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PHL mining sector's share in GDP at P102B in pandemic–Cimatu

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA JUNE 30, 2021



Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu

ENVIRONMENT and Natural Resources Secretary Roy A. Cimatu has defended the Philippine mining industry, citing its contribution to the Philippine economy amid the pandemic.

The chief of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Tuesday reported the mining industry contributed a total of P102.3 billion to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2020 despite the challenges posed by Covid-19.

Citing a report released by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the DENR said the metallic mineral production value of gold, nickel ore, mixed nickel-cobalt sulfide, scandium oxalate, chromite, and iron reached P132.69 billion.

On the other hand, the total value of minerals, mineral products, and non-metallic mineral manufacture exported in the past year was at US\$5.2 billion. The minerals industry contributed about P25.52 billion from national and local taxes, fees, and royalties.

Meanwhile, the DENR said the mining sector has allocated P379 billion for the implementation of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program as of December 2020. In terms of job generation, the mining and quarrying activities generated 184,000 jobs while operating companies have allotted around P25.71 billion for the Social Development Management Program (SDMP).

The report also said that a total of 36.87 million seedlings have also been planted on 28,717.37 hectares of land for the Mining Forest Program as of December 2020.

In a statement, DENR Secretary

Cimatu said the report shows how the mining industry plays a "huge role in the country's economic growth despite the pandemic."

President Duterte recently signed Executive Order No. 130 which amended Section 4 of President Aquino's Executive Order No. 79. In effect, Duterte's order lifted the moratorium on new mining projects.

Duterte's order, which aims to boost the government's Covid-19 recovery effort, was criticized by environmental groups as a betrayal of the late DENR chief Gina Lopez's legacy. Lopez, Duterte's first DENR Secretary, ordered a mining audit that resulted in the suspension of 26 large-scale mining projects.





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"Amidst the pandemic that we are experiencing, the mining industry strived and did its part. We are happy to know that this has been the outcome of the mining operations in the country over the past year," Cimatu said of the report that cited the economic, social and environmental contributions of the Philippine mining industry.

"Contrary to what others are saying, this is an indication of how massive the contribution of the mining industry is to our economy," he added.

At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, DENR-MGB Director Wilfredo G. Moncano instructed the regional offices to allow mining companies to realign their unutilized SDMP funds to support the affected impact and non-impact communities.

Cimatu has assured the public that the DENR will continue to strictly monitor the operation of mining companies and strengthen the implementation of their safety and health, environmental and social development, and management programs.

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/06/30/phl-mining-sectors-share-in-gdp-at-p102b-in-pandemic-cimatu/





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DENR-MGB: PH mining sector nakapagbahagi ng P102.3B sa GDP; nagbigay ng P379B para sa environmental programs noong 2020



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MANILA, Philippines – Aabot sa P102.3 Bilyon ang naibahagi ng Philippine Mining Industry sa Gross Domestic Product (GDP) noong 2020 sakabila na may mga kinahaharap na pagsubok ang bansa dahil sa Covid-19 pandemic, ito ang inilabas na ulat ng Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) noong Hunyo 21.

Sa press release base sa ulat, tinataya ng DENR-MGB na aabot sa halagang P132.69 billion ang metallic mineral production ng gold, nickel ore, mixed nickel-cobalt sulfide, scandium oxalate, chromite at iron.

Ayon pa sa DENR ang kabuuang halaga ng minerals, mineral products, at non-metallic mineral na nagawa at na-export sa nakalipas na taon ay aabot sa US\$5.2 billion.

Samantala, nakapagbigay rin ang mineral industry ng halagang P25.52 billion para sa national at local taxes, fees at royalties.

Kaugnay nito iuniulat din ng DENR-MGB na ang mining sector ay nakapaglaan ng P379 billion para sa implementasyon ng Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program hanggang noong Disyembre 2020.

Nakasaad pa dito na ang mining at quarrying activities ay nakalikha ng 184,000 trabaho at P25.71 billion ay inilaan para sa Social Development Management Program (SDMP).

Umabot din sa 36.87 million seedlings ang naitanim sa 28,717.37 ektarya ng lupa para sa Mining Forest Program hanggang noong Disyembre 2020.

Samantala ayon kay DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, lumalabas sa ulat kung gaano kalaki ang naitulong ng mining industry sa paglago ng ekonomiya ng bansa kahit na mayroon pandemya.

"Amidst the pandemic that we are experiencing, the mining industry strived and did its part. We are happy to know that this has been the outcome of the mining operations in the country over the past year," sabi pa ni Cimatu sa ulat na nakasaad ang economic, social at environmental contributions ng Philippine mining industry.





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"Contrary to what others are saying, this is an indication of how massive the contribution of the mining industry is to our economy," dagdag pa nito.

Sa kasagsagan ng COVID-19 pandemic noong 2020, inatasan ni DENR-MGB Director Wilfredo G. Moncano ang regional offices na payagan ang mining companies na ayusing muli ang kanilang hindi nagamit na SDMP funds upang suportahan ang mga apektadong komunidad.

Tiniyak naman ni Cimatu sa publiko na patuloy na mamanmanan ng DENR ang operasyon ng mga mining companies at palakasin ang implementasyon ng kanilang safety at health, environmental at social development, at management programs. **Santi Celario**





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Mining chips in P102B

By Jed Macapagal -June 30, 2021

Mining contributed P102.3 billion to the gross domestic product (GDP) last year despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.

However, this is five percent lower than 2019's contribution to GDP of P107.4 billion. The sector's contribution to the overall GDP also remained at 0.6 percent.

Citing a report from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said metallic mineral production value of gold, nickel ore, mixed nickel-cobalt sulfide, scandium oxalate, chromite and iron was at P132.69 billion last year while the total value of minerals, mineral products and non-metallic mineral manufacture exported for the period was at \$5.2 billion or roughly P252.5 billion in current rates.

"Amid the pandemic that we are experiencing, the mining industry strived and did its part. We are happy to know that this has been the outcome of the mining operations in the country over the past year," said DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu, in a statement.

The DENR said the minerals industry contributed about P25.52 billion to government coffers in the form of national and local taxes, fees and royalties and has allocated P379 billion for the implementation of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program as of end-2020.

The report said mining and quarrying activities generated 184,000 jobs and around P25.71 billion has been committed to social development management programs.

The DENR said it also initiated a dialogue with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) to address concerns on ancestral domain claims within protected areas like the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL).

Source: https://malaya.com.ph/index.php/news_business/mining-chips-in-p102b/





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Mining sector motherlode of revenue: P102B in 2020

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Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the country's mining industry contributed P102.3 billion to the gross domestic product in 2020, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

In a report, the MGB estimated the metallic mineral production value of gold, nickel ore, mixed nickel-cobalt sulfide, scandium oxalate, chromite and iron at P132.69 billion.

The total value of minerals, mineral products and non-metallic mineral manufacture exported in the past year reached \$5.2 billion.

Minerals industry contributed about P25.52 billion from national and local taxes, fees and royalties.

MGB also said that the mining sector has allocated P379 billion for the implementation of the environmental protection and enhancement program as of December 2020.

The mining and quarrying activities generated 184,000 jobs, and that P25.71 billion was committed for the social development management program (SMDP).

A total of 36.87 million seedlings were planted in 28,717.37 hectares of land for the mining forest program as of December 2020.

Secretary Roy Cimatu said the report showed how the mining industry playing a "huge role in the country's economic growth despite the pandemic."

"Amidst the pandemic that we are experiencing, the mining industry strived and did its part. We are happy to know that this has been the outcome of the mining operations in the country over the past year," he said.

"Contrary to what others are saying, this is an indication of how massive the contribution of the mining industry is to our economy," he added.

He gave the public the assurance that DENR would continue to strictly monitor the operation of mining companies and strengthen the implementation of their safety and health, environmental and social development, and management programs.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, MGB director Wilfredo Moncano instructed the regional offices to allow mining companies to realign their unutilized SDMP funds to support the affected impact and non-impact communities.

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<u>Cimatu sees pandemic as a chance to nurture</u> <u>nature, expand green spaces</u>

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"By planting trees especially in urban areas, we have been nurturing nature and green spaces that can be beneficial to humans as it can contribute directly to health by reducing stress and improving the overall quality of life."

As part of efforts to revitalize Metro Manila's green spaces, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) recently planted 144 seedlings of endemic tree species at the Ninoy Aquino Parkes and Wildlife Center (NAPWC) in Quezon City.

"By planting trees especially in urban areas, we have been nurturing nature and green spaces that can be beneficial to humans as it can contribute directly to health by reducing stress and improving the overall quality of life," DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu said in a speech read by Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny D. Antiporda during the launch of the DENR-BMB's Buhay-Ilang sa Siyudad Project at NAPWC on Tuesday (June 22).

Among the species planted inside the park include banaba (Lagerstroemia speciosa) and mussaenda (Mussaenda philippica).

Other species were white lauan (Shorea contorta), apitong (Dipterocarpus grandiflorus), bagtikan (Parashorea malaanonan), dalingdingan (Hopea foxworthyi), guijo (Shorea guiso), hagakhak (Dipterocarpus validus), manggasinoro (Shorea assamica ssp. philippinensis), yakal (Shorea astylosa), akle (Serialbizia acle), igang (Syzygium garciae), lipote (Syzygium polycephaloides), ipil (Intsia bijuga), siar (Peltophorum pterocarpum), supa (Sindora supa), tindalo (Afzelia rhomboidea), and batino (Alstonia macrophylla).

The seedlings were planted in three different areas of NAPWC, including the Grand Rotonda, which is near the BMB's office; the Cherry Lane, which stretches on the path near the Quezon Avenue gate; and the Buhay-Ilang Sa Siyudad site, an area within NAPWC restricted from physical development.

The Buhay-Ilang sa Siyudad site will be naturally maintained to showcase nature in its undisturbed state, and will provide ecologically representative examples of natural environment.





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The tree-planting activity is part of the DENR-BMB's arboretum project, which aims to transform NAPWC into a repository of Philippine native and endemic trees.

It also aims to strengthen the DENR-BMB's advocacy for the use and proliferation of native plant species for efficient delivery of ecosystem services.

