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DENR pushes mini bamboo forests



By [Eireene Jairee Gomez](#)

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THE [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) is pushing for the creation of mini "bamboo forests" in more than 1,500 cities and municipalities across the country in an effort to create a nature-friendly, export-oriented bamboo lumber industry.

In a courtesy meeting made by Selva Ramachandran, [United Nations](#) Development Programme (UNDP) country representative, Environment Secretary [Roy Cimatu](#) said the [Philippines](#) and the UNDP can have a collaboration in the establishment of "community-based mini forest, bamboo plantation, urban forestry" project.

Cimatu specifically requested UNDP if it can possibly design assistance for localities, not within DENR areas, to put up bamboo nurseries. All municipalities can have their "mini-forests."

Ramachandran made the courtesy call to the DENR secretary together with Edwine Carrie, UNDP's deputy resident representative, and Floradema Eleazar, UNDP team leader.

The UNDP official said his agency has received the same request for support for the bamboo plantation establishment during his visits to Albay and Cagayan provinces.

Philippine bamboo has the potential to create a profitable industry, considering a humongous \$14- to \$15-billion bamboo trade globally.

Moreover, bamboo, kawayan in Filipino, can be a tool for controlling soil erosion and sequestering pollutant carbon dioxide (CO₂). It prevents soil erosion to which riverbank communities have been predisposed to danger.

A hectare of bamboo retains 30,000 liters of water during the rainy season. Bamboo absorbs huge amounts of pollutant CO₂. A hectare of bamboo sequesters 12 tons of CO₂.

Bamboo plants are excellent cover for vegetating riverbanks to protect them from erosion. These have a root system called "rhizomatous" and come in clumps. This rooting system helps keep soil together.

Another species used in riverbanks is the iron bamboo or *Guadua angustifolia*. It also grows on hilly grounds.

[The National](#) Greening Program listed bamboo as among the preferred species for reforestation. Bamboo will help boost supply for food, products (timber, fiber, non-timber forest products), services and provide aesthetic value to the environment.

In the Philippines, bamboo has been considered an excellent substitute for many raw materials in different industries. Its charcoal is used as organic fertilizer. Its tall, erect stems and petiolate leaf blades make for good ornamental plants. The specific specie is *Arundia pygmaea*. It decors the environment well with bonsai.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/23/business/green-industries/denr-pushes-mini-bamboo-forests/1819385>



DENR mulls allowing more tourists in Boracay Island

By Catherine Teves October 22, 2021, 7:46 pm



(PNA file photo)

MANILA – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is looking into the possibility of increasing Boracay Island's carrying capacity so more people can visit this world-famous tourist destination.

Boracay's carrying capacity at present is about 19,000 people daily but it's time to study such matter as the government-led rehabilitation of the island resort considerably improved conditions so even previously shunned areas there are beginning to attract tourists, according to DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu.

"If there's a study, the carrying capacity might be increased," he said Friday during a virtual press conference on tourism in Boracay Island.

Cimatu said he will ask DENR's Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) to study if the number of people who visited Boracay increased, noting the rehabilitation boosted this island's capacity to accommodate tourists.

He said tourists mainly flocked to Boracay's western portion before the government began rehabilitating the island.

"This time, however, there are tourists even in Boracay's eastern portion," he said.

He noted such portion used to be notorious for its cesspool-like beach and waters.

"It's clean there already," he said.

He added that the eastern portion already has tourist facilities as well.

In 2018, the government began rehabilitating Boracay Island to prevent further environmental degradation there.



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Among the government's rehabilitative activities in Boracay are cleaning up waters, enforcing easement requirements, and improving solid waste management.

Executive Order no. 53 series of 2018 created DENR-led Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) to facilitate rehabilitation and ensure ecological sustainability in the island.

BIATF was supposed to exist for two years only but EO 115 series of 2020 extended this task force's term for another year, enabling it to operate until May 8, 2021.

However, EO 147 series of 2021 extended BIATF's term to June 30, 2022. *(PNA)*



USAid trains researchers, staff in ecosystem valuation



By [Leander C. Domingo](#)

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NEARLY 275 government staff and researchers from Philippine public universities were trained on how to properly account for environment-provided benefits by the United States Agency for International Development (USAid), according to the US Embassy in the Philippines.



The United States Agency for International Development provided training for ecosystem evaluation under its Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes project. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The US Embassy's Information Office Public Affairs Section (IO-PAS) said the training was provided by the USAid through its Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes project.

The recently completed three-month training supports the Philippine government's work to promote economic growth through the conservation of the country's ecosystems, it said.

The US Embassy's IO-PAS said participants during the training were natural resource managers and researchers from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, National Economic and Development Authority and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development.



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There were also participants from six public universities who learned various methods for measuring the value of benefits derived from the environment such as food, water and fuel, soil conservation, and coastal protection, it said.


"When we have competent natural resource managers who are able to account for and monitor the economic value of ecosystem services in the Philippines, the country is in a better position to understand the drivers behind natural resource depletion and develop necessary interventions that will preserve the country's biodiversity, oceans and landscapes," John Edgar, USAid Philippines Environment Office director, said.

Environment Undersecretary Edilberto Leonardo said the training serves as a foundation for incorporating environmental valuation into the design of economic plans at the local level.


"The knowledge and skills that you have learned in this activity will be applied in the actual implementation of natural capital accounting activities. These include updating the country's asset accounts or the value of resources found in Philippine forests, coral reefs and fisheries," Leonardo said.

The US Embassy cited the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, which said the Philippines is one of 17 megadiverse countries in the world, which account for 70 percent of the entire planet's species of flora and fauna.



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Ibinida ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources ang before at after photos ng Manila Bay na ang isang bahagi ay merong dolomite.

: DENR

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MANILA BAY MALAPIT NANG MAPALIGUAN MULI



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BAGO magtapos ang termino ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte walong buwan mula ngayon ay nais ng DENR o ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources na maging “swimmable” na muli ang Manila Bay dahil bahagi ng legacy o pamana ng Duterte administration sa bayan ang paglilinis ng makasaysayang look.

Malaki na ang ibinaba ng antas ng fecal coliform sa Manila Bay at konting paglilinis na lamang ay maaari nang maligong muli ang publiko.

Nais din ng DENR na gawing isang tourist spot ang Dolomite Beach na dinarayo ng mga lokal na turista para makatulong sa maraming negosyo sa paligid.

Noong Oktubre 16, ipinakita ng pagtanggap ng publiko sa muling pagbubukas ng Manila Bay Dolomite Beach matapos ilagay ang Metro Manila sa Alert Level 3 status.

Dinagsa ng tao ang Roxas Boulevard upang maglaan ng oras at magpakuha ng litrato sa dolomite beach ang bagong atraksyon sa kahabaan ng Manila Baywalk area, habang sinisiguro ng DENR personnel at security marshals na nasusunod ang safety protocols.



