the past 24 hours around the volcano, indicating continued magmatic unrest underneath it.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) also recorded continued "high levels" of volcanic sulfur dioxide (SO2) gas emissions, averaging 6,488 tons on Saturday.

A steam-rich plume that rose 1,000 meters before drifting west-northwest and southwest was also observed from the Taal main crater, the agency said.





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Alert Level 3 or "magmatic unrest" remains hoisted over Taal. This alert level means magma extruding from the main crater could drive explosive eruptions, Phivolcs explained.

The public is prohibited from entering the entire Taal Volcano Island, which is a permanent danger zone.

No civilians are allowed in high-risk barangays of Agoncillo and Laurel due to the hazards of pyroclastic density currents and volcanic tsunamis during strong eruptions.

#### 'Eruption may trigger brownouts'

Yesterday, a congressman warned of possible power outages if Taal Volcano should have a major eruption and disrupt the operation of power suppliers in Luzon.

"The entire power sector – from generation, transmission to distribution – should brace for the worst-case scenario wherein they might be overwhelmed by ashfall," Makati City Rep. Luis Campos Jr. said.

"Our worry is volcanic ashfall, which could pose a hazard to Luzon's power infrastructure, considering the high concentration of power plants in nearby Batangas City and the municipality of Calaca," Campos said.

"They should have operational plans that will enable them to run their critical functions, including maintenance work, even with ashfall," he said.

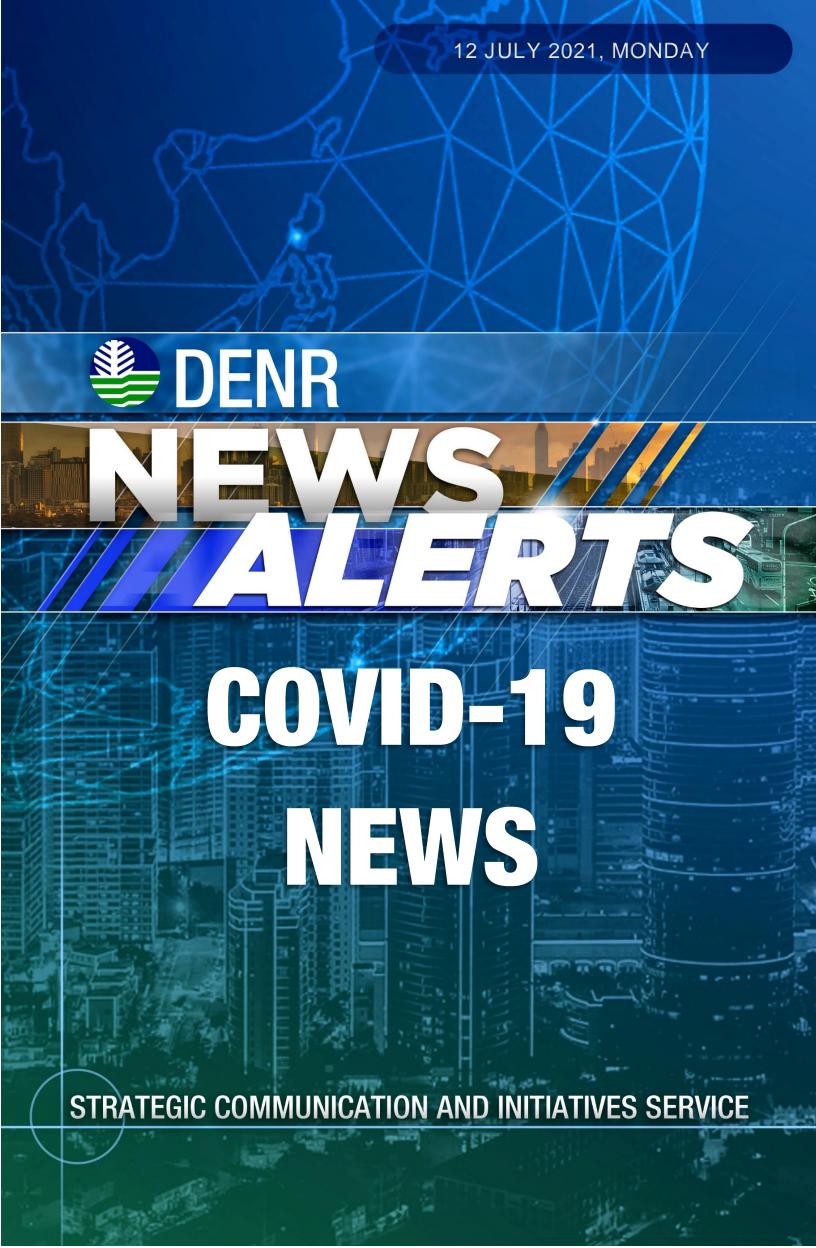
He advised power suppliers to adopt risk mitigation and disaster recovery plans to minimize disruptions and to quickly restart operations should temporary stoppages become unavoidable or the stability of the Luzon grid's power supply would suffer.

