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## PH Signs Declaration to Strengthen Ocean Governance in East Asia

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The Philippine government, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), has signed a declaration that aims to strengthen green recovery and ocean governance in East Asia at the 7th East Asian Seas Ministerial Forum on Dec. 2.

Philippine delegation head and DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu signed the Preah Sihanouk Ministerial Declaration alongside ministers and senior government officials from member-countries of the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA).

PEMSEA is composed of 11 country partners, namely Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

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Through the Declaration, the PEMSEA member-countries have endorsed the PEMSEA Roadmap to 2030 as the region's decadal strategic guide anchored on the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) vision and commitment to Blue Economy.

This is aligned with PEMSEA countries' green recovery plans and programs and key international environmental commitments.

In the Philippines' statement, Cimatu echoed the commitment of the country to the declaration as well as urged other member-countries to champion initiatives on coastal resilience.

*"This 7th Ministerial Forum, the Philippines not only reiterates its firm commitment to the implementation of the PEMSEA Roadmap 2030 and the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2022 to 2027, but also urges all country partners to embrace the Preah Sihanouk Ministerial Declaration on building coastal resilience to climate change impacts in East Asia and to contribute in advancing the global sustainable development agenda,"* Cimatu said.

Moreover, the DENR chief highlighted the implementation of "blended protection" to address the "pressure and threats" of climate change to the ocean and marine resources.

*"The country welcomes the application of blended protection that includes 30 percent coverage of both land and sea to significantly measure the equivalent effects of protection of biodiversity through strong enforcement of other conservation policies such as the total ban of illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, among others,"* Cimatu pointed out.



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He said, however, that there is a need to strengthen collaboration with other stakeholders on the “spectrum of effective area-based conservation measures” and important marine areas.

Cimatu also boasted the Philippine government’s efforts in the rehabilitation of Boracay and the continuous restoration program of the Manila Bay, including massive clean-up, construction of solar-powered sewage treatment plants, and dredging of waterways and beach nourishment.

*“Such efforts demonstrated the whole-of-government and integrated approach in addressing marine pollution which contributes to the fragile situation of our oceans,”* he said.

He also noted the adoption of the national plan of action that intends to prevent, reduce and manage marine litter and aims to achieve zero-waste Philippine waters by 2040.

Cimatu said the Philippines has also embarked on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and invested in green ports that run through renewable energy, equipped with solar panel lighting, and have shore reception facilities.

He also called on boosting programs that will conserve the forest, restoration of land-based pollution, and support emerging blue economy industries.

He added that there is a need to produce the second National State of Ocean and Coasts report that will “measure blue economy” through an economic valuation of ocean-based industries and coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

*“Let us continue to demonstrate the far-reaching effects of our cooperation and partnership for pursuing transformative actions for HOPE—healthy ocean, people, and economies,”* Cimatu said.

He also extended his congratulations to the Ministry of Environment of Cambodia and the PEMSEA Resource Facility.

The Royal Government of Cambodia hosted this year’s EAS Congress and Ministerial Forum, where the member-countries joined via an online platform.

The Philippines has also hosted the EAS Congress in Iloilo in 2018.



## [Cimatu: Pandemic should be time to re-focus, re-think efforts vs. climate change](#)

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Writer

*"This pandemic enables the people to reflect and think about their lives in the future. Therefore, this is also the best time to educate them about how their consumption behaviors affect climate change," DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu said.*

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu said the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic should serve as a moment of reflection to "re-focus" and "re-think" climate change mitigation efforts, especially to limit changes driven by human activities just weeks after global climate talks concluded.

"With the recent developments during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, it is also time to make more and more people aware of our commitments on climate change," Cimatu said in a press release.



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"This pandemic enables the people to reflect and think about their lives in the future. Therefore, this is also the best time to educate them about how their consumption behaviors affect climate change," the secretary added.

DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change Atty. Analiza Rebueta-Teh said the lockdowns brought by the pandemic is the "time to limit climate change as we also face the challenges of urgently addressing the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic."

"The conclusions in the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change or IPCC's 6th report demand collective action to transform our economy, our behavior, and our lifestyle at all levels: individuals, communities, businesses, institutions, and governments," Teh said in her opening message during the public webinar, "Code Red: The State of Climate and Humanity," conducted on November 23.

According to the report, climate change will be "bringing multiple different changes in the different regions which will all increase with further warming."

At least 160 participants and representatives from various environmental and climate change youth groups and organizations, and academic science clubs attended the webinar, which was held via Zoom platform and streamed live via Facebook.

John Leo Algo, member of the Interim Secretariat and deputy executive director for programs and campaigns of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas, presented the "IPCC Sixth Assessment Report: The Physical Science Basis," which was the highlight of the webinar.

DENR representatives from various sectors also presented the implications of climate change to the country's environment and natural resources, including biodiversity, forestry, air, water, waste and water resources.



## Endangered sea turtle rescued in Pampanga



**RESCUED SEA TURTLE.** Department of Environment and Natural Resources provincial office personnel rescued an endangered Olive ridley sea turtle along the tributary of Pampanga River, between the boundary of Hermosa in Bataan, and Lubao town. (DENR Central Luzon)

**IAN OCAMPO FLORA**

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A **CONCERNED** citizen of Lubao town in Pampanga recently turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) provincial office an endangered Olive ridley sea turtle *Lepidochelys olivacea*.

Local fisher Nimrod Castro of Barangay San Jose found the turtle caught in his nylon fishing net while sailing along the tributary of Pampanga River, between the boundary of Hermosa in Bataan, and Lubao town. He immediately took it for temporary custody.

Laudemir Salac, chief of the DENR Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (Penro) in Pampanga, said the rescued sea turtle had a carapace length of 72 centimeters (cm) and width of 67cm with no tagging.

“Since the turtle was in good health condition, we immediately released it back to its habitat at the Bangkung Malapad in Sasmuan town,” Salac said.



## Endangered sea turtle rescued in Pampanga

Sasmuan Bangkung Malapad has been earlier declared by environment Secretary Roy Cimatu as critical habitat and ecotourism area.

DENR Administrative Order (DAO) 2019-09, or the Updated National List of Threatened Philippine Fauna and their Categories, classified Olive ridley as "endangered" species and prohibits any person, group, or entity to collect and or trade threatened wild fauna.

