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Iba Botanicals imports agarwood seedlings from India

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA JULY 4, 2022

The first batch of 25,000 live agarwood-producing tree seedlings imported from India arrived in the Philippines, according to the chief executive of Iba Botanicals.

“With the arrival from India today by air, Iba Botanicals became the world’s first importer of live agarwood seedlings in full compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES),” Ben Mead, founder and CEO of Iba Botanicals, told the BusinessMirror.

Agarwood is the most expensive forest product in the world. Agarwood chips, obtained from the heartwood of Aquilaria species like the Aquilaria Malaccensis or locally known as lapnisan which is a naturally-occurring species in the Philippines, can fetch up to \$100,000 per kilo.

However, lapnisan is also an endangered species which is why the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) strictly prohibits the harvesting from the wild of agarwood or any of the byproducts of lapnisan.

As a strategy to prevent its extinction in the wild, the DENR through its Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) is promoting the commercialization of Aquilaria trees. However, it requires those interested to venture into establishing agarwood production to secure all the necessary permits from concerned government agencies, particularly the DENR-BMB.

Among the first to secure special permits to import and establish lapnisan in the Philippines is Iba Botanicals, which, as part of its advocacy, is promoting institutions and individuals to venture into agarwood production as the company’s partners.

“We are planning to put up agarwood plantations in Lipa, Batangas, and in Mindanao,” said Mead.

This year alone, Iba Botanicals has a permit to import 350,000 live agarwood-producing seedlings. In the next few months, the company said the seedlings will arrive in the country.

Mead said they complied with strict regulatory requirements in importing the agarwood-producing tree seedlings.

“We had to secure permits from 8 different agencies in India, and 3 here in the Philippines,” he said.

Iba Botanicals is a pioneer in the Philippine essential oils and natural extracts industries. Among its products are Ylang Ylang essential oils, Vetiver grass oil, and Elemi Essential oil.

It is planning to produce agarwood chips and essential oils in the next few years while reselling its imported agarwood-producing tree seedlings to institutional and individual buyers.



In Samar sprawls the largest cave system in the Philippines

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The Langun-Gobingob Cave features 12 immense chambers over its 7-km span. Some chambers are so large, they can double as hangers for mid-sized airplanes. The stalactites at the top are as big as cars. (Photo: Nataniel Luperete)

The Philippines has more than 3,100 known caves, and the largest of them all stands in Samar: the majestic Langun-Gobingob Cave.

Located in the town of Calbiga and covering some 2,968 hectares, it has 12 chambers across its impressive seven-kilometer span, including Langun, Gobingob, Lurodpon and Bitong Mahangin.

Some of these chambers are so large, they can double as hangers for mid-sized airplanes.

[Visit Samar says](#) the Langun-Gobingob Cave "is reputed to be the second largest in Asia and the world's third largest karst formation, measuring 7 km. long with an area of 900 square km."

According to the United Nations Development Programme Biofinance Initiative (UNDP BIOFIN), the Langun-Gobingob Cave System was only opened to the public in 1990, some three years after it was discovered by Italian Guido Rossi in 1987.

Ten years after its discovery, it was finally declared a protected area — a development welcomed and applauded by various groups, since the Langun-Gobingob Cave holds incredible rocks often sought-after by collectors.

"People used to enter the the Langun-Gobingob Cave to break apart and mine stalagmites plus white calcite rocks," SINP Assistant Superintendent Eires Mate said in a statement.

Dr. Allan Gil Fernando, a professor at the National Institute of Geological Sciences says the rocks in the cave "are in a very real sense, 'alive.' The constant dripping of water leaves minute traces of minerals like calcite. Over time, these traces pile up to form hanging stalactites and their inverted kin, stalagmites."

For a stalactite or a stalagmite to even grow an inch, it takes about a century, he estimates.



The entrance of the Langun-Gobingob Cave is the only portion bathed in sunlight. (Photo: Gregg Yan)



Professional cave guide Alvin Raffles, UNDP-BIOFIN's Angie Ogena, and explorer Gregg Yan stand in front of a three-meter calcite pillar in the Langun-Gobingob cave. The pillar has been continuously growing for millions of years. (Photo: Iven Brylle Bersaluna)



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How incredible is that formation? Easily as tall as a skyscraper, this flowstone is quite possibly among the largest on the planet. (Photo: Mavel Luperte)



Caves may hold massive boulders and rocks but cave ecosystems are actually quite fragile. "Leaving crumbs, too much noise or too much light can have catastrophic impacts," says Tanya Conlu of the GAIA Explorers Club. (Photo: Gregg Yan)



These coral-reef looking rocks took millions of years to form. They're made from the same minerals as coral reefs, calcium carbonate. (Photo: Iven Brylle Bersaluna)

The Langun-Gobingob Cave is part of the Samar Island Natural Park (SINP), one of the six highlighted parks of the interagency campaign, The Year of Protected Areas (YOPA).

Birds, bats, spiders, snakes, crickets, and blind cave fish thrive inside the cave. Mushrooms and other types of fungi cling to life as discredited denizens of the dark. Plants are confined to entrances, of which only two are most commonly used, [Trexplre Adventures explains](#).

The Gobingob entrance is the oldest and largest part of the cave. At its widest points, its main chamber measures 340 x 140 meters.

The Langun Cave meanwhile is an adventurer's dream: You need to experience a 30m vertical descent to access it.

While it does sound crazy, Buddy Acenas of the GAIA Exploration Club said "cave tourism should be well-managed."

"Like so many of our fragile wilderness areas, caves must be stewarded by those visiting them," he said.

The year-long YOPA, jointly declared by the Department of Tourism, Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Interior and Local Government, hopes to generate funds from tourists to ensure the continued management of protected areas.



Apart from the Samar Island Natural Park, the Bongsanglay Natural Park in Masbate, Apo Reef Natural Park in Occidental Mindoro, Negros Oriental's Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park, Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary in Davao Oriental, and Mts. Timpoong Hibok-Hibok Natural Monument in Camiguin complete the roster for YOPA's highlighted parks.

The Philippines currently has 246 protected areas. — **LA, GMA News**

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UN lauds Marcos for environment efforts

By [Kristina Maralit](#) July 4, 2022



President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. Contributed Photo

PRESIDENT Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has been lauded by the United Nations Human Habitat for his innovative environmental efforts in his home province of Ilocos Norte.

As provincial governor from 1998 to 2007, Marcos launched environment mitigation and adaptation projects which resulted in Ilocos Norte having the lowest carbon footprint in Asia.

The recognition was given during the World Urban Forum held in Katowice, Poland, last June, attended by representatives of 143 countries and organized by UN Human Habitat.

UN Undersecretary Maimonah Mohd Sharif sent the congratulatory message to Marcos through Climate Change Commissioner Albert de la Cruz who represented the Philippines in the summit which centered on climate change and urban development in a post-pandemic world.

De la Cruz presented the Chief Executive's Climate Innovation Book to Sharif and Katowice Mayor Marcin Krupa.

The body hailed Marcos for initiating programs which included solar and hydroelectric sources of power as well the Bangui windmills that helped cut carbon dioxide emission.

"President Marcos Jr. accomplished our world vision of carbon neutrality by the year 2050 to save our planet since way back 25 years ago. It takes political will and innovative leadership for our leaders to save our planet from climate change and pass it to the next generation," de la Cruz said.

He also presented the past administration's environmental initiatives such as the law creating the Climate Change Commission, the first standalone government agency focused on global warming and the cleanup and rehabilitation of Boracay in Aklan and Manila Bay.

Marcos put a heavy emphasis on climate change during his inaugural speech last week and when he met with the diplomatic corps later on.

The 64-year-old President renewed the Philippines' commitment in helping address climate change, stressing that global warming is "terribly important" to the country as it is "very much in the most vulnerable position" compared to the more developed nations.

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Palace: Marcos scrapped 'defective' bill to protect Bulacan airport economic zone

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September 2019 photo shows a patch of mangroves in the village of Taliptip in Bulacan province. Philstar.com / EC Toledo IV

MANILA, Philippines — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s is not opposed to a special economic zone around a planned airport in Bulacan, just to some "defects" in a bill for it that he vetoed this week, the Palace said Sunday.

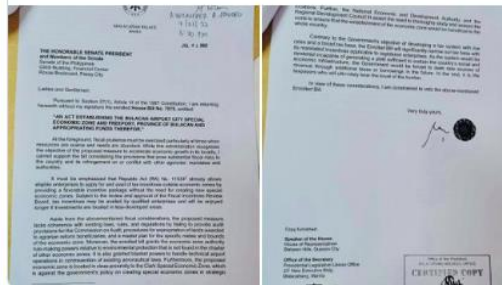
Marcos vetoed House Bill 7575 because of what he said were fiscal risks and overlapping mandates among government agencies. The move was welcomed by some environmentalist groups, including Oceana Philippines, who have been opposing the construction of the New Manila International Airport because of projected effects on fishing in the area and the threats of flooding in coastal towns in Bulacan.

