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METRO BRIEFS

Bay cleanup nets pollutants

About 100 sacks of assorted trash were recovered from Manila Bay during a cleanup drive spearheaded by the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources at the Tanza Marine Tree Park in Navotas City.

Among the recovered items were plastic bottles and styrofoam food packaging materials that threaten the environment because they are not biodegradable.

Similar bay clearing operations were conducted by the DENR National Capital Region at Baseco Beach in Port Area, Manila.

Manuel Escasura, DENR NCR assistant regional director for management services, appealed to the public not to throw their wastes at bodies of water because they are pollutants and could result in floods.

PAULA ANTOLIN



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PAGKAKALAT NG DUMI NG TAO SA UK, PINAS

NAGKALAT sa dagat, lumulutang at nilalangaw ang mga dumi ng tao sa maraming dalampasigan sa United Kingdom ngayon.

Kaya naman nangangamoy pa sa paligid.

Ito ang sinasabi ng mga naglalaro at nagsu-swimming sa mga dalampasigan at karagatan sa nasabing bansa.

Dahil dito, mga Bro, nagkakasakit tuloy ang mga tao na nakalalanghap ng amoy at nakalulunok ng mga tubig dagat.

Buhay na buhay kasi ang mga bakteriya na nakakapit sa mga dumi.

Pati hanapbuhay gaya ng kayaking o pamamasyal sa bangka at mga negosyong panturista ay nagkakandalugi-lugi dahil sa pagsasara ng mga resort o pag-iwas ng mga tao na pumunta para mamasyal at maligo ang mga tao.

Kabilang sa mga karagatan at dalampasigan na may nagkalat na etsas kung tawagin ang matatagpuan sa Normans Bay, Hastings at Bexhill.

BORACAY AT MANILA BAY

Anak ng tokwa, halos naging walang kaibhan ang nangyayari sa UK sa naganap sa Boracay na ating isinara noong panahon ni Tatay Digong.

Pinagtulong-tulong nating linisin ang Boracay ng kung ilang buwan at ngayo'y nakaliligo na muli ang lahat sa mga karagatan at dalampasigan nito.

Itong Manila Bay, naging sobra noon ang baho sa paligid, lalo na sa mga dalampasigan ng magkakarugtong na lungsod ng Metro Manila at ilang bayan sa Bulacan at Cavite.

Etsas ng tao at hayop, mga basura at delikadong mga kemikal ang nagkalat.

Sana, darating ang araw na malilinis nang husto ang lawing ito at makaliligo at makapagmumog na rin sa wakas.

Pupwede na rin nating imulat ang ating mga mata habang naglalangoy at huminga nang malalim nang hindi nagtatakip nang ilong.

Pero tiyak na mananatiling pangarap lang lahat ng ito kung hindi magtulong-tulong ang lahat laban sa polusyon mula sa tao at iba pang mga dumi.

SADYANG NAGTATAPON

May nahuli na noong 2015 sa UK na direktang nagtatapon ng tao sa karagatan nila at pinagmulta ito ng malaki.

At pinaniniwalaang marami pa rin ang gumagawa ng ganito.

Yung iba naman, nagpalusot at inirason na tumubog umano sa baha ang mga kasilyas at imburnal ng mga ospital, restoran, hotel, pabrika at iba pa at habang pahupa ang mga baha, sumama at dumaloy sa mga dalampasigan at dagat ang mga nakalusot na dumi mula sa mga sirang imburnal at kasilyas.

Pero duda ang mga awtoridad sa palusot ng mga ospital at iba't ibang establisimiyento at ngayon nga'y nagsasagawa na sila ng mga imbestigasyon.

UNTI-UNTING NAGBUBUKAS

Sinusuyod na ng mga awtoridad ng UK ang mga naglulutangang dumi para ilagay sa dapat nilang kalagayan.

At inaabisuhan na nila ang mga tao na subukin nang pumunta, maglangoy at maglaro sa mga dalampasigan at karagatan.

Pero malaki pa rin ang pagdududa ng iba habang sumusubok naman ang iba.

Kaiba naman sa atin.

Kahit alam ng iba na marumi pa rin ang Manila Bay at mga ilog patungo rito, walang bawal-bawal sa marami.