Paquito Moreno, executive director of the DENR in Central Luzon, appealed to the public to immediately report to environment authorities any wildlife sighting and encounter to avert potential danger and threat to their population.

"We see this visit of marine turtle in the coastal waters of Pampanga as a good sign that our efforts in cleaning and rehabilitating Manila Bay are making a positive result," he said.

The 24-kilometer coastline of Pampanga is part of the 190-kilometer long Manila Bay coastline.

Moreno encouraged the public to be vigilant in monitoring and reporting any illegal trading and online selling of wildlife to penalize perpetrators who pose destruction to biodiversity and the environment.

DENR records show that the massive public information and education campaign of the DENR has resulted in the rescue of more than 6,000 wildlife species from illegal traders while criminal charges were filed against 24 individuals. Illegal wildlife trade and other environmental violations may be reported through this hotline number: 0945-368-5303.





## Scientist backs calls to cancel tree cut permit



Photo from Philippine Eagle Foundation

[IONA FINLAY C. MENDOZA](#)

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AN AMERICAN wildlife scientist, one of the pioneers of captive-breeding of Philippine Eagles in the country, joined the call to protect an ancient nesting site of the eagle from commercial logging.

Dr. James Grier, professor emeritus in North Dakota State University, said in a statement issued on December 9, 2021 that they support the petition to cancel the tree cutting permit in Mts. Makabol-Alikoson Conservation Area (MMACA), Salaysay, Davao City.

“I and my wife agree 100 percent with the reasons and are fully in support of cancelling the cutting permit,” his statement read.

The scientist said that MMACA is a “long-established, productive, and well-studied Philippine Eagle nesting territory” that should stay in its “natural state to the fullest extent possible.”

“That would be beneficial not only for the eagles, habitat, other species, and watershed, but also for the people and communities in the area economically,” said Grier.

Best known for his work on the American bald eagle, Grier is a world-renowned scientist who has been working with environmental groups for the studies of the Philippine Eagle since the late 1970s.



## Scientist backs calls to cancel tree cut permit

In line with the issue, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Davao granted a tree cutting permit last year to Ling-Ling Wu Lee to allow logging and development in the area.

However, calls from several environmental groups, including the office of Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio, moved DENR-Davao to issue a suspension order for the tree cutting permit.

DENR-Davao Executive Director Bagani Fidel Evasco said in a public statement that landowner Lee has voluntarily stopped the cutting of trees due to backlash from the issue.

“The office (DENR-Davao) will also monitor and validate the area with regards to it being a nesting and roosting site of the Philippine Eagle,” said Evasco.



## CDC to hold 26th recyclables event from Dec. 14 to 16



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CLARK FREEPORT—The Clark Development Corporation (CDC) through its Environmental Permits Division (EPD) will be holding its 26th Recyclables and Hazardous Waste Collection Event from December 14 to 16, 2021 in this Freeport.

The three-day event is in partnership with the Environmental Practitioners Association (EPA) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), which aims to collect various wastes from Clark residents and locators.

Among the hazardous wastes that will be collected are acid wastes and inorganic acids, alkali waste, contaminated containers, non-halogenated organic solvents, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), busted lamps or bulbs, inks and dyes, and paint sludge.

CDC and DENR-accredited environmental service providers will also be collecting white goods such as refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, toasters, ovens, and the like.

Used lead acid batteries, used oil, used cooking oil, oil contaminated materials, and special wastes such as consumer electronics and health care wastes are included in the list of hazardous wastes that will be collected on the said activity.

The state-owned firm urges all participants who will be bringing hazardous materials to ensure the wastes are leak-free during transport for safety purposes.

Meanwhile, the collection of recyclables such as PET bottles, aluminum cans, scrap materials, white papers, cartons, and all types of plastic will also continue.

Some of CDC's partner service providers that will be present during the activity are Joechem Environmental Corp., Dolomatrix Philippines Inc., Envirogreen Environmental Resources Inc., ADL Envirotechnology Inc., Semirecycling Co., Inc., and Envirocare Management Precision Inc., among others.

CDC was able to secure a three-day clearance from DENR-EMB Central Office to hold this bi-annual event which aims to promote proper segregation and trade of recyclable materials to help address the country's waste problem.

Those who are interested may fill out the Inventory Form and submit to CDC EPD via email at [environment@cdcepd.com](mailto:environment@cdcepd.com) or bring the form during the event. For large transactions or hauling, they may also call CDC EPD at (045) 499 137 to 38 for the drive-by (locator's area) schedule of collection or on-site (event place) delivery.

Last year, CDC, DENR, EPA, and its partner service providers were able to collect a total amount of P1.2M during the 25th Recyclables event held here.



## [DILG awards Balanga City P1-M for Manila Bay rehab efforts](#)

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*The Balanga City LGU garnered the highest score in the Fisheries Compliance Audit (FishCA) National Validation, which aims to reinforce the responsibilities and assess the compliance of LGUs to the Philippine Fisheries Code.*

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) recently awarded the city government of Balanga, Bataan a P1-million cash incentive for its “exemplary practices” in the rehabilitation and preservation of Manila Bay.

DILG Secretary Eduardo Año said the Balanga City LGU garnered the highest score in the Fisheries Compliance Audit (FishCA) National Validation, which aims to reinforce the responsibilities and assess the compliance of LGUs to the Philippine Fisheries Code and promote greater LGU accountability to the priority measures of the Manila Bay Sustainable Development Master Plan.

The master plan includes strategic boosting of fish biomass and conscientious restoration of a healthy and vibrant natural habitat and ecosystem.



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Other LGUs that ranked high among the 34 coastal LGUs in Regions III, IV-A, and National Capital Region (NCR) -- covered by the Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation, and Preservation Program (MBCRPP) -- during the regional validation include Orion and Samal in Bataan; Sasmuan, Pampanga; and Navotas City.

“Tunay na kahanga-hanga ang limang LGUs na ito na nagpamalas ng matino, mahusay at maaasahang pangangalaga ng kanilang nasasakupang municipal waters na malaking bagay at tulong sa rehabilitation at preservation ng Manila Bay watershed area na bahagi ng kani-kanilang hurisdiksyon,” Año said.

The secretary said it is important to highlight the vital role of coastal LGUs in the Manila Bay watershed area in the management of municipal waters especially the remaining resources, which serve various ecological benefits for communities.