With the primary objective of effectively managing the green spaces in urban areas, the Urban Biodiversity Program also aims to comprehensively and sustainably manage and reduce threats to biodiversity in urban areas in order to maintain ecosystem services for the benefit of the present and future generations.

DENR Undersecretary for Special Concerns and concurrent BMB Director Edilberto Leonardo said the bureau's vision to transform the NAPWC's plant inventory of exotic and invasive species into native tree species started last year and is being implemented in phases.

"In June last year, a ceremonial tree planting activity was conducted by the Bureau at NAPWC planting a total of 107 seedlings of which all are part of the 96 Philippine threatened tree species," Leonardo said.

Subsequent enrichment tree planting activities were conducted in November 2020 and in April 2021, planting a total of 12 and 60 seedlings, respectively.

According to Leonardo, the most recent was conducted on the first week of June, where 36 native tree species were planted along the park's perimeter fence near the Elliptical Road and corner of Quezon Avenue. (SC)

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How green is Metro Manila? Plantitos, plantitas hailed for enlivening NCR concrete jungle

DENR URGES METRO FOLK TO CULTIVATE VERTICAL GARDENS

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FILE PHOTO/Vertical gardens make the underpasses at the Edsa-Cubao come alive. RAFFY LERMA

MANILA, Philippines — The "plantita" trend made Metro Manila greener by reducing the impact of rapid infrastructure development, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said Tuesday.

To keep the movement alive, the DENR also urged Metro Manila residents to cultivate vertical gardens to maintain green spaces.

"We can only do so much based on our existing laws in preserving the green spaces in Metro Manila, but even an ordinary citizen can help in this endeavor. Kahit maliit lupa niyo—backyard lang—eh malaki na rin pong tulong iyan, (Even if it's a small patch of land — just the backyard, it is already a significant contribution)," DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said in a statement.

He said, "the trend of plantitos and plantitas has helped a lot to reverse the impacts of the fast infrastructure development in the National Capital Region (NCR)."

During the quarantine protocol in 2020, many new plant hobbyists emerged as urban residents adopted the trend of indoor gardening.

Antiporda, however, cautioned plant hobbyists not to obtain plants illegally since the demand for ornamental plants also "invited the unwanted proliferation of plant poachers." He added that growing non-native plants could harm the environment by introducing pests or diseases that may reach other plant species.

According to the statement, the DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) promoted the Urban Biodiversity Program, such as Urban Forest Bathing, and green infrastructures to increase green space and biodiversity.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu noted that green space including green roofs, vertical gardens, urban forest parks, and the linear forests on walkways, transport routes and river systems is beneficial to the citizens.





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"These networks of green spaces improve air quality, reduce heat, increase energy efficiency, reduce noise pollution, and provide habitats for wildlife. It will help relieve the stress of average Filipinos by enhancing the aesthetics of their surroundings, especially during this time of health crisis," Cimatu said.

Metro Manila residents earlier woke up to a blanket of smog, which experts said was the result of pollution and human activity.

Antiporda said the department is "committed to augment the green spaces in the NCR in the best ways that it can and to promote the use of native species."





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NANAWAGAN ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa publiko partikular na sa mga naninirahan sa Metro Manila na gamitin ang vertical gardening techniques upang mapalawak ang green spaces sa metropolis.

Ayon kay DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu, "we can derive so much benefit from these green spaces, which include green walls, green roofs, vertical gardens, urban forest parks, linear forest along walk ways, transport routes and river systems."

"These networks of green spaces improve air quality, reduce heat, increase energy efficiency, and reduce noise pollution, and provide habitats for wildlife," saad ni Cimatu.

Ang pagkakaroon ng vertical gardens ay hindi lamang nakapagbibigay ng proteksiyon sa biodiversity at nakadaragdag sa green spaces bagkus ay nakatutulong din ito sa kalusugan ng publiko." wika pa ni Cimatu.

Sinabi naman ni DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny Antiporda, na may ilan pa ring green spaces sa Metro Manila kabilang na rito ang Ninoy Aquino Parks ang Wildlife Center (NAPWC) kung saan matatagpuan ang DENR Biodiversity Management Bureau, University of the Philippines-Diliman, at Ateneo de Manila University, pawang sa Quezon City, Arroceros Forest Park sa Maynila at ang Las Pinas-Paranague Wetland Park.

Upang madagdagan ang green spaces at palawigin ang biodiversity sa urban areas, isinusulong ng DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) ang Urban Biodiversity Program sa mga lokal na pamahalaaan. Kabilang sa programa ang Urban Forest Bathing, at ang promosyon ng green infrastructures.

Tumutulong ang Urban Forest Bathing sa pagtaguyod ng kabutihan sa kalusugan ng mga kagubatan at green spaces. Ang green infrastructures ay mga gusali o impraestruktura na sumusuporta sa green energy at nagdudulot ng benepisyo sa kapaligiran.

Sa pamamagitan ng pagtaguyod ng Urban Biodiversity, nailalapit sa kalikasan ang mga naninirahan sa siyudad.

"We can only do so much based on our existing laws in preserving the green spaces in Metro Manila, but even an ordinary citizen can help us in this endeavor. Kahit maliit na lupa ninyo—backyard lang—eh malaki na rin pong tulong iyan," saad ni Antiporda.





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Idiniin pa nito na "the trend of plantitos and plantitas has helped a lot to reverse the impacts of the fast infrastructure development in the National Capital Region (NCR)."

Samantala, sinabi pa ni Antiporda na bagama't ito ay nakatutulong, ang pangangailangan sa ornamental plants ay nagdulot ng pagdami ng plant poachers.

"The DENR, through the BMB, is doing its best to catch these poachers because what they are doing is against Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001," pahayag ni Antiporda.

Hindi dapat bumili ang mga plant hobbyists ng illegally-traded plants lalo na ang non-native plants "because of its possible adverse impacts to the environment that may result in bringing pests and diseases that may infest other species of plants," babala pa nito. BENEDICT ABAYGAR, JR.

Source: http://pilipinomirror.com/denr-hinimok-ang-mm-residents-mag-vertical-gardening/





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Ilog Pasig bilang 'top ocean plastic pollution contributor' pinalagan ng DENR



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MANILA, Philippines – Sinupalpal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang pag-aaral na nagbansag sa Ilog Pasig bilang top ocean plastic pollution-contributor sa mga ilog sa buong mundo.

Giit ni DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda, puro hula lang ang datos na inilabas ng Ocean Cleanup na nagsasabing nangunguna ang Pasig River pagdating sa riverine plastic emissions sa mga karagatan.

"Sad to say, these are all information [that were not] substantiated [by] actual research or actual data," ani Antiporda.

"Ang ginawa po nila dito ay probabilistic [study]. Tinantiya lang po nila yung data nila na hindi po naging malinaw," dagdag niya.

Ayon kay Antiporda, natagalan bago sila makatugon sa isyu dahil kumonsulta muna sila sa mga international expert ukol sa pagiging totoo ng pag-aaral.

"To clarify the results of the study and its methodology, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) requested the assistance of international experts to help Philippine decisionmakers objectively understand what data, assumptions, methodology and scope the authors employed as reported in the full and supplemental publications," aniya.

Kabilang sa mga nilapitan ng DENR ay si Dr. Vesna Lavtizar, pinuno ng Healthy Oceans and Clean Cities Initiatives (HOCCI) para sa Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

"The method used [in the study] did not reflect the actual condition on the site. Plastic waste which came from lands going to these rivers may have huge variation during the summer-low discharge rate and rainy-high discharge rate."

"This accounts for erroneous results which is far from the current condition of Philippine river systems especially in Pasig River, [where authorities have done] numerous activities and rehabilitations since 2019," paliwanag niya.

Dagdag pa ni Antiporda, ang mga detalye sa pag-aaral ay taliwas sa international award na natanggap ng Pasig River noong 2018.

"It was awarded the Asia River Prize by the International River Foundation lauding the effort of the Philippine government in the restoration, protection, and sustainable management of Pasig River."





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Simula 2019, pinaigting pa aniya ng DENR ang kampanya nito para maisalba ang mga ilog mula sa lalong pagkasira.

Tinutukan din nila ang pagtugon sa problem ng pagtatapon ng basura gaya ng plastik.

Bukod sa Ilog Pasig, lumabas din sa naturang pag-aaral na pasok din sa Top 10 ocean plastic pollution-contributors ang Agno River (10th), Rio Grande de Mindanao (9th), Libmanan (7th), Pampanga (6th), Meycauyan (5th), at Tullahan (2nd). *RNT*

Source: https://www.remate.ph/ilog-pasig-bilang-top-ocean-plastic-pollution-contributor-pinalagan-ng-denr/





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Pagturing sa Ilog Pasig bilang isa sa pinakamaruming ilog sa buong mundo, pinalagan ng DENR

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Dumipensa ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) matapos lumabas sa isang pag-aaral na ang Pasig River ang "pinaka-maduming ilog" sa buong mundo.

Ayon kay Environment Usec. Benny Antiporda, hindi katanggap-tanggap ang naging method ng pag-aaral gayundin ang mga datos na pinagbasehan.

Aniya, bigo ang international scientists na ipakita ang tunay na sitwasyon sa ilalim ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ng DENR.

Hindi aniya patas na ang pinagbasehan lang ng mga nag-aral ay ang geographical data at bilang ng mga nakatirang informal settlers malapit sa ilog.

Giit pa ni Antiporda, hindi nagkulang ang DENR sa pagtugon sa problema ng mga basura sa dagat.

Simula 2019, pinalakas na aniya ng DENR ang kampanya nito para maprotektahan ang mga ilog.

Batay sa ginawang pag-aaral ng Netherlands-based organization na Ocean Cleanup, lumabas na 80% ng plastic pollution sa karagatan ang galing sa Pilipinas.

Bukod sa Pasig River, 18 na iba pang ilog sa bansa ang kasali sa kanilang listahan ng "top 50 polluting rivers in the world."