MANILA BAY MALAPIT NANG MAPALIGUAN MULI

Ang muling pagbubukas ng dolomite beach ay desisyon ng Manila Bay Inter-Agency Task Force na pinamumunuan ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu matapos na ibaba ang COVID-19 alert level sa Metro Manila.

Bukod sa pagtataguyod ng positive mental health, sinabi ni Cimatu na ang dolomite beach ay nakapagbibigay ng panibagong opsyon para masilayan ang scenic Manila Bay sunset bukod sa nakasanayang tanawin sa Baywalk portion malapit sa Remedios Street sa Malate, Manila.

Ngayon, sinabi ni Cimatu na ang mga bibisita ay maaaring magtagal hanggang kailan nila gusto ngunit lilimitahan lamang sa 300 katao ang papayagan mula alas-8 ng umaga hanggang alas-11 ng umaga at alas-2 ng hapon hanggang alas-6 ng gabi, araw-araw.

Hindi rin kinakailangang bakunado ang taong papasok sa dolomite beach ngunit mahigpit na ipinatutupad ang pagsusuot ng face mask at face shield, saad pa ni Cimatu.

Ayon pa kay Cimatu, habang patuloy ang isinasagawang rehabilitasyon at malaki na rin ang ipinagbago ng water quality, ang pagliligo sa dagat ay hindi pa rin pinapayagan dahil hindi pa nakakamit ang standard level para ito mapaliguan.

Base sa DENR Administrative Order 2016-o8 para sa Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards of 2016, ang fecal coliform level sa marine water bodies ay kinakailangang 100 most probable number per 100 milliliters para ito ilagay sa klasipikasyon na Class SB na maaari na para paliguan at iba pang contact recreation.

Hindi rin papayagan ang mga bibisita na magdala ng pagkain, inumin at alagang hayop; mahigpit ding ipinagbabawal ang pagkuha ng dolomite sand, pagdura at pagkakalat.



More of Manila Bay beach open to public

By [Rhodina Villanueva](#) (The Philippine Star)
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MBCO deputy executive director Jacob Meimban Jr. said they have plans to extend the beach area that was initially opened to the public.
Miguel De Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — The Manila Bay Coordinating Office (MBCO) yesterday said it is ready to admit a large number of people at the Dolomite Beach after learning that most of the visitors are interested in watching the sunset.

MBCO deputy executive director Jacob Meimban Jr. said they have plans to extend the beach area that was initially opened to the public.

“During last weekend when the beach re-opened, we gave them access to some 140 meters or 8,000 square meters of the Dolomite Beach area. If we see that a much larger number of people are going in, we are ready to open up to some 300 meters or 12,000 square meters – that is 1.2 hectares,” he said.

Concerned agencies led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources earlier observed that on the first day the beach was re-opened, there were around 8,000 visitors.

“The following day, which is a Sunday, that number tripled since we monitored some 25,000 visitors that day. And consecutive days after that, we recorded more or less 20,000 sightseers per day,” Meimban said.

He said that over the past five days, visitors stayed for only one to two hours.

Meimban said there would be a surge of visitors starting at around 5 p.m. “That is the crucial time because we learned that many want to see the sunset in the bay area,” he added.



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The Dolomite Beach reopened on Oct. 17 after quarantine restrictions were eased in Metro Manila under Alert Level 3.

Meimban said the beach's purpose is to help people relax following several lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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SC upholds CA ruling on P14-B reclamation project in Manila Bay



[BYJOEL R. SAN JUAN](#)

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File photo shows the façade of the Supreme Court Building on Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila.

THE Supreme Court has given its go-signal to a P14-billion reclamation project along the coastline of Manila Bay that is being opposed by Sen. Cynthia Villar and more than 300,000 residents of Las Piñas City.

In a 33-page decision penned by Associate Justice Rosmari Carandang, the Court en banc, voting 11-2, affirmed the decision issued by the Court of Appeals (CA) in 2012, which denied Villar's petition for the issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan and a temporary protection order (TEPO) enjoining the government and the project proponent Alltech Contractors from proceeding with the project covering 635 hectares of submerged land.

A Writ of Kalikasan is a legal remedy for the protection of one's right to "a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature," under Section 16, Article II of the Constitution.

The Court did not give credence to the claim of the senator that the issuance of the environmental certificate compliance (ECC) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was marred with irregularities such as the use of improper form of assessment study, lack of public hearing and consultation and absence of a project alternative.

"Unfortunately, while petitioner raised alleged irregularities in the issuance of the ECC, these are not material and necessary due to the nature of the proposed project. Therefore, no compelling reason was presented to warrant the intervention of the Court," the SC ruled.



SC upholds CA ruling on Pts14-B reclamation project in Manila Bay

Contrary to Villar's claim, the Court said Alltech submitted the proper form of study required for the proposed project.

It explained that there was no grave abuse of discretion on the part of the DENR in requiring Alltech to file an Environmental Performance and Management Plan (EPRMP), which sufficiently addressed environmental concerns of the government.

"It is within the sphere of the technical knowledge and expertise of the Environmental Management Bureau [EMB], an attached office of DENR, and not the Court nor the project proponent to determine the appropriate EIA [Environmental Impact Assessment] report to submit for a particular project," the SC pointed out.

Likewise, the SC belied the petitioners' claim that no public hearing was conducted for the proposed project.

Although not being mandated to conduct public hearing based on the records, the Court noted that Alltech held a consultation on November 25, 2010, with representatives of concerned sectors such as the cities of Parañaque and Las Piñas, Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), the EIA consultants, case handler and review committee.

Identified stakeholders in the direct and indirect impact areas of the proposed project such as the Department of Tourism, the Partnerships for the Environmental Management of the Sea of Asia, and the United Cooperative Association of the Bulungan Fish Landing Site/Fisherman's Wharf likewise participated during the public consultation.

Villar filed the petition while she was then a member of the House of Representatives, fearing that the proposed project will impede the flow of rivers of Las Piñas-Zapote and Parañaque, which may expose several adjacent barangays to flooding and endanger its residents.

She conducted an information drive regarding the proposed project and gathered 315,849 signatures of Las Piñas residents opposing the proposed project.

On March 16, 2012, Villar, representing the 315,849 Las Piñas residents opposing the proposed project, filed a petition for the issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan before the Court.

In asking the Court to enjoin the implementation of the proposed project, Villar invoked her constituents' right to a balanced and healthful ecology.

She noted that the reclamation project impinges on the viability and sustainability of Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA).

LPPCHEA, a 175-hectare mangrove forest and marine habitat in Las Piñas and Parañaque, serves as sanctuary for dozens of bird species, including migratory birds from as far as Siberia. It is also a resting area for the globally threatened Philippine duck and Chinese egret.

However, the SC held that Alltech was able to present sufficient basis to prove that the project will not aggravate flooding.



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The SC noted that flood risk assessments made by the firms tapped by Alltech were simulated using projected worst-case scenarios.