In a statement, Press Secretary Trixie Cruz-Angeles said Marcos Jr. "fully supports" the creation of the proposed ecozone but had to veto the bill as fastest way to cure the defects of HB 7575." Among the defects she cited were a provision exempting the special economic zone and freeport from Commission on Audit scrutiny.

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@gollyramos Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos, Oceana Vice President: Thank you, President Marcos! This presidential veto, as among your first act, requires political will and gives hope for having programs that are prudently studied and in accord with our Constitution (1/2)

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On his first day in office, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. vetoes proposed bill for the creation of a special economic zone & freeport in conglomerate San Miguel Corp.'s \$15B airport city in Bulacan province. @InquirerBiz



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"Without those necessary amendments indicated in the veto explanation, the law may be vulnerable to constitutional challenge. The delegation of rule-making power on environmental laws which is unique to the special economic zone is of particular concern," Angeles, a lawyer by training, said.

Marcos only vetoed the creation of the special economic zone, but the franchise for the project lapsed into law in January and remains in place. "The construction of the Bulacan international airport and aero city is not affected by the veto," Cruz-Angeles said.

The Department of the Environment and Natural Resources granted developer San Miguel Aerocity Inc. [an Environmental Compliance Certificate for the airport project](#) in June 2021 despite protests from environmental groups and experts who had warned of the harm the project posed to Manila Bay's ecosystem and communities.

Communities in areas covered by the airport project — including Barangay Taliptip in Bulakan town — have been relocated and some have received financial assistance from project proponent San Miguel Corp.

Some of the relocated residents have said that [it has become harder for them to earn a living fishing](#) after they left their original villages because fishing grounds are farther away and there is little to catch in nearby waters.

San Miguel Corp. is investing around P740 billion to develop a 2,500-hectare aerotropolis in Bulacan with an expected capacity of 100 million passengers a year, the Palace said. The ecozone will include urban and industrial developments around the airport. — Jonathan de Santos



Marcos veto on Bulacan Airport Economic Zone 'meant to cure defects' in proposed law — Angeles

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by [Argyll Cyrus Geducos](#)

Malacañang clarified that President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. fully supports the creation of the Bulacan Airport City Special Economic Zone and Freeport, and his decision to veto the proposed measure was to cure the defects found in it.



Press Secretary Trixie Cruz-Angeles (PCOO Photo)

Press Secretary Trixie Cruz-Angeles made the clarification after [Marcos vetoed House Bill \(HB\) No. 7575, which proposed to create a special economic zone](#).

San Miguel Corporation, one of the country’s biggest conglomerates, is investing P740 billion to turn a 2,500-hectare property in Bulacan into an aerotropolis featuring a world-class gateway capable of handling 100 million passengers annually, plus an adjacent urban and industrial hub.

In a statement, Angeles said the veto was the “fastest way” to cure the bill’s defects before it lapsed into law on July 4.

“Presidential Veto is [the] fastest way to cure the defects of HB 7575, especially the provision which exempts the Commission on Audit (COA) to look into the financial transactions on the special economic zone and freeport,” Angeles said.

In his veto message, Marcos said, “fiscal prudence must be exercised particularly at times when resources are scarce, and needs are abundant.”

“I cannot support the bill considering the provisions that pose substantial fiscal risks to the country and its infringement on or conflict with other agencies’ mandates and authorities,” he wrote.

He added that since the system would be rendered incapable of generating a yield sufficient to sustain the country’s social and economic infrastructure, the Government would be forced to seek new sources of revenue through additional taxes or borrowings in the future.

“In the end, it is the taxpayers who will ultimately bear the brunt of the burden,” President Marcos said.



In her statement, Angeles reiterated that the proposed measure lacks coherence with existing laws, rules and regulations by failing to provide audit provisions for the COA, procedures for the expropriation of lands awarded to agrarian reform beneficiaries, and a master plan for the specific metes and bounds of the economic zone.

She said all financial transactions in government are audited by COA, which former Solicitor General Jose Calida now leads, and the proposed Bulacan Airport City Special Economic Zone and Freeport is no exception.

“Without those necessary amendments indicated in the veto explanation, the law may be vulnerable to constitutional challenge,” Angeles said.

“The delegation of rule-making power on environmental laws, which is unique to the special economic zone, is of particular concern,” she added.

According to Angeles, Executive Secretary Victor Rodriguez, on July 1, immediately sent President Marcos’s veto message to the Senate President and the House Speaker.

Meanwhile, Angeles said the construction of the international airport in Bulacan is not affected by the veto and will push through as the San Miguel franchise to operate the airport was approved by both the Senate and House on October 11, 2020.

“The presidential veto was meant to include the necessary corrections and include the missing processes that might render HB 7575 entirely unconstitutional,” she explained.

Angeles maintained the bill did not provide procedures for expropriation of lands awarded to agrarian reform beneficiaries and granted “blanket powers” to the economic zone authority to handle technical airport operations, which would violate aeronautical laws.

She also pointed out that the proposed ecozone would be located near the Clark Special Economic Zone in Pampanga province that borders Bulacan, which runs against government policy on creating special economic zones in strategic locations.



Environment group urges President Marcos to address country's plastic crisis

By MEL MATTHEW DOCTOR, GMA News

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In his inauguration address last June 30, Marcos said that he would put the issue of climate change mitigation at the forefront of his administration’s priorities.

He noted that he would look for partners to tackle the climate change crisis.

The Global Climate Risk Index 2021 ranks the Philippines fourth among the countries most affected by extreme weather globally from 2000 to 2019. The country is hit by an average of 20 tropical cyclones every year.

As part of efforts to curtail the effects of climate change, the Philippines joined nearly 200 countries in a landmark deal in Paris in December 2015 to cut greenhouse gas emissions to limit the rise in global temperatures to below two degrees Celsius.

Third largest plastic waste producer

Citing data from Enviance Asia, BAN Toxics said the Philippines produced 2.7 million tons of plastic waste annually.

This ranked the country as the third largest plastic waste producer in the world.

“A 2018 study on waste management practices revealed that despite the Philippines’ high garbage collection rates, the country still has problems with proper waste disposal,” it added.

In 2021, Congress approved House Bill 9147 or the “Single-use Plastic Products Regulation Act.”



The bill aims to protect life on land and water from the hazards posed by plastic pollution, and ensure that non-compostable single-use synthetic plastic products deemed necessary to society do not leak into nature.

The measure also aims to prolong the service life of sanitary landfills as well as to promote "circularity through reduction, reuse, and recycling of plastic garbage."

"Let's go back to the basics and make the switch to alternative reusable bags. It's time for the Philippines to take stronger action to curb plastic use and consumption," BAN Toxics stressed. "We must act on the plastic crisis before it's too late."

International Plastic Bag Free Day

The International Plastic Bag Free Day was designed to raise public awareness of plastic pollution and its effect on the ecosystem and biodiversity, especially on marine wildlife.

It was established as a global initiative to ban single-use plastic bags globally and encourage everyone to switch to environmentally friendly alternatives to promote environmental conservation.

To adhere to the call, BAN Toxics hosted an event in which they encouraged Filipino customers and vendors to abandon single-use plastic bags in favor of reusable and eco-friendly alternatives.

The event was held in R. Calalay Frisco Market in Quezon City to raise awareness of the plastic crisis in the Philippines and promote eco-friendly bags.

According to BAN Toxics, volunteer mothers and BT Patrollers attended the event and showcased different reusable and eco-friendly bags made of natural materials such as bamboo, rattan, pandan, coconut and palm leaves, cloth, textile, and katsa to encourage the public to switch to reusable alternatives. — **DVM, GMA News**

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Toxic and wastes watchdog group urges consumers to promote reusable eco-friendly bags

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QUEZON CITY, July 3 – In celebration of International Plastic Bag Free Day, BAN Toxics hosted an event in which they encouraged Filipino customers and vendors to abandon single-use plastic bags in favor of reusable and eco-friendly alternatives.

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BT Patroller Mary Kate San Juan shops in R. Calalay Frisco Public Market using a reusable basket to promote the switch to eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastic bags.

Plastic Pollution

The global plastic production surged from 2 million tons in the 1950s to more than 438 million tons in 2017, a trend that is expected to continue.[2]



An alarming figure of 400 million tons of plastic wastes produced per year encouraged the creation of a new plastics treaty during the recent United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) to address the world's problem with plastic overproduction and overconsumption. Held in Nairobi, Kenya, the resumed fifth UNEA session (UNEA 5.2) aimed to address the global plastic crisis through the development of the new international legally binding treaty set in 2024.[3]

Plastic Crisis in the Philippines

Plastic pollution is one of the Philippines' greatest waste problems. In 2015, the country produced 2.7 million tons of plastic waste annually, ranking the country as the third largest plastic waste producer in the world.[4] A 2018 study on waste management practices revealed that despite the Philippines' high garbage collection rates, the country still has problems with proper wastes disposal.[5]

House Bill 9147 or the Single-Use Plastic Products Regulation Act was passed to address the Philippine plastic crisis. The bill seeks to regulate the production, importation, sale, distribution, provision, use, recovery, collection, recycling, and disposal of single-use plastic products.