The northern half of the volcano island forms part of the Municipality of Talisay in Batangas province.

Talisay is only 38 kilometers away from Batangas City, which hosts five large power plants that supply a combined 3,286 megawatts (MW) to the Luzon grid.

Campos noted that Calaca, 29 kilometers away from Talisay, hosts six other power plants that supply an additional 1,100 MW. – **Helen Flores, Delon Porcalla** 

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# Philippines sees 5,916 new COVID-19 cases, total at 1.47 million

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Children enjoy playing at the Bernardo Park in Quezon City on July 10, 2021. Kids five years old and above are now allowed outdoors in areas under general community quarantine and modified general community quarantine after the Inter-Agency Task Force approved the proposal.

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Health on Sunday said 5,916 more Filipinos contracted the COVID-19, bringing the country's total to 1,473,025.

Today's numbers saw active cases down by 276 from July 10's 49,968. DOH added that three laboratories failed to submit testing results.

Active cases: 49,701 or 3.4% of the total

**Recoveries**: 6,127, bringing the number to 1,397,403

Deaths: 105, or now 25,921 in total

### What's new today?

- The Department of Tourism warned that eased curbs on movement for children and fully vaccinated senior citizens should not be seen as a sign to be complacent against the threat of COVID-19.
- Vice President Leni Robredo urged government to declare a crisis on education to respond to students and teachers' concerns in learning amid the pandemic.
- Some 348 OFWs returned to Manila from the United Arab Emirates. It was part of repatriation efforts from countries that the Philippines ordered a travel restriction to keep away variants of COVID-19.

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# DOH: Over 13 million jabs administered nationwide

Mayen Jaymalin (The Philippine Star ) - July 12, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — Over 13 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered nationwide with at least 3.4 million people already fully vaccinated, the Department of Health (DOH) reported yesterday.

Citing figures as of Saturday night, Health Undersecretary Myrna Cabotaje told a radio interview that out of the 13 million doses administered, 9.6 million were first doses.

"Mabilis kahit kaunti ang bakuna (Fast despite little vaccine supply)," said Cabotaje, noting an acceleration in the administration of the jabs on a per seven-day average from 170,000 to 250,000.

She also announced that vaccination in the National Capital Region (NCR) would resume this week as additional supply has already arrived in the country.

The DOH official said the bulk of vaccines that recently arrived would go to NCR-Plus 8 areas as well as highly urbanized and populated areas.

#### 'Antibody test unnecessary'

Meanwhile, the DOH discouraged the public from getting tested for antibodies after receiving COVID-19 vaccines.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said antibody testing is not recommended to evaluate the level of protection against COVID.

"There are several kinds of immunity that we can produce. These are the ones that cannot be seen in the antibody tests," Vergeire said in a virtual briefing last Friday.

The Philippine Society of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (PSAAI) supported the DOH position, noting that currently available antibody tests are not wired to determine the efficacy of vaccines.

### **Digital registry**

Yesterday, the DOH asked local government units (LGUs) to submit their list of vaccinated individuals for encoding in the digital registry system of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).