“While Villar’s intention in taking a proactive role in advancing her constituents right to a balanced and healthful ecology is laudable, the Court cannot simply apply the extraordinary remedy of a Writ of Kalikasan to all environmental issues elevated to us,” the SC said.

“The Writ of Kalikasan is not a remedy that may be availed of when there is no actual threat or when the imminence of danger is not apparent to justify judicial intervention,” it added.

Likewise, the SC held that is no sufficient basis to hold that the proposed project will impinge on the viability and sustainability of LPPCHEA.

“Even assuming that the 4.3 hectares of the critical habitat will be utilized, reclamation activities within or alongside a critical habitat is not prohibited under the NIPAS [National Integrated Protected Areas System] and ENIPAS [Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System]. Therefore, the perceived negative impact of the proposed project to LPPCHEA’s viability and sustainability remains unsubstantiated,” the SC, declared.



Ilang mga pamilya, dumagsa ngayong araw sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#)

-Oct. 22, 2021 at 10:16am



Dumagsa ngayong araw ang ilang pamilya kasama ang mga menor de edad na ipinapasyal sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach ngayon.

Sa kabila ito ng naunang pahayag ng Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) at ng pamahalaan na bawal ang paglabas ng mga bata para mamasyal sa mga mall, parke at sa ilang mga kainan o restaurant.

Bukod sa pagbiyahe ay “essential” at pag-e-ehersisyo lamang ang pinapayagan para sa paglabas ng mga menor de edad.

Sa kabila ng paalala at pagbabantay sa seguridad ng mga tauhan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at Manila Police District (MPD), hindi pa rin mapigilan ang ilan sa mga bata na mag-alis ng face mask habang naglalaro.

May ilang nasa tamang gulang din ang nag-aalis ng face mask kapag nagpakuha ng kanilang video o larawan.

Pahirapan din ipatupad ang physical distancing kung kaya’t tulong-tulong ang mga tauhan ng DENR, Manila Local Government Unit (LGU) at MPD para maiwasan ang kumpulan ng tao.

Patuloy rin ang paalala na iwasan ang pagdadala ng pagkain, alagang hayop at iwasang magkalat habang nasa loob ng dolomite beach.

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Dagsa ng tao sa 'dolomite beach' sa weekend pinaghahandaan ng DENR

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Nag-inspeksiyon ang ilang opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources sa Manila Baywalk dolomite beach para paghandaan ang inaasahang pagdagsa ng mga mamamasyal sa weekend. **Nagpa-Patrol, Raya Capulong. TV Patrol, Biyernes, 22 Oktubre 2021**



Manila Dolomite Beach patuloy na dinadagsa

ni [Jasmin Joy Evangelista](#) | October 22, 2021



Parami pa nang parami ang pumapasyal sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach kumpara sa mga naunang araw na binuksan ito lalo pa't marami ang sabik makalabas ng bahay mula nang ilagay ang Metro Manila sa Alert Level 3.

5:30 am pa lang ay binubuksan na ito sa publiko at puwedeng pasyalan hanggang alas sais ng gabi.

Walang entrance fee at pinapayagan maging ang mga bata kaya dinadagsa ito ng mga gustong mamasyal.

Kapansin-pansin lang na kahit may mga nagbabantay na taga-DENR at mga pulis ay hirap nang ipatupad ang physical distancing.

Nagbabala naman si MMDA Chairman Benhur Abalos na maaaring maging super spreader event ito lalo't may banta pa rin ng COVID-19.

Nakabantay rin ang Philippine Coast Guard lalo't bawal pa rin ang maligo sa Manila Bay hangga't hindi pa natatapos ang rehabilitasyon nito.

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DOLOMITE BEACH | Manila Bay's white beach project is a man-made disaster – environmental group

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By Clarist Zablan

(October 22, 2021) – Rodrigo Duterte's government efforts to spruce up Manila Bay by dumping crushed dolomite on the beach is a "man-made disaster", an international marine conservation group said on Friday after the environment agency failed to make an impact assessment study on the multi-million peso project

Gloria Ramos, vice president of Oceana Philippines, said the [Manila Bay's dolomite beach](#) is considered a reclamation project in an ecologically critical area, which would demand an impact assessment.

However, the government failed to conduct an environmental assessment and did not even consult the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource (BFAR) for its views, breaking multiple regulations including the Fisheries Code.

"Lalo ngayon may pandemya, maraming walang trabaho at ang daming nangyayaring natural disasters at man-made disasters, and I think that dolomite beach is a man-made disaster," Ramos said in radio program "Ted Failon at DJ Chacha sa Radyo5."

"Anything which destroys the environment, aggravate impacts of climate change kailangan public consultation. So ito yung grand example of a project na ginawa lang pinagplanuhan lang sa taas at hindi sa proseso na dapat. Klarong-klaro ang maraming batas tungkol dito."

She said the Manila Bay's shorelines are known as rich spawning ground for many fish species, a study made by National Fisheries Research and Development Institute, an agency under the BFAR and the layers of dolomite could have possibly buried the larvae of sardines there.

Thousands of residents in Manila rushed to the rehabilitated beach after quarantine protocols eased up to an Alert Level 3 in the capital region.

DENR had spent P28 million on the beach project to "beautify" the area, a move criticized as a waste of money when the government said it is struggling to find enough money for the nation's pandemic response.

Experts have also expressed concerns on its environmental impacts.

The government has defended the project, saying it has helped make the bay area look "beautiful."

The Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines has dismissed claims of the project's contribution to beautifying the beach as merely costly and temporary, arguing that the dolomite will not do anything to solve the environmental problems in Manila Bay.

Ramos urged the public to look into the real situations of the nation's seas, and seek out the best courses of action to solve these problems.

"Sana magising naman tayo, kasi ang future ng ating mga anak, at mga anak ng mga anak natin, ang magsuffer," Ramos said. "That's why we call on the youth today na you make your stand. At maraming nag-oppose na mga kabataan yung proyekto na ito, at alam nila anong impact nito. At sana malaman na yan ng DENR." (MM)

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Back to nature: 5 things to do in San Vicente, Palawan

Paragua Coasttown

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In a quiet corner of Palawan — recently hailed the third Best Island in Asia in [Conde Nast Traveler's annual Reader's Choice Awards 2021](#)— lies a haven for those seeking a slow-paced, tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Home to one of the Philippines' longest white sand beaches, crystal blue waters, rich marine life, and other stunning natural wonders is the sleepy town of San Vicente.

While most tourists flock to San Vicente's more popular neighbors, El Nido in the north and Puerto Princesa in the south, some choose to take the off-the-beaten path by taking a trip to this scenic beach town and are rewarded by sights and sounds that can only be found there.



San Vicente's iconic Long Beach is often named one of the longest white-sand beaches in the Philippines and 2nd longest beachline in Southeast Asia. Photo source: Megaworld

Make San Vicente part of your post-crisis travel plans and include this list of must-try activities to your itinerary for a memorable trip.

