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DENR eyes COVID-19 waste treatment, storage facilities

Rhodina Villanueva - The Philippine Star November 28, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is seeking a budget of P181.6 million for the establishment of preliminary treatment and storage facilities for COVID-19-related healthcare waste in 227 local government units (LGUs) nationwide.

The DENR said it plans to provide funds to the LGUs through the Environmental Management Bureau for the proper collection, treatment, storage and disposal of protective personal equipment, syringes, vials and other COVID-related healthcare wastes from households, vaccination sites as well as testing and quarantine facilities.

The agency said the allocation would be taken from its P774-million solid waste management program budget for next year.

Each LGU will receive P800,000 for the establishment of a special waste facility.

"While COVID-19 cases in the country have started to decline, healthcare waste generated by the situation have continuously become a challenge among cities and provinces. Through this program, we hope to support LGUs in improving the collection of COVID-19 related healthcare waste especially in remote areas and among small generators that are not serviced by treatment, storage and disposal facilities," Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said.

The DENR clarified that the COVID-19 healthcare waste program for LGUs does not cover medical waste from hospitals.

The solid waste management program budget for next year also include support for the establishment of trash traps, collection and disposal services for garbage patches, provision of solid waste management equipment such as shredders, composters and plastic recycling equipment for LGUs as well as hauling services for solid waste collected in Boracay.

In April 2020, the National Solid Waste Management Commission led by the DENR issued Resolution 1364 directing LGUs to develop a COVID-19 waste management plan.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/11/28/2144309/denr-eyes-covid-19-waste-treatment-storage-facilities





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DENR, humihirit ng P181.6-M budget para sa COVID-19 waste management

By RadyoMaN Manila -Nov. 27, 2021 at 2:24pm



Humihiling ngayon ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ng P181.6 million na alokasyon para sa pagtatayo ng preliminary treatment at storage facility para sa coronavirus-related healthcare waste.

Ito'y mula sa P774 million solid waste management program budget para sa taong 2022.

Ayon kay DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu, plano ng ahensya na pondohan ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa wastong pagkolekta, treatment, storage at disposal ng protective personal equipment, syringes, vials at iba pang COVID-related healthcare waste mula sa households, vaccination sites, testing at quarantine facilities.

Ayon kay Cimatu, ang plano ay makatutulong na matugunan ang pagtaas ng bilang ng mga COVID-19 related healthcare wastes sa bansa ngayong may pandemya.

Ang pondo ay idaraan ng DENR sa regional offices at ang bawat LGU ay makatatanggap ng P800,000 para sa pagpapatayo ng special waste facilities.

Nilinaw ng DENR na sa COVID-19 na ang healthcare waste program ay para sa LGUs at hindi kasama ang medical wastes na manggagaling sa mga ospital.





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DENR at the frontlines of PH forest protection as climate change mitigation strategy

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QUEZON CITY -- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) reaffirmed its commitment to remain at the forefront of forest protection as it welcomed the country's renewed pledges in this year's United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow, Scotland.

"The DENR will be supporting the pledges and contributions made by the Philippines in the most recent 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties (COP26)," said DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change or UNFCCC led the COP26, which took place from October 31 to November 12 in Glasgow, Scotland.

"The DENR will be at the frontlines of ensuring that the verdant forest covers will be replenished to ensure adequate carbon sequestration to meet the country's contributions to sustain the goal of the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius," he said.

The Philippine delegation, led by Department of Finance Secretary and Climate Change Commission chair-designate Carlos Dominguez with Mr. Albert Magalang of the DENR-Climate Change Service, made significant contributions to the international conference for climate change in financial and cooperative mechanisms, loss and damage, halting deforestation, among others.

The DENR serves as the Philippine lead negotiator on Article 6 (Cooperative Implementation) of the Paris Agreement and contributed to the completion of its rule book that establishes the modalities, procedures, and guidelines on how countries will exchange and transfer international mitigation outcomes through carbon credits.

Furthermore, the DENR has been regularly selected by the COP Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) with countries' concurrence to facilitate the negotiations on the agenda item relating to Article 12 (Action for Climate Empowerment).

During the COP26, the Philippines was among the 141 countries that endorsed the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forest and Land Use.