He added that Manila Bay continues to be a major source of food or fishery products to wet markets in various LGUs, a source of livelihood to the fishing communities, and a home for marine species.

The LGUs were assessed based on the following indicators: the existence of a Municipal/City Fisheries Ordinance localizing the features in the amended Philippine Fisheries Code; adherence to coastal zoning policies; regulation or policies contributing to fish stock replenishment; initiatives on documenting fish catch, fishing effort and/or other similar activities to assess fish stock or biomass; and, policy and initiatives to combat or prevent aquatic pollution, among others.



## P1M iginawad ng DILG sa Balanga para sa rehab efforts sa Manila Bay



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MANILA, Philippines- Para sa mga huwarang gawain nito sa rehabilitasyon at preserbasyon ng Manila Bay watershed area, kinilala ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) ang Lungsod ng Balanga sa Bataan bilang top-performing local government unit (LGU) sa 2020 Fisheries Compliance Audit (FishCA) National Validation.

Sa isang press release, sinabi ni DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año na ang Lungsod ng Balanga ay nakakuha ng cash incentive na P1-milyon matapos makuha ang pinakamataas na marka sa FishCA National validation, na naglalayong palakasin ang mga responsibilidad at masuri ang pagsunod ng mga LGU sa Philippine Fisheries Code at isulong ang higit na pananagutan ng LGU sa mga priority measure ng Manila Bay Sustainable Development Master Plan. Kasama sa nasabing Plano ang estratehikong pagpapalakas ng biomass ng isda at matapat na pagpapanumbalik ng isang malusog at masiglang natural na tirahan at ecosystem.

Samantala, bukod sa Balanga, pinuri rin ni Año ang iba pang LGUs na mataas ang ranggo sa 34 coastal LGUs sa Regions III, IV-A, at National Capital Region (NCR) — sakop ng Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation, and Preservation Program (MBCRPP) — sa panahon ng regional validation. Kabilang sa mga nangungunang LGU ay, Orion sa Bataan; Sasmuan sa Pampanga; Samal sa Bataan; at Navotas City.

“Tunay na kahanga-hanga ang limang LGUs na ito na nagpamalas ng matino, mahusay at maaasahang pangangalaga sa kanila nasasakupang municipal waters na malaking bagay at tulong



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sa rehabilitation at preservation ng Manila Bay watershed area na bahagi ng kani-kanilang hurisdiksiyon,” Año said .

Sa kabilang banda, sinabi ng DILG Secretary na mahalagang bigyang-diin ang mahalagang papel ng coastal LGUs sa Manila Bay watershed area sa pamamahala ng municipal waters lalo na ang natitirang mga mapagkukunan, na nagsisilbi sa iba’t ibang ekolohikal na benepisyo para sa mga komunidad.

Aniya, ang Manila Bay ay patuloy na pangunahing pinagkukunan ng pagkain o mga produktong pangisdaan sa mga wet market sa iba’t ibang LGU, pinagkukunan ng kabuhayan ng mga komunidad ng mga mangingisda, at tahanan ng mga marine species.

Ang mga LGU ay tinasa batay sa mga sumusunod na indikasyon: ang pagkakaroon ng Municipal/City Fisheries Ordinance na naglo-localize ng mga tampok sa binagong Philippine Fisheries Code; pagsunod sa mga patakaran sa zoning sa baybayin; regulasyon o mga patakarang nag-aambag sa muling pagdadagdag ng stock ng isda; mga inisyatiba sa pagdodokumento ng isda, pagsisikap sa pangingsda at/o iba pang katulad na aktibidad upang masuri ang stock o biomass ng isda; at, patakaran at mga hakbangin upang labanan o maiwasan ang polusyon sa tubig, bukod sa iba pa. **Santi Celario**



## [Hitting ‘many birds’ with one stone](#)

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*THAT* refers to the Trash to Cash program of one local government unit here in the province of Batangas.

We were wrong to think it would only last for one day, when it was launched this year although we already wrote it here before as it was really worthy of emulation to other LGUs in the province and elsewhere.

Why? Because this project or program hits “many birds” with one stone: (1) the project poses to eradicate the litter or trash from clogging waterways, (2) prevents environmental pollution, (3) it stimulates people to dispose their trash properly, (4) encourages trash segregation, and (5) allows people to earn cash from their trash.

It's Lipa City's Trash to Cash project.

The long and short of it says that people only need to turnover their trash (properly segregated) to designated areas by the City ENRO (Environment and Natural Resources Office) for weighing, by which a corresponding point is earned depending on what kind of recyclable material was presented.





## Hitting 'many birds' with one stone

The more trash one brings, the more points he or she will earn, as such it became some sort of a huge Xmas Party gathering on redemption day of points garnered last Thursday (09 Disyembre 2021) at the city's Claro M. Recto Events Center.

And would you believe, the City ENRO and other participating offices distributed a total of 1,153 appliances and gadgets, and would you believe, a laptop, all from trash mind you.

Here is the breakdown:

247 - Electric Kettles

178 - Desk Fans

111 - Stand Fans

96 - Flat Irons

104 - Single Burner Stove

106 - Oven Toasters

153 - Double Burner Stoves

121 - Rice Cookers

25 - Microwave Ovens

7 - Washing Machines

1 - (4) Seater Dining Table

3 - Printers and

1 - Laptop

See? That's for real.

As such, we doff our hats to this project and we hope other LGUs, and perhaps, even the DENR, should feel inspired enough to toe the line to this noblest of causes in helping Mother Nature.



## Ecowaste Coalition at simbahan, nagsanib-pwersa para sa kampanyang “holitrash” ngayong holiday season

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#)

-Dec. 13, 2021 at 2:16pm



Ikinakampanya ngayon ng Ecowaste Coalition at Caritas Philippines “holitrash” o ang pag-iwas ng publiko sa holiday trash ngayong holiday season.

Ayon kay Ecowaste Coalition Zero Waste Campaigner Jove Benosa, dapat bawasan ng mga consumer ang labis na pamimili ng mga bagay na mag-iiwan lamang ng tone-toneladang basura na magpaparumi sa kapaligiran.

Umapela naman ang Caritas Philippines sa publiko na ipagdiwang ang panahon ng Kapaskuhan bilang “One Nation” sa paraang hindi makakasama sa kapaligiran.