BAN Toxics urged the Philippine government, particularly the newly elected president, to prioritize the plastic crisis. In his inauguration speech on June 30, 2022, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. stated that he intends to address the plastic problem in the Philippines during his term.[6]

"While we welcome President Marcos Jr.'s acknowledgement of the plastic crisis faced by the country, BAN Toxics hopes to see a concrete action plan tackling the plastic pollution issue followed by its strict implementation and monitoring," says Mehei dela Torre, Plastics Campaigner of BAN Toxics.

Quezon City Plastic Ordinance

In 2014, Quezon City issued City Ordinance No. 2350 which aimed to regulate the use of plastic bags and mandate all establishments to display the notice "Save the environment, bring your own recyclable/reusable bag." The ordinance promoted the use of reusable bags by encouraging retailers to implement point system schemes and "green lanes" or express lanes for consumers with reusable bags. Establishments that violate the ordinance will be fined P1000 to P5000, or cancellation of business permit.[7]

The said ordinance also established a plastic recovery system fee called "green fund" which shall be utilized for the sole purpose of maintaining, developing, promoting, and protecting the environment by means of programs and projects.

Quezon City also issued City Ordinance 2127 in 2012 which sought to prohibit the use of plastic bags and styro materials in all government establishments in Quezon City such as the Quezon City Hall compound, health centers, general hospitals, barangay halls, public schools, and other city-owned facilities. Merchants that violate the ordinance will be fined P500 to P2000, or cancellation of business permit for a third time re-offender.[8]

"Let's go back to the basics and make the switch to alternative reusable bags. It's time for the Philippines to take stronger action to curb plastic use and consumption. We must act on the plastic crisis before it's too late." BAN Toxics added.

BAN Toxics also encouraged the public to join the "No to Single-Use Plastic Bag" campaign by posting on social media their own eco-friendly reusable bags while going to the market and encouraging fellow consumers to promote and protect the environment in their own little way.

Source: <https://journal.com.ph/toxic-and-wastes-watchdog-group-urges-consumers-to-promote-reusable-eco-friendly-bags/>



Environmental group: Plastic out, eco-friendly bag in



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MANILA, Philippines- Sa pagdiriwang ng International Plastic Bag Free Day, nagsagawa ng aktibidad ang BAN Toxics, isang environmental group kung saan hinikayat ang mga Filipino customers at vendors na tanggalin na ang single-use plastic bags pabor sa reusable at eco-friendly na mga alternatibo.

Ginanap ang aktibidad sa R. Calalay Frisco Market sa Quezon City upang itaas ang kamalayan sa krisis sa plastik sa Pilipinas at isulong ang mga eco-friendly na bag.

Dinaluhan ng mga boluntaryong ina at BT Patroller ang aktibidad at nagpakita ng iba't ibang reusable at eco-friendly na mga bag na gawa sa mga likas na materyales tulad ng kawayan, rattan, pandan, niyog at dahon ng palma, tela, tela, at katsa upang hikayatin ang publiko na lumipat sa mga alternatibong magagamit muli.

Ang International Plastic Bag Free Day ay idinisenyo upang itaas ang kamalayan ng publiko sa plastic pollution at ang epekto nito sa ecosystem at biodiversity, lalo na sa marine wildlife.

Itinatag ito bilang isang pandaigdigang inisyatiba na may layuning ipagbawal ang mga single-use na plastic bag sa buong mundo at hikayatin ang lahat na lumipat sa mga alternatibong makakalikasan upang itaguyod ang pangangalaga sa kapaligiran.

Samantala, ang pandaigdigang produksyon ng plastik ay tumaas mula 2 milyong tonelada noong 1950s hanggang higit sa 438 milyong tonelada noong 2017, isang trend na inaasahang magpapatuloy. **Jocelyn Tabangcura-Domenden**







PH, UAE agree to work on climate change, agricultural cooperation

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

The Philippines and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have forged a partnership that aims to curb climate change and boost the two countries' agricultural cooperation under the administration of President Marcos, who will temporarily head the Agriculture Department.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said the two countries agreed to work together after Philippine Ambassador to UAE Hjayceelyn Quintana, and UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment Usec. Noora Karam signed a Memorandum of Understanding on June 27.



Department of Foreign Affairs

Their aim, said Quintana, was to put the two countries' "engagement in this area of cooperation at a higher level," considering that we "grapple with the effects of climate change and international conflicts on our food security."

According to the diplomat, the Philippines, as one of the countries affected by climate change, sees the partnership "as timely and relevant as it paves the way for a Joint Committee where officials of the Philippines and the UAE will set directions for cooperation."

Particularly, the two countries will cooperate in soil science and management, biotechnology, post-harvest, agriculture research and development, agri-innovation, protected agriculture technology, irrigation, and water resources.

The DFA said the memorandum would even provide a "strong framework" for the Marcos administration to work with UAE as a partner in the Middle East for agricultural innovation, especially as he will temporarily take charge of the Department of Agriculture.

"It will build upon complementarities between the Philippines and the UAE, each having different climatic conditions and equipped with unique and specific areas of specialization that can be applied towards providing solutions in agricultural production," DFA said.

In fact, the agency added, the Philippines is UAE's largest market in the Middle East in terms of agricultural food products.



Baguio begins tree-planting season

By [Gaby B. Keith](#) July 4, 2022

BAGUIO CITY: The City Environment and Parks Management Office (Cepmo) announced the opening of tree planting activities in the Summer Capital following the observance of Arbor Day on June 25 as part of the Saleng Festival celebration in the city. Cepmo officer Rhenan Diwas said interested groups and individuals may register with their office at City Hall for coordination and scheduling until September 30. Forester Floro Bastian said the Cepmo will provide the seedlings and assign the planting sites for the requesting groups but participants must bring their gardening tools, trash bags, gloves, and drinking water. Bastian said they have extended the celebration of Arbor Day every Saturday of the month until August due to the volume of groups that signified intention to conduct tree planting sessions. On June 25, four groups composed of 250 participants planted a total of 450 saplings at Wright Park, Forbes Park, Arboretum, and Diplomat Heritage Hill. Participants came from the Philippine Army, National Institute of Information Technology, Baguio City National High School, Chemical Engineering Institute, and Alliance of Legally Married Police Wives. Arbor Day is the highlight of the 2nd Saleng Festival, which includes a calendar of environment-related activities that will run until September, with the theme aligned with the 2022 World Environment Day's "Only One Earth."



SteelAsia to use green technology

[By The Manila Times](#)

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STEELASIA Manufacturing Corp. will start operating the country's first industrial scale melt shop in 2024 using the latest green technology from Tenova.

The 600,000-ton plant, located in Lemery in Batangas, will use local scrap metal to product high-grade billets which will be raw material for building and ports construction, shipbuilding, among other projects.

Benjamin Yao, president of SteelAsia, said the melt shop will formalize and organize the collection, consolidation and recycling of scrap metal throughout the country, creating a business subsector with opportunities for individuals and small businesses like junk shops alike.

Aside from generating business opportunities and thousands of jobs, it will also save the country precious dollars currently used to import billets.

"This is part of the vision of SteelAsia to put in place an integrated steel industry, the backbone of a country's industrial base. SteelAsia, the largest steel producer in the country, already has six operating plants and has lined up several more in a multibillion-dollar plan to keep the country abreast of its neighbors," he said.

To minimize the carbon footprint of the project, SteelAsia will use the latest green technology of Tenova, a global leader in steel and mining technology.

Its Consteel Evolution technology saves energy, decarbonizes steel production, and reduces environmental impacts through efficient energy recovery and pollution control innovations.



Expansion plans high in mining

By [Mayvelin U. Caraballo](#) July 4, 2022

MORE businesses want to hire more employees in the third quarter (Q3) of this year than they intend to expand their operations, a recent survey conducted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed.

Business Expectation Survey (BES), the percentage of businesses planning to expand in the industry sector has dropped to 17.9 percent from 20.8 percent in the previous survey.

"For the next quarter, the percentage of firms in the manufacturing and the electricity, gas and water subsectors that reported expansion plans decreased, while that of firms in the mining and quarrying with expansion plans increased and that of the agriculture, fishery and forestry subsector was steady," the BSP said.

The percentage decreased from 25.6 percent to 24.4 percent in the ensuing 12 months.

