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DENR GAINS OF BORACAY REHAB TO CONTINUE BEYOND JUNE 2022

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) expressed hope that the municipal government of Malay, Aklan, will sustain the gains of the Boracay rehabilitation as the term of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) ends next month.

In a release Thursday, the DENR said the dissolution of the task force does not mean the end of the rehabilitation of the world-famous resort island.

“We are all excited to complete the rehabilitation of Boracay. But we cannot allow anyone to undo—immediately or otherwise—what we have accomplished, or to unlawfully stand in the way to the completion of our mission,” DENR Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna said.

Sampulna said various agencies and local government units, independent of each other or in partnership with one another, can continue the unfinished projects according to their respective priorities under the new administration.

President Rodrigo Duterte created the BIATF in May 2018. The DENR chairs the task force with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as vice-chair and the Department of Tourism (DOT).

BIATF’s term was extended until June 30, 2020.



Sampulna said the general progress of the BIATF is “nothing short of remarkable, if not awesome, particularly in the reduction of fecal coliform counts and the rehabilitation of wetlands.”

“Our comfort, by then, is that we have done our part as members of this task force, and that, hopefully, we will be in a position to do more, or that our successors will be able to protect and build on our gains,” he added.



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By Eireene Jairee Gomez



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HEADLINES

Quezon City mayor orders massive clean-up drive following polls

Rhodina Villanueva, Robertzon Ramirez - The Philippine Star [i](#)

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Sample ballots and campaign flyers litter outside Potrero Elementary School in Malabon on May 9, Wednesday.
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MANILA, Philippines — As yesterday's elections drew to a close, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte ordered the city's sanitation office and barangay officials to launch a massive clean-up drive.

"I have ordered the Department of Sanitation and Cleanup Works of Quezon City (DSQC) and the barangay captains to conduct massive clean-up drive as soon as precincts conclude their election-related activities," Belmonte said.

"DSQC OIC Richard Santuile has been given instructions to closely coordinate with barangay leaders and begin clean-up operations as soon as possible," she said.

This is meant to ensure that election paraphernalia will be disposed of properly and will not end up clogging the city's waterways, she added.

"Both local and national candidates are also enjoined to voluntarily remove their campaign posters and paraphernalia to ensure that we keep our city clean and orderly."

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) also reminded candidates to help local government units (LGUs) take down their campaign materials and other election-related materials as voting concluded yesterday.

"All I'm asking is that if we're really public servants, all candidates from president down to councilor should after today help the LGUs clean up our mess," Comelec Commissioner Rey Bulay said in Filipino.



Bulay said Metro Manila candidates should assist the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority in cleaning up the metropolis of their campaign paraphernalia.

He said the Comelec has no existing resolution, nor is there an existing law that would require candidates to remove their campaign materials after the campaign period, but that they would convene the commission and come up with the resolution.

Asked what could be the penalty or fine against violators, Bulay said that they would revisit the “old rules” as he emphasized that they do not want to consider the violation as an election offense because candidates should do the cleaning voluntarily.

Meanwhile, environmentalists called for urgent climate action from potential winners of the 2022 national election, after the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) released its groundbreaking report on the “National Inquiry on Climate Change.”

“The findings of the Commission on Human Rights are a victory for the millions of people whose fundamental rights are being impacted by the corporations behind the climate crisis. The message is clear: There are legal grounds for communities to hold corporations accountable for undermining climate action,” said Yeb Saño, Greenpeace Southeast Asia-Philippines executive director. Greenpeace said the next step forward is for the incoming government to implement genuine climate action. The group also highlighted the need for a vibrant democracy and good governance that will enable climate and environmental justice.

“This decision comes at a time when Filipinos are about to elect their new leaders, whose first order of business should be protecting the people from the impacts of the worsening climate crisis, heeding the communities’ call for accountability from the fossil fuel industry and strengthening democratic processes and institutions,” Greenpeace campaigner Virginia Llorin said.

Grizelda Mayo-Anda, of the Environmental Legal Assistance Center (ELAC), noted the case “is significant as it is the first case in the Philippines and in the world where human rights harms caused by carbon majors/fossil fuel-producing companies have been exacted/demanded by vulnerable communities and civil society organizations.”

She added, “The finding that the business operations of these companies have human rights implications provides us with several possibilities in terms of future legal and policy actions; Filipino citizens, especially the vulnerable communities, can build upon the findings of the CHR report and pursue various pathways in seeking climate justice.” Llorin said, “Alongside our co-competitors, we are calling on the incoming Philippine government leaders and world leaders to adopt the Commission’s findings and hold big polluters responsible for the climate-damaging impacts of their business activities.”