Pakiusap ni Benosa sa publiko na mag-recycle ng regalo o kaya itabi ang mga bagay na maaring mapakinabangan para maiwasan ang “holitrash”.





## NYARE?: What's the deal with 'COP26'?

By [James Relativo](#)(Philstar.com)  
- December 13, 2021 - 6:02pm



MANILA, Philippines — Global warming and climate change have always been a major concern as rising sea levels, temperatures and intense tropical cyclones pose a threat to vulnerable countries — all while the world keeps up with the demands of rapid industrialization and urbanization.

In the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), over 197 countries agreed on a new deal called "Glasgow Climate Pact" to tame the devastating effects of climate change.

Part of its goals is limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C and curbing greenhouse gas emissions to further avoid catastrophes.

However, environmental activists here and abroad [were left dissatisfied even with this pact](#). But why?

What exactly are "climate finance" and "climate justice"? How could the aforementioned help poor and developing nations like the Philippines who bear the brunt of mother nature's wrath?

Is there really something we could do about the situation?

Tonight, we ask: *Anyare?*

Join [Gaea Katreena Cabico](#) of **Philstar.com** in her COP26 coverage in Glasgow, Scotland as she delves deeper into the topic together with Atty. Vicente Yu III, negotiator for G77 and China group of developing countries.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/12/13/2147714/anyare-whats-deal-cop26/amp/>

## Putting carbon offsets in perspective

Carbon offsets provide a sense of security and encourage a belief that the status quo can continue. To fight the climate crisis, there is a need to also invest in carbon reduction and encourage behaviour change.



Trees line a dirt track in Thailand. Tree-planting schemes are an increasingly popular way for companies to offset their carbon emissions. Image: [Kostas GR](#)/Flickr.com



By [John Kim](#)

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You may have heard dazzling promises attached to the purchase of carbon offsets, that it will [save the world's forests](#) and [reduce greenhouse gases](#), while delivering economic benefits. These promises suggest that if you buy enough carbon credits, you have done your part and are excused from having to worry about the existential threat that is climate change.

But should you really be sleeping more soundly simply because you have offset your emissions? Where I work at, my team and I have thought long and hard about how to approach the climate crisis. We have since come to the conclusion that it can only be solved with behaviour change at scale.

We need to reframe the role of offsets in our collective climate strategy — offsets will never excuse our energy-intensive behaviours. They should instead be treated as one of the tools to be used, while we encourage behaviour change.

Source: <https://www.eco-business.com/opinion/putting-carbon-offsets-in-perspective/>



## INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY



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NAGSIMULA pa noong taong 2003 sa pangunguna ng United Nations. Ang tema ngayong taon ay “Sustainable mountain tourism”.

Mahalaga ang mga kabundukan, nagsisilbi itong baga ng daigdig dahil sa pagtubo dito ng makakapal na kagubatan, ito rin ang tahanan ng maraming klase ng hayop pang-lupa, mga halaman at mga bulaklak, at tahanan ng mga katutubo.

Ayon sa World Atlas, mayroong 108 na mga bundok sa mundo na ang taas ay mahigit sa 7,200 meters above sea level na karamihan ay matatagpuan sa Tibet, China, Nepal, India, at Pakistan o ang tinatawag na Indian and Eurasian plates.

Isa na rito ang Mount Everest ang pinakamataas na bundok sa buong mundo sa taas 8,848 meters.

Dito sa Pilipinas, mayroon tayong 3,134 na mga kabundukan, ilan sa mga ito ay ang –

Mount Apo na may taas na 2,954 meters na matatagpuan sa Davao city, Davao del Sur at Cotabato, na siyang pinakamataas na bundok sa bansa.

Mount Dulang-dulang na nasa Bukidnon, may taas na 2,941 meters at siyang ikalawang pinakamataas na bundok sa bansa.

Mount Pulag na siyang pinakamataas na bundok sa Luzon at ikatlo sa buong bansa na nasa mga lalawigan ng Benguet, Ifugao at Nueva Vizcaya, may taas na 2,928 meters.

Mount Kanlaon na may 2,465 meters na nasa Negros Occidental at Negros Oriental, na siyang pinakamataas na bundok sa Visayas.



## INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY

Ninai ng UN na magkaroon ng dedikadong araw para sa mga kabundukan para lumawak ang kaalaman ng sangkatauhan sa kahalagahan ng pangangalaga ng mga ito.

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### SC KINILALA ANG CONSTITUTIONALITY NG ANTI-TERROR LAW

Matapos ang mahaba-habang deliberasyon ukol sa constitutionality ng Republic Act No. 11479 o ang Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020, maliban sa dalawang probisyon, walang nakitang paglabag sa Konstitusyon ng bansa ang kabuuan ng batas ayon sa Korte Suprema.

Ngunit may dalawang bahagi ang batas na unconstitutional ayon sa mga Mahistrado. Isa rito ang “qualifier” ng Section 4 at ikalawang pangungusap ng Section 25 na pawang mga “minor part” lamang ng batas at wala nama g magiging epekto sa implementasyon nito.

Ang anti-terror law ay nilagdaan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte noong July 2020.

Hakbang ang batas para mabigyang proteksyon ang bansa sa lumalalang terorismo sa mundo.

## Paggasta sa 2021 national budget hanggang Disyembre 2022, lusot sa Senado

By Jan Escosio December 13, 2021 - 08:41 PM



Wala sa 22 senador na dumalo sa Paggasta sa 2021 national budget hanggang Disyembre 2022 lusot sa Senado

Wala sa 22 senador na dumalo sa sesyon ngayon araw ang tumutol sa House Bill 10373 para maggasta pa hanggang sa Disyembre sa susunod na taon ang 2021 national budget.

Sinabi ng mga senador na kapag naging ganap na batas ang panukala, magagamit na ng mga ahensiya ng gobyerno ang pondo na nailaan sa kanila sa taong 2021.

Ito anila ay para sa mga programa at proyekto at para matiyak na mapapakinabangan ito ng mga kinilalang benepisaryo.

Kinilala ng mga senador na dahil sa pandemya dulot ng COVID-19, naapektuhan din ang pagpapatupad ng maraming programa, proyekto at aktibidad ng gobyerno.

Una nang sinabi ni Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri na sisikapin nila na maratipikahan ang bicameral conference committee report ng P5.024-trillion 2022 national budget bago ang Christmas break ng Kongreso.