Source: https://rmn.ph/pagturing-sa-ilog-pasig-bilang-isa-sa-pinakamaruming-ilog-sa-buong-mundo-pinalagan-ng-denr/





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MAKARAAN po ang matagumpay na pagpa-pasara sa lahat ng 335 open dumpsite sa bansa ay hinikayat naman ni Department of Environment and Resources Natural (DENR) Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Ben-D. Antiporda ang mga Pilipino na makibahagi sa clean-up ng karagatan sa bansa upang maprotektah-an ang manne resources.

Pinangungunahan ni Antiporda ang pagsasaga-wa ng clean-up drives upmakahikayat na magkaroon ng kalinga sa ating karagatan at magkaroon ng preventive mea sures sa lumalalang prollema sa marine pollution.

'If every person throws a piece of candy wrapper in the ocean, after just a few months, we would lose our oceans. This is the simplest form of explanation to this growing problem," aniya.

Ang marine pollution ang

isa sa dahilan ng DENR sa pagpapasara ng lahat ng illegally operating open dumpsites sa bansa bilang bahagi na rin ng isinasaawang rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay.

Ipinaliwanag din ni Antiporda na siya ring namun uno sa Manila Bay Anti-Pol-lution Task Force na isa sa lavunin ng Manila Bay rehabilitation program, na siy-ang prayondad na progra-ma ng DENR, ay upang

maisalba ang karagatan. "In cleaning Manila Bay. we have three objectives - to see is to believe, dapat wala na tayong makikitang debris. Second, to smell is to believe -dapat pag dumaan tayo diyan, ang simoy ng hangin ay amoy dagat na at hindi amoy kubeta, and third, to test is to believe – pag test natin ng water quality, dapat standard na siya," dagdag pa nito.

Dahil dito, nakipag-part-ner ang DENR sa Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) at Philippine National Police Maritime Group (PNP-MG) sa pagsasagawa ng in-speksiyon sa marine vessels sa Navotas Fish Port at Del Pan Bridge noong Hunyo 4.

Sa isinagawang inspeksiyon, napansin ng grupo na ang mga sasakyan na nakadaong sa kahabaan ng Mapila Bay ay kinakalawang na. Maki-kita rin ang mga floating debris. Upang matukoy kung may chemical contamination at upang mapag-aralan ang water quality ay kumuha ng

sample ng tubig ang DENR-Environmental Manage-ment Bureau (EMB) mula

Nakipagpulong din ito sa mga kapitan ng wooden cargo vessels na tinatawag na batil upang mapag-usapan ang wastewater na iti-natapon mula sa sasakyan at maging ang kanilang solid waste management sys-tem. Hiniling din nito ang tulong ng mga shipyard owner upang mabigyan ng solusyon ang pollution sa Manila Bay.

Bukod sa inspeksiyon sa Manila Bay area, pinangunahan din ni Antiporda ung on-line learning events noong Mayo 26 hanggang 29 kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Month of the Ocean (MOO).

oOo LIMANG daang Filipino Seafarers na ang tumanggap ng 1st dose ng Covid-19 vaccine sa Celebration ng International Seafarers Day nitong Biyernes kamakala-wa bilang pagkilala sa kahalagahan ng mga Pinoy seafarers, binigyan ng atensyon ng lungsod ng Taguig ang mga Pinoy seaman para maging ligtas sila sa Covid-19 virus sa Lakeshore vaccination hub sa lungsod.

Kaugnay ito sa pagdiri-wang ng International Seafarers Day kung saan naglaan ang lungsod ng dose ng vaccine kontra Covid-19

para sa mga ito at tatang-gap rin ng 10k na ayuda. Kinikilala ng lokal na pamahalaan ng lungsod ng laguig ang maritme trave at transport essential sa muling pagbubukas ng ekonomiya at mahalaga na ang mga ganitong manggagawa na maturukan ng bakuna para sa kanilang proteksiyon.

Mahalaga ang bakuna para tayo ay makabalik sa normal na pamumuhay at inaasahang sa Disyembre sa patuloy at pinalawak na pagbabakuna ay magiging less face mask at face shield na sa lungsod.





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Quezon City park named after Ninoy Aquino gets green boost from DENR

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A green space in the metropolis that's named after the father of the late former President Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" Aquino III recently hosted an "enrichment" tree-planting activity by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).



(Photo from DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda's Facebook)

The Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center (NAPWC) in Quezon City served as the site for the June 22 event, which led to the planting of 144 seedlings of endemic tree species in the area.

The seedlings include banaba (Lagerstroemia speciosa), mussaenda (Mussaenda philippica), white lauan (Shorea contorta), apitong (Dipterocarpus grandiflorus), bagtikan (Parashorea malaanonan), dalingdingan (Hopea foxworthyi), guijo (Shorea guiso), hagakhak (Dipterocarpus validus), manggasinoro (Shorea assamica ssp. philippinensis), yakal (Shorea astylosa), akle (Serialbizia acle), igang (Syzygium garciae), lipote (Syzygium polycephaloides), ipil (Intsia bijuga), siar (Peltophorum pterocarpum), supa (Sindora supa), tindalo (Afzelia rhomboidea), and batino (Alstonia macrophylla).

"By planting trees especially in urban areas, we have been nurturing nature and green spaces that can be beneficial to humans as it can contribute directly to health by reducing stress and improving the overall quality of life," DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said in a speech that was read by Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny D. Antiporda.

The event served as the launch of DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau's (DENR-BMB) "Buhay-Ilang sa Siyudad" project.

The seedlings were planted at three different areas of NAPWC, including the Grand Rotonda, which is near the BMB's office; the Cherry Lane, which stretches on the path near the Quezon Avenue gate; and the Buhay-Ilang Sa Siyudad site, an area within NAPWC that's restricted from any physical development. They will be naturally maintained to showcase nature in its undisturbed state, and will provide ecologically representative examples of natural environment.

DENR Undersecretary for Special Concerns and concurrent BMB Director Edilberto Leonardo said the bureau's vision to transform the NAPWC's plant inventory of exotic and invasive species into native tree species started last year and is being implemented in phases.





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"In June last year, a ceremonial tree planting activity was conducted by the Bureau at NAPWC planting a total of 107 seedlings of which all are part of the 96 Philippine threatened tree species," Leonardo said.

Subsequent enrichment tree planting activities were conducted in November 2020 and in April 2021, planting a total of 12 and 60 seedlings, respectively.



Former President Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" Aquino III (Mark Balmores / File photo / MANILA BULLETIN)

The NAPWC is one of the few remaining green spaces in Metro Manila and is among the 94 legislated protected areas nationwide.

It is also classified as a national park by virtue of Republic Act (RA) 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, amended by RA 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018.

Former President Aquino, affectionately referred to as "PNoy" by friends and supporters, passed away on Thursday, June 24 from renal disease secondary to diabetes. He was 61.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/06/29/quezon-city-park-named-after-pnoys-dad-gets-green-boost-from-denr/

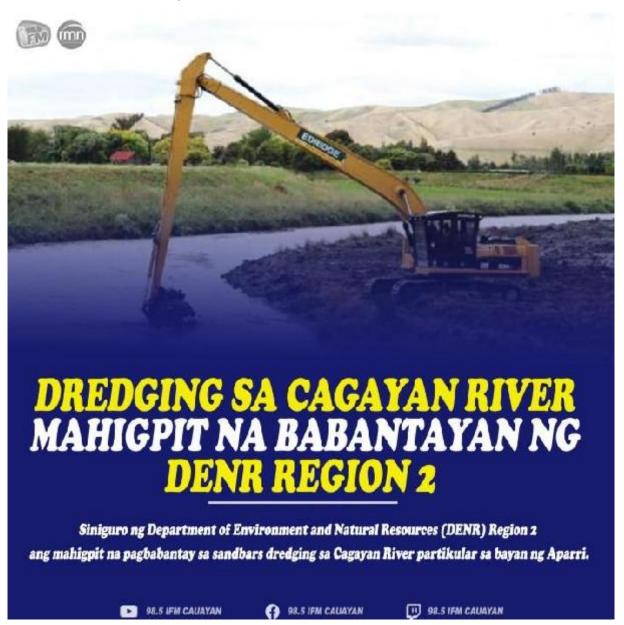




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Dredging sa Cagayan River, Mahigpit na Babantayan ng DENR Region 2

By geronimo dig Jun. 29, 2021 at 5:58pm



Cauayan City, Isabela- Siniguro ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 2 ang mahigpit na pagbabantay sa sandbars dredging sa Cagayan River partikular sa bayan ng Aparri.

Ayon kay DENR Regional Executive Director Gwendolyn Bambalan, ang pagtatatag ng walong kilometrong common navigation channel sa loob ng River Dredging Zone ay magbibigay sa mga pribadong kontratista ng pag-access sa mga segment 3, 5 at 7 ng phase 1.

Ito ay naaayon sa komprehensibong plano ng dredging na inihanda ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) at naaprubahan ng Inter-Agency Committee na pinamumunuan ni Gobernador Manuel Mamba.

Sa ulat ng DPWH sa pagsisiyasat sa site nina DENR Sec. Cimatu at DPWH Sec. Mark Villar, ang pagtanggal ng mga sandbar sa kahabaan ng Magapit Narrows ay 80.39 porsyento na kumpleto sa kabuuang dami ng 276,795 cubic meter na nahukay.





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Idinagdag pa ni Director Bambalan na ang survey team ng DENR ay handa na para sa pagdeploy upang mabilis na maisaayos ang bahagi ng Ilog Cagayan.

Matatandaang noong Disyembre 10, 2020, nilagdaan ni Direktor Bambalan ang dalawang taong kasunduan sa proyekto sa Cagayan River Restoration Project kasama ang mga pribadong operator-dredger, ang Great River North Consortium at Riverfront Construction, Inc.

Source: https://rmn.ph/dredging-sa-cagayan-river-mahigpit-na-babantayan-ng-denr-region-2/





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P32M bridge to boost reforestation of Pantabangan-Carranglan watershed



Jun 29, 2021 @ 13:46

Environment officials have inaugurated a reinforced concrete bridge that runs across the Barat river in Sitio Kanlungan of Carranglan town in Nueva Ecija.

The P32-million bridge is seen to benefit some 1,207 households and upland farmers through better access of farm produce from agroforestry areas in the watershed, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Central Luzon said.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica)-funded project is also eyed to boost the reforestation and forest protection efforts in the 44,000-hectare Pantabangan-Caranglan Watershed (PCW).