Conserving forests and other terrestrial ecosystems and accelerating their restoration, facilitating trade and development policies, and promoting sustainable development were among the actions stated in the Declaration.





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The country also launched a roadmap for financing green investments which aims to encourage investments in businesses, technologies, and infrastructure and help make the economy more resilient to climate change impacts.

A new financial facility was also supported by the Philippines to address the loss and damage in vulnerable countries.

An agreement was concluded on November 13, 2021, by 200 parties on the Glasgow Climate Pact to sustain the goal of 1.5 degrees Celsius and abide by the pledges made during the Paris Agreement.

The countries also agreed to revisit the emissions targets in their Nationally Determined Contributions or NDCs next year and strengthen the targets in preparation for 2022. (DENR)

Source: https://pia.gov.ph/press-releases/2021/11/27/denr-at-the-frontlines-of-ph-forest-protection-as-climate-change-mitigation-strategy





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Japanese shipping giant partners with SMC for Pasig, Tullahan River rehab

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Virtual signing ceremony with (clockwise) Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, SMC President Ramon Ang and NYK Line President Hitoshi Nagasawa. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SHIPPING and logistics company <u>NYK Line</u> of <u>Japan</u> has joined <u>San Miguel Corp.</u> (SMC) in its multibillion initiative to rehabilitate the Pasig and Tullahan-Tinajeros River systems.

NYK will donate \$1.5 million over a five-year period to buy additional equipment needed for the project to undo years of toxic and waste contamination that have made these waterways among the world's biggest contributors to ocean pollution.

The donation was formalized during a virtual ceremony attended by <u>Department of Environment and Natural Resources</u> (DENR) Secretary <u>Roy Cimatu</u>, NYK Line President <u>Hitoshi Nagasawa</u> and SMC President <u>Ramon Ang</u>.

Ang thanked Nagasawa for the support which he described as both "unexpected and meaningful," as it was the Japanese firm's way of showing its appreciation for the country of origin of many of its seafarers.

"I truly admire Mr. Nagasawa-san. NYK reached out to us, after reading about our <u>Pasig</u> <u>River</u> and <u>Tullahan River</u> rehabilitation efforts. They said they wanted to do something for their Filipino seafarers, to show their appreciation for their home country. So, after a meeting where they asked to hear more about our river rehabilitation projects, they decided they wanted to support it on behalf of their Filipinos crew," Ang said.

NYK President Nagasawa said, "As a global shipping and logistics company, protecting the marine environment is part of our DNA and something that we treat very seriously. ESG is the foundation for the NYK Group's aspiration to become a sustainable business entity, and we think that the project we are about to join is exactly in line with our future goals."

NYK's donation will be coursed through the <u>San Miguel Foundation</u> and will go toward the acquisition of additional equipment to be used for targeted river dredging and cleanup operations.

NYK is one of Japan's largest shipping firms, with operations in liner trade, air cargo transportation, logistics and bulk shipping as well as real estate. Some 70 percent of its seafarers are Filipinos.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/28/public-square/japanese-shipping-giant-partners-with-smc-for-pasig-tullahan-river-rehab/1823850





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DENR, USAID protecting Masinloc-Oyon bay

The support of these various agencies is crucial to sustain the ecological balance of MOBPLS, and they have an important role in the protection and conservation of this marine protected area.



IBA, Zambales — In an effort to protect the 7,000-hectare Masinloc-Oyon Bay, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) here and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes (SIBOL) project devised steps during a two-day stakeholders meeting in the town of Masinloc.

According to USAID SIBOL Project Team Leader Felix Mendoza, a total of 30 partner agencies took part in the event. He said that agencies such as the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Ports Authority, President Ramon Magsaysay University, Philippine National Police Maritime Group, Provincial Government of Zambales, local government of Masinloc and Palauig, Bureau of Customs, MEAD Foundation and non-government organization were on hand to discuss the plan.

"The support of these various agencies is crucial to sustain the ecological balance of MOBPLS (Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape) and they have an important role in the protection and conservation of this marine protected area," he explained.

The two-day event is aimed to identify and create key policy and regulation to address issues on the sustainable use of MOBPLS like zoning, fish cage proliferation, docking, informal settlers and illegal occupancy, solid waste management, and water pollution.