Read more: <https://radyo.inquirer.net/305812/paggasta-sa-2021-national-budget-hanggang-disyembre-2022-lusot-sa-senado#ixzz7Ey66s4yv>

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## Metro Manila, Luzon niyanig ng 5.5 magnitude quake

By [Angie dela Cruz](#)(Pilipino Star Ngayon)  
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MANILA, Philippines — Niyanig ng 5.5 magnitude na lindol ang Metro Manila at ilang lugar sa Luzon kahapon ng alas 5:12 ng hapon.

Ayon sa Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), ang sentro ng pagyanig ay naitala sa 023 kilometro hilagang silangan ng Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.

Samantala, naramdaman din ang magnitude 5.3 lindol na ang sentro ay sa Calatagan, Batangas.

Bunga nito naramdaman ang pagyanig sa Intensity IV-Calatagan, Batangas; Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro; at Intensity III - Batangas City, Lemery, Malvar at Bauan, Batangas; Tagaytay City at Amadeo, Cavite; Quezon City; City of Manila at Pasay City Intensity II naman sa Taguig City; Mandaluyong City; Makati City; Caloocan City; Malabon City; Tanay, Rizal; San Felipe, Zambales.

Inaasahan ng Phivolcs ang afrershocks pero wala namang naiulat na pinsala.



## Strong earthquake hits Calatagan, Batangas



[BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA](#)

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A 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck Calatagan, Batangas at exactly 5:12 p.m. on December 13, 2021, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) reported.

In its Earthquake Information No. 1 released at 5:20. p.m., Phivolcs said the earthquake with a depth of 099 kilometers was strongly felt in Quezon City and as far as San Felipe Zambales but the epicenter was in Calatagan, Batangas.

It was also felt in Quezon City, Tagaytay City, Batangas City and Calatagan, Batangas which recorded Intensity I –strong earthquake.

Phivolcs said no damage is expected but warned the public that aftershocks are likely to occur.



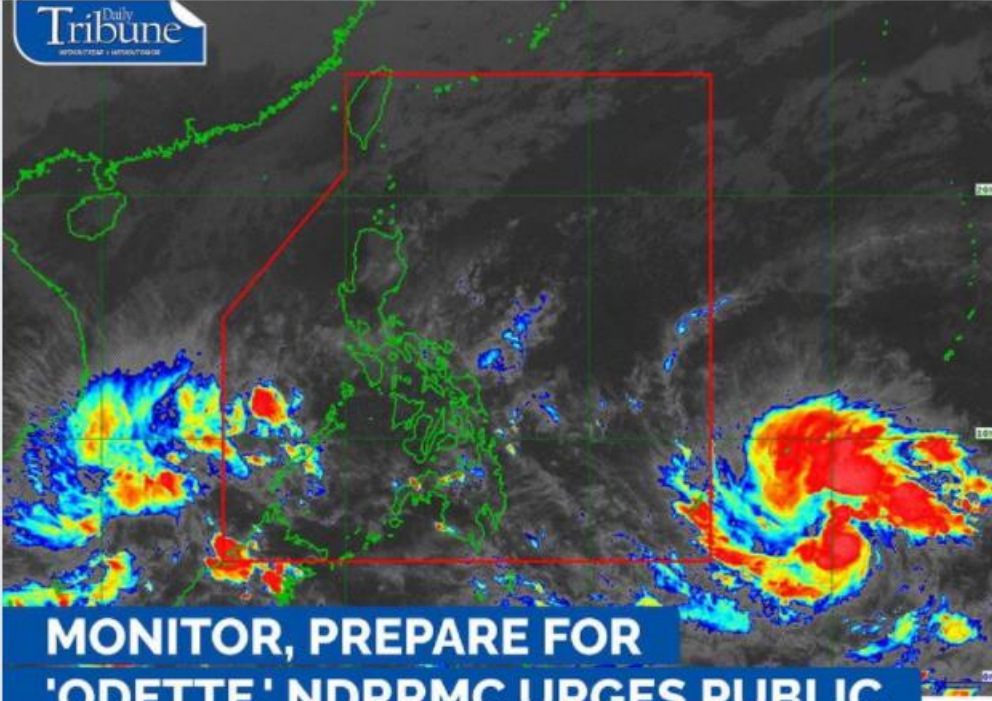
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**MONITOR, PREPARE FOR  
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BY JOHN ROSON

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## Palasyo sinigurong handa sa pagtugon sa Tropical Depression Odette



December 13, 2021 @ 6:48 PM 11 hours ago

MANILA, Philippines- Siniguro ng Palasyo ang publiko nitong Lunes na handa ang pamahalaan sa inaasahang pagtama ng Tropical Depression Odette sa bansa bukas.

“The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council is already making the necessary preparations in coordination with the regional and local disaster risk reduction and management councils to ensure the safety of the public,” pahayag ni acting presidential spokesperson Karlo Nograles.

Dagdag pa ni Nograles, nakapag-ipon na rin umano ang Department of Social Welfare and Development ng mga suplay at para sa disaster response.

“We ask everyone, especially those residing in affected areas, to keep up to date with the latest weather advisories and bulletins, to take precautionary measures, and to cooperate with local authorities should there be a need for evacuation or other necessary actions,” panawagan ni Nograles. RNT/SA

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/palasyo-sinigurong-handa-sa-pagtugon-sa-tropical-depression-odette/>

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## [Merry Christmas, but be cautious](#)

DEC 13, 2021, 1:00 PM



OpinYon Editorial  
Writer

*THIS will be the second time Filipinos will have to celebrate the Christmas holidays amid the lingering shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic.*

And fortunately this year, it's a wave of good news after good news.

The number of active Covid-19 cases in Laguna province is now down to the level we have first experienced during the first wave of the pandemic.

At least 11 towns in the province – mostly on the eastern side – have declared themselves “Covid-19 free.”

And Laguna province recently outshone other provinces in the Calabarzon region during the three-day “Bayanihan Bakunahan” National Vaccination Days: 122 percent of the target population for those days have received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

But that, health experts warn, is not a reason to ditch health protocols as we celebrate the holidays.

It's only a matter of time before the Omicron variant enters the Philippines, and there is still a lot we don't know about this variant.