1. Spend a day at Long Beach

In San Vicente, you cannot miss paying a visit to its most famous landmark: the 14-kilometer-long Long Beach, which spans three villages and is said to be three times longer than Boracay's White Beach.

Take your pick from the many things you can do at Long Beach: swim, walk, sunbathe, watch the sunrise and sunset, and take photos for posterity, just to name a few.

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2. Go island-hopping

As one of the most popular activities here, island-hopping offers visitors even more exotic places to visit, most of them still untouched. Book a boat tour in advance with the help of your chosen accommodation or by visiting the booking office near the public market at Brgy. Poblacion.

Be explorers for the day and take a walk on the islands, dig into a full lunch spread, take a dip in the waters, or catch the sun while you are there. You can also go snorkeling to see beautiful coral reefs and colorful tropical fishes. If you are lucky, you might even see a *pawikan*. Do not forget to tip your hardworking boatmen after.

3. Take a mangrove river cruise

Aside from beautiful beaches, mangrove forests are another of San Vicente's tourist draws. [Mangroves](#) are essential to the ecosystem as they serve as habitat for many different species, help prevent erosion, and more.

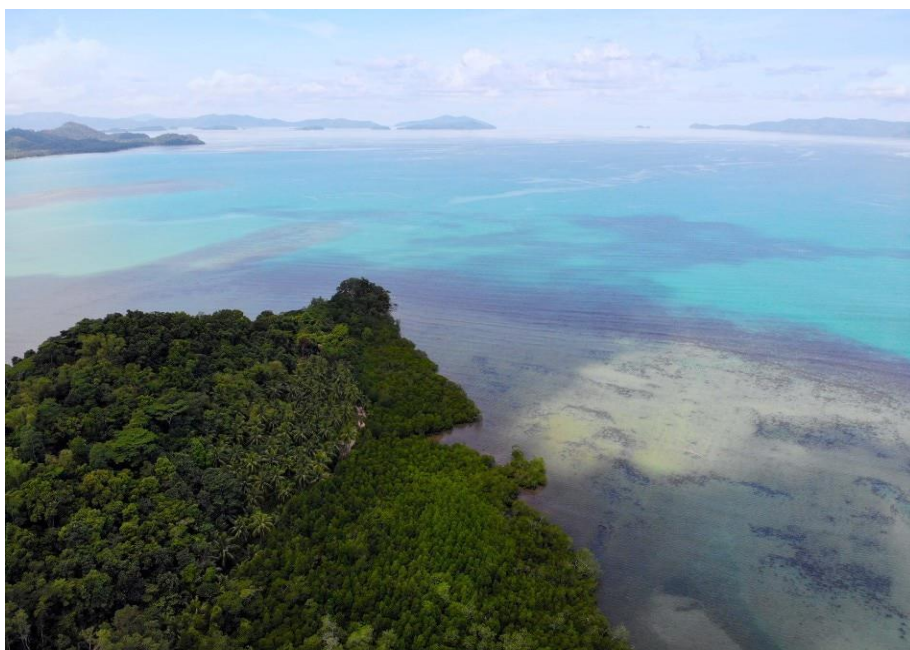
So, do not miss the opportunity to see fascinating, dense mangrove forests (and even a wild animal or two) and learn more about them when you kayak through the Inandeng River for a mangrove river cruise.

4. Check out the beautiful waterfalls

The town is home to two waterfalls, the Pamuyan Waterfalls and Bigaho Falls. Marvel at the falls' height (Pamuayan features a 30-meter drop while Bigaho, 50 meters) and unique water cascades while also treating your eyes and ears to the sound of water splashing in chorus with the natural sounds of the surrounding lush forest.

5. Try exotic local fare

Of course, a trip to San Vicente—or anywhere, for that matter—would not be complete without trying a meal or two featuring exotic local food. Sample raw *tamilok* or fresh *lato* salad, for starters. For the less adventurous, traditional Pinoy fare like grilled seafood and meat are also available.



Make the most of everything San Vicente has to offer. Photo source: Megaworld



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Enjoy the best of sustainable tourism and green living in San Vicente

With its rustic beach vibe and remote location, San Vicente makes for the ideal place where one—whether as a tourist or a homeowner—can pursue a slow, mindful, and eco-friendly lifestyle while living out sustainability in all aspects.

And soon, San Vicente's guests and residents can experience the seamless convergence of sustainable tourism and green living in new and exciting ways, as Megaworld announces its plans to develop a portion of the island into a world-class sustainable 'eco-tourism' community.

To be called Paragua Coasttown after Palawan's old name in the early 1900s, the planned 462-hectare community aims to highlight the natural beauty of San Vicente through facilities that aim to encourage such a holistic lifestyle: health and wellness sanctuaries, a cultural center, and even a mangrove reserve park, just to name a few.

"While we transform San Vicente into a world-class development, we also commit to the preservation of the island's biodiversity," said Megaworld chief strategy officer Kevin Tan.

"More than just sustainable tourism, our vision for this expansive Palawan property is to provide an opportunity to those who want the island-life to live and even raise their families here. Aside from the preserved natural surroundings of the beach, mountains, and cliffs of San Vicente, we will also provide the facilities and amenities for the holistic wellness of our future residents," he added.



PH must review import restrictions on environmental goods

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IN a recent report, the [United Nations Economic and Social Commission](#) for Asia and the [Pacific](#) (UN Escap) has tagged the [Philippines](#) as having "imposed the most number of NTMs (non-tariff measures) on environmental goods" in 2019, which was reported by some local media last week. While a careful reading of the report in question shows that the situation is not as alarming as the news stories about it suggested, it does raise concerns that there are some unnecessary and perhaps unintended restrictions that should be reviewed.

The "Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report (Aptir) 2021" published by UN Escap focused on flows of "environmental goods" among the 53 member countries of the commission, using 2019 data. The Philippines plays a minuscule role in this trade, accounting for only 2 percent of the total imports and virtually no exports.

The list of what qualifies as "environmental goods" is quite large; the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, for example, endorses 54 harmonized system (HS) codes as classifications for environmental goods, each one of which can apply to dozens or even hundreds of individual items. In general, environmental goods with respect to trade are those intended for "sustainable" purposes, such as recycled or renewable organic materials for construction or manufacturing, components of renewable or low-carbon energy systems, pollution control or waste processing equipment, and many others.

Non-tariff measures that are applied to environmental goods, as described by the UN Escap report, include non-automatic licensing (i.e., additional permit requirements), quotas, prohibitions, quantity control measures and price control measures, including additional non-tariff taxes and charges.

Compared with the rest of the regional group, the Philippines has among the lowest tariffs on environmental goods, averaging less than 4 percent. This is considerably below the regional average of 5.78 percent, as well as being below the APEC goal of 5 percent or less.

However, the Philippines is by far the most heavy-handed when it comes to the application of NTMs, with imports of environmental goods subject to more than four NTMs on average, three times the regional average of 1.18.