According to Conservation and Development Division chief Minerva Martinez, one of the important outputs of the activity is the action plan that will address various environmental issues, and a training packages to the members of protected area management board and staff of protected management office and other partner agencies for the efficient and effective management of MOBPLS.

Martinez stated that the discussion also showed some best practices in the management of Taal Volcano Protected Landscape and Seascape in Batangas and the Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape in Sarangani province that can be replicated in the MOPBLS.

Source: https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/11/27/denr-usaid-protecting-masinloc-oyon-bay/





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Philippines stand on climate crises lauded

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Delegates attend the the Improving the Scale and Effectiveness of Adaptation Finance session at the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow on November 8, 2021. The COP26 climate talks resuming Monday have so far unfolded on parallel planes, with high-level announcements stage-managed by host country Britain during week one riding roughshod over a laborious UN process built on consensus among nearly 200 countries.

AFP / Paul Elli

MANILA, Philippines — A House leader has lauded the climate agenda pushed by the Duterte administration in the recently concluded 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Glasgow, United Kingdom.

Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda cited how the Philippine delegation to COP26 led by Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III was "steadfast in advancing our country's positions and interests," particularly in pushing for a delivery plan for the annual \$100 billion in climate finance from developed countries over from 2020 to 2024, totaling \$500 billion.

Legarda, an environmental champion, said such framework on climate justice where developed countries must accept the responsibility of financing the needs of developing countries in the form of grants, investments and subsidies is necessary to mitigate the impact of the climate crisis, especially on poor nations.

"This is to improve the capacity of the local community, pursue bankable adaptation and mitigation projects and support initiatives to help the transition toward a climate-resilient economy," the Antique congresswoman stressed in a privilege speech before the House plenary earlier this week.

Legarda also welcomed the adoption of the Glasgow climate pact at the conclusion of the conference.

She cited the unprecedented inclusion of language against coal and other fossil fuels in the pact – even with COP26 having coal, oil and gas industry executives present.

The pact called on countries "to accelerate the transition toward low-emission energy systems, including accelerating efforts toward the phase-down of unabated coal power and phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies."

Source: https://rmn.ph/5-year-environmental-program-na-nagkakahalaga-ng-p800-million-itinatag-ng-us-sa-

pilipinas/?fbclid=IwAR0zuMYG0Is1figFsTES__4VUKsgLKor90J4UK69P4D3M3ms47sDHcI8zkk





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5-year environmental program na nagkakahalaga ng P800 million, itinatag ng US sa Pilipinas

By RadyoMaN Manila -Nov. 27, 2021 at 9:33am



Aabot sa P800 milyong 5-year program ang itinatag ng US government sa Pilipinas.

Layon nitong magbigay pondo sa iba't ibang society groups na gumagawa ng environmental program sa bansa kabilang ang; pangangalaga sa biodiversity, mga hayop, klima ng bansa at ang natural resource management.

Katuwang ng programa ang US Agency for International Development (USAID) sa pamamagitan ng Investing in Sustainability and Partnerships for Inclusive Growth and Regenerative Ecosystems (INSPIRE) project.

Magmula 2008, umabot na \$157 million o katumbas ng halos P8 billion ang ibinigay ng USAID na susuporta sa mga programa ng gobyerno para mapangalagaan ang kalikasan.

Source: https://rmn.ph/5-year-environmental-program-na-nagkakahalaga-ng-p800-million-itinatag-ng-us-sa-

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PH commits to reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030

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Editorial

Emerging from the recent 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit, the Philippines joined the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use and committed to reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030.

More than 100 countries, including China, Russia, and Brazil, signed this Declaration as President Duterte pointed out that "sustainable and resilient agriculture and forestry are essential for commodity production and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." Latest estimates place the country's forest cover at about seven million hectares, a level that shows a further depletion from the estimated national forest cover of 7.168 million hectares that was reported in the 2011 report of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB). This means that out of the country's total land area of around 30 million hectares, the forest cover is only at 23 percent.

To appreciate the actual magnitude of forest cover loss, the barometer used by Global Forest Watch, a US-based monitor, is instructive. The country's annual forest loss is estimated at some 7,700 hectares. This means that nearly 20 basketball courts, were lost every hour – and this adds up to an area roughly equivalent to lloilo City within a year.