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"What is important is for the line list to be encoded in the DICT system. That will guarantee that when they ask for authentication, it's in the vaccine administration record," Cabotaje said.

She said the DICT is already rushing completion of the system designed to pass international standards.

"We are already working together so that we can hasten the digitization. In the end, what we want is an electronically generated and tamper-proof vaccination card," Cabotaje said. Caseload: 1.47 M

On confirmed COVID-19 cases, the DOH updated the nationwide tally to 1,473,025 with 5,916 new cases as of yesterday.

Of the total, 94.9 percent have recovered from the illness, while 3.4 percent are active cases. With additional 105 deaths, the number of COVID-related deaths rose to 25,921 which account for 1.76 percent of total cases.

NCR topped the regions with high active and new cases followed by Calabarzon and Western Visayas.

#### NCR death rate decelerates

OCTA Research Group noted that the number of fatalities among COVID-19 patients in the NCR or Metro Manila is seeing a marked decrease as a result of better care in hospitals and wider vaccination coverage.

In their special article on the NCR Case Fatality Rate released yesterday, OCTA Research fellows Guido David, Erika Enriquez and Ranjit Rye noted: "The overall CFR (case fatality rate) in the NCR decreased from 1.06 percent from January 1 to March 31, to 0.78 percent from June 1 to July 6, 2021, a 26 percent decrease."

"This means there are now less than 1 out of every 100 COVID-19 cases dying due to COVID. In comparison, the CFR in the NCR in 2020 was 2.32 percent, i.e. more than two out of 100 cases were dying due to COVID," the researchers said.

The decrease in CFR was seen in almost all age groups.

"There has been a decrease in CFR for senior citizens 60 years old and above, from 5.87 percent (from 1/1 to 3/31) to 4.29 percent (from 6/1 to 7/6), a 27 percent decrease," they reported.

"The current CFR for seniors citizens is also 64 percent lower than in 2020. There was also a decrease in CFR for those age 50 to 59 over the same period, from 1.61 percent to 1.21 percent or a 25 percent decrease. For the age 40 to 49 group, the decrease over the same period was 60 percent, from 0.62 percent to 0.37 percent," the researchers added.

The CFR for those aged 18 to 39 remained the same at 0.13 percent.

However, the researchers noted that the CFR for the 17 and below age group increased from 0.07 percent from Jan. 1 to March 31, to 0.20 percent from June 1 to July 6, currently 1 out of 500 cases below 18 years old die due to COVID-19. – **Rainier Allan Ronda** 

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# Add'l 37,800 Sputnik V vaccines arrive in PH

By Lade Jean Kabagani July 11, 2021, 12:23 pm



MORE SPUTNIK V VAX. Dr. Maria Soledad Antonio (right), Director of Bureau of International Health Cooperation of the Department of Health (DOH), and Dr. Arthur Dominic Amansec (left) pose with DOH's "Resbakuna" campaign sign after receiving another shipment of the Sputnik V vaccine at the NAIA Terminal 1 in Parañaque City on Saturday (July 10, 2021). The additional 37,800 Russian-made Sputnik V vaccines will be allocated as first dose. (PNA photo by Robert Alfiler)

**MANILA** – The Philippines received additional 37,800 doses of the Russian-made Sputnik V vaccine-Component I on Saturday night.

The latest shipment of the Russian jab arrived on board a Korean Air flight KE 632 from Moscow via Incheon that landed about 9 p.m. at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 in Parañaque City.

The country has now a total 350,000 doses of Sputnik V jab, developed by the Gamaleya National Research Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology and requires a negative 18 degrees Celsius temperature.

The new batch of Sputnik V was immediately transported to the PharmaServ Express coldchain storage facility in San Roque, Marikina City.

In an interview, Director Maria Soledad Antonio of the Bureau of International Health Cooperation said the latest delivery will be given to areas experiencing a surge of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases.

These vaccines will be allocated as first dose, she added.

Last Friday, the Philippines also received 132,200 doses of the Sputnik V vaccine, consisting of 82,200 doses of Component I and 50,000 doses of Component II.