As the Aptir points out, most of these obstacles are probably unintentional, the result of environmental goods "being caught up in" broader measures applied to many types of imports, rather than being specifically targeted. The effect, however, is the same; imports of environmental goods face higher costs and more red tape, to no obvious benefit.



PH must review import restrictions on environmental goods

Positive momentum

In the past few years the Philippines has made significant strides in adopting policies that promote environmental sustainability. Some steps have been taken to encourage the development of renewable energy, a significant amount of effort has been applied to environmental rehabilitation in areas around the country, and even smaller, less noticeable initiatives such as the government-wide mandate of basic energy and water conservation measures have also had a positive impact.

The positive momentum established by these policies has also led to greater public awareness and demand for sustainable solutions, and this in turn has created new opportunities for economic growth — something that everyone would agree is vital as the country works toward recovering from the nearly two-year-old [coronavirus](#) pandemic. NTMs, even if they originally applied for a reasonable purpose and not intended to adversely affect environmental goods, simply serve as unnecessary brakes on this momentum.

UN Escap recommends that environmental goods be given the same treatment as some essential goods during the Covid-19 pandemic, that is, exempted from most tariffs and given "fast-track" import processing to avoid NTMs that are not absolutely vital to public health, safety, or security.

This is a good start but is an implicitly temporary solution. What it would provide, however, is time for the government to review and better coordinate trade policy and customs procedures with environmental and energy policy. Anything that encourages investment in the expansion of renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure and conservation will reap benefits for the country far into the future, and should be prioritized.



Why we need to act on climate change now



By [Ludwig Federigan](#)

October 23, 2021

Second of two parts

In less than a week, world leaders, including representatives from the Philippines, will converge in Glasgow, [Scotland](#) for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's 26th [Conference of Parties](#) (COP26).

As promised, allow me to share with you the second part of the virtual interview with one of the most prolific and influential climate scientist, Dr. Michael E. Mann.

Federigan: We know that world leaders from both the developed and developing world will converge this November in Glasgow, Scotland. What do you think are effective strategies that developing and least developed countries can employ during this climate negotiation?

Mann: I think it is incumbent upon younger folks — who are likely to inherit the worst impacts of climate change — to do everything they can to hold the older folks who are in power accountable.

We have a global youth climate movement [led by people] like [Greta Thunberg](#) and youth climate demonstrators around the world who are putting pressure on policymakers, especially politicians, opinion leaders and [the] influential from the world's largest industrial economies. We need to put pressure on them, the [United States](#) included, to take dramatic action because we can't solve this without the major industrialized countries of the world committed to solving this problem. The global south alone can't do it. We need the global north to be on board and, what I think, the most powerful thing that you have today is your voice and we've seen that in a profound way.

... I have heard stories of fossil fuel executives who have children who have been following the youth climate movement, who have been following Greta Thunberg and the others, and have asked them, have gone to their parents who are fossil fuel executives and say, "Why are you destroying the planet?" I am sure that's difficult for them to hear. But they need to be hearing that. They need to be feeling that pressure.

Greta once famously said "you need to panic." What she meant is that we shouldn't panic and throw our arms in the air and behave irrationally but what she meant was we [must] make those in power panic... feel the pressure. And take the actions necessary because we can't do it alone. We can't implement carbon solutions, carbon pricing, subsidies for renewable energy, blocking new fossil fuel infrastructures. You and I can't do that ourselves. We need our politicians to do that. We need to force them to be doing our bidding rather than the bidding of powerful fossil fuel interests.

Federigan: The [Paris Agreement](#) states that the developed world should provide climate finance amounting to \$100 billion every year from 2020 to 2025. This amount will be made available to developing and least developed countries for their adaptation and mitigation projects. At present, we know that this amount has not been achieved. How can we ensure that developed nations or the developed world will fulfill this particular promise?



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Mann:... [I]n a sense, it's the same answer that I gave before. It all comes down to using your voice, using the moral authority of your words and your actions to hold power brokers accountable. That is the only way we will be able to do that. I am glad that you were explicit with this question because I talked about the need to provide financing to developing countries for the purpose of mitigation so they can leapfrog past the dirty fossil fuel stage on to developing clean energy infrastructure.

... [P]eople in the global south have a greater vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and that means we need to provide assistance not just to help them leapfrog past fossil fuel to clean energy but to increase their adaptive capacity and to reduce their vulnerability, which means building coastal defenses to guard against sea-level rise and other means to decrease vulnerability, for example, to these extreme weather events. And so, we are a far cry right now from the \$100 billion that the Paris Agreement provides for. I think, right now, between the United States, the United Kingdom and the other countries... \$20 billion or so.

We have a lot of work left to do here and, again... COP26 is going to be really important. We are going to need to get industrial countries on board with making more substantial commitments. The only means we have to do that is our voice — the moral authority of our voices and our demands for action. And we've seen that we can make a difference when we speak up, we speak out, when we engage in collective actions to raise awareness and put greater pressure on policymakers.

Federigan: What kind of transformational climate actions from whom are needed to ensure that net-zero will happen by 2050?

Mann: There has been a lot of talks these days about future tech, carbon capture and sequestration at massive scale and geoengineering. There are technological developments that will help us... but I do think it's dangerous for us to allow politicians, policymakers and others to kick the can down the road... by saying, "Oh yeah, we will develop this new technology, we will remove the carbon from the atmosphere. Trust us, by 2050, we're gonna get it done."

Sometimes, that is used as a crutch for inaction today. Focusing entirely on a target 30 years from now when many of these politicians won't even be around, by the way, to answer for their actions... yes, we need to be net-zero by 2050, but we also need to reduce carbon emissions by 50 percent by 2030. And that's not gonna be done with future tech. That's gonna be done by taking advantage of the solutions that we already have.

There are researchers like [Mark Jacobson](#), Stanford and the [Climate Solutions Project](#) that have demonstrated the pathway based on existing renewable energy technology.

We don't need a miracle like people like [Bill Gates](#) like to say. Bill Gates likes to say that we need a miracle — some new magic future tech. I think he's dead wrong about that. I think he's wrong about that because he and others like him downplay the role that existing clean renewable energy technology can play today. So, we don't need technological innovations to solve this problem. The limitations right now aren't technological, they are political. What we need is the political will to scale [up] the clean energy solutions that we have now.



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Yes, there will be technological innovations. We may, down the road, develop reliable carbon capture technology that can, at the very least, help us offset some of those still difficult to decarbonize sectors like air travel, cement production... We might need some amount of carbon capture and sequestration to offset those areas of the economy where it's difficult to bring carbon emissions down to zero. It's likely that we will have far more efficient forms of renewable energy including solar, wind, geothermal, etc.

But, too often, that talk about future technological progress is used as an excuse for not scaling up the clean energy solutions that we have right now. So, we have to not allow the focus to be diverted from actions that need to be taken now by those looking to kick the can down the road. Simply, as a way of continuing business-as-usual.