"For the next 12 months, the percentage of firms in the manufacturing subsector with the intention of expanding business operations declined," the Bangko Sentral observed.

Contrarily, the percentage of businesses in the mining and quarrying and the agricultural, fishing and forestry subsectors planning to expand operations over the next 12 months increased, while it remained stable in the utilities subsector, it continued.

However, the poll indicated that 25.4 percent of respondents, up from 24.7 percent in the prior survey, feel optimistic about job prospects for the upcoming quarter. Over the next 12 months, it likewise increased from 28.9 to 30.7 percent.

The central bank said "the higher positive readings for Q3 2022 and the next 12 months suggest that firms are looking forward to hiring more people in the next quarter and the next several months."

The expansion and employment outlooks compare with the less optimistic business sentiment for July to September of this year.

The confidence index, which assesses enterprises' outlook for future growth, fell to 46.4 percent for the third quarter of 2022 from 59.7 percent the previous quarter.

"The respondents' less optimistic outlook for the next quarter was attributed primarily to the: (a) uncertainties during the leadership transition; (b) continuing public health risks posed by Covid-19; (c) concerns over rising inflation and its impact on business operations; and (d) seasonal downturn in production due to weather disturbances," the Bangko Sentral said.

It said that other responding firms' reasons for their less optimistic outlook for the third quarter of 2022, include increasing manufacturing costs of automotive components, the negative consequences of the Russia-Ukraine crisis and lockdowns in China caused by Covid-19.

The most current BES questioned 1,509 businesses nationwide from April 18 to June 1 of this year.

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Sustainability: Consumer accessibility, and why green can be golden

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HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRIPE-VINE: OUR NEW ABNORMAL

What kind of individual carbon footprint do you generate with your present lifestyle? At a recent Watsons “Do Good for the Planet” event, this was one of the fun and enlightening interactive elements of the event; as all in attendance were asked to head to the ClimatePartner app to fill out a survey/questionnaire, and total up the amount of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide and methane, that their individual actions create.

As Viki Encarnacion, Watsons public relations and sustainability director stressed, “Watsons recognizes its customers to choose more sustainable products and a greener lifestyle. We are continuing this sustainable journey and we are making it personal by talking about how we can reduce our own individual carbon footprint.” This is in consonance with Watsons global commitment to reduce the environmental impact of its business, and how it recently announced new targets to accelerate its contribution to the fight against climate change.

As Viki added, “This is a reminder that we can all help to minimize our carbon footprint, and contribute to the efforts to make our planet cleaner, healthier, and safer.” The Watsons sustainability program encourages customers to do good by choosing products with better ingredients, going for product refills when possible, opting for clean beauty products, and picking products that come in better packaging so they can be reused. Watsons has over 1,200 sustainable choices products in its 900+ stores nationwide, and on its online channel.



Watsons Public Relations and Sustainability Director Ms. Viki Encarnacion and Watsons Marketing Manager Patrick Yu, at their Do Good for the Planet event.

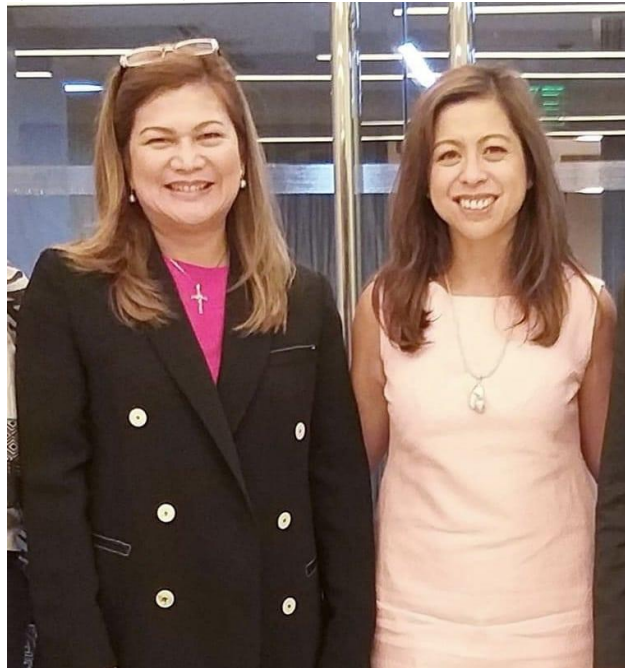
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Going back to ClimatePartner, resource speaker Jack Warren said, “To address the issue of climate change, we shouldn’t emit more carbon dioxide than what we can offset – a state that’s called carbon neutrality. You can reduce your carbon emissions by eating more greens instead of meat, the smart use of electricity, walk, bike or carpool, and fly economy, instead of business or first class.” Here in the Philippines, we can further help the cause by choosing locally produced food and products, and buying energy efficient products like appliances with inverter technology. It’s all about contributing in our personal way, never thinking our contribution is negligible or too small.



And I'm happy Watsons is out pushing this message – that even if your actions may be of a low impact nature, it's still part of your personal response to the situation, and integral to your advocating sustainability. It is our only planet, our only present and future, and it's what our children and their children will inherit from us, so every effort matters.

About two months ago, Jordan Tan and I had this really elucidating lunch with BPI's Joey Silvestre, and their VP & Head of Sustainability Office Jo Ann Bueno-Eala. At the time, the Manila Bulletin Sustainability Forum was just a seed Jordan and I were trying to germinate, and so we were more than happy to listen to the "experts" — those who had been championing sustainability since Day 1 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Friends from BPI, BPI VP & Head of their Sustainability Office Jo Ann Bueno-Eala, and BPI Family Savings Bank President Ginbee Go.

(From Jo Ann's FB page)

What I loved about Jo Ann was her passionate nature, how she lived and breathed the fire of 'sustainable' within the context of a professional banker, trained at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). And when she talked about "Green can be gold," about ESG + E2, where the second E is about economic factors, Jordan and I were hooked.

Too many still consider 'sustainable' as an afterthought, as an unnecessary, but now inevitable, burden on any company's OpEx. And why not? A decade ago, we wouldn't talk about sustainable and profitable in a single sentence. Common wisdom then dictated that the two were mutually exclusive, and that being sustainable, or eco-friendly, were all part of a 'guilty conscience' economic ecosystem – one divorced from the true Holy Grail capitalist framework grounded in profitability.

But Jo Anne is out to debunk that notion. For her, one can be green and still be golden. Proof of this is how she proudly stated that in her loan portfolio, she has 0% NPL – Non-Performing Loans. What that means to the layman, is that as her department has been approving loans to companies who have to satisfy a sustainability/ESG agenda (environment, social and governance agenda) scorecard; they've granted loans to companies who've managed to blend sustainability with profitability. In fact, Jo Anne would argue that precisely because they are conscious of sustainability, the brands and products of these lenders enjoy better success, as the younger segment of today's consumer market seek out these socially responsible brands.



So Jo Anne is pushing for ESG agendas to incorporate E2 in the formula, to spell out that economic success is still part of the overall picture. After all, if the companies of today that champion ESG don't also carry E2 and fall by the wayside, that will defeat the whole purpose of ESG – as they have to be integral parts of the corporate culture of thriving, successful companies. And that's music to the ears of the entrepreneurs of today, the MSME's who will grow and be the conglomerates of the future – that you can be making money, and be sustainable.



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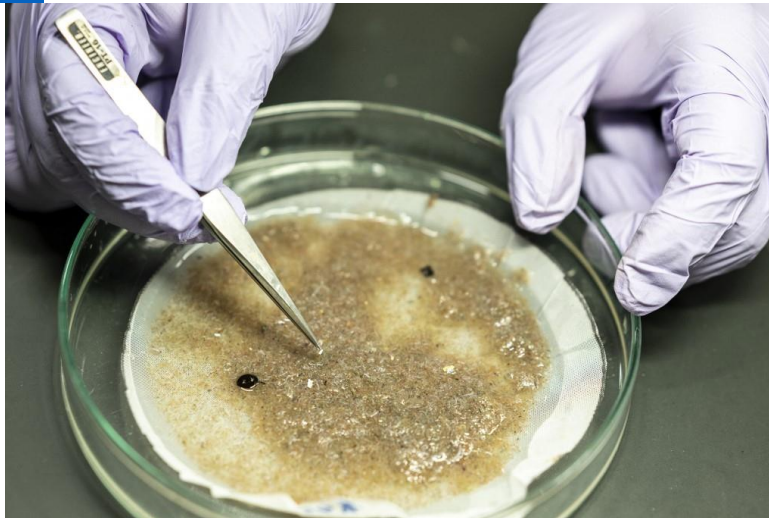


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A researcher examining a sediment sample collected by a "Smith-McIntyre" grab machine in the sea, at Japanese marine-station network Jambio's laboratory in Shimoda, Shizuoka prefecture. A boat's crew casts a net into the seemingly clean waters off Japan's Izu peninsula, but not to catch fish -- they are scooping up microplastics to learn more about the pollution's impact on marine life. Photo by Charly TRIBALLEAU / AFP

From ocean depths to mountain peaks, humans have littered the planet with tiny shards of plastic. We have even absorbed these microplastics into our bodies — with uncertain implications.