Paquito Moreno Jr., executive director of DENR Central Luzon, said the 80-meter-long bridge was funded by Jica as an agroforestry support facility (ASF) for the 10-year Forest Land Management Project (FMP) in the PCW.

The Barat bridge is the third major agroforestry support facility funded by Jica in two years after the 60-meter bridge in Sitio Pamalayan in Conversion village in Pantabangan town and the 55-meter Calaocan hanging bridge in Burgos village in Carranglan town.

Launched in 2012, FMP has already rehabilitated more than 14,000 hectares of denuded forestlands in the PCW through collaborative and comprehensive community-based forest management strategies, the DENR said.

Source: https://centralluzon.politics.com.ph/p32m-bridge-to-boost-reforestation-of-pantabangan-carranglan-watershed/





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DENR, 2 other reg'l gov't agencies get new heads

By Glenda Tayona - Tuesday, June 29, 2021



DURAN (left); AVANCE (right)

ILOILO City – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Region 6 has a new officer-in-charge executive director.

Livino B. Duran, who assumed office in June, replaced Francisco Milla Jr. who was reassigned to DENR in Region 5.

A native of Antique province, Duran was the DENR-6's assistant regional executive director for Technical Services prior his appointment as the new head.

A forester by profession, Duran rose from the ranks.

His DENR-6 family described him as a seasoned public servant who can competently lead the DENR-6 in this challenging time.

Meanwhile, in an interview, Duran said one of his focuses is addressing deforestation in the mountains of northern Iloilo brought about by the massive planting of corn.

For one, Duran wants an aggressive implementation of the national reforestation program in Iloilo province and the whole Western Visayas.

The new regional director also assured that his office will work synchronously with local government units in the implementation of the agency's various programs.

Aside from DENR-6, Region 6's National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) also have new directors.

Engineer Rory F. Avance, new regional manager of NIA-6, also assumed office this month. He was described to have a dynamic yet conventional leadership who will continue to advance the provision of the "best irrigation service" to Western Visayan farmer beneficiaries through modernized technologies and innovation.

NEDA-6, on the other hand, is under the leadership of Meylene Condalor-Rosales as officer-in-charge director since January this year./PN

Source: https://www.panaynews.net/denr-2-other-regl-govt-agencies-get-new-heads/





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86 turtle hatchlings released back to sea in Antique

By Annabel Consuelo Petinglay June 29, 2021, 11:34 am



FREED. Green sea turtle hatchlings were released in the coastal area of Barangay San Francisco in the municipality of Tibiao on June 27, 2021. The 86 hatchlings were discovered by a fisherman on June 26, 2021 and were immediately reported to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in the town of Culasi. (*Photo courtesy of CENRO Culasi*)

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Hatchlings of the endangered green sea turtles were released to their habitat in the coastal area of Barangay San Francisco, municipality of Tibiao in this province on Sunday.

Genevieve Heramis of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of Culasi town that covers Tibiao said on Monday the 86 hatchlings were discovered by a fisherman from the said barangay on June 26, 2021 around 20 meters away from the sea.

"Fisherman Melchor Dalmacio, who is a resident of Barangay San Francisco, accidentally discovered the hatchlings inside a hole along the coastal area," she said.

The discovery was immediately reported to their office and on Sunday the hatchlings were released.

Heramis added that aside from the 86 hatchlings, there were 15 other eggs found to be spoiled or unhatched.

"The green sea turtle is commonly spotted by the Tibiao coastal folks for they are attracted on the seagrass thriving on the area," she said as the marine animal feeds on the plant.

Meanwhile, Heramis urged the coastal residents that if ever they would again spot green sea turtle hatchlings they have to immediately report to the CENRO for the protection of the marine animal.

"We surround the area where the eggs or the hatchlings are found with a plastic net so that it could be protected until it could be released to sea," she said.

"We put metal tag on the adult green sea turtle so that whenever they would be found in other countries they would know it came from our country," she added. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1145187





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US gov't launches P24 million two-year training program to counter environmental crime in Palawan

Published June 29, 2021, 2:55 PM by Roy Mabasa

The United States government on Tuesday launched a P24 million (\$500,000) technical and practical training program for the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) to help address wildlife trafficking, illegal logging, and other environmental crimes in Palawan island.



Virtual launch of the United States government's P24 million Environmental Justice Program with Palawan Council for Sustainable Development. (US Embassy Manila)

A partnership between the Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the US Embassy in Manila and the US Forest Service (USFS), the project aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of PCSD and its national law enforcement partners to combat and prevent environmental crimes – from apprehension to prosecution.

During the official virtual launch meeting, PCSD Director TJ Matta noted that this US government support would be beneficial to building the capacity of the organization, as it looks forward to the passage of legislation that would equip PCSD with the authorities necessary for success.

"Together, we can galvanize the engagement of the local, national, and international justice community to counter environmental crime," said INL Director Kelia Cummins.

The US Embassy said this latest project is one component of the Embassy's comprehensive program to counter wildlife trafficking in the Philippines.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/06/29/us-govt-launches-p24-million-two-year-training-program-to-counter-environmental-crime-in-palawan/





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Manila warns residents smog may worsen underlying conditions

By Marita Moaje June 29, 2021, 8:19 pm



HAZY. High-rise buildings are barely visible in the Quezon City area on Tuesday (June 29, 2021). The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the haze is not coming from the volcanic smog over the Taal Volcano's caldera but due to other activities like vehicle movements. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

MANILA – The prevailing thick smog observed in Manila on Tuesday is risky, especially to the elderly, children, and those with underlying conditions.

The Manila Department of Public Service (DPS) said based on their air quality monitoring, the smog was primarily caused by pollution from mobile vehicles and other industrial sources.

The DPS also refuted the rumor that the haze was caused by the unstable condition of Taal Volcano.

DPS Director Kenneth Amurao said an increasing concentration of Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 has been recorded in the city since June 25.

DPS air quality monitoring report from 10 a.m. on Monday until 9 a.m. Tuesday showed that the Air Quality Index City was observed to be unhealthy for sensitive groups, Amurao said.

PM2.5 is described as "fine inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller", according to experts.

"Low wind speeds have been observed in the city since Sunday, which also contributes to lower dispersion of particulates in the atmosphere," the DPS report read.

The DPS warned that people with lung and heart disease, older adults, and children are at greater risk from air pollution exposure.

Amurao advised wearing surgical masks, like N95 or KF94, or any tight-fitting masks when going outdoors.

Manila has five air quality sensors installed at the Freedom Triangle roadside beside the City Hall, Mehan Garden, Rizal Park, Barangay 128 roadside in Tondo, and Aurora Boulevard intersection in Sta. Cruz. *(PNA)*

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1145394





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Phivolcs: Metro Manila haze not from Taal, but air pollution

By: Frances Mangosing - Reporter / @FMangosingINQ

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Thick haze envelopes the metropolis on Tuesday, June 29. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Philvolcs) clarified that the haze in Metro Manila was brought about by "human activity" or pollution and not from Taal Volcano. -INQUIRER/GRIG C. MONTEGRANDE

MANILA, Philippines — The haze that reduced visibility in Metro Manila in the past two days was not emission from Taal Volcano. It's worse—pollution.

"The haze which is being experienced by some residents of Metro Manila is smog caused by pollution and human activity," said the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology on Tuesday (June 29). "The haze is not from Taal Volcano," Phivolcs said.

Phivolcs, however, said it continued to observe a volcanic smog, or vog, on the caldera of Taal Volcano.

In its 4 p.m. bulletin, Phivolcs said sulfur dioxide emission from Taal on Monday averaged 14,326 tons per day, the highest recorded in the volcano.

High sulfur dioxide levels, water vapor emitted in plumes, weak air movement and solar radiation will continue to produce vog over the Taal caldera, said Phivolcs. Vog can be blown to the northeast and east to lakeshore communities depending on wind direction, Phivolcs said.

Phivolcs said it has received reports of "adverse effects" of vog on residents of lakeshore Tanauan City and Talisay town in Batangas province, which are facing the Taal Volcano island.

The agency advised communities near Taal to limit exposure and stay indoors, and use N95 or gas masks if possible.

It also recommended health checks by local governments on residents on the path of the Taal's vog.

Alert Level 2 prevails over Taal Volcano.

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Source: https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1453097/phivolcs-metro-manila-haze-not-from-taal-but-air-pollution





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A haze hangs over Mandaluyong and the rest of Metro Manila yesterday. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the haze is due to pollution, not volcanic smog emitted by Taal Volcano.

Michael Varcas

Humans to blame for Metro Manila haze, not Taal Volcano

Helen Flores (The Philippine Star) - June 30, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The haze that covered Metro Manila in the past two days was due to human activities and not from the restive Taal Volcano in Batangas, an official of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) clarified on Tuesday.

"The haze in Metro Manila is most likely caused by human activities, such as emission of vehicles, and not due to Taal," Science Undersecretary and Phivolcs officer-in-charge Renato Solidum Jr. said.

"You can see this pollution clearly in the morning when the temperature is cooler as the sun has just risen. The haze is from the ground and moving up and very evident in major roads," he said.

This was further confirmed by an air quality report from the Department of Public Services (DPS).

DPS said that under their air quality monitoring report from 10 a.m. of Monday, June 28, until 9 a.m. of Tuesday, June 29, the Air Quality Index City was "observed to be dominated by 'unhealthy' and 'unhealthy for sensitive groups'."

The agency said that this was due to the increasing concentration of PM2.5 levels recorded in several areas in Manila since June 25.

Following the report, the DPS encouraged the public that if any adverse effects are experienced, consult a doctor or the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team for proper treatment.

Solidum noted that the plume over Taal on Monday moved toward the northeast and not to Manila.

In an advisory on Monday, Phivolcs warned the volcanic smog, or "vog" – a type of air pollution – observed over Taal Volcano's caldera can irritate the eyes, throat and respiratory tract.

The vog was caused by high levels of sulfur dioxide gas emissions from the main crater, the agency said.





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Phivolcs urged the public to limit their exposure to vog, avoid outdoor activities and stay indoors and shut doors and windows.