Sa tapat lang ng Dolomite beach walang makagawa ng gusto nila dahil todo guwardiyado ito.

Ang kaibhan nga lang, walang gaanong nagkakasakit, kahit ang mga nagmumumog.

Hmmm. Bakit kaya?

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Tubig sa ilog sa Cebu nagkulay puti

NAALARMA ang ilang residente sa bukirang barangay ng Don Gregorio Antigua, Borbon, Cebu dahil naging kasimputi ng gatas ang tubig sa ilog Linggo ng hapon.

Ayon sa kapitan ng barangay na si Gitoy Ornopia, isinagawa agad nila ang imbestigasyon dahil ito ang una na nakaranas ng ganitong insidente ang Goyong River.

Sa inisyal na imbestigasyon, napag-alaman ng barangay na may isang residente na inosenteng naghugas ng isang malaking water-based flexi bag sa ilog.

Inilarawan ni Ornopia na isa itong malaking inflatable plastic bag na

may lamang pulbos dahilan para pumuti ang tubig sa ilog.

Ginagamit umano ang flexi bag sa pagbiyahe ng mga likido, at nakuha ito ng residente mula sa pinagtatrabahuhang trucking services sa Mandaue City.

Ayon kay Ornopia, ipapadala nila ang water sample sa lokal na pamahalaan at sa kinauukulang ahensya ng gobyerno upang masiguro na walang nakakahilong kemikal ang tubig.

Habang sinusulat ang balitang ito, wala pang nai-report na namatay na mga isda o hayop sa ilog.

Inabisuhan ng barangay ang mga residente na huwag munang gumamit ng tubig sa ilog at ilayo ang mga alagang hayop sa ilog habang inaalam pa ang kaligtasan nito.



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Fernando suspends mining in Bulacan

GOV. Daniel Fernando temporarily suspended all permits on mining, quarrying, dredging, desilting and other types of mineral extractive operations as well as special permits for land development in Bulacan.

This was confirmed on Sunday by lawyer Juvic Degala, head of Bulacan Environment and Natural Resources Office (Benro).

"The governor issued Executive Order 21 on Aug. 16, 2022," Degala said.

Part of Section 2 is the Declaration of Policy which states that the provincial government will adopt measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral, marine, forest, and other resources of the province.

All such permits shall be suspended pending the approval of the governor regarding the environmental sustainability of their operations pending inspection and evaluation.

Fernando suspended all permits to do an inventory of the resources in conjunction with sustainability of operations. He also wanted to ensure environmental protection and that the general welfare of the people

are upheld. Some issues and concerns of those in the mining sector must also be threshed out immediately, including the adverse effects on operations of the high cost of fuel.

Fernando is also aware of the concerns of motorists on overloading and excessive volume caused by dilapidated roads, particularly along Manila North Road, or the former MacArthur Highway.

The suspension was also done to look into possible legislation that could improve the situation.

Katrina Anne Bernardo, head of the Provincial Public Affairs Office said, the law becomes effective upon the signing of the Executive Order, but the implementing office would inform the affected sectors first.

She added that the chief implementing office will be the Benro, but the final approval would come from the governor.

The sanctions for those found violating the EO will be P5,000 per violation and imprisonment of not less than six months and revocation of their business permits.

FREDERICK SILVERIO



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Bagyong Florita lumakas pa, ilang lugar isinailalim na sa signal no. 2

INAASAHANG lalakas pa ang bagyong Florita habang patungo sa direksyon ng Cagayan Valley, para sa unang landfall ngayong araw.

Sa ulat ng Pagasa, namataan ang sentro ng naturang sama ng panahon sa layong 155 km sa silangan ng Casiguran, Aurora.

May taglay itong lakas ng hangin na 75 kph at may pagbugsong 90 kph.

Kumikilos ito nang pakanluran sa bilis na 15 kph.

Inaasahan ang landfall ng tropical-storm Florita bukas ng umaga sa Cagayan-Isabela area.

Nakataas na ngayon ang signal number two (2) sa mga sumusunod na lugar: Cagayan, Isabela, Quirino, eastern portion ng Nueva

Vizcaya, Apayao, eastern portion ng Abra, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, northern at central portion ng Aurora.