Renewable energy jobs grew globally in 2020 despite Covid-19 crisis

Clean energy jobs rose to 12 million last year even amid the pandemic but officials say green employment must come with decent conditions and bring in more women.



Women work on a solar energy panel of Chinese solar equipment manufacturer BYD in Campinas, Brazil. Image: REUTERS/Amanda Perobelli

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The number of jobs in renewable energy worldwide increased in 2020, despite the huge economic disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, with the growing industry holding up better than fossil fuels, international agencies said on Thursday.

In an [annual report on clean energy employment](#), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the International Labour

That was a rise from 11.5 million jobs in 2019.

“The year 2020 demonstrated that not even a global pandemic can slow the advance of renewable energy,” wrote IRENA Director-General Francesco La Camera in a foreword.

The Covid-19 crisis, together with the challenges of global warming, “reinforce the need for a just and inclusive transition toward a clean, reliable energy supply and sustainable, healthy, climate-friendly jobs”, he added.

Achieving a fair shift from coal, oil and gas to solar, wind, bioenergy and hydropower will require efforts to train workers in new skills and build local supply chains, the report said.

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Social protection will also be needed for those who lose jobs in high-carbon activities like coal mining, it added.

Lockdowns to contain the Covid-19 pandemic did disrupt some parts of the renewables industry in 2020, it noted, including a slight dip in employment in biofuels due to lower transport use.

Off-grid solar lighting sales also suffered in developing countries but companies were able to limit job losses with financial help from governments, the report said.

Martha Newton, the ILO's deputy director-general for policy, said the continued growth of renewable energy jobs worldwide amid the pandemic was "a very encouraging signal".

But gaining the maximum social and economic benefits from the clean energy shift would require looking beyond just the number of jobs, she told the report launch by video.

"We need an approach to energy transition conducive to decent work creation" - meaning jobs that boost equity, security and human dignity, she said.

Women at work?

The report stressed the need to bring more women into renewable energy jobs, though they already hold 32 per cent of those, on average, compared to 22 per cent in the oil and gas sector.

Claver Gatete, Rwanda's minister of infrastructure, said his East African nation was encouraging girls to study engineering, offering them internships in clean energy firms and setting gender targets for the industry.

Globally in 2020, the solar photovoltaics sector accounted for about 4 million jobs, biofuels for 2.4 million, hydropower for 2.2 million and wind energy for 1.25 million, the report said.

Nearly four in 10 renewable energy jobs were in China, with Brazil, India, the United States and European Union states holding the next highest numbers.

Other places expanding clean energy employment include Vietnam and Malaysia, which export solar equipment; Indonesia and Colombia, with large agricultural supply chains for biofuels; and Mexico and Russia, where wind power is growing.

In sub-Saharan Africa, solar jobs are expanding in countries from Nigeria to Togo and South Africa, the report noted.

Its authors estimated that if governments limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels, their most ambitious goal, the renewable energy sector could grow to 38 million jobs by 2030 and 43 million by 2050.

That is about double the number that would be created under current climate action plans and pledges, which fall short of meeting the Paris Agreement goals, it noted.

Sharan Burrow, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation which represents 200 million workers in more than 160 countries, said every part of the economy would need to transition to a greener model to cut emissions to net zero.



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That's "a good news story", she said, because for every 10 jobs in renewable energy, 5-10 are created in manufacturing supply chains and more in services, transport and logistics.

If those jobs come with good conditions, a minimum wage and labour rights such as the ability to form unions and bargain collectively, "that's about development, that's about community renewal, that's about aspirations", she told the report launch.

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5,823 bagong COVID-19 cases naitala ng DOH sa Pilipinas ngayong araw

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Security personnel assist individuals in observing health protocols as they queue for the issuance of voters' certificates while others came for the continuation of the voter registration at the Comelec satellite booth inside the SM City Masinag in Antipolo, Rizal on Oct. 18, 2021.
The STAR/Miguel de Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health (DOH) ng 5,823 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Biyernes, kung kaya nasa 2,745,889 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

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

- **lahat ng kaso:** 2,745,889
- **nagpapagaling pa:** 66,838, o 2.4% ng total infections
- **bagong recover:** 4,748, dahilan para maging 2,637,531 na lahat ng gumagaling
- **kamamatay lang:** 283, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 2,637,531

Delta 'subvariant' wala pa rin sa bansa

- [Hindi pa naman nakararating ng Pilipinas](#) ang COVID-19 Delta sublineage (AY.4.2) na unang nadiskubre sa Europa, wika ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire. Inaaral pa naman ng mga dalubhasa kung may tama ito sa bilis ng hawaan ng naturang virus.
- Umarangkada naman na ang [ikalawang phase ng COVID-19 vaccination para sa mga batang edad 12-17 ngayong araw](#), dahilan para madagdagan ng 25 mga ospital at pasilidad ang nag-aalok nito sa bansa.



5,823 bagong COVID-19 cases naitala ng DOH sa Pilipinas ngayong araw

- [Nadagdagan](#) naman ng milyun-milyong doses ng Pfizer at Sputnik V's COVID-19 vaccine ang suplay ng Pilipinas matapos lumapag ang mga nabanggit sa bansa ngayong Huwebes ng gabi.
- Nakakuha naman na ng kumpletong COVID-19 doses ang nasa [25.1 milyong katao sa Pilipinas simula nang umarangkada ito nitong Marso](#). Bahagi lang 'yan ng kabuuang 54.44 bakunang naiturok sa bansa ngayon.
- Umabot na sa 241.88 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, [ayon sa huling datos ng World Health Organization](#). Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.91 milyong katao.

— James Relativo



4.7K new recoveries bring PH tally to 2,637,531

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz October 22, 2021, 5:18 pm



(Infographic courtesy of DOH)

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Friday reported 4,748 new recoveries from coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), with its total now at 2,637,531 or 96.1 percent of all known infections in the country.

In its daily Covid-19 bulletin, the DOH also reported 5,823 new cases, bringing the number of active cases to 66,838 or 2.4 percent of all recorded infections.

Of these active cases, most at 79.1 percent have mild symptoms, followed by those with moderate symptoms at 8.33 percent, the asymptomatic at 6.1 percent, those with severe symptoms at 4.6 percent, and those in critical condition at 1.9 percent.

It logged 283 new deaths caused by Covid-19, with the country’s total casualties at 41,520 or 1.51 percent of all reported cases.

Based on the latest data on Covid-19 testing, a total of 58,273 tests were conducted on Wednesday with a positivity rate of 11.6 percent.

Hospitals in the country remain to have ample room for Covid-19 patients, with a total of 4,200 beds at intensive care units (ICU) at 56 percent occupancy, 21,200 isolation beds at 43 percent occupancy, 14,800 ward beds at 42 percent occupancy, and there are 3,300 ventilators at 40 percent utilization.