The DPS also noted that people with lung and heart disease, older adults and children are advised to stay indoors as they are at a greater risk from air pollution exposure.

The public was also advised to cover their noses, ideally with an N95 facemask, and drink plenty of water to reduce any throat irritation or constriction. – **Jose Rodel Clapano**

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/06/30/2109084/humans-blame-metro-manila-haze-not-taal-volcano





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Usok sa Metro Manila 'di mula sa Taal Volcano - Solidum



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MANILA, Philippines – Ang namataang usok sa Metro Manila ay hindi nagmula sa paglalabas ng sulfur dioxide ng Bulkang Taal, ayon kay Science and Technology Undersecretary and Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) OIC Renato Solidum Jr.



"The smog in Metro Manila is simply pollution from vehicle and industrial emissions. The volcanic plume from Taal is blown towards the northeast and not to Metro Manila," ayon kay Solidum sa isang mensahe sa Manila Bulletin.

"The haze in Metro Manila is from the ground up and noticeable especially in the morning and along major roads," aniy pa.

Patuloy ang pagtaas ng nilalabas na sulfur dioxide ng bulkan kung saan naitala nitong Lunes ang 14,326 tonnes mula sa 4,771 nitong Linggo.

Batay sa abiso ng Phivolcs, pinag-iingat ang mga taong may sakit sa baga at puso pati na ang mga bata, buntis, at mga senior na manatili sa loob ng tahanan.

Anila, mas mainam na magsuot ng N95 mask upang maproteksyunan ang sarili. RNT/ELM

Source: https://www.remate.ph/usok-sa-metro-manila-di-mula-sa-taal-volcano-solidum/





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Malabong paligid, hindi dahil sa aktibidad ng Taal volcano – Phivolcs

By Bombo Dennis Jamito -June 29, 2021 | 8:10 PM

Nilinaw ng Phivolcs na hindi nagmula sa Taal Volcano ang haze na bumalot sa malaking bahagi ng Metro Manila ngayong araw.

Ang haze ay tinatawag ding "smog" o maruming hangin na dulot ng polusyon.

Paniwala ng ilang eksperto, ang pagluluwag sa quarantine restrictions ang isa sa dahilan kaya dumami na naman ang mga sasakyan sa kalsada na pawang nagbubuga ng usok.

Ayon kay Phivolcs Dir. Renato Solidum, bagama't nakapagtala ng paglabas ng usok sa Taal nitong mga nakalipas na araw, hindi naman iyon umabot sa Metro Manila o iba pang bahagi ng ating bansa.

Sa kabila nito, nananatili naman ang babala ng ahensya sa mga nagpupumilit makabalik sa island volcano, na mariin itong ipinagbabawal.

Maging ang mga residenteng nasa paligit ng Taal Lake ay inaalerto rin sa mga posibleng abnormalidad pa ng nasabing active volcano.

Source: https://www.bomboradyo.com/malabong-paligid-hindi-dahil-sa-aktibidad-ng-taal-volcano-phivolcs/



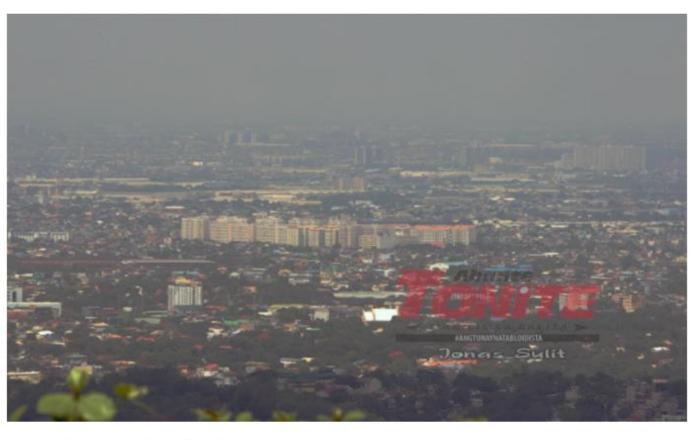


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Phivolcs: Polusyon ang nakikitang usok sa NCR

By Abante Tonite - Last updated Jun 30, 2021









Nilinaw kahapon ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) na ang nakitang usok sa National Capital Region (NCR) o Metro Manila ay hindi sanhi ng volcanic smog mula sa Bulkang Taal bagkus ay sanhi ng polusyon.

"Volcanic smog has no contribution in the haze over Metro Manila. The steam and gas plume over Taal Volcano is towards the northeast and not towards Metro Manila. Hence the haze or smog in Metro Manila is not from Taal," ayon kay Phivolcs Director Renato Solidum.

Ang smog aniya sa Metro Manila ay sanhi ng polusyon na binubuga ng mga sasakyan at mga industrial emission. Mapapansin aniya ito lalo na sa umaga sa mga pangunahing lansangan sa NCR.

Inihayag ito ng Phivolcs matapos na maobserbahan umano ang mausok na kapaligiran sa NCR kahapon na hinala ng iba ay baka galing sa Bulkang Taal na kasalukuyang naglalabas ng mataas na antas ng asupre. (Tina Mendoza)

Source: https://tonite.abante.com.ph/phivolcs-polusyon-ang-nakikitang-usok-sa-ncr/





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Youth climate activists call for urgent climate action that protects people, planet

By Gaea Katreena Cabico(Philstar.com) - June 29, 2021 - 12:27pm



A resident walks past uprooted banana trees washed up on a river bank after Typhoon Molave hit the town of Pola, Oriental Mindoro province, on October 26, 2020.

AFP/Erik De Castro

MANILA, Philippines — Devastating impacts of a warming planet laid out in a leaked draft report by a United Nations body reinforce the call for urgent plans and actions from national and world leaders, Filipino climate activists said.

The draft report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projects how species extinction, ecosystem collapse, more widespread disease, unlivable heat, rising seas, and other crushing impacts of climate change are accelerating.

"This is not a world we want to inherit. Our leaders, who probably won't experience any of this, are committing their children and grandchildren to a terrible, possibly unlivable future," said Xian Guevarra, national coordinator of Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines.

"To think that, before my generation turns 40 or 50 years old, we could already be living in a country experiencing constant deadly heat waves, food and water shortages, and cities like Manila and Cebu could be partially underwater due to rising sea levels," he added.

As an archipelagic nation in the Pacific, the Philippines is among the countries most impacted by climate-related catastrophes. It is particularly exposed to threats of tropical cyclones, averaging 20 annually.

The climate crisis is exacerbating the Philippines' exposure to more frequent and extreme weather changes, rising temperatures, heavier rainfall, and sea level rise.

YACAP called for more immediate plans and actions that protect both the people and the planet.

"What we're experiencing now with the climate crisis is here to stay. We need empowering, contextualized climate education and strong adaptation plans defined by the most impacted communities themselves," said Mitzi Jonelle Tan, YACAP international spokesperson.

"The industrialized countries that have led us to this crisis have a climate debt to pay for their historical and current carbon emissions. A stop to emissions and an immediate and just transition to green industries is not just their responsibility, it's reparation for injustices," she added.





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Agence France Presse reported last week the findings in the draft IPCC report, which is not scheduled for public release until February next year. IPCC released a statement saying it "does not comment on the contents of draft reports while work is still ongoing."

Under the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, global warming must be limited well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels while pursuing efforts for a tougher ceiling of 1.5°C. — with a report from Agence France-Presse

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/06/29/2108930/youth-climate-activists-call-urgent-climate-action-protects-people-planet/amp/





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MULTA SA MAGTATAPON NG BASURA SA ESTERO

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PAGMUMULTAHIN o gagawa ng community service ang mahuhuling nagtatapon ng basura sa estero, ilog at kanal na itinuturong dahilan kung bakit nagbabara ang mga pumping station sa Kalakhang Maynila.

Sinabi ni Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) chair Benhur Abalos, kung ang MMDA lamang ang masusunod ay ang kanyang mga nabanggit na kaparusahan ang nababagay sa isang taong walang disiplina sa pagtatapon ng basura.

Iyon nga lamang, nais niyang magkaroon ng iisang patakaran ang lahat ng siyudad at bayan sa Kalakhang Maynila na magtatakda ng parusa sa mga walang disiplina.

'Kung mahuhuli kang nagtatapon.. sige magwalis ka diyan kahit isang oras, linisin mo lahat o kaya ikaw ang maghango ng basura sa dagat.. sa river para maranasan mo naman kung paano maglinis ng ano," ayon kay Abalos.

Naisip na solusyon ng MMDA ay gumamit ng trash boom na magsisilbing pangharang sa mga basura para hindi na umabot pa sa pumping stations.

Kamakailan ay naglatag ng trash boom ang MMDA sa Estero de Tripa de Gallina, sa Pasay City.

Samantala, tinatayang 32 tonelada ng basura ang nakukuha sa mga pumping station kada taon. (CHRISTIAN DALE)

Source: http://saksingayon.com/nasyunal/multa-sa-magtatapon-ng-basura-sa-estero/?utm_source=ReviveOldPost&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ReviveOldPost&fbclid=IwAR1SFYluWXSVshsmepT60-xr5SiKkIyAsjzLNZ3YoRiVdRw1FxbK2Gg-1W4





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Garbage hauler gets 48-hour ultimatum

By Mary Ruth R. Malinao (The Freeman) - June 30, 2021 - 12:00am



So said Acting Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama who issued a memorandum dated June 28, 2021, enumerating the requirements stipulated in the contract that DOCAST Construction/JJ & J Construction and General Supply the city's contracted garbage hauler, reportedly failed to comply with.

CEBU, Philippines — A private contractor managing the garbage transfer station in Barangay Inayawan "violated" the contract with the Cebu City government.

So said Acting Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama who issued a memorandum dated June 28, 2021, enumerating the requirements stipulated in the contract that DOCAST Construction/JJ & J Construction and General Supply, the city's contracted garbage hauler, reportedly failed to comply with.

Rama, who described the document as a "serious memo", said it was sent yesterday to John David Javier, the firm's general manager.

Rama has given the firm 48 hours to explain its lapses and violations.

Failure to meet the deadline would mean the firm waives its right.