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'They're everywhere': microplastics in oceans, air and human body

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A man sits on a cart next to a sewer canal filled with plastics and other waste in New Delhi on June 30, 2022. AFP PHOTO

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US Supreme Court limits government powers to curb greenhouse gases

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Waves lap ashore near condo buildings on the day the United Nations released a report with a dire warning for humanity on August 09, 2021 in Sunny Isles, Florida. The information from a U.N. climate panel said, among other things, that humans are "unequivocally" to blame for climate change and that rapid action to cut greenhouse gas emissions could limit some of the impacts. In the future, Miami-Dade County could be one of the most susceptible places to rising sea levels due to global warming.

Joe Raedle / Getty Images / AFP

WASHINGTON, United States — The US Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the government's key environmental agency cannot issue broad limits on greenhouse gases, sharply curtailing the power of President Joe Biden's administration to battle climate change.

By a majority of 6-3, the high court found that the Environmental Protection Agency did not have the power to set sweeping caps on emissions from coal-fired power plants, which produce nearly 20 percent of the electricity consumed in the United States.

The decision sets back Biden's hopes of using the EPA to bring down emissions to meet global climate goals, set in 2015 under the Paris Agreement on climate change.

It was a significant victory for the coal mining and coal power industry, which was targeted that same year for tough limits by the administration of then-president Barack Obama in an effort to slash carbon pollution.

It also marked a victory for conservatives fighting government regulation of industry, with the court's majority including three right-wing justices named by former president Donald Trump, who had sought to weaken the EPA.

Biden called it "another devastating decision that aims to take our country backwards."

"We cannot and will not ignore the danger to public health and existential threat the climate crisis poses."

Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, said it was "a setback in our fight against climate change."

Caps 'may be sensible but ...'

In the case pitting West Virginia and other coal-mining states against the government, the court said that while EPA had the power to regulate individual plants, Congress had not given it such expansive powers to set limits covering all electricity generating units.



The majority justices said they recognized that putting caps on carbon dioxide emissions to move away from coal power "may be a sensible solution" to global warming.

But they said the case involved a "major question" of US governance with broad consequences, and that the EPA would have to be specifically delegated such powers by the legislature.

The three-member liberal minority of the court castigated the majority for overruling powers they said EPA did in fact have to address "the most pressing environmental challenge of our time."

"The stakes here are high," Justice Elena Kagan wrote. "Whatever else this court may know about, it does not have a clue about how to address climate change."

Excessive regulation

Conservatives applauded the decision as a strike against overregulation.

"The Court has undone illegal regulations issued by the EPA without any clear congressional authorization and confirmed that only the people's representatives in Congress -- not unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats -- may write our nation's laws," wrote Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who represents Kentucky, a state with a significant coal mining industry.

Michelle Bloodworth, president of America's Power, a coal industry lobby, cheered the ruling.

"We are pleased the court agreed with us that EPA does not have unlimited authority to do anything it wants to do," she said in a statement.

"Coal-fired power plants provide affordable and reliable electricity," she added.

But House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called it a "radical" decision by "pro-pollution justices."

"By restricting the EPA's authority, the Republican supermajority on the court has bowed to the dirty energy special interests who seek to poison the air our children breathe and the water they drink with impunity," she said in a statement.

Environmental groups called on the Democratic-controlled Congress to take more action on climate change, with more investments in things like clean energy and public transit.

"This means Congress has an even stronger imperative to act boldly -- and fast," the Sierra Club said.

- Court conservatives show muscle -

Thursday's decision capped a term for the court in which the new conservative majority flexed its muscles in ways that will have profound effects on American society.

Two similar 6-3 decisions last week shook the country. One expanded the rights of gun owners to wear their guns wherever they go, with few limitations.

The second ended a half-century-old constitutional right to abortion, setting off a chain reaction in which more than half of the 50 states are moving to ban or severely restrict the practice.

The EPA ruling, too, could have profound impacts.

Conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote separately that the decision was a statement that no government agency can make policies with far-reaching effect without express empowerment by Congress.



"When an agency claims the power to regulate vast swaths of American life, it not only risks intruding on Congress's power, it also risks intruding on powers reserved to the States," Gorsuch wrote.

But critics said that ignores the deep divisions in Congress that have stifled important policy debates.

"By insisting instead that an agency can promulgate an important and significant climate rule only by showing 'clear congressional authorization' at a time when the court knows that Congress is effectively dysfunctional, the court threatens to upend the national government's ability to safeguard the public health and welfare," said Richard Lazarus, a professor at Harvard law school.



Fossil discovery solves mystery of how pandas became vegetarian

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Fan Xing reacts in his indoor enclosure at Ouwehands Zoo in Rheden, The Netherlands, on Nov. 19, 2020. The baby giant panda is the first baby of Wu Wen and Xing Ya, who came to the Netherlands from a panda rescue centre in China.

Piroschka van de Wouw / ANP / AFP

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Thousands told to evacuate Sydney, as heavy rains bring 'life threatening emergency'

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Locals save furniture from a house threatened by floodwaters in Camden, South Western Sydney, on July 3.

Melbourne, Australia – Thousands of residents were ordered to evacuate southwest Sydney, [Australia's](#) biggest city, on Sunday with torrential rain and damaging winds pounding the east coast and threatening floods in areas that were hammered in March.

The weather bureau warned of heavy rainfall potentially leading to flash floods and landslides along the east coast region from Newcastle to Bateman's Bay in New South Wales state, with rain expected to intensify over the next two days.

"We are now facing dangers on multiple fronts -- [flash flooding](#), riverine flooding and coastal erosion," New South Wales emergency services minister Steph Cooke said in a televised media briefing.

She urged people to reconsider holiday travel, with the rough weather having hit at the beginning of school holidays.

"This is a life threatening emergency situation," Cooke said.

More than 200 millimeters (8 inches) of rain have fallen over many areas with some hit by as much as 350 millimeters, the Bureau of Meteorology said, warning of flood risks along the Nepean River.

The heavy rains caused Sydney's main dam to spill overnight, water authorities said, adding that modeling showed the spill would be comparable to a major spill in March 2021 at the Warragamba Dam.

"There's no room for the water to remain in the dams. They are starting to spill. The rivers are flowing very fast and very dangerous. And then we have the risk of flash flooding, depending on where the rains are," State Emergency Service Commissioner Carlene York said.



A local takes a photo of a road inundated by floodwaters in Camden in South Western Sydney, Sunday, July 3, 2022.



In the past day, 29 people have been rescued from floodwaters, including one who was hanging on to a pole for an hour as workers struggled to reach them.

The Australian government has provided the state with 100 troops who are helping with sandbagging and two helicopters to aid with any rescues, Defense Minister Richard Marles said on Sky News.

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MALINIS NA TUBIG MULA SA WATERSHEDS, PINANANATILING MALINIS NG MGA PUNO

GINUNITA ng bansa ang "Philippine Arbor Day" alinsunod sa Presidential Proclamation No. 643 noong Hunyo 25, 2022.

Isa itong itinalagang araw para mabigyang pansin ang isang "healthier ecosystem" at panawagan para sa "rehabilitation and re-greening" ng ating kapaligiran.

Ang National Water Resources Board sa pangunguna ni Dr. Seville David, Jr., na siyang executive director, ay nanguna sa pagtatanim ng mga tree seedlings sa La Mesa Dam Nature Reserve.

Binigyang-diin ni executive director David na ang pagbibigay proteksyon sa ating mga kagubatan ay pagbibigay proteksyon din sa ating mga sarili. Tandaan natin na ang malinis na tubig na ating iniinom ay nagmula sa mga watersheds natin na pinananatiling malinis ng mga puno sa paligid nito, kapag ito ay naubos na, wala ng malinom na malinis na tubig.

Ang Manila Water naman ay nagsagawa din ng simultaneous tree planting activities sa Metro Manila at ilang lalawigan.

Sa temang "Punong Puno ng Pag-asa", nagtanim ng



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400 seedlings ang mga opisyal at empleyado ng Manila Water sa paligid ng La Mesa Reservoir. Matapos ay nagkaroon ng mga talakayan ukol sa vermicomposting at iba pa.

Ang selebrasyon ng Manila Water ng taunang "Arbor Day" ay bahagi ng EESG initiatives nito o Economic, Environmental, Social and Governance.

Ang aktibidad ay dinaluhan ng mga kinatawan mula sa mga ahensya ng gobyerno, government-owned and controlled corporation private sectors at mga paaralan.