## Merry Christmas, but be cautious

Health officials are advising to limit parties, or if we can't really stop that urge to go out and forget the worries of the past two years, to at least continue to practice basic health protocols.

It's fully understandable that after nearly two years of endless worry and concern about Covid-19, there will be the urge to throw caution to the wind as we celebrate the holidays.

But as the saying goes, it's better to be safe than sorry.



## Gatherings under pandemic

DEC 13, 2021, 12:53 PM



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Writer

*WITH the whole country now under Alert Level 2, people have started to engage in activities that they missed during the long lockdowns.*

**WITH** the whole country now under Alert Level 2, people have started to engage in activities that they missed during the long lockdowns.

In this connection, the Department of Health (DoH) has advised organizers of parties and those who will attend in-person festivities to follow health protocols and gatherings standards, such as outdoor venues and no buffet-style food service.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire emphasized caution and tight risk management when she affirmed that virtual parties are still the best way to prevent a possible increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the country, especially now that we have yet to know the extent of danger to public health of the new Omicron variant.

*"The virus still exists. While cases are going down, we should remember that Covid is still here and we can still get infected," Vergeire said.*





## Gatherings under pandemic

The official suggestion from the DOH is for employers wanting to hold face-to-face gatherings to rent a venue with enough ventilation, most preferably outdoors. They have been enjoined to allow only fully vaccinated employees at the party, to wear masks, observe physical distancing, and serve plated dishes.

It is true that many hospitals in Metro Manila already have zero cases of COVID-19 and for days, our daily total nationwide ranged only below 500, but this fact should not lull us into complacency.

Lest we suffer the consequences of a post-holiday resurgence of the pandemic



## DOH logs 360 more COVID-19 infections, 61 new deaths

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

Published Dec 13, 2021 4:15:47 PM



**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 13)** — The country on Monday listed an additional 360 coronavirus cases, marking the 20th straight day new infections stayed below a thousand.

The Department of Health said the cumulative tally rose to 2,836,803, where 0.4% or 11,083 are active cases.

Its data showed that of the newly confirmed cases, 348 occurred within the last 14 days, with Metro Manila contributing the highest number at 65, followed by Calabarzon and Western Visayas at 32 each.

Broken down into severity of infections, the DOH said 782 of the currently sick have no symptoms, 4,292 are mild cases, 3,662 are moderate, 1,948 are severe, and 399 are critical.

The department also reported 61 new deaths, but it noted that only nine occurred in December. Others were encoded late, including 26 in November, 23 in October, and three in September.

After final validation, it added that 49 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths.

Nationwide, the total lives lost to the viral illness now stands at 50,341.

Meanwhile, 519 more patients got well, with the recovery count climbing to 2,775,379.

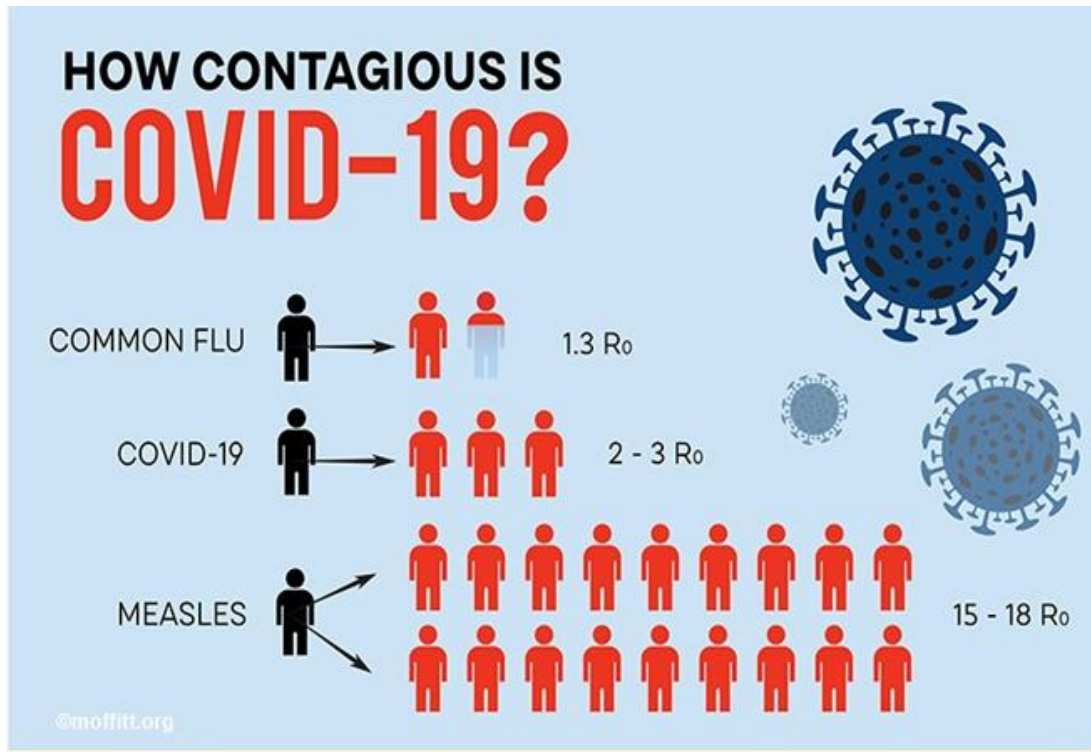
Based on the bulletin, five testing laboratories did not submit their reports on time, while four did not operate on Dec. 11. These nine facilities contributed an average of 1.7% of all samples tested and 0.8% of all positive cases over the past two weeks.

The DOH also said it deleted two duplicate entries from its data, as well as 147 cases found to have tested negative.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/12/13/PH-covid-cases.html>

## REPRODUCTION RATE NG COVID-19, MULING TUMAAS SA NCR

written by [Rashid Locsin](#) December 13, 2021



Umakyat sa 0.39 ang COVID-19 reproduction number sa National Capital Region.

Ito ay ayon sa OCTA research na bahagyang tumaas ang R-naught mula sa 0.34.

Ang reproduction number ay ang antas o bilis ng hawaan sa isang lugar, at dahil nananatiling mababa sa isa ang reproduction rate ay masasabing wala pa ring mataas na transmission.

Samantala, mas mababa sa 100 ang naitalang 7-day average sa NCR mula noong March 22 hanggang 28 ng nakaraang taon.