"In view of the foregoing, you are hereby given 48 hours from receipt hereof to submit a written explanation and documentary proof, under oath (duly notarized), to shed light as to the matters herein stated."

"Failure on your part to comply with this directive shall be deemed a waiver, hence, the city government shall resolve the issue based upon the merits on record," the memorandum read. The FREEMAN tried to reach Javier for comment but did not receive a response as of this writing.

As stated in the memorandum signed by Rama, such is with reference to the Purchase Order under P.O. No. 080, by and between DOCAST Construction/JJ & J Construction and General Supply and the Cebu City government, dated February 16, 2021.

Based on the said PO, the bidder must possess a property of not less than one hectare in land area that is suitable to serve as a motor pool; must be able to present its weight determination facility or weighbridge facility; and must have at least 50 units of garbage collection and hauling equipment specifically dump truck transporters with certificate of inspection from Cebu City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CCENRO) and Department of Public Services (DPS), among others.





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"After thorough inspection on the Inayawan Transfer Station, it has come to our knowledge that you have not complied with the above stated requirements," read the memo.

The memo also stated that to this date, there is only one waste transfer station existing in the south, not owned by the DOCAST but somebody else, which is "undeniably substandard." There is no transfer station in the north area considering the fact that this must exist prior to entering the contract.

Second, there is no proper monitoring as to how much garbage is disposed of in the landfill, due to the alleged absence of a proper person to monitor the weighing process from ARN landfill located in Barangay Binaliw as well as in the transfer station.

As also provided in the memo, according to the report, the firm is reportedly only providing 13 trucks, which is far less than the minimum requirement of at least 50 units they need to provide.

Further, based on the report, the company was refused to dump at a landfill in Binaliw after allegedly failing to pay the landfill operator, ARN Central Waste Management Inc, more than P18 million in dues, which consist of P1,027,386.60 for 2020 and P17,648,518 for the period covering March 16 to May 31, 2021.

Rama, in a phone interview, said these are possible grounds for the termination of the contract with DOCAST.

"Yes, definitely. Kana lang daan wa mo-comply sa mga requirements diha sa atoang terms of reference...That should really be seriously attended to," said Rama.

Meanwhile, the Cebu City Council will hold another special session today to tackle the state of garbage disposal in the city, this time, with resource speakers from DOCAST, DPS, and other offices in charge, such as the city budget and accountant offices.

Rama said he will find time to be there to observe, and if given the opportunity to speak, he will also air his sentiment on the matter. — KQD (FREEMAN)

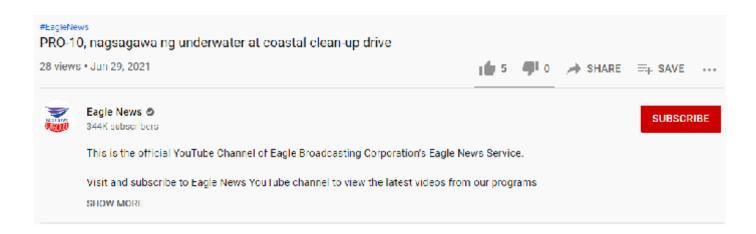
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Desertification, drought destabilizing well-being



Land degradation from climate change and the expansion of agriculture, cities and infrastructure "undermines the well-being of 3.2 billion people," the UN chief said in his message for World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.

"Humanity is waging a relentless, self-destructive war on nature. Biodiversity is declining, greenhouse gas concentrations are rising, and our pollution can be found from the remotest islands to the highest peaks,"

Secretary-General António Guterres said, adding: "We must make peace with nature."

The top UN official said that while "land can be our greatest ally", currently it's "suffering."

Land degradation is harming biodiversity and enabling infectious diseases, such as Covid-19, to emerge, he explained.

"Restoring degraded land would remove carbon from the atmosphere... help vulnerable communities adapt to climate change... and it could generate an extra \$1.4 trillion dollars in agricultural production each year," Guterres spelled out.

And best of all, land restoration is "simple, inexpensive and accessible to all," he added, calling it "one of the most democratic and pro-poor ways of accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)."

To meet an ever-growing demand for food, raw materials, roads and homes, humans have altered nearly three quarters of the earth's surface, beyond land that is permanently frozen.

Avoiding, slowing and reversing the loss of productive land and natural ecosystems now, is both urgent and important for a swift recovery from the pandemic and for guaranteeing the long-term survival of people and the planet.

Restoring degraded land brings economic resilience, creates jobs, raises incomes and increases food security, according to the UN.

Moreover, it helps biodiversity to recover and locks away carbon, while lessening the impacts of climate change and underpinning a green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.





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"This year marks the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration," reminded the Secretary-General, calling on everyone to "make healthy land central to all our planning."

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RESTORING NATURE 'THE TEST OF OUR GENERATION'

Stepping up global efforts to combat land degradation is the only way to safeguard food and water security, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ward against future threats to health and the environment, the UN General Assembly president told ambassadors.

Addressing a high-level dialogue on desertification, land degradation and drought, Volkan Bozkir described restoring nature as "the test of our generation," outlining the cost of inaction.

"Our planet is facing an environmental crisis that encompasses every aspect of the natural world — land, climate, and biodiversity, and pollution on land and at sea," he said. "Our existence and ability to thrive in this world is

entirely dependent upon how we reset and rebuild our relationship with the natural world, including the health of our land."

The General Assembly meeting, the first of its kind in a decade, is being held at a time when half of all agricultural land is degraded, threatening livelihoods but also driving extinction and intensifying climate change.

"Without a change in course, this will only get worse," Bozkir warned.

"By 2050, global crop yields are estimated to fall by 10 percent, with some suffering up to a 50 percent reduction. This will lead to a sharp 30 percent rise in world food prices, threatening progress on hunger and nutrition, as well as a myriad of associated development goals."



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF UN

UNICEF is assisting farmers in the recovery of their crops in drought-stricken Madagascar.





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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PROVIDE POINTERS TO SAVE PLANET

Indigenous people living on the frontline of climate change could offer potentially ground-breaking insight into biodiversity protection and sustainability, but they urgently need help to withstand a growing number of threats to their way of life, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) said.

THEY GENERATE HUNDREDS
OF FOOD ITEMS FROM THE
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From the Arctic to the Amazon, the Himalayas to the Sahel, the 11 indigenous communities featured in a new FAO study are revealed as "self-reliant and resilient, living sustainably and in harmony with their ecosystems, even when inhabiting harsh environments."

"They generate hundreds of food items from the environment without depleting natural resources and achieve high levels of self-sufficiency," said the UN agency, which explored ancestral knowledge in the Solomon Islands among the Melanesians who combine agroforestry, wild food gathering and fishing to generate 70 percent of their dietary needs.

In Finland's Arctic region, FAO also noted that the Inari Sámi people generate 75 percent of the protein they need, through fishing, hunting and herding.

After an analysis of the growing threats confronting the communities and their sustainable ways of life, the authors of the report maintained that indigenous peoples worldwide play a vital role in countering global threats such as the destruction of nature, climate change, biodiversity loss and the risk of future pandemics.

But their traditional ways of life — "one of the most sustainable, self-sufficient and resilient on the planet" — are at high risk from climate change and the expansion of various industrial and commercial activities, FAO warned.

There are some 478 million indigenous peoples in the world, according to FAO, whose research also explored reindeer herding by the Inari Sámi people in Nellim, Finland, the forest-based food system of the Baka indigenous people in South-eastern Cameroon and the Milpa food system of the Maya Ch'orti' people — also known as "the maize people" — in Chiquimula, Guatemala.



MEMBERS of an indigenous community, living in the forests in one of the most remote regions of Republic of the Congo.





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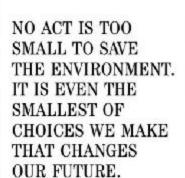
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very choice we make bears consequences. For many years, the Earth has been suffering from man-made catastrophes. Oceans have turned into a dump site, landforms corroded, forests depleted and the Earth's atmosphere reaching a critical point due to pollution.

Executive director of World Wide Fund Philippines Katherine Custodio said that plastic is the third largest form

of waste per year in the Philippines. It accounts for 2.1 million tonnes of garbage, 35 percent of which unfortunately leaks into the open environment.

Global non-profit organization water.org that there are nearly five million Filipinos who use unsafe and unsustainable water sources. It added that nine million Filipinos lack access to proper sanitation.





MANY natural calamities have struck the planet.

plastic straws. As much as possible, shop at zero-waste stores that offer refills, recycling and composting. Bring your own containers. When it comes to compost scraps, instead of dumping them in bins, turn them into a nutrient-rich soil for your garden. Adapt a

foods. We are now given the responsibility to make crucial choices because there is no planet B. Remember, no act is too small to save the environment. It is even the smallest of choices we make that changes our future.