Another study shows that from 2013 to 2020, 72 percent of the tree cover loss occurred within natural forests and that this loss was equivalent to 276 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions. While the Philippines' level of greenhouse gas emissions is dwarfed by those of the world's biggest polluters, the harm that it causes in terms of global warming that triggers natural disasters is significant.

The Forest Management Bureau has extensively analyzed the causes of deforestation and forestland degradation.

The key drivers that have been clearly identified include: a) forest products extraction and timber harvesting, including legal and illegal logging; timber poaching; fuel wood gathering and charcoal making; b) agricultural expansion, including kaingin, shifting cultivation, resettlement areas conversion of forestlands to oil palm and rubber plantation, and highland vegetable farming; and c) infrastructure expansion: transport and road construction; sawmills, furniture and processing plants; mining, hydropower and dam construction; and tourism facilities development.





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This wide-ranging list clearly underlines the need for effective governance in light of deficient institutional capacities, weak law enforcement, corruption and collusion.

Three "green bills" that could bring about substantial and far-reaching reforms in the regulatory and governance framework await congressional enactment. These are: the National Land Use Act, the Sustainable Forest Management Act (SFMA); and the Alternative Minerals Management Act (AMMA).

The NLUA will delineate forest boundaries and end indiscriminate land conversion.

The SFMA could set clear criteria for allowing logging while providing areas for conservation management, and sustainable use.

The AMMA will ensure that extraction is not allowed in small-island ecosystems and in primary and secondary forest watersheds.

If and when these are finally enacted into law, the efficacy of the new policy framework that would be put in place depends on the quality of execution – and in the exercise of a firm political will by public officials who truly desire to foster sustainable development.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/11/27/ph-commits-to-reverse-forest-loss-and-land-degradation-by-2030/





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Aboitiz Construction contributes to sustainable mining in Toledo City

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CEREMONIAL BLESSING. As the project's main contractor, Aboitiz Construction participated in the ceremonial blessing of CD Processing (CDP) Ltd.'s copper ore sorting and processing plant in Carmen Copper Corporation's operations center in Toledo City, Cebu.

Aboitiz Construction recently completed the construction of CD Processing (CDP) Ltd.'s copper ore sorting and processing plant in Carmen Copper Corporation's operations center in Toledo City, Cebu. The new facility will help manage mining wastes efficiently.

A blessing ceremony for the new plant was attended by various project stakeholders and local government units headed by Toledo City Mayor Marjorie Perales last November 10.

Aboitiz Construction worked on the installation of structural modules, sandvik equipment and 16X Belt Conveyors, and civil works. The sorting plant will facilitate moving mining materials efficiently, thus decreasing discarded wastes in the process.

True to advancing business and communities, the project provided employment opportunities to about 200 individuals, of which nearly 80% were locally hired.

"In line with our commitment to building a better future, we will continue to help other businesses to thrive and contribute to responsible operations which will lead to the provision of job opportunities and contribution to the economy's growth," said Aboitiz Construction Vice President for Construction Operations Alex Garciano.

CDP plant is a state-of-the-art ore sorting plant which uses the latest magnetic resonance analyzer technology which will contribute to a safer, more sustainable, and cutting-edge working environment and operations.



Last September, Aboitiz Construction completed its construction project for a mining plant owned by CD Processing Ltd. in Toledo City, Cebu. The project will contribute to sustainable mining which involves operations with better waste management processes.





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<u>Aboitiz Construction</u> contributed in extending the mine life while reducing CDP's logistical costs through reduced wastes. The new facility will also help in the waste management process through the reclamation of valuable copper bearing ores from low-grade materials discarded by copper mines.

About Aboitiz Construction, Inc.

<u>Aboitiz Construction</u> is the construction arm of the Aboitiz Group of Companies, one of the prominent conglomerates in the Philippines. Aboitiz Construction is a privately-held company, with a 45-year track record in value construction and engineering that advances businesses and communities by building a better future.

Source: https://journal.com.ph/aboitiz-construction-contributes-to-sustainable-mining-in-toledo-city/





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Humble Market goes fully plastic-free

By Eireene Jairee Gomez November 27, 2021

A MAKATI-BASED wellness bulk and multichannel store dares to make a difference by going fully plastic-free.