Kabilang dito ang National Water Resources Board Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Quezon City LGU, ABS-CBN Foundation, Quezon City Science High School, at Brent International School. Ang kanilang pakikilahok ay nagpapahiwatig ng kanilang suporta, pakikipagtulungan at pangako sa isang malakas na partnership at commitment na manatili maging champion sustainability.



SINAMANTALA ng mga visitor ang magandang panahon para makapamasyal sa Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay kahapon.
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2 senators lament veto of Bulacan ecozone bill

By Marlon Purificacion

SENATORS Joel Villanueva and Juan Miguel Zubiri said they respect President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s prerogative in his decision to veto House Bill 7575 or An Act Establishing the Bulacan Airport City Special Economic Zone and Freeport.

However, Villanueva found the decision unfortunate, as the proposal has the potential to create a lot of jobs for Filipinos.

"We fully supported the passage of the Bulacan freeport bill as it aims to provide jobs and livelihoods for our kababayans, as well as develop the country's economy with investments and infrastructure," Villanueva said.

"As we prepare for the 19th Congress, we look forward to working with the new administration and push for proposed legislations and policies in harmony with the priorities of the executive branch, especially when it comes to job generation for all Filipinos," he added.

The senator also promised to carefully study on refiling the bill, and even consider other possible proposals such

as strengthening the PEZA Law.

Meanwhile, Zubiri said aside from the veto powers of the President under the Constitution, he also respects and recognizes the position of the Department of Finance that no new economic zone shall be established.

However, the senator explained that the CREATE law does not ban the establishment of new economic zones as long as it conforms with the new fiscal and non-fiscal incentives under the CREATE law and as long as it conforms with the strict regulatory powers of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB).

"The Bulacan Airport City Special Economic Zone is envisioned to complement the construction of one of the largest airports in the region and to make it not just a transportation hub but a manufacturing hub as well, in the hope of bringing in much-needed investments and thousands of jobs for the people of Central Luzon. That is why we made sure that the bill conforms with the provisions of CREATE law on the new incentives regime. The veto is unfortunate but it is a Presidential prerogative," he stressed.



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IMEE RESPECTS PBBM VETO OF BULACAN AIRPORT ECOZONE

By HANNAH L. TORREGOZA

Sen. Imee Marcos said yesterday she respects the decision of her brother, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., to veto House Bill No. 7575 that would have established the Bulacan Airport City Special Economic Zone and Freeport.

"Trabaho lang, walang personalan at walang kapatiran," Imee said in response to her brother's first act as the country's new Chief Executive.

Imee sponsored the bill in the Senate.

According to her, former

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III had prohibited the establishment of any new ecozone since 2016.

Nevertheless, she said the bill could have brought employment opportunities for those who lost jobs and livelihood due to the pandemic especially in Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, and nearby provinces.

But she said the former Department of Finance (DOF) chief has always been concerned about the government incurring "foregone revenues" should the Bulacan ecozone be passed into law, a position the DOF has repeatedly

made known to the Senate during the deliberation on the measure.

Nevertheless, Marcos said, she recognizes the President's authority to veto any proposed law. But she said she hopes that the Executive branch and the Senate would thresh out the issue on the ban on new ecozones, which she said was not proscribed when lawmakers deliberated on the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Law or Republic Act No. 11534.

She further expressed concern that the veto might eventually force foreign investors to think twice about investing in the Philippines.



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BULACAN AIRPORT ECOZONE NI IMEE, TABLADO KAY P-BBM

P-BBM sa Customs ay bad 'yan, boom!

HINDI BA ALAM NI PBBM NA ANG ATE IMEE NIYA ANG MAY PANUKALA NG 'BULACAN AIRPORT ECOZONE?'—Vinet o ni-reject ni Pres. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. ang panukalang-batas na "Bulacan Airport Ecozone" dahil magdudulot ito ng fiscal risk at conflict sa ibang sangay ng pamahalaan.

Ang nag-sponsor ng "Bulacan Airport Zone" ay ang ate ni P-BBM na si Sen. Imee Marcos, kaya't ang tanong, alam kaya ng pangulo na ang kapatid niya ang nagpanukala nito sa Senado?

Kung hindi, eh, tiyak na malilintikan kay P-BBM ang sinumang nagpayo sa kanya na i-veto 'yan kasi hindi sinabi na ang may panukalang-batas pala ay ang kanyang ate, period!

TOTOO BANG NAKAKOKELTA NG P76-B TAX ANG CUSTOMS O PRESS RELEASE LANG ITO?—Sinabi sa media ng mga taga-Customs na nakakolekta sila ng buwis na higit P76 bilyon sa buwan ng Hunyo at nalagpasan nila ang target collection nilang mahigit P56-B.

Kung totoo 'yan, aba'y good news, pero kung salat sa katotohanan at press release lang para hindi magsibak si

KUNG HINDI PA INAKO NI P-BBM ANG PAGIGING SEC. NG AGRICULTURE, HINDI PA MAGSISIPAG ANG MGA TAGA-CUSTOMS NA MANGUMPISKA NG SMUGGLED AGRI PRODUCTS—Inanunsyo ng Customs operatives na nakakumpiska sila ng mahigit P30-M ng mga smuggled agriculture products sa Manila International Container Port (MICP).

Aba, kung hindi pa inako ni P-BBM na maging kalihim ng Department of Agriculture (DA), hindi pa magsisipag ang mga taga-Customs na mangumpiska ng mga smuggled agri products sa adwana.

KAHIT PALA SI BAUTISTA NAANG SEC. NG DOTr, YARI PA RIN ANG MGA TSUPER—Handa si newly appointed DOTr Sec. Jaime Bautista, na makinig at sundin ang mga ipapayo sa kanya ni former DOTr Sec. Art Tugade.

Nakupo, kung ganyan na ang lahat ng ipapayo ni Tugade ay susundin ni Bautista, yari na naman ang mga tsuper kasi pulos dusa at hirap ang inabot ng mga nasa sektor ng public transport sa istilo ng pamamahala nito sa DOTr, period!



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Sa retratong inilabas ng Sarangani Maritime Police, makikitang nagsimula nang maagnas ang labi ng balyena nang matagpuan noong Lunes.

Batay sa pagsusuri ng mga awtoridad, may habang 25 talampakan ang sperm whale at timbang na 2 tonelada.

Nai-tum over ang sperm whale sa protected area management board para maialis ito sa dagat.

Inaalam pa ang sanhi ng pagkamatay ng hayop.

Patay na sperm whale natagpuan Sarangani

NATAGPUANG patay ang karagatan sa Glan, Sa- isang sperm whale sa rangani, ayon sa pulisya.



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NI BONG REVILLA**

SOBRANG bilis ng panahon, parang kailan lang ay nanalo tayong Senador, ngunit ngayon ay nangangalahati na agad ang ating termino dahil may bago ng mga manunungkulan sa bagong administrasyon.

Pero sa sobrang bilis ng mga pangyayari ay hindi natin namalayan na noong nakaraang 18th Congress ay umabot na pala sa 530 ang naisagawa nating bills at resolution, 38 dito ang pinagtibay na maging batas, 62 ang nakalusot na sa 3rd reading, 49 ang nasa ilalim ng 2nd reading at nasa 100 ang adopted resolutions.

Parang bigla tayong hiningal noong balikan natin ang mga pinagsikapan natin sa 18th Congress na sa loob ng napakaikling panahon ay ganito na pala karami ang ating nagawa dahil sa labis na pagmamahal sa ating trabaho bilang mambabatas.

Kabilang sa mga batas na ating iniakda ay ang National Press Freedom Day at Night Shift Differential Pay at ang pinakahuli ay ang Extending the Estate Tax Amnesty na lahat ay aprubado na ni dating Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte.

Hindi naman kasi natin alintana ang pagod, basta trabaho lang tayo nang trabaho at napangiti tayong muli nang makita ang resulta ng ilang panahong pakikipagtalastasan sa Senado na ang tanging inspirasyon lang naman ay ang kapakanan ng ating mga kababayan.

Ngayong Hulyo 25 ay balik na naman tayo sa trabaho, ngunit hindi naman tayo tumitigil dahil kahit wala pa tayong opisyal na komite ay patuloy pa rin ang aking pag-iisip ng mga batas na kakailanganin pa ng ating bansa sa mga susunod na panahon.

Sa katunayan ngayong araw na ito, bilang bahagi ng unang round ay agad tayong magsusumite ng kahit sampu munang panukalang batas at iba pang inihanda ay susunod na nating isusumite.

Unang-una na ang 'Centenarian Act' - na gusto lang naman natin ay mas maagang pakinabangan ng ating mga lolo at lola ang P100,000 benepisyo-- na sa edad na 80 ay may matatanggap na agad, karagdagan uli sa edad na 90 at ang kabuuan ay pagsapit ng ika-100 taon kaarawan.