## Omicron mas mabilis maihawa kumpara sa Delta – WHO

By Jan Escosio December 13, 2021 - 06:14 AM



Inanunsiyo na ng World Health Organization (WHO) na mas madaling maihawa ang Omicron variant ng COVID 19 kumpara sa Delta variant.

Bukod dito, napapahina din ng Omicron variant ang bisa ng bakuna, base sa mga paunang datos na nakalap ng WHO.

Ayon pa sa WHO, kumalat na sa 63 bansa hanggang noong Disyembre 9 ang Omicron variant, na nagsimula sa South Africa.

Ngunit hindi pa rin masabi kung ang bilis na maihawa ng Omicron ay bunga ng epekto nito sa mga bakunado.

“Early evidence suggests Omicron causes a reduction in vaccine efficacy against infection and transmission,” sabi ni WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Dagdag pa niya; “Given the current available data, it is likely that Omicron will outpace the Delta variant where community transmission occurs.”



## Omicron mas mabilis maihawa kumpara sa Delta – WHO

Puna pa ng WHO, marami sa mga tinamaan ng Omicron ay ‘asymptomatic’ o nakaranas ng ‘mild symptoms’ ng 2019 coronavirus.

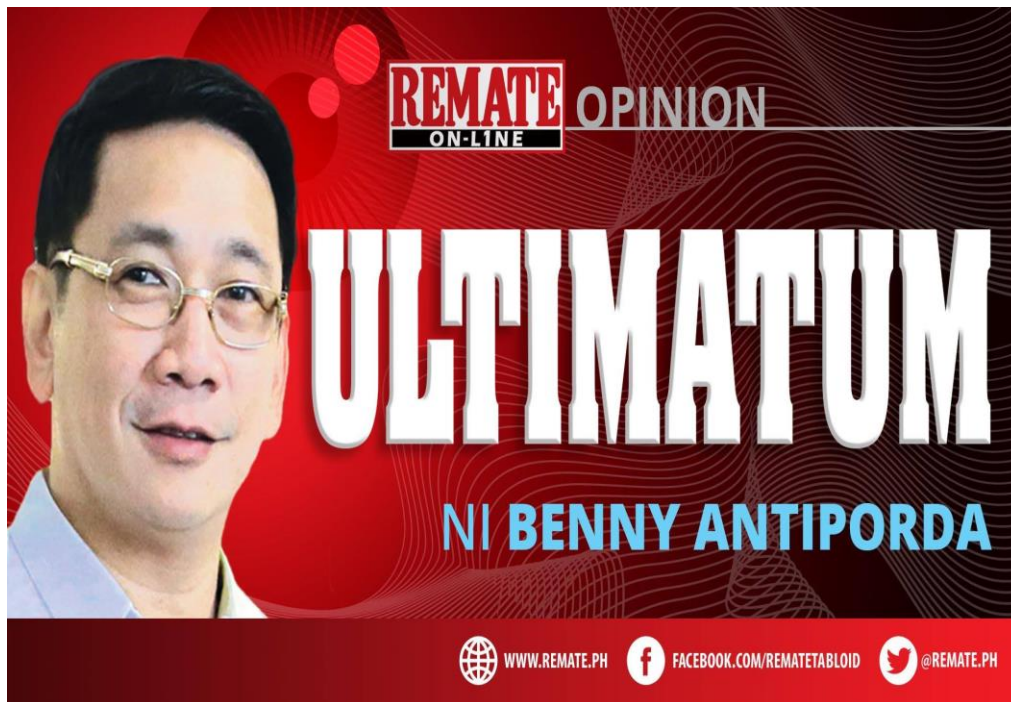
Una naman inihayag ng gumagawa ng Pfizer vaccines na epektibo pa rin ang kanilang bakuna laban sa Omicron variant.

Read more: <https://radyo.inquirer.net/305764/omicron-mas-mabilis-maihawa-kumpara-sa-delta-who#ixzz7Ey6nSYoo>

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## AMA NA KONTRA-BAKUNA, MISIS, 3 ANAK MINASAKER



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KUNG hindi ka papatayin ng virus ng coronavirus disease-19, ang isang taong kontra-bakuna ang gagawa nito dahil pa rin sa COVID-19.

Ito ang isang mapait na kasaysayan ng isang pamilyang may limang miyembro na namatay lahat sa kamay ng ama ng tahanan sa Berlin, Germany.

Pinagbabaril niya ang kanyang misis at tatlong anak saka nagbaril sa ulo na kanya ring ikinamatay.

**BAKUNA, GAWANG HITLER**

Pinangalanan lang na Devid R ang ama ng tahanan.

Simple lang ang rason ni Devid laban sa programang bakuna ng pamahalaang Germany: Isa itong holocaust .

Holocaust ang tawag sa paglipol ni Nazi leader Adolf Hitler sa mga Hudyo sa Germany, kasama ang mga bading, Jehovah's witness, komunista at lider-union.

Anim milyon lahat ang pinagpapatay sa baril, gas chamber at iba pang paraan.

Sa iba't ibang concentration camp isinagawa ang maramihang pagpatay.

Para kay Devid R, maraming kamatayan o pagpatay rin ang pagbabakuna kaya gayun na lamang ang pagkontra niya rito.



## AMA NA KONTRA-BAKUNA, MISIS, 3 ANAK MINASAKER

### NAMEKE NG VACCINE CERTIFICATE

Sa mga araw na ito, hindi ka basta makasakay ng tren, makakain sa restoran, makapunta sa anomang shop at gym at makadalo sa malakihang pagtitipon kung hindi ka bakunado.

At dahil nagtatrabaho ang misis ni Devid na si Linda sa Technical University, gumawa siya ng vaccine certificate o passport para kay misis na natuklasan namang peke ng nasabing unibersidad.

Dito na naniwala si Devid R na mabibilanggo silang mag-asawa at ilalayo ng pamahalaan sa kanila ang mga anak nilang sina Leni, Janni at Rubi na edad 4, 8 at 10.

Pinagbabaril niya lahat ang anak niyang natutulog saka isinunod si Linda at nagbaril sa ulo nang may suicide note na roon nalaman ang dahilan ng masaker.

### NO BAKUNA, NO ENTRY

Dito sa Pinas, dumarami na ang mga opisina ng pamahalaan at establisimyento na hindi nagpapasok sa kanila ng mga hindi bakunado.