more sustainable diet by eating plant-based



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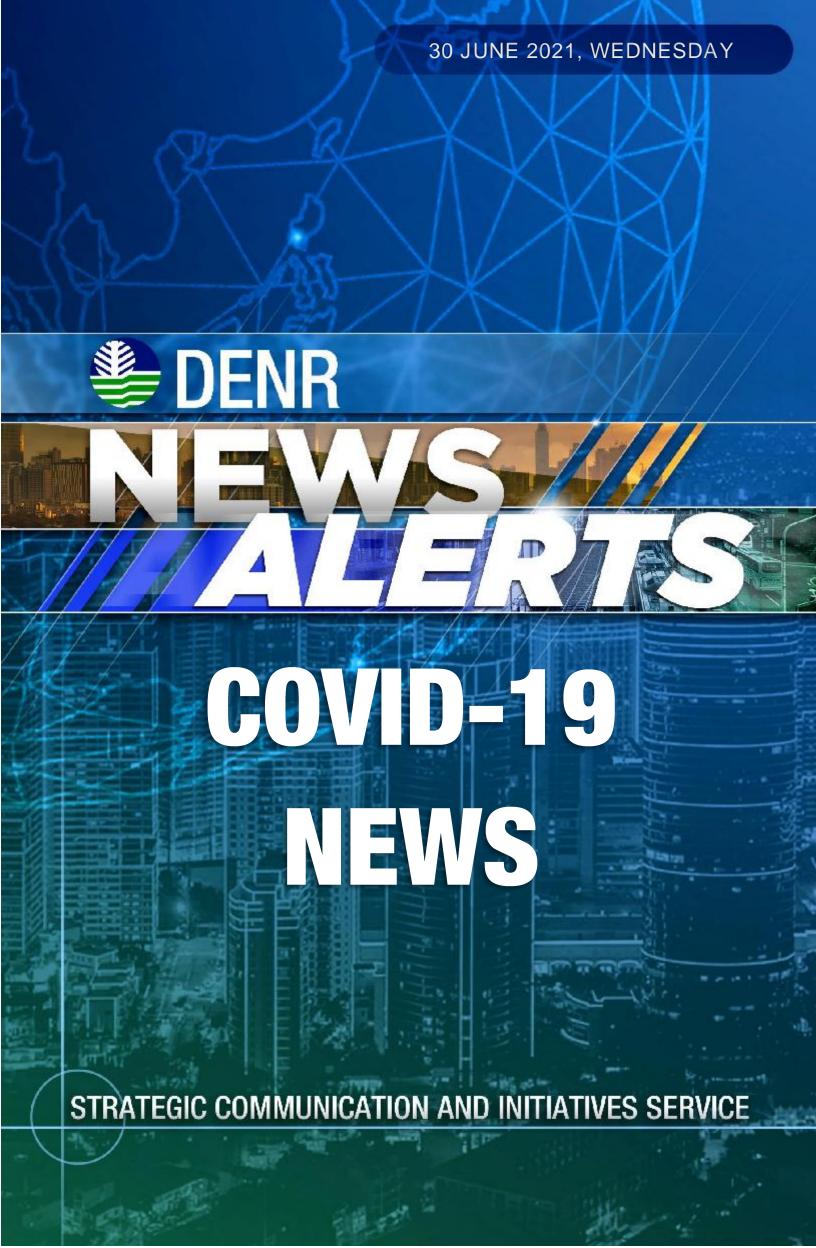
One contributing factor is urbanization.

DUSTAN WOODHOUSE

And now we struggle to survive the deadly threat of Covid-19.

Let these all be a clarion call for humanity's long overdue shift to a more sustainable lifestyle.

Think about using eco bags instead of plastics. Metal straws are a great alternative to paper or







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DOH sa pagbaba ng COVID-19 cases: 'Malayo pa sa pre-surge level'

By Bombo Christian Yosores -June 29, 2021 | 2:25 PM

MANILA – Inamin ng Department of Health (DOH) na patuloy pang bumaba ang bilang ng mga tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas.

Pahayag ito ng ahensya matapos i-ulat ng independent group na OCTA Research na nasa 0.92 na lang ang reproduction number (R-Naught) ng coronavirus sa Pilipinas. Habang 0.80 ang antas nito sa National Capital Region.

Ang R-Naught ay bilang ng mga taong nahahawaan ng isang kumpirmadong kaso ng COVID-19.

"Itong mga data ng OCTA, they get their details from DOH data system. This computation nila is the same sa DOH," ani Health Usec. Maria Rosario Vergeire.

Sa kabila nito, sinabi ng opisyal na malayo pa rin sa numero ng COVID-19 cases ng bansa bago nagkaroon ng "surge."

Sa ngayon daw kasi, nasa 666 na lang ang tinatayang bilang ng mga bagong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Metro Manila.

Higit na mababa mula sa average na higit 5,000 new cases ng NCR noong Abril.

"This is very far doon sa ating case trends noong bago mag-surge na nandoon lang sa 300 plus cases per day. That was January and February this year."

Binigyang diin ni Vergeire na mahalaga pa rin ang mga ginagawang hakbang ng pamahalaan para maagapan ang pagsirit mula ng COVID-19 cases.

Partikular na ang kontrol sa mga border ng bansa, pagsunod sa health protocols, at tuloy-tuloy na pagbabakuna.

"Kailangan natin maintindihan na napaka-phorous ng ating borders, yung interzonal. And cases are rising in other parts of the country."

"Dito sa NCR, we saw the efforts of our local government units, concerted efforts through the MMDA para ma-attain natin itong estado sa ngayon."

Mananatili sa general community quarantine ang Metro Manila at ilang lugar sa Calabarzon, Cordillera, Cagayan Valley, Western Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Soccksargen, at Bangsamoro, simula July 1 hanggang 15.

Source: https://www.bomboradyo.com/doh-sa-pagbaba-ng-covid-19-cases-malayo-pa-sa-pre-surge-level/





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No way out of pandemic but to get fully vaccinated: PCOO

June 29, 2021, 2:40 pm



Communications Secretary Martin Andanar (File photo)

MANILA – Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar urged the public anew to get fully vaccinated against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), citing that only then can the country assure recovery while protecting the people.

During Tuesday's episode of the Network Briefing News, Andanar called for support to the government's Resbakuna campaign, noting that vaccines in certain areas, if left unused, will be reallocated to other local government units.

"Kaya kapag mayroon nang bakuna [sa inyong lugar] ay siguraduhin na magpabakuna na (So once vaccines are available in your area, make sure that you get vaccinated right away)," he said.

He urged the people to avail of any Covid-19 vaccine brand.

"Kung ano ng available at pwede, Sinovac ba yan, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, o Sputnik. Kung anong meron sa harapan niyo na handang ibigay sa inyo ng inyong munisipyo, inyong Department of Health dyan sa inyong bayan, ay tanggapin niyo na para safe po tayong lahat (Whatever is available, whether it is Sinovac, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, or Sputnik. Whatever your municipality, the Department of Health in your town, can give you, avail of it so that all of us can be safe)," he added.

Andanar said it is only through vaccinating the majority of Filipinos that the country can takeoff from the downturn of economic activities.

"Wala ho talagang ibang solusyon dito sa Covid-19, sa mga lockdown para matigil kundi ang pagpapabakuna. Yan lamang ang nag-iisang paraan o solusyon na tayo'y makamove forward at matigil na itong pagsadsad ng ating ekonomiya (There's no other solution to Covid-19 and the imposed lockdowns but through vaccination. That is the only solution for us to move forward and stop the downturn in our economy)," he said.

Support small business, generate employment

Andanar also sought the support of concerned government offices, including the local government units to look after small business owners in their jurisdiction and respond to their needs by allowing them to operate during this time of the pandemic.





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"Dapat hindi natin ginigipit ang ating mga kababayan, ang ating mga maliliit na negosyante (We shouldn't make it hard for our fellowmen, for the small businesses)," he said, stressing that the LGU should help them ease the processes in securing permits to operate.

He further told local officials to refrain from politicizing any assistance that they may extend to the sector and instead put into practice the spirit of 'bayanihan'.

"Pakiusap po ng national government sa local na pamahalaan huwag po nating pulitikahin ang pagbibigay ng ambag, tulong sa ating bayan (The national government is asking our local government units not to politicize the aid or help that is given to constituents)," he added. (PR)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1145312





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Japan to donate one million AstraZeneca doses to PH; shipment may arrive July 8 – envoy

By CNN Philippines Staff

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(FILE PHOTO)

Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, June 29)— The Philippines is set to receive one million doses of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines from Japan, with the donated shipment expected to arrive next month, the country's ambassador said on Tuesday.

"One million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines from Japan are expected to arrive in Manila tentatively on July 8," Japan's Ambassador to the Philippines Kazuhiko Koshikawa announced through his social media account.

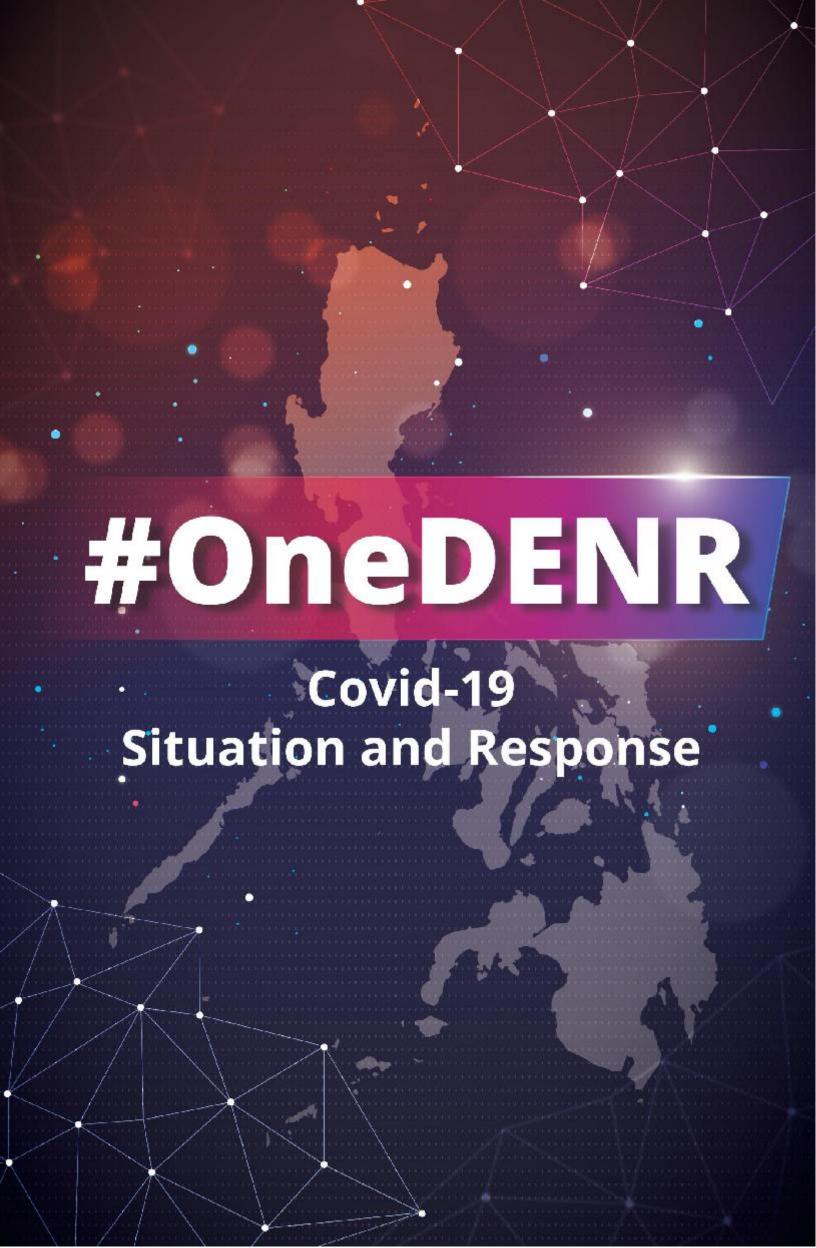
Koshikawa added that the nation is "working double time" so that the donation reaches the Philippines without delay.



Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III revealed in a Senate inquiry earlier this month that the Philippines is among the countries <u>receiving vaccine donations from Japan.</u> The East Asian nation also pledged donations to Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Latest government data show that the country had already administered more than 10 million vaccine doses. The government earlier targeted to inoculate up to 70 million Filipinos by the end of the year.

Source: https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/6/29/Japan-AstraZeneca-vaccine-donation-Philippines-July-8.html



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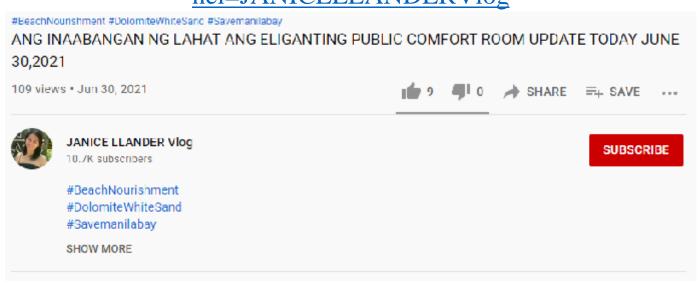




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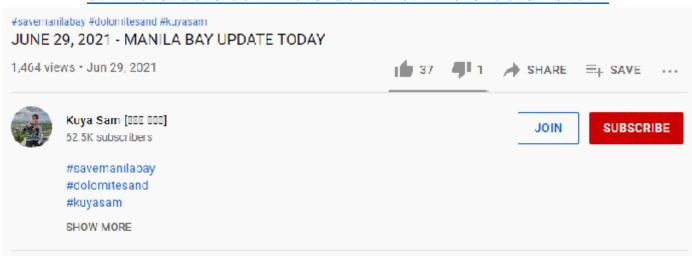




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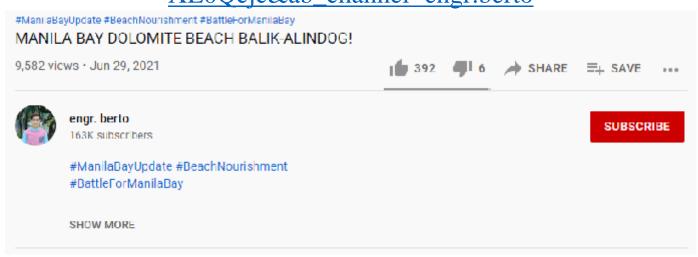




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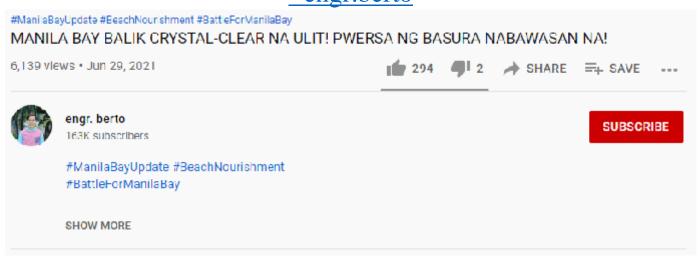




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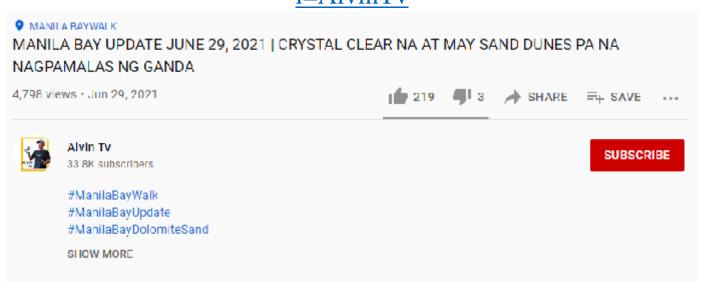




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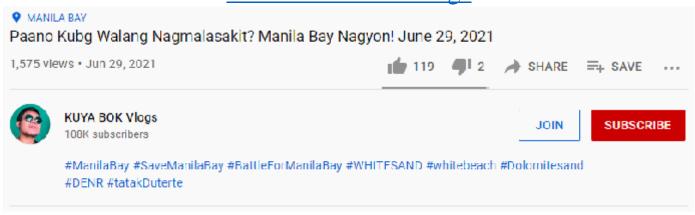




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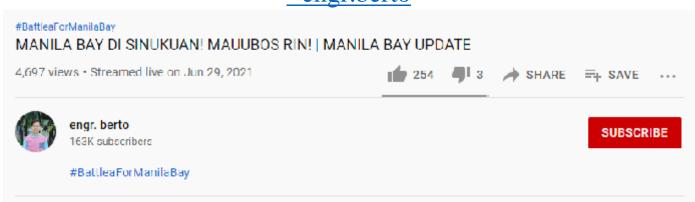




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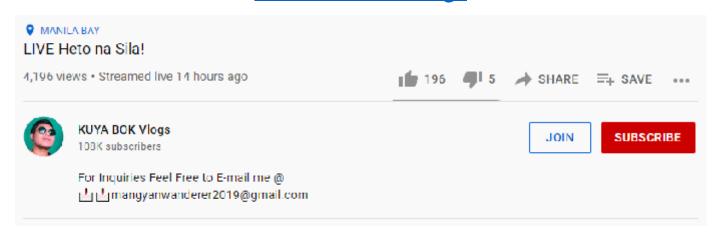




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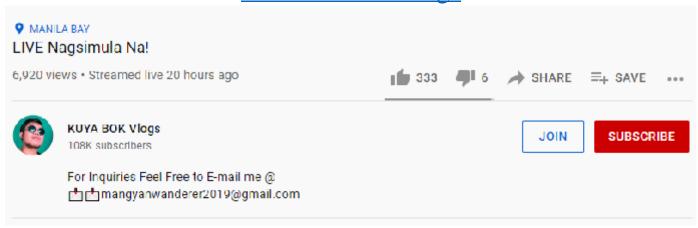




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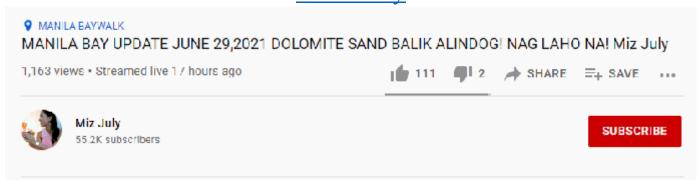




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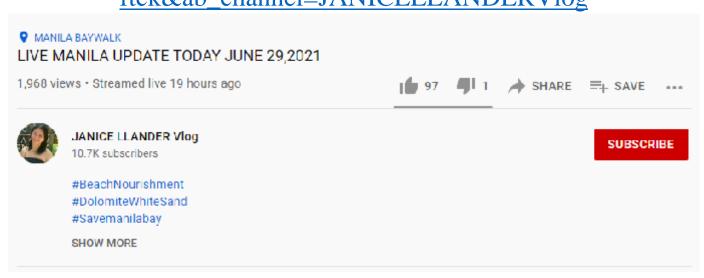




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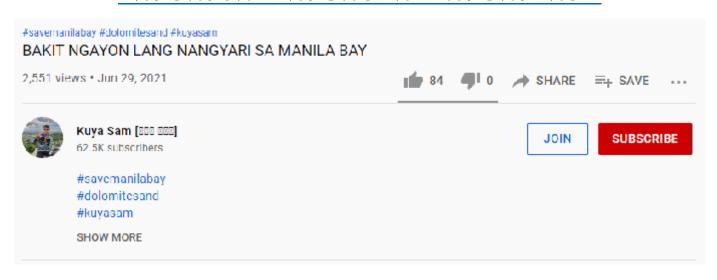




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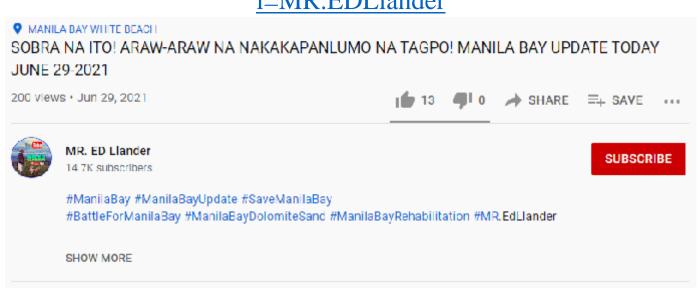




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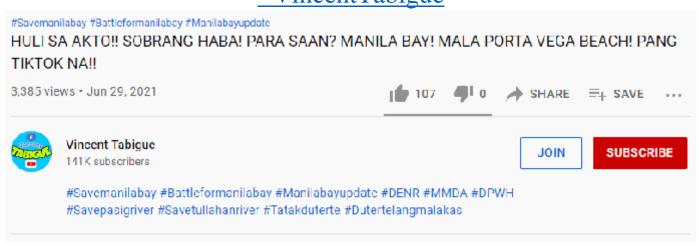




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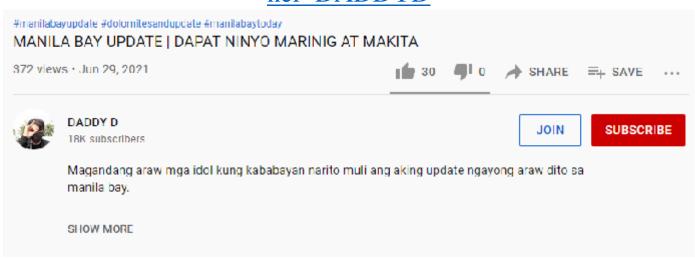




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