Greenpeace said the next government must hold fossil fuel companies accountable for the climate crisis and call on other countries to do the same. “It must also lead the call for a global phase out of fossil fuels toward a just transition to renewable energy,” it said.

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THE signing of Republic Act No. 11697 or the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA) is expected to attract tech investment as the industry gears up, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

“With EVIDA, the Philippines is now in a stronger position to further attract tech investment and create high-value jobs by taking advantage of the ongoing global shift to electric vehicles (EVs),” Trade Secretary Ramon M. Lopez said in a statement on Sunday.

“This measure (is) a move towards lessening direct usage of oil products in transport, thus, signifying reduced air and noise pollution in urban areas. This will also reduce the transportation sector’s direct dependence on oil, especially amidst rising fuel prices affecting both businesses and consumers,” he added.

The DTI said the EVIDA, which lapsed into law on April 15, directs the Board of Investments to create an EV Incentive Strategy (EVIS) that will provide fiscal and non-fiscal inducements to reduce the production cost gap between EVs and traditional vehicles.

According to Trade Undersecretary Rafaelita M. Aldaba, the EVIDA is vital in the context of rising competition in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to attract EV investment.

“The EVIS will allow the government to provide competitive and industry-specific fiscal and non-fiscal support to attract private sector investments in strategic EV segments, especially manufacturing, which is a crucial step in deepening our participation in the regional automotive value chain,” Ms. Aldaba said.

The EVIDA authorizes the creation of the Comprehensive Roadmap for the Electric Vehicle Industry (CREVI), which will serve as the development plan for the industry en route to the commercialization of EVs.

The law also requires government offices and private companies to meet a quota of 5% electric vehicles in their fleets based on a timetable to be set by the CREVI.

“EVIDA aims to promote innovation in the field of clean energy and sustainable transportation while developing a sunrise industry in the country and generating more employment,” the DTI said.

“EVIDA will also serve as a blueprint for a comprehensive and coordinated policy direction among national government agencies in terms of promoting EV to ensure investors’ confidence and attract EV-related investments,” it added.