In the National Capital Region (NCR), there are 1,500 ICU beds at 49 percent occupancy, 4,900 isolation beds at 37 percent occupancy, 4,200 ward beds at 39 percent utilization, and 1,000 ventilators at 37 percent utilization. **(PNA)**



Proactive measures help PH beat Delta variant

By Lade Jean Kabagani October 22, 2021, 6:22 pm



National Task Force Against Covid-19 chief Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. (PNA photo by Joey Razon)

MANILA – Proactive measures have enabled the Philippines to defeat the highly transmissible Delta variant of the coronavirus, according to Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr.

The vaccine czar and chief implementer of the National Task Force Against Covid-19 said on Friday that Filipinos can look forward to better times ahead.

"Our perception and anticipation in order to have a better Christmas and a good fourth quarter, we made some drastic decision to really locking down early so that we will have a preparation for the coming of the Delta [variant]. *Ngayon nakita natin* (Now, we have seen that) we were able to defeat Delta," Galvez said in an interview during the arrival of 698,600 doses of the private sector-procured AstraZeneca vaccine at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 in Pasay City.

Amid the decline in Covid-19 cases -- 66,838 active cases on Friday from as high as more than 100,000 during the last two months -- Galvez cited the need to further scale up the country's vaccination program to finally halt the virus transmission.

"We are focusing ourselves on the massive vaccination of our population. Our strategy is *vax to the max*," he said.

At the height of the Delta variant transmission, Galvez said the government scaled up hospitalization and treatment capacity and intensified the Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate strategy to prevent community transmission and surge.

"So *ganun ang ginagawa natin ngayon* (that's how we have done it and) we now are trying to hire more health care workers so that we can prevent or even prepare for the incoming surge. *Hanggat maaari* (as much as possible), we are trying to prevent it to happen again," he said.



Proactive measures help PH beat Delta variant

Galvez thanked the private sector for relentlessly helping the government push for proactive pandemic response.

"The contribution of the private sector is very enormous in terms of our continuous fight against Covid-19. All the business organizations are trying to mobilize," he said. (*PNA*)



'Subvariant' ng Delta strain, binabantayan ng mga eksperto

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MAYNILA - Binabantayan ng mga eksperto ang AY.4.2 subvariant ng COVID-19 Delta strain.

Ayon sa Department of Health, patuloy na pinag-aaralan ang impact ng AY.4.2 kung ito'y maging mas nakakahawa pa o makakapagdulot ng mas malalang sakit.

"As of this moment, experts are still studying the potential impact of the Delta sublineage on the transmissibility and severity of COVID-19," ani Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire.

Paalala naman ni Vergeire na ano man ang variant na kumalat, hindi nagbabago ang paraan ng pagtugon sa tatamaan nito.

Dapat ma-isolate at kailangang agad maisagawa ang contact tracing.

Ayon sa World Health Organization, binabantayan nila ang nasa 20 sublineage ng Delta variant.

"What we're looking at is how Delta is changing over time. One of the sublineages that we're looking at is AY.4.2. It basically means Delta, with additional mutations. That is something that was identified in the UK and they've shared information with us," ani WHO Technical Lead Maria Van Kerkhove.

Aminado ang WHO na patuloy pang pinag-aaralan ang sublineage na ito. Pero tiniyak naman nila na ang pagbabakuna ay epektibo rito.

"The good news, even though Delta is dominant, our vaccines remain incredibly effective against preventing severe disease and death. But we want to be in a good position in case there is a need for change," ani Kerkhove.

Sa ngayon, aabot sa 80 porsiyento ng target adult population ng Metro Manila ay bakunado na.

Nakikita naman ng UP COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team na posibleng tumagal nang hanggang 2022 ang patuloy na pagbaba ng kaso ng COVID-19.

"We hope na tuloy-tuloy ito hanggang December or even 2022 we hope na tuloy-tuloy ito although kailangan nating sabihin sa publiko na we can be optimistic pero cautiously optimistic," ani Prof. Jomar Rabajante ng UP COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team.

Pero ngayon, maituturing pa rin aniyang mataas ang 4,000 kaso kada araw sa bansa, at ang pagtala ng 11.7 porsiyentong positivity rate.

-- Ulat ni Raphael Bosano, ABS-CBN News



Bagong variant ng Delta nadiskubre, mas lalong nakakahawa - UK health experts

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon)
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Sa ulat nitong nakaraang Biyernes ng UK Health Ministry, pansamantalang tinawag ang sub-type na AY.4.2 o 'Delta Plus'.

AFP/Anthony Wallace

MANILA, Philippines — Nakadiskubre ang mga health experts sa United Kingdom ng 'sub-type' ng Delta variant ng COVID-19 na posibleng mas lalong nakakahawa bagama't patuloy ang pag-aaral ukol dito.

Sa ulat nitong nakaraang Biyernes ng UK Health Ministry, pansamantalang tinawag ang sub-type na AY.4.2 o 'Delta Plus'.

Unang natukoy ito noong nakaraang Hulyo na nadiskubre sa 6% ng Covid-19 samples na isinailalim sa test umpisa nitong Setyembre 27. Nadiskubre rin ang maliit na bilang nito sa Estados Unidos, at Denmark habang may unang kaso na nito sa Israel.

Sa kabila nito, nanawagan si Dr. Edsel Salvana, miyembro ng Technical Advisory Group (TAG) ng Department of Health (DOH), sa publiko na huwag mag-panic dahil sa kailangan pa ng maraming pag-aaral ukol sa bagong sub-variant.

Hindi pa rin naman aniya ito itinuturing na pormal na variant dahil parang Delta pa rin ito.

Kailangan lamang umano na patuloy na sumunod sa 'minimum health standards' ang publiko para makaiwas dito lalo na at naglabasan na ang mga tao ngayong nasa Alert Level 3 na ang Metro Manila.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/10/22/2135832/bagong-variant-ng-delta-nadiskubre-mas-lalong-nakakahawa-uk-health-experts/amp/>



“DI BAKUNADO’ INAALISAN NA NG ‘HUMAN RIGHTS’



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NAGSIMULA nang maganap sa Pilipinas ang nagaganap sa ibang bansa na mawawalan ng lugar at pagkakataon o ‘human right’ sa maraming bagay ang hindi bakunado laban sa coronavirus disease-19.

‘Yun bang === kung hindi ka bakunado at naghahanap ka ng trabaho, malamang na hindi ka tatanggapin ng kompanyang kabilang sa mga kwalipikasyon na hinahanap nila ay bakunado.

Maging sa pagpasok sa eskwela na face-to-face sa hanay ng mga kolehiyo at unibersidad, maaaring hindi rin papasukin ang hindi bakunado na estudyante at maging ang mga gurong hindi rin bakunado.

Sa ilang Simbahang Katolika nga sa Kamaynilaan, hindi na pupwedeng sumali sa misa sa loob ng simbahan ang mga hindi bakunado at sa labas lang sila lalahok.