Antonio said the vaccination program remains on track despite the slight delays in jab deliveries, assuring the bulk of supplies will be arriving next week.

Once the large volume is delivered in the country, she said the national government will immediately deploy the vaccines to various local government units (LGUs).

"This coming week, hahabol tayo sa deployment para mas marami pang mabakunahan sa mga LGUs natin (we will hasten the deployment to make sure LGUs can vaccinate more)," Antonio said. (PNA)

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# Bilang ng mga namamatay sa COVID-19 kada araw bumaba: OCTA

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COVID-19 testing sa Barangay Old Balara, Quezon City noong Mayo 31, 2021. Mark Demayo, ABS-CBN News/File

Bumaba ang bilang ng mga namamatay sa COVID-19 sa bansa kada araw sa pangkalahatan, ayon sa ulat ng isang grupo ng mga mananaliksik.

Ayon sa OCTA Research Group, 1.06 porsiyento and case fatality rate nd bansa mula Enero hanggang katapusan ng Marso, at bumaba pa ito sa 0.78 porsiyento mula Hunyo hanggang Hulyo 6.

Nangangahulugan umano itong hindi tataas sa 1 sa kada 100 may COVID-19 ang namamatay.

Noong 2020, 2.32 porsiyento ang case fatality rate, o 2 sa 100 ang namamatay sa virus.

Bumaba na rin umano ang bilang sa mga senior citizen na namatay, sa 4.29 porsiyento mula 5.87 porsiyento, pati sa mga nasa age bracket na 50 hanggang 59 taong gulang, at 40 hanggang 49 taong gulang.

Nakikita umanong dahil sa pagbabakuna ang pagbaba ng mga namamatay sa naturang mga age group.

Pero nadagdagan umano ang mga menor de edad na namamatay sa COVID-19 o 1 sa bawat 500 kaso.

"Mostly, ang mga report na natatanggap namin, ang kadalasang naho-hospitalize talaga 'yong mga unvaccinated at saka 'yong mga nakabakuna na ng mga first dose," sabi ni Health Undersecretary Leopoldo Vega.

Target ng Pilipinas na makapagbakuna ng 58 hanggang 70 milyon ng populasyon, pero sa ngayo'y higit 3 milyon pa lang ang nakatanggap ng kumpletong dose ng COVID-19 vaccine.

Ayon sa World Health Organization, inaasahan sa susunod na linggo ang pagpapadala sa Pilipinas ng higit 3 milyong dose ng Johnson & Johnson vaccine sa ilalim ng sharing agreement ng Amerika at COVAX Facility.

Dumating naman nitong gabi ng Sabado ang dagdag na 37,800 doses ng Sputnik V vaccine na maaaring gamiting pang-first dose, ayon sa Department of Health (DOH).

Ayon sa DOH, sa Agosto hanggang Oktubre inaasahan ang regular na suplay ng bakuna.

#### — Ulat ni Michael Delizo, ABS-CBN News

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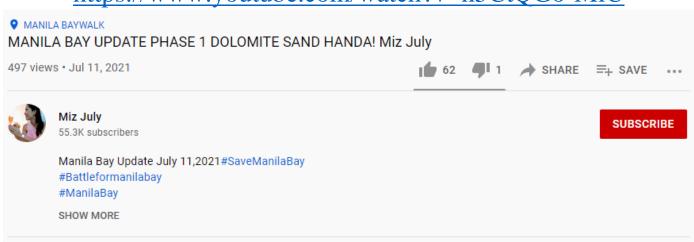




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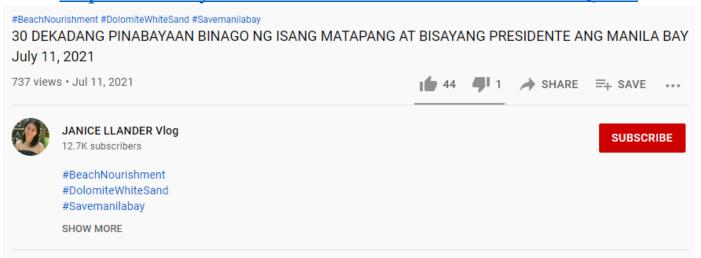