Envisioned to provide organic and healthy food and personal care options for Filipinos, <u>Humble</u> Market offers a package-free wellness store of natural and sustainable living essentials.

Humble Market first opened its doors in <u>Mandaluyong City</u> in 2018. The store promotes sustainability by offering food items to be purchased by the gram and either packaged in reusable containers (brought by customers) or glass jars (also being sold by the store).

In an interview, Humble Market owner <u>Roanna Medina</u> said it was her battle with Hashimoto's disease — a thyroid condition that disrupts the production of hormones and causes slow metabolism — that prompted her to totally do away with plastic products and prioritize her health over "convenience."

Now a practicing integrative nutrition and functional medicine health coach, Medina changed her diet and lifestyle because she wanted to become healthier. However, she and her clients saw the lack of stores and services catering to their sustainable lifestyle choices. This gave her the idea to start her wellness bulk and multichannel store.

"There is this realization that we have already spent decades on this earth and have continued to consume so many products in plastic — exposing our bodies to a variety of toxins and their negative impacts," she said.

This was confirmed in various studies emphasizing the dangers plastic pollution has on human health. A 2019 report by the Center for International Environmental Law titled "Plastic & Health: The Hidden Costs of a Plastic Planet" revealed that humans are exposed to a wide variety of toxins and microplastics through inhalation, ingestion and direct skin contact.

Medina said she had the idea way back in 2016, but she was traveling at the time. When she came back home in 2017, she worked with friends to start Humble Market with the intent to use just natural ingredients because she wanted to reduce her toxin exposure.

"Then I realized that I was already using all-natural ingredients, but these were packaged in plastic. And so, for me to get to that next level where I truly wanted to create better health for myself, for my friends, families — it had to be something that could also help the environment," said Medina.

Humble Market has since moved to its new location in Glorietta shopping mall in <u>Makati City</u>, which now serves as the base of its operations during the pandemic. And while there have been changes to the operations due to pandemic restrictions in the country, customers have continued to patronize Humble Market for their needs.

"As a business, if you're clear on what it is that you want to accomplish, it will be easier to find suppliers and customers whose standards and lifestyle choices resonate with ours. We began with a focus on the reusable, compostable, biodegradable and that continues even now," said Medina.