Ikalawa ay ang 'Kabalik at sa Pagtuturo (KAP) Act'

**PRIORITY BILL
SA 19TH CONGRESS**

(Teaching Supplies Allowances) na para naman sa mga guro natin, dahil karamihan sa kanila ay nag-aabono ng pambili ng chalk at iba pang teaching supplies na ibinabawas pa sa kinukulang nilang suweldo.

Ikatlo ang 'Direct Financial Assistance to Filipino Rice Farmers'—ito ay upang palakasin ang hanay ng mga magsasaka sa bansa na karaniwan ay mas pinipili ng pumasok sa ibang hanapbuhay dahil sa hindi na matugunan ang kanilang pangangailangan.

Ikaapat, ang 'Family Medical Leave Act' (FMLA) — na ang pakay natin ay mas magkaroon pa ng pagkakataong magkasama-sama ang mga pamilya sa pagresolba sa kani-kanilang problemang medikal.

Ikalima ay ang 'Karapatan Ang Pabahay (KAP) Act' na sadyang iniakda natin para sa mahihirap nating kababayan na walang bahay. Naglalayon itong magbigay ng libreng pabahay at siguraduhing ang resettlement areas ay may access sa employment opportunities, healthcare services, school at iba pang kailangang pasilidad.

Ikaanim ay ang 'Kaayusan sa Adhikaing Pagamutan (KAP) Act' na tutugon naman sa mabilis na pagtugon sa mga kababayan nating may sakit, mabilis na pagpapaospital at libreng gamutan sa mga kapus-palad nating kababayan.

Ang ikapito ay ang 'Establishing the National Center for Geriatric Health and Research Institute' - ito ang batas na tutukoy sa mga pagamutan na tutugon sa mismong karamdaman ng ating mga senior citizen sa bansa na wala ng kakayahang magpagamot.

Ikawalo ay ang 'Reviving the Philippine Movie Industry' — ito naman

ang batas na tutugon para sa mga kasamahan ko sa showbiz industry na labis na nalugmok dulot ng pandemya na lingid sa kalaman ng marami ay nawalan ng trabaho dahil sa nabawasan na ang gumagawa ng pelikula.

Ikasiyam naman ang 'Kaakibat at Ayuda sa Pag-aaral' (KAP) — ito ay matagal na nating ginagawa, ngunit hindi kakayaning mag-isa ang lahat ng mag-aaral sa bansa kaya kung may batas ay malaking tulong ito para mas maraming kabataan ang maabot ng kanilang pangarap na makapagtapos ng pag-aaral.

At ang ikasampung ay ang 'Kabalik at sa Agrikultura at Pagkain' (KAP)-mahalagang-mahaga ang batas na ito, lato pa at bago pa man magpalit ang administrasyon ay nakaamba na ang krisis sa kakapusan ng pagkain at matinding problema sa agrikultura.

Hindi naman sa pagbubuhay ng bangko, ngunit mahigit sa tatlumpong panukalang batas pa ang aking nakahanda, ngunit dahil unang round pa lang naman ay sampu muna at inuna muna natin 'yung mga problemang nangangailangan na talaga ng batas bilang solusyon.

Huwag magtatampo 'yung ibang sektor, tulad ng maliliit na negosyante, dagdag sa mga teacher at ibang pang mangagawa, AFP modernization, benepisyo ng PWD at marami pa lahat kayo ay nasa line-up natin at hindi kayo nakakalimutan minu-minuto.

Gusto lang nating ipabatid sa lahat na hindi natin sinayang ang ipinagkaloob ninyong boto dahil kitang-kita naman sa resulta na talagang hindi tayo nagbubutas ng bangko sa Senado dahil seryoso talaga tayong nagtatrabaho at handa na ulit tayo para sa 19th Congress.

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Mt Kanlaon nilindol ng 47 beses

PATULOY na binabantayan ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology o PHILVOCS ang pagtaas ng aktibidad ng Mt. Kanlaon sa Negros Occidental matapos itong magtala ng 47 pagyaring nitong Hunyo 30.

Naitala ng Kanlaon Volcano Network (KVN) ang mga paguga sa paligid ng bulkan na may kasamang pitong senyales ng

mababaw na paggalaw ng magma at volcanic gas sa mga butas sa itaas ng dalisdig ng bulkan ganap na alas-singko ng umaga.

Sa kasalukyan ay nanatili sa alert level one ang Bulkang Kanlaon at ang pamamaga at abnormal nitong aktibidad ay posible umanong magbadya ng pagputok nito anumang oras.

Wala pa namang ipinatutu-

pad na evacuation order sa mga residente. Huling kinakitaan ng pagtaas sa aktibidad ang Mt. Kanlaon noong Enero ng taong kasalukuyan. Kabilang ang Mt. Kanlaon sa limang pinakadelikadong aktibong bulkan sa bansa na kinabibilangan ng Mt. Bulusan sa Sorsogon, Taal sa Batangas, Mayon sa Albay at Makaturing sa Lanao del Sur.



129 volcanic quakes naitala sa Mount Bulusan

NI MELNIE RAGASA-JIMENA

INIULAT nitong Linggo ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) na nakapagtala sila ng 129 volcanic earthquakes sa Mount Bulusan sa Sorsogon nitong nakalipas na 24-oras, mula sa dating 15 lamang sa nakalipas na monitoring period.

Sa bulletin na inilabas nitong Linggo, sinabi ng Phivolcs na ang bulkan ay nagbuga rin ng 556 tonelada ng sulfur dioxide flux noong Hulyo 2.

Ang moderate plume emissions ay umabot naman ng 150 metro ang taas, at tinangay patungong northwest at

west-northwest. Binalaan rin ng ahensiya ang mga residente na naninirahan sa paligid ng river channels hinggil sa posibleng pag-agos ng lahar kung magkakaroon ng malalakas at matagal na mga pag-ulan sa lugar.

Una nang nakapagtala ang Phivolcs ng phreatic eruptions sa bulkan noong Hunyo 5 at 12 sanhi upang matabunan ng abo ang ilang barangay doon.

Nakataas pa rin ang Alert Level 1 sa bulkan, na nananatili pa rin ang pamamaga, at nangangahulugang posible pa ring magkaroon ng panibagong phreatic eruption sa mga susunod na araw.



Bulkang Bulusan, Kanlaon sabay nag-alboroto

Bantay sarado ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) ang Mount Bulusan sa Sorsogon at Bulkang Kanlaon sa Negros Island dahil sa mga ipinapakitang pagtaas ng mga aktibidad at volcanic quakes.

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bulkan, na nananatili pa rin ang pama-maga at posible pa ring magkaroon ng panibagong phreatic eruption sa mga susunod na araw.

Samantala, naitala naman ang 41 volcanic quakes sa Bulkang Kanlaon sa Negros Island simula noong Hunyo 30 hanggang sa kasalukuyan.

Sa Kanlaon advisory nitong Linggo, nananatiling nasa alert level 1 ang naturang bulkan. Mayroon ding volcanic gas movement sa upper slopes ng bulkan.

Binalaan rin ng ahensiya ang mga residente na naninirahan sa paligid ng river channels hinggil sa posibleng pag-agos ng lahar kung magkakaroon ng malalakas at matagal na mga pag-ulan sa lugar. **(Dolly Cabreza)**



Bulkang Kanlaon nakapagtala ng 41 volcanic quakes mula noong Hunyo 30 - Philvocs

INFLAT ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Philvocs) na umabot na sa 41 volcanic quakes ang naitala sa Mt. Kanlaon mula noong Hunyo.

Batay sa Kanlaon Volcano Network (KVN), ang tremors ay kinabibilangan ng pitong mabababaw na tornillo signals na mayroong volcanic gas movement sa mga fractures na matatagpuan sa upper volcanic slopes.

Ang ground deformation data mula sa nagpapatuloy na GPS measurements ay makikitang mayroong short-term slight inflation ng lower at mid slopes mula pa noong Enero ngayong taon.

Sa ngayon, nasa Alert Level I ang Kanlaon Volcano.

Ibig sabihin nito na ang bulkan ay nasa low level of unrest.

Nagbabala naman ang Philvocs sa mga local government units (LGUs) at ang publiko na mahigpit na ipagbabawal ang four-kilometer radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ).

Ito ay dahil na rin sa posibilidad na magkaroon ng biglaan at hazardous steam-driven o phreatic eruptions.



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Notice is hereby given that the following **MERALCO & Rockwell Land Corp.** Stock Certificate Numbers with the corresponding number of shares under the name of **Macaria P. Santos** was reported lost.