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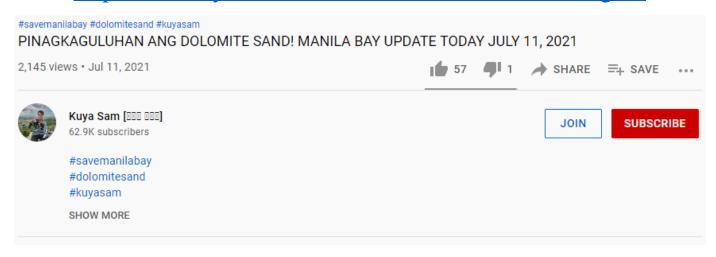




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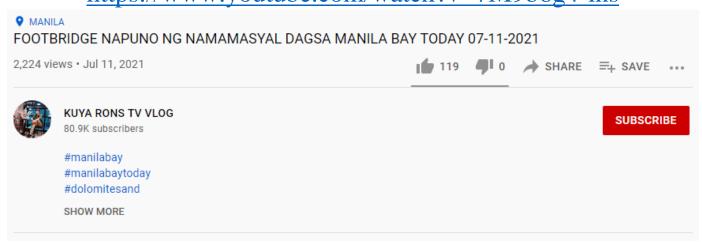




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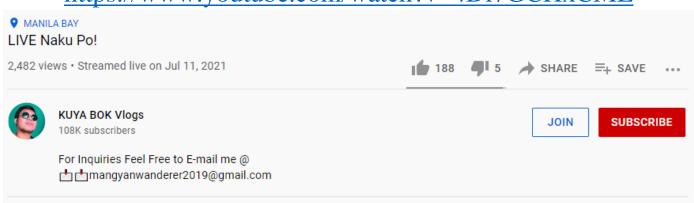




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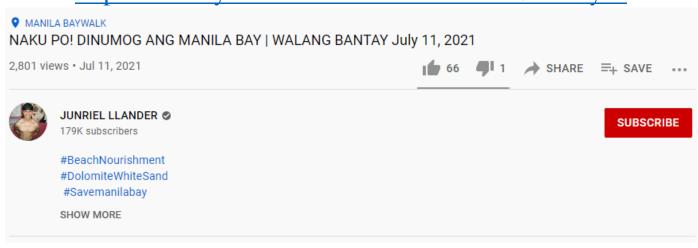




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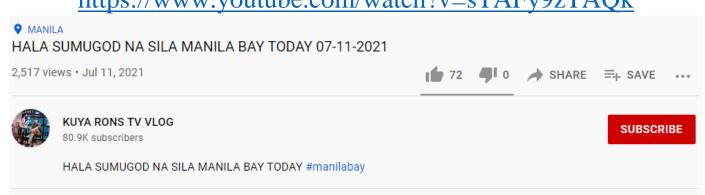




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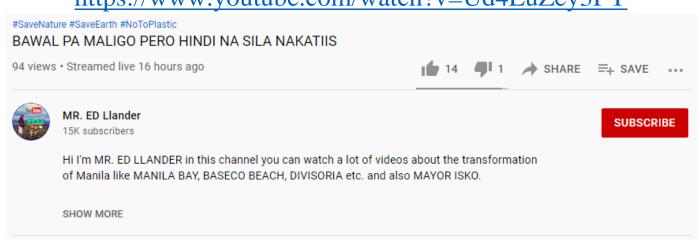




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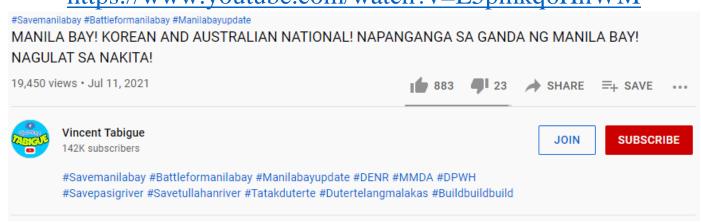