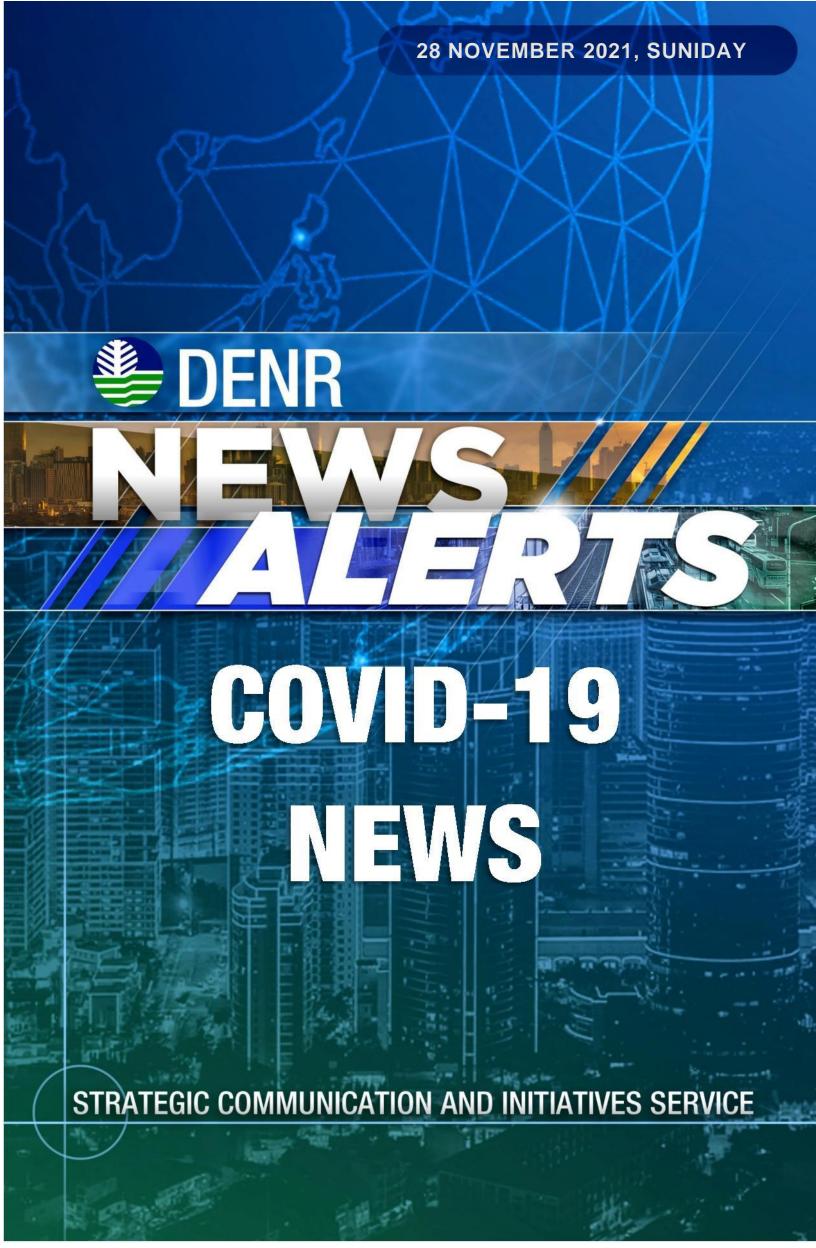




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Also, Oceana has been reaching out to eco-enterprises to look into the alternative products and packaging to plastics that are already being used in the country. Humble Market is one of these businesses that continue to champion the sustainability option despite the difficulties posed by the pandemic.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/27/business/green-industries/humble-market-goes-fully-plastic-free/1823740







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Pinas nakaalerto sa bagong COVID-19 variant

By Malou Escudero (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - November 27, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — Tiniyak ng Malacañang na tinututukan nila ngayon ang bagong COVID-19 variant na natukoy sa South Africa, habang naghahanda ang bansa sa pagbubukas para sa mga dayuhang turista.

Sinabi ni Palace acting spokesman Secretary Karlo Nograles na palagian naman ang komunikasyon ng pamahalaan sa World Health Organization (WHO) ukol sa naturang variant habang patuloy naman ang 'genome sequencing' para mabatid kung nakapasok na ito sa bansa.

Ang naturang variant na tinawag na B.1.1.529, ay sinasabing may kakaibang uri ng mutasyon, na nagdudulot ng pangamba dahil sa maaaring makaiwas sa 'immune system' at mas nakakahawa.

"We are intently monitoring itong situation na ito," ayon kay Nograles sa isang press briefing. Pinawi naman ni Dr. Edsel Salvaña, expert adviser ng pamahalaan, ang pangamba ukol sa bagong variant. May mga variant umano na hindi naman natutuloy na maging 'variant of concern' tulad ng lokal na variant na nadiskubre sa Pilipinas.

"While nakakabahala iyong presence of certain mutations, hindi automatic na mas nakakamatay ito o mas nata-transmit o bumababa iyong epekto ng ating vaccines," ayon kay Salvaña.

Ang B.1.1.529 strain ay sinasabing mas maraming mutasyon kumpara sa Delta variant. Dahil dito, nagpalabas ng travel restriction ang Britanya sa South Africa at lima pang katabing bansa. Nakatakda naman ang Pilipinas na magbukas ng mga paliparan para sa bakunadong turista mula Disyembre 1 hanggang 15. — **Danilo Garcia**

Source: https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/11/27/2144100/pinas-nakaalerto-sa-bagong-covid-19-variant/amp/

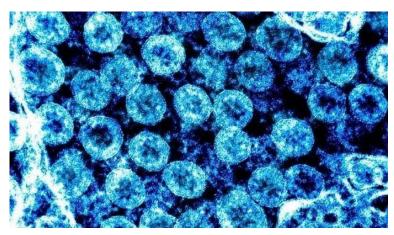




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Omicron, mas matindi sa Delta variant

By Malou Escudero (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - November 28, 2021 - 12:00am



This undated National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH handout photo obtained August 1, 2021, shows a transmission electron color-enhanced micrograph of SARS-CoV-2 virus particles, isolated from a

Handout / National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases / AFP

MANILA, Philippines — Itinuturing nang 'variant of concern' ang strain ng COVID-19 na natuklasan sa South Africa na pinangalanan ng World Health Organization (WHO) na Omicron.