Halimbawa rito ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Cebu, mga hotel, restoran, pasyalan, pabrika at iba pa.

May mga lalawigan na ring may mga checkpoint at humihingi ng pagpapakita ng vaccine card o reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test o medical certificate na gumalin ka sa COVID-19.

Darating ang araw na maaaring lalawak ito nang husto sa buo mula Batanes hanggang Jolo.

Tiyak maglilipana ang mga pekeng ganitong papeles.

Sana naman, hindi magbubunga ng mga pagpatay at masaker ang mga ito.



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# DOH COVID-19 CASE BULLETIN # 639

## DISYEMBRE 13, 2021

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bisitahin lamang ang aming pampublikong site:  
<https://ncovtracker.doh.gov.ph/>

PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

# 0.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO  
**11,083**

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

# 97.8%

TOTAL NG GUMALING  
**2,775,379**

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

# 1.77%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY  
**50,341**

MGA BAGONG KASO **360**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **519**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **61**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,836,803**

### MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING DISYEMBRE 11

DATOS NGAYONG DISYEMBRE 13  
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG DISYEMBRE 11

# 1.1%

PORSYENTO NG MGA  
NAGPOSITIBO

# 35,811

BILANG NG  
TINEST

HALOS  
**45.8%**  
ANG MILD AT  
ASYMPTOMATIC  
NA KASO!

**B**AWAL  
WALANG MASK  
AT FACE SHIELD

#### KABUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (3.5K TOTAL BEDS) **23%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (19.6K TOTAL BEDS) **24%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (12.3K TOTAL BEDS) **12%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS) **12%** Utilized

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.2K TOTAL BEDS) **25%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.7K TOTAL BEDS) **19%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.7K TOTAL BEDS) **18%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS) **15%** Utilized

#### KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

782 Asymptomatic

4,292 Mild

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1,948 Severe

399 Critical



## UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Laging alalahanin na sa maayos na pagsunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards** at pagtanggap ng bakuna, maililigtas natin hindi lamang ang ating sarili kundi pati na rin ang ating mga mahal sa buhay laban sa COVID-19. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** na maabot sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**, para sa karampatang gabay.

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



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

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May tanong ukol sa COVID-19?  
I-chat na si KIRA!

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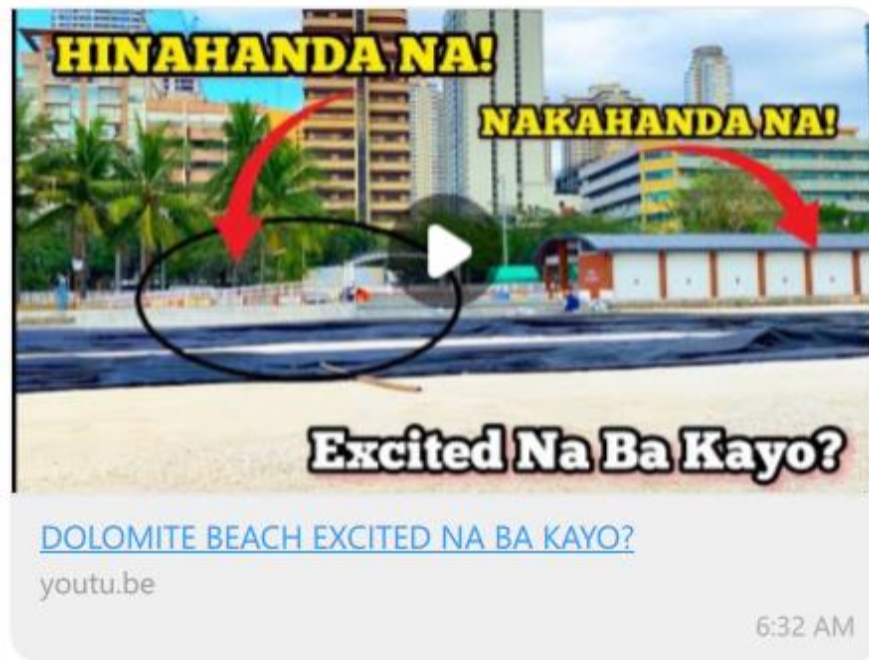
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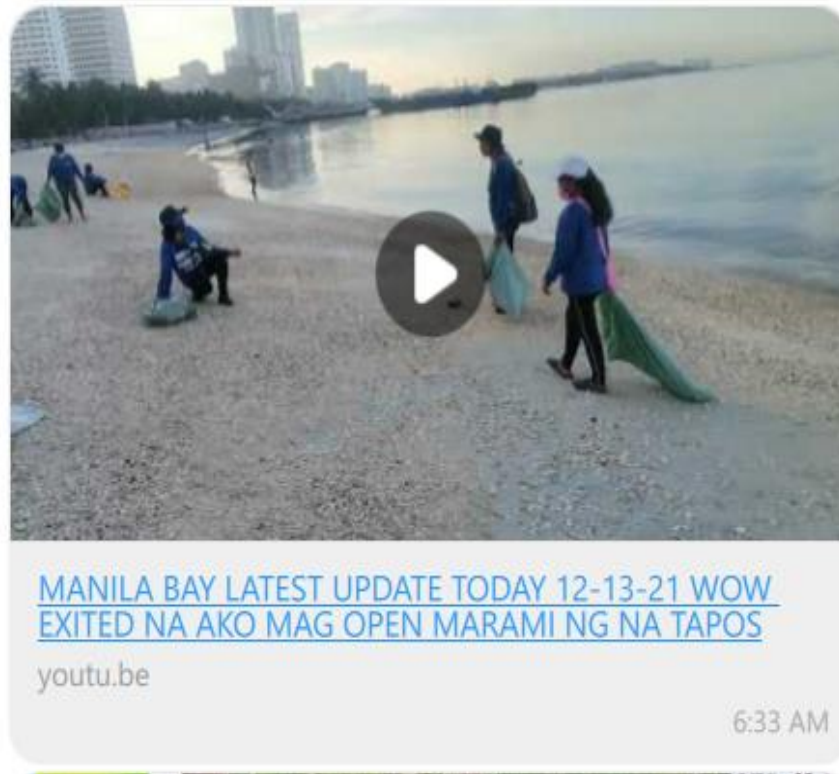
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



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