MAS MALALA SA SUSUNOD NA MGA ARAW

Maaaring mas malala ang darating na mga panahon, lalo na’t nagsimula na ang pagbabakuna na walang maituturing na prayoridad.

Lahat na, edad 12 pataas, pupwede nang mabakunahan maliban sa mga taong may karamdamang maaaring mapahamak sa bakuna.

Suplay ng bakuna na lamang ang problema kung ‘di mababakunahan ang isang mamamayan.

Nabanggit na natin sa mga nakaraang talakayan na sa ibang bansa, pupwede nang magtanggali ang mga gobyerno at kompanya ng mga obrero na ayaw magbabakuna sa katwirang “karapatang pantao” nila ang tumanggi.



‘DI BAKUNADO’ INAALISAN NA NG ‘HUMAN RIGHTS’

Sa France, sinisibak na maging ang mga health worker na ayaw magpabakuna.

Ang mga kompanya naman sa United States, gaya ng Google at iba pang higanteng kompanya, hindi na nagpapasok ng mga empleyadong hindi bakunado.

At sa Canada, pareho ang gobyerno at mga kompanya na nag-uutos ng pagpapabakuna ng kani-kanilang mga empleyado at kung hindi, nakaamba na ang pagsibak maging sa mga nakaempleyo na.

Sa Italy, kailangan mong magkaroon ng green o COVID pass upang makapasok ka sa trabaho o makapaglakbay o makapasok sa mga establisimyentong gusto mong pasukin gaya ng mga kainan at sinehan.

INTERES NG NAKARARAMI VS INDIBIDWAL

Sinasabi mismo ni vaccine czar at National Task Force Against COVID-19 chief implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. na ligal na ligal ang pagtanggap na tumanggap ang isang kompanya ng aplikante sa trabaho na hindi bakunado.

At walang diskriminasyon sa patakarang ito.

Gayunman, sa usapin ng pagpapasahod sa mga nagtatrabaho, hindi dapat ipagkait ang bunga ng pinagpaguran ng mga hindi bakunado.

Subalit ibang usapin ang pagtanggap sa mga aplikante dahil malinaw na poprotektahan lang ng kompanya ang sarili nito, ang mga kliyente nito at ang publiko.

At dapat intindihin na higit na mahalaga ang interes ng nakararami kaysa mga interes ng isang indibidwal.

Ang labanan ng mga interes ngayon ang malinaw na pinaninindigan sa Canada, kaya naman, hirap ang mga abogado na ipaglaban ang mga indibidwal na interes ng mga umaayaw sa bakuna ngunit nagpupumilit ng pagkakapantay-pantay sa karapatan.

Ang kapakanan ng higit na nakararami rin ang batayan ng mga batas sa Italy, France at maging sa US para tanggalan ng ilang batayang karapatan ang iba na ayaw sumunod sa batas ng pagpapabakuna.

WALANG SAPILITAN

Sa ating bansa, walang umiiral na sapilitang pagpapabakuna at pawang boluntaryo lahat.

Pero mabilis na dumarating ang panahon na halos kumpleto na ang suplay ng bakuna at ang tuturukang tao na lamang ang kulang.

Ano ang gagawin mo kung pagdating ng araw, hindi ka na pupwedeng sumakay ng tren, eroplano at iba pa para maglakbay para sa mahalagang layunin o gawain dahil hindi ka bakunado?

Ano ang mangyayari sa iyo, sa iyong pamilya at sa iyong mga pangangailangan kung hindi ka makahanap ng trabaho o at iba pang pagkakitaan dahil hindi ka bakunado?



“DI BAKUNADO’ INAALISAN NA NG ‘HUMAN RIGHTS’

Ano ang mangyayari kung hindi ka makapag-aral o makapagsimba dahil hindi ka bakunado?

Sa ngayon, may palusot pa tayo dahil hindi pa naman talaga bumabaha ang bakuna kahit saan.

Pero may mga lugar nang marami na ang nabakunahan gaya ng Metro Manila na lugar ng maraming empleyo, negosyo, paaralan at iba pa na pupwede mong pakinabangan ngunit maaaring maipagkakait sa iyo kung hindi ka bakunado.

Hindi ka ba magpapabakuna para magkaroon ka ng mga karapatang hinahanap mo gaya ng pagkakaroon ng karapatang magtrabaho, mag-aral, magtayo ng negosyo, makapamasyal, makapag-abroad at iba pa?



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OKTUBRE 22, 2021

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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

2.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
66,838

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

96.1%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,637,531

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.51%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
41,520

MGA BAGONG KASO **5,823**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **4,748**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **283**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,745,889**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 20
DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 22
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 20

11.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
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KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

ICU BEDS (4.2K TOTAL BEDS)
56% Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS)
49% Utilized

Mild 79.1%

ISOLATION BEDS (21.2K TOTAL BEDS)
43% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.9K TOTAL BEDS)
37% Utilized

6.1% Asymptomatic

WARD BEDS (14.8K TOTAL BEDS)
42% Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.2K TOTAL BEDS)
39% Utilized

1.9% Critical

VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
40% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
37% Utilized

4.6% Severe

8.33% Moderate



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



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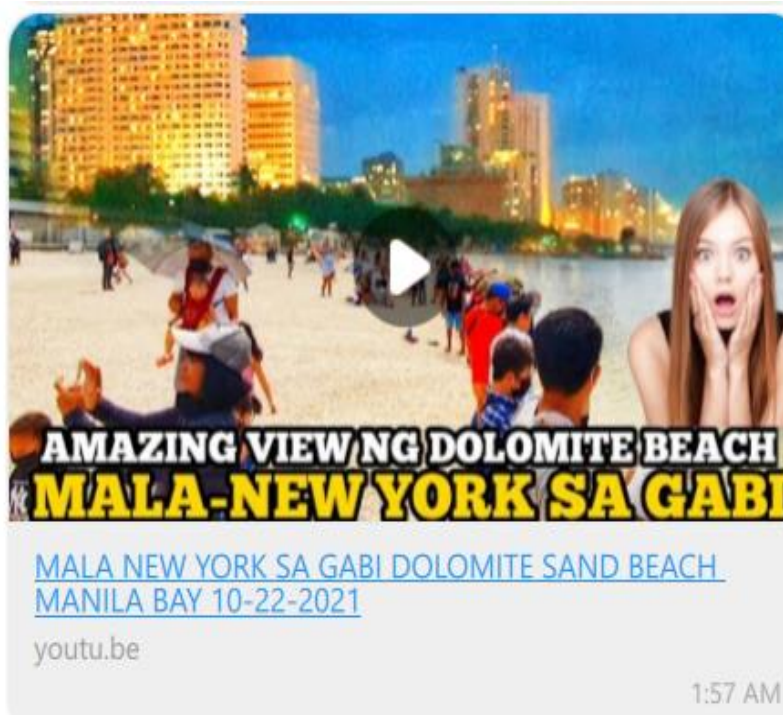


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