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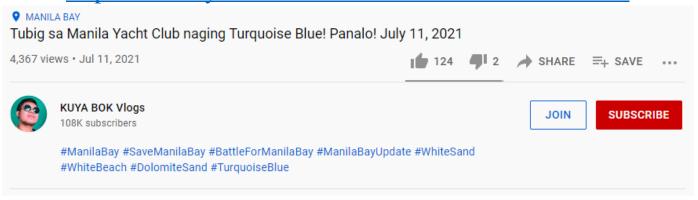




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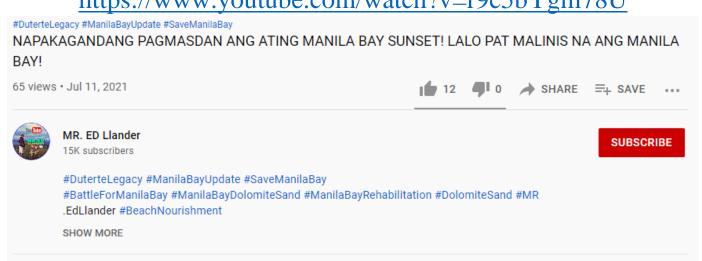




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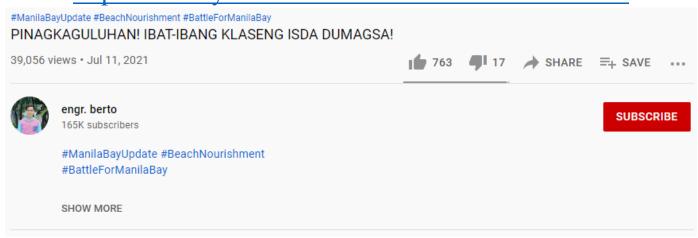




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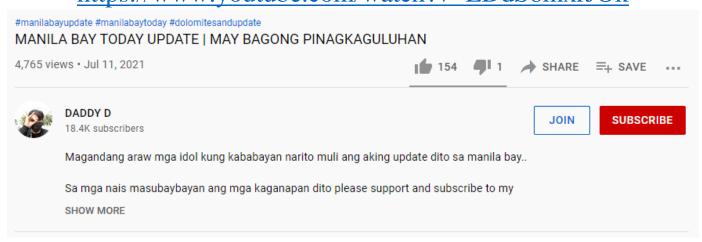




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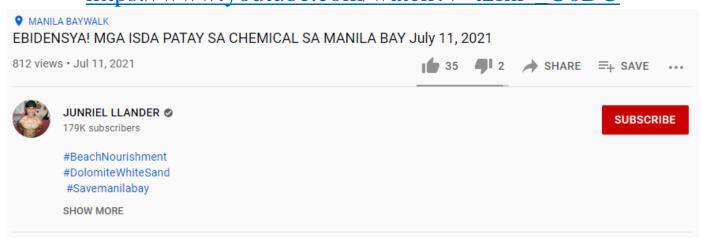




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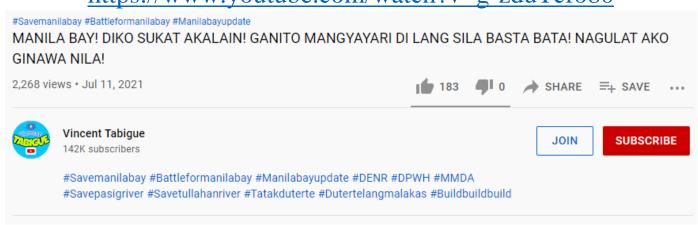




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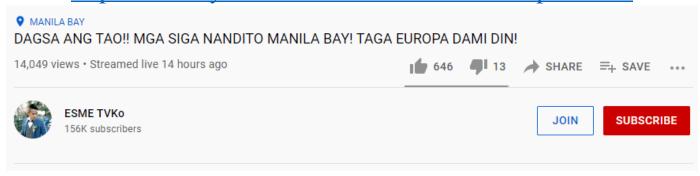




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