Napaulat na sinabi ng Technical Advisory Group ng WHO na ang Omicron ay may malaking bilang ng mutation kaya ito ay nakakabahala.

Lumalabas din sa mga preliminary evidence na ang Omicron ay may mas mataas na tiyansa ng reinfection, mas mapanganib kumpara sa iba pang variants katulad ng Alpha, Beta, Gamma at Delta.

Ayon pa sa pahayag ng WHO Technical Advisory Group, ang kaso ng nasabing variant ay mabilis ang pagtaas sa halos lahat ng probinsiya ng South Africa.

Hinihikayat ng WHO ang mga bansa na mas paigtingin ang pagbabantay at genomic sequencing at iulat ang lahat ng kaso.

Napaulat na ang unang kaso ng impeksiyon na unang tinawag na B.1.1.529, ay nakita sa South Africa noong Nobyembre 9.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/11/28/2144343/omicron-mas-matindi-sa-delta-variant/amp/





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New virus strain from southern Africa 'variant of concern': WHO

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GENEVA - The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday declared the new Covid-19 variant from southern Africa a "variant of concern," and named it Omicron.

The declaration came after the Technical Advisory Group on SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution – an independent group of experts – met to assess the variant initially named B.1.1.529.

The "variant of concern" has a large number of mutations, is more transmissible, and possibly more adept at eluding public health measures including vaccines, according to the WHO.

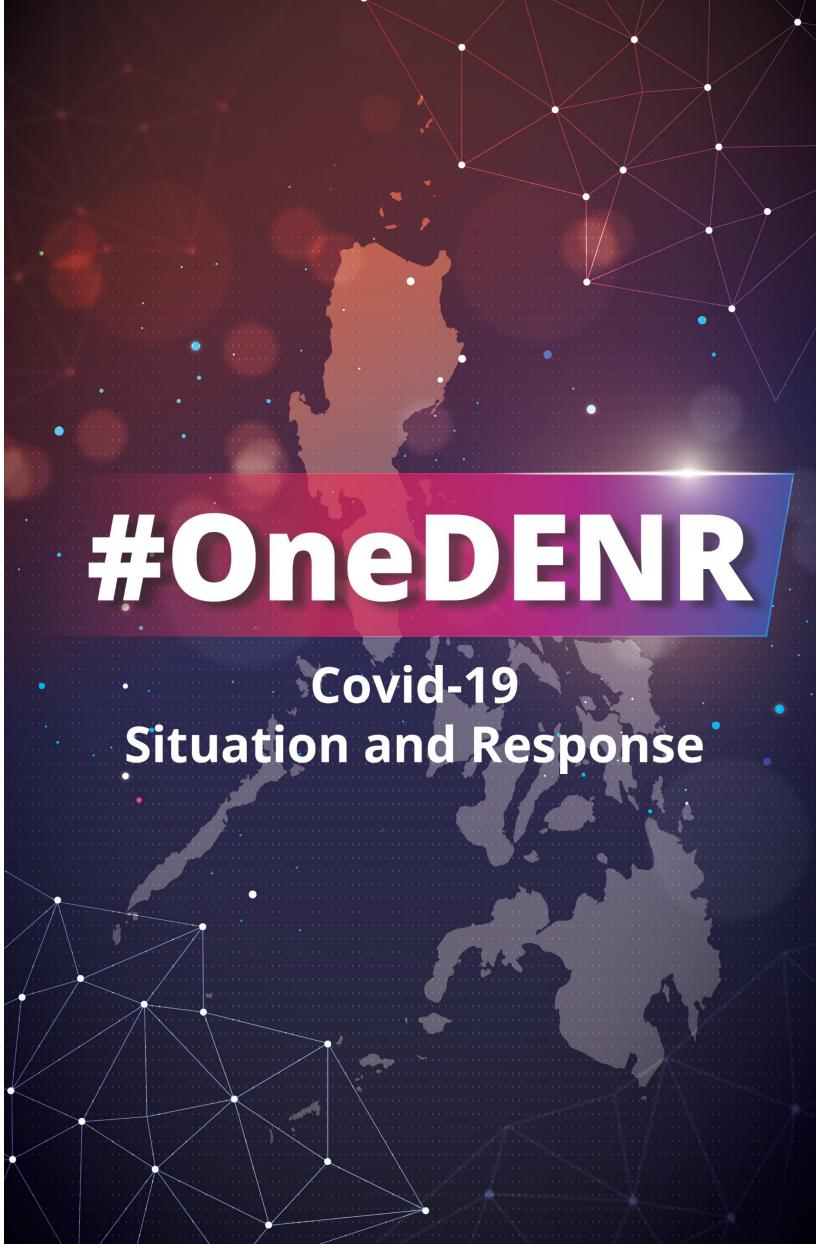
The new variant was first reported to the WHO from South Africa on Wednesday and has also been found in Botswana, Hong Kong, and Belgium.

"Preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other Variants of Concern," the UN health agency said and urged individuals to take steps to reduce their risk of Covid-19.

These include wearing face masks, maintaining hand hygiene, physical distancing, improving the ventilation of indoor spaces, avoiding crowded spaces, and getting vaccinated.

Many countries including Turkey, the US, the UK, and EU states are implementing travel restrictions on visitors from southern Africa. (Anadolu)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1161099







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ICU BEDS (3.7K TOTAL BEDS)

27% Utilized

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17% Utilized

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL? ICU BEDS (1.3K TOTAL BEDS)

26% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.7K TOTAL BEDS) 24% Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.9K TOTAL BEDS)

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

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KALAGAYAN NG MGA **AKTIBONG KASO**

Mild 49.0

6.9% Asymptomatic

6.3% Critical

15.0% Severe

22.77% Moderate



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22% Utilized

21% Utilized

Ang laban natin sa COVID-19 ay hindi pa natatapos. Kaya naman pinapaalalahanan ang bawat isa na patuloy na sumunod sa mga alituntuning magliligtas sa atin gaya ng Minimum Public Health Standards at pakikiisa sa darating na Bayanihan Bakunahan. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan sa BHERTS o sa One COVID Referral Center na maaabot sa 1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333, para sa karampatang gabay.

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



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

SMART: 0919 977 3333 GLOBE: 0915 777 7777 TEL NO: (02) 886 505 00



May tanong ukol sa COVID-19? I-chat na si KIRA! VIBER: Kira Kontra COVID by DOH MESSENGER: Department of Health PH KONTRACOVID PH: kontracovid.ph



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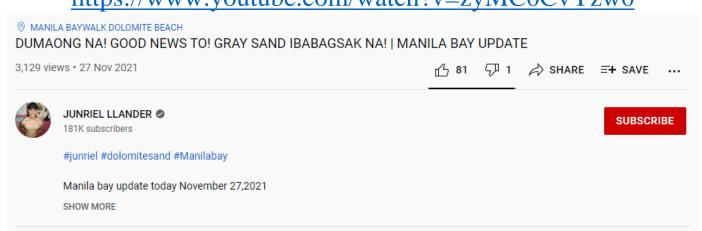




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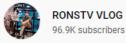
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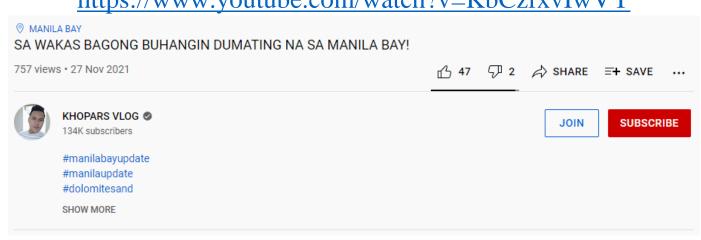




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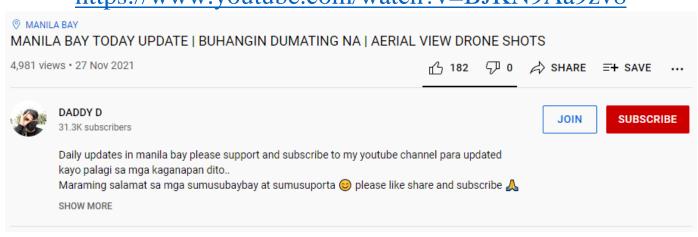




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