Habang signal number one (1) naman ang umiiral sa mga sumusunod: Babuyan Islands, nalalabing bahagi ng Nueva Vizcaya, iba pang bahagi ng Abra, Benguet, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, eastern portion ng Pangasinan, eastern portion ng Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, iba pang parte ng Aurora, eastern portion ng Pam-panga, eastern portion ng Bulacan, northeastern portion ng Rizal, northern portion ng Quezon kabilang na ang Polillo Islands, northern portion ng Laguna at Camarines Norte.


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'Agenda for

Prosperity'

Marcos: Proposed ₱5.268-T budget for 2023 is for economic transformation

By ARGYLL CYRUS B. GEDUCOS

President Marcos said his administration's proposed ₱5.268-trillion national budget for 2023 is anchored on what he called the "Agenda for Prosperity"

that aims to achieve his medium-term macroeconomic and fiscal objectives.

In his message to Congress, Marcos said the objective of the largest proposed budget in Philippine history is economic transformation.

He added that the following goals

inspire the Agenda for Prosperity:

- 6.5-7.5 percent real gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2022
- 6.5-8.0 percent real GDP growth annually between 2023 to 2028
- 9.0 percent or a single-digit poverty rate by 2028
- 3.0 percent National Government (NG) deficit-to-GDP ratio by 2028
- Less than 60 percent ▶ 5



'Agenda for Prosperity' 1

NG debt-to-GDP ratio by 2025

- At least US\$4,256 gross national income (GNI) per capita or the attainment of upper-middle-income status

"These are, in fact, the measurable medium-term macroeconomic and fiscal objectives stipulated in this administration's Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF)," he said.

Economic transformation

Marcos said the country's economy was severely affected by "various challenges beyond any leader's control," such as the Covid-19 pandemic and recent perilous typhoons like Typhoon "Odette" that ravaged parts of Mindanao in December 2021.

He also cited the 7-magnitude earthquake that rocked parts of Northern Luzon, particularly Abra, last month, and the Russia-Ukraine conflict that has triggered a global food crisis.

Against these challenges, Marcos said there is a need to transform the country's economy into a proactive one where people are prepared and economic gains could be achieved.

"We must meet our productivity goals regardless of the disasters and crises that may come our way," he said.

President Marcos said the Department of Health (DOH) had been given a 4.1-percent budget increase in preparation for further global health challenges. At the same time, the Department of National Defense (DND) received a 9.0-percent increase in anticipation of destructive typhoons and calamities.

The Department of Agriculture (DA), which Marcos leads, received an unprecedented increase of 43.9-percent for its programs and projects in anticipation of a global food crisis and the long-term goal of food self-sufficiency.

Meanwhile, the Build, Build, Build infrastructure program will be maintained at 5.0-6.0 percent of GDP. The Department of Transportation (DOTr) received a budget increase of 120.4 percent so it can move "full speed ahead" on improving the country's transportation infrastructure.

Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), is poised to receive ₱184.1 billion.

Lastly, the DOTr will receive a budget of ₱167.1 billion. This will cover the augmented funding requirements for various foreign-assisted railway projects.

Allocation for other agencies

Based on the President's message, the administration proposed the following 2023 budget allocations for these departments, programs, and sectors:

- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE): ₱26.2 billion
- Department of Migrant Workers (DMW): ₱15.2 billion
- Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps): ₱115.6 billion
- Educational assistance and subsidies: ₱54.9 billion

Moving toward green governance, the Marcos administration is proposing ₱453.1 billion for "climate change expenditures of implementing units," such as projects for sustainable energy and environmental stability.

"All these programs will be supported by the proposed National Expenditure Program to propel our nation's economic transformation and achieve our Agenda for Prosperity," President Marcos said.

Meanwhile, allocations to local government units (LGUs) will amount to ₱962.2 billion or 18.3 percent of the proposed budget.

On the other hand, ₱582.3 billion, or 11.1 percent of the proposed budget, will be used to pay for obligations to the government's creditors.

Assumptions

In his message, President Marcos said the administration hopes to sustain a 6.5-8.0-percent growth from 2023 to 2028. This comes with 17.6 percent of GDP by 2028.

"Such growth will reflect the expected recovery in the global economy and the anticipated decline in global oil prices," he said.

"We hope to achieve this through tax policies and tax administration reforms," he added.