Stock Certificate Number	Number of Shares
0744165	466
057705	1,313

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APPLICATION NUMBER	NAME OF APPLICANT	LOT NO. / BLK NO. / PLAN NO.	AREA IN SQ.M.	APPRAISED VALUE PER SQ.M.	TOTAL VALUE OF LAND	TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT
IGPSA No. 007607-2214	JARYX MIL A. JARO	Lot 18, Block 50, Ped-00-036894	60 sq.m.	P 140.00	P 8,400.00	P 4,500,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division, on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-2214". Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA No. 007607-1396	CRUZALDO V. ACOSTA	Lot 3, Block 12, Ped-007607-025896-D	80 sq.m.	P 140.00	P 8,400.00	P 1,100,000.00

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IGPSA No. 007607-2182	KEISHA RANKEIN DT. ORPILLA	Lot 8, Block 51, Ped-00-036894	100 sq.m.	P 400.00	P 400,000.00	P 3,500,000.00

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IGPSA No. 007607-2066	JACQUELINE N. SY	Lot 5, Block 48, Ped-00-036894	60 sq.m.	P 140.00	P 8,400.00	P 1,000,000.00

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IGPSA No. 007607-2157	LILIA C. MARTIRES	Lot 23, Block 13, Ped-007607-025896-D	80 sq.m.	P 140.00	P 8,400.00	P 1,000,000.00

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Ang pabatid na ito ay ipinagkaloob bilang patunay na ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources—National Capital Region, Patents and Deeds Section, alinsunod sa Department Administrative Order No. 38, 19 April 1990, ay magkakaroon ng bilihan sa **DENR-NCR, National Ecology Center, East Avenue Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City** sa pamamagitan ng isang sealed bidding na matatagpuan ng pinakamataas na halaga sa ika-10 ng umaga ng OCT 16, 2022 ng lupang matatagpuan sa Western Bicutan (Pinagsama) na inilarawan ng mga sumusunod:

BILANG NG APLIKASYON	PANGALAN NG APLIKANTE	BILANG NG LOTE/PLANO	SUKAT NG LOTE SA METRO KAWADYONG	MALABANG LUPABADA (METRO KAWADYONG)	KINIKANG MALARANG LUPA	IBIBIGANG MALARANG HUKI
AGSA No. 007607-1396	CRUZALDO V. KICOTIA	Lot 3, Block 12, Pkg-007 025866-D	60 sq.m.	PHP140.00	PHP8,400.00	PHP1,100,000.00

Ang mga bid ay dapat na sekyado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisyon, mismo o bagay sa itinalagang eras at patsa sa ilalim at minarkahan na "Bid for Land Described in MSA/AGPSA No.007607-1396. Ang mga bid sa pagbili ay dapat isumite sa pamamagitan ng pera, money order, treasury warrant, sertipikadong tseke, cashier's check o manager's check na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang sa sampung porsiyento (10%) ng isinuniteng turing. Kung ang bumibili ay nais bawin ang kanilang dinepositong halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit natukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumbas na deposito ay makukumpiska pabor sa pamahalaan. Ang mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa kabuuang halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang pamahalaan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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BLANGKANG APLIKASYON	PANGALAN NG APPLIKANTE	BLANGKANG LUPANG PANGALAN	SUKAT NG LUPA SA METRO KAWADYAN	WALANGKANG LUPANG PANGALAN, METRO KAWADYAN	ORIHINANG BALANGKANG LUPA	ORIHINANG BALANGKANG METRO KAWADYAN
KPSA No. DEPN07-2182	KESHA BANNER OT. CIVILLA	Lot 8, Block 02, PWD-031880A	100 sq.m.	PN400.00	PN400.000.00	PP1,000,000.00

Ang mga bid ay dapat na seiyado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisyon, mismo o bago sa hinalagang aral at petsa sa itaas at mimita sa "Bid for Land Described in MSA/KPSA No.007607-2182. Ang mga bid sa pagbili ay dapat isumite sa pamamagitan ng pera, money order, treasury warrant, veripikadong tselo, cashier's check o manager's check na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang sa sampung porsiyento (10%) ng isinunang turing. Kung ang bumibili ay nais bowlin ang kaniyang dinapostong halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit nabukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumbas na deposito ay makukumpiska pabor sa pamahalaan. Ang mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa lubuwing halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang pamahalaan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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BLANGKANG APLIKASYON	PANGALAN NG APPLIKANTE	BLANGKANG LUPANG PANGALAN	IBIGIT NG LUPA SA METRO MANILA	WALANGKANG LUPANG PANGALAN SA METRO MANILA	IBIGITANG HALAGA NG LUPA	IBIGITANG HALAGA NG METRO MANILA
KPSA No. DEN07-2182	KESHA BANNER DE CAYILLA	Lot 8, Block 12, PWD-013884	100 sq.m.	PN400.00	PN400,000.00	PN1,000,000.00

Ang mga bid ay dapat na seiyado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisyon, mismo o bago sa inalagang araw at petsa sa itaas at mimita sa "Bid for Land Described in MSA/KPSA No.007607-2182. Ang mga bid sa pagbili ay dapat isumite sa pamamagitan ng pera, money order, treasury warrant, veripikadong tselo, cashier's check o manager's check na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang sa sampung porsiyento (10%) ng ibinigay na turing. Kung ang bumibili ay nais bowlin ang kaniyang ibinigay na halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit nabukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumbas na deposito ay makukumpiska sa pamamagitan ng mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa katumbang halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang pamahalaan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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IBANG APPLIKASYON	PANGALAN NG APPLIKANTE	IBANG NG LUPA/PLANO	SUKAT NG LUPA SA METRO KWADRADO	IBANG NG LUPA SA METRO KWADRADO	IBANG NG LUPA SA METRO KWADRADO	IBANG NG LUPA SA METRO KWADRADO
GPSA No. 007607-2214	DRYX S&L A. S&L	Lot 36, Block 30, Pnag00-008994	60 sq.m.	PHP140,00	PHP6,400,00	PHP4,000,000

Ang mga bid ay dapat na selgado at dapat isamita sa nasabing Dibisyon, mismo o biago sa itinatagang eras at petsa sa itaas at minarkahan na "Bid for Land Described in MSA/GPSA No.007607-2214. Ang mga bid sa pagbili ay dapat isamita sa pamamagitan ng pera, money order, treasury warrant, seriyadong tsheko, cashier's check o manager's check na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang sa sampung porsiyento (10%) ng isinunmiting turing. Kung ang bumibil ay nais bawian ang kanilang dinapositong halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit natukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumabas na deposito ay makuumpiska pabor sa pamahalaan. Ang mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa kabuuang halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang pamahalaan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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MALAKANG APLASYON	PARCEL NO. APUSKAL	MILANG NG LOTE/PLANO	SUKAT NG LOTE SA METRO KAWADARAN	MALAKANG LUPA KADA METRO KAWADARAN	KINAKANG HALAGANG LUPA	KINAKANG HALAGANG NG INTAKUSON
MSA No. 007607-2066	JCCQUELINE N. SY	Lot 5, Block 4A, PWD-030804	60 sq.m.	PPP340.00	PHP6,400.00	PHP1,000,000.00

Ang mga bid ay dapat na selgado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisyon, mismo o bago sa kinalagang oras at petsa sa itaas at minarkahan na "Bid for Land Described in MSA/IGPSA No.007607-2066. Ang mga bid sa pagbili ay dapat isumite sa pamamagitan ng pera, money order, treasury warrant, sertipikadong tseko, cashier's check o manager's check na nagkakahalaga ng humagit kumulang sa sampung porsyento (10%) ng isinumitang turing. Kung ang bumibili ay nais, bawlin ang kaniyang direpsitoryong halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit natukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumbas na deposito ay makukumpiska pabor sa panahalan. Ang mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa katuuang halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang panahalan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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PH eyes integration of Covid-19 vax into routine immunization

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora July 2, 2022, 6:11 pm



Arrival of more Covid-19 vaccines in this file photo

MANILA – The Philippine government is looking to include the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) vaccine in the routine immunization to ramp up inoculation in certain areas with low jab uptake.

"During this transition period, the National Covid-19 Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC) and vaccination sites will still continue with current operations in administering vaccines and boosters to the eligible population," the Department of Health said in a statement on Saturday.

"NVOC is also reviewing existing policies to identify possible points for revision, one of which is the integration of Covid-19 vaccines to routine immunization," it added.

The agency said "everything is status quo" until the next Health chief has been named or President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. issues new directives.

At the moment, the DOH and NVOC will focus efforts to ramp up the rollout of vaccines and ensure that strategies to increase coverage are "tailor-fitted to best suit a given area or region".

"We will inform the public of updated plans and programs and provide data updates once everything has settled down and has been accounted for," the statement noted.

Based on the data from the National Task Force against Covid-19, more than 70 million have been fully vaccinated in the country while over 15 million already received their first booster dose as of June 26. **(PNA)**

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
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