Priority sectors

The Education sector received the most significant chunk of the proposed 2023 national budget with ₱852.8 billion, an 8.2-percent increase from its 2022 funding.

Public Works received ₱718.4 billion to continue the Build, Build, Build program and fuel the Build, Better, More program that is seen to generate more jobs.

The Health Sector will receive ₱296.3 billion as the country continues to address the pandemic and expand its healthcare systems to the regions.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will receive ₱197 billion to address the needs of the poor and marginalized.

The Agriculture Sector, which comprises the DA, its attached agencies, and the De-


The Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) projects the debt-to-GDP ratio of the National Government to decrease from this year's estimate of 61.8 percent of GDP to reach less than 60 percent by 2025 and to further decline to 51.1 percent by 2028.

"By 2028, we intend to pass on an economy that bears no traces of the negative effects of the pandemic," Marcos said.

The President likewise announced his eight-point socio-economic agenda:

- Food security
- Improved transportation
- Affordable and clean energy
- Healthcare
- Social services
- Education
- Bureaucratic efficiency
- Sound fiscal management




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BP WATERWORKS, INC.,
 Applicant. Case No. 22-3393
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant, an authorized operator of the waterworks system within Bahayang Pag-Asa Subdivision, Barangays Molino V, Molino III, Espeleta I-III, Bagong Silang, Pinagbuklod, Magdalo, Maharlika, Pasong Buaya II and Buhay na Tubig, in the cities of Bacoor and Imus, province of Cavite, applies for the renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and authority to increase water rates as follows:

PROPOSED TARIFF

| Residential and Institutional | | | | | | |
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| Pipe Size | 0-5 m3 (min) | 6-10 m3 | 11-20 m3 | 21-30 m3 | 31-40 m3 | Over 40m3 |
| ½" | ₱ 195.00 | 43.90 | 48.60 | 49.70 | 53.10 | 56.50 |

| Commercial and Industrial | | | | | |
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| ½" | ₱ 1,129.50 | 94.20 | 113.00 | 113.00 | 113.00 |

This application will be initially heard by the Board on **12 September 2022**. The hearing will start at **9:00 o' clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least **fifteen (15) days** prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Cavite and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.


Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 12th day of July 2022.

By Authority of the Board:


Dr. SEVILIO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
 Executive Director

Affected Parties:

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| The Secretary Sangguniang Bayan Pavia, Iloilo | The Barangay Chairmen Barangays Pandac, Jibao-an & Balabag Municipalities of Pavia & Sta. Barbara Province of Iloilo |
| The Secretary Sangguniang Bayan Sta. Barbara, Iloilo | The Homeowners Assn. President Deca Homes Iloilo Subdivision Barangays Pandac, Jibao-an & Balabag Municipalities of Pavia & Sta. Barbara Province of Iloilo |




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By Authority of the Board:


Dr. SEVILIO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
 Executive Director

Affected Parties:

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| The Secretary Sangguniang Bayan Pavia, Iloilo The Secretary Sangguniang Bayan Sta. Barbara, Iloilo | The Barangay Chairmen Barangays Pandac, Jibao-an & Balabag Municipalities of Pavia & Sta. Barbara Province of Iloilo The Homeowners Assn. President Deca Homes Iloilo Subdivision Barangays Pandac, Jibao-an & Balabag Municipalities of Pavia & Sta. Barbara Province of Iloilo |
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ISRAEL TAN SANG/ITS WATER DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, Applicant. Case No. 22-3408

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant, an authorized operator and bulk water supplier within the port area of Cebu City, province of Cebu, applies for the renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and petition for change of name from Benjamin D. Sang to Israel Tan Sang/ITS Water Distribution Services.

Notice is hereby given that this application will be initially heard by the Board on **3 October 2022**, hearing will start at **9:00 o'clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of **Cebu** and send by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of (i) the application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed supported to granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

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Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 28th day of July 2022.

By Authority of the Board:
Dr. SEVILLO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:
The Secretary
Sanguniang Parlunsod, Cebu City, Cebu
The Barangay Chairman
All the affected Barangays w/in Cebu City, Cebu
The General Manager
Metro Cebu Water District, Magallanes - Lapu-Lapu Sts.,
Cebu City 6000

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