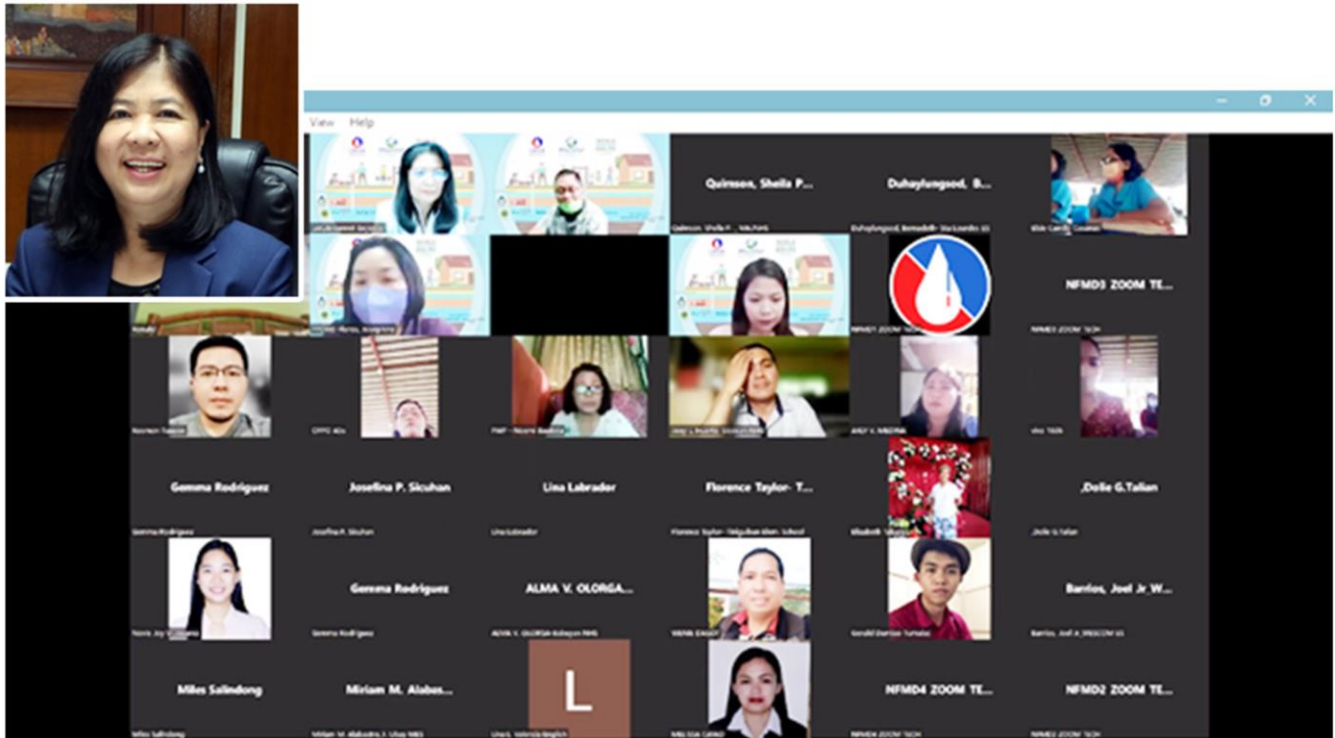


The DTI has said that it is hoping to pass a zero tariff policy for EV imports, down from the current 30% tariff, to lower EV prices and drive greater adoption of the technology. — Revin Mikhael D. Ochave



LWUA HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN WATER, HEALTH AND HYGIENE IN RECENT ONLINE CAMPAIGN

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The Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) Officer-In-Charge Eileen L. Dela Vega reported the launch of its third webinar on water education to promote the importance of conserving water, maintaining personal hygiene, protecting the environment and groundwater resources during its online campaign recently to raise awareness on the country’s dwindling water supply and ongoing pandemic.

The webinar, dubbed Buhay KYUT (Kalusugang Yaman Ugnay sa Tubig) Online, focused on WASH Education and was attended by more or less 200 participants, composed of public elementary and high school teachers from Puerto Princesa City, as well as other partners and stakeholders, to learn new creative ways to teach hygiene and sanitation practices among learners, as well as a clean and safe environment in school.

Among the resource speakers are Andrea Beatriz L. Lee-Llacer, Health Program Officer II, Program Implementation and Outreach Div., Dept. of Health (DOH); Joseph Rosmon A. Tuazon, Head Advocacy, Maynilad Water Services, Inc.; Dr. Oliver B. Sta Ana, Head, Academic Services, Maynilad Water Academy; and Ronaldo Carcamo, Ventriloquist. The online program was hosted by Puerto Princesa City Water District (PPCWD) with the support of GM Walter J. Laurel.

Dela Vega emphasized the importance of this program in reducing morbidity and mortality among schoolchildren caused by poor hygiene and sanitation practices, as well as the lack of safe water and sanitation facilities. “This LWUA information campaign is aggressive in encouraging teachers, educators and other stakeholders to join us as partners in this program”, Dela Vega said.



LWUA collaborated with the PPCWD, DOH, Maynilad Water Services Inc., Maynilad Water Academy, Global Water Partnership, and Pilipino Mirror for this online learning event via Zoom.



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‘Gen Green’: Young Filipinos aspire to work in green economy



BY RIZAL RAOUL REYES · MAY 8, 2022

The Filipino youth is thinking green in terms of employment.

In its new research titled “Youthquake Meets Green Economy,” global professional services company Accenture noted that within the next 10 years, 89 percent of Filipinos aged between 15 and 39 years old aspire to be working in the green economy, defined by the UN Environment Programme as low carbon, resource-efficient and socially inclusive. More than 73 percent of respondents said they are open to reskilling or upskilling if allowed to transition or start a career in the green economy.

The study noted more than half of the Filipino respondents aspire to work in a growth sector (57 percent) that provides good monetary compensation and want to put green qualifications to good use (52 percent). Meanwhile, a big number of Filipino youth (over 90 percent) expressed interest in working for a company they know is making a positive environmental impact.

“As a responsible business, we are deeply committed to delivering on our Sustainability Value Promise and embed sustainability in everything we do,” Lito Tayag, Country Managing Director, Accenture in the Philippines, explained in the report. “We have made sustainability one of our greatest responsibilities as a company—not just because it is the right thing to do, but because Accenture believes it will create one of the most powerful forces for change in our generation.”

As companies take the path towards sustainability and generate new roles and opportunities for talent, Tayag said Accenture Philippines is committed to embedding sustainability in its operations. Executions include enabling employees to grow and thrive through various initiatives that accelerate equality in the workplace, provide employees with the opportunity to give back to society, and emphasize technology sustainability, among other measures.

“Just as the digital revolution transformed how we live and work, Accenture believes that, so too, will sustainability,” Eman Antonio, Accenture Technology Sustainability Lead in the Philippines Managing Director, pointed out in the report. “We are committed to implementing initiatives that will help create a positive impact on our clients’ businesses as well as in the development of our people and the communities we serve. Through our Accenture Technology Sustainability portfolio, we are helping upskill future talent as they aspire for roles in the green economy.”

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DENR uses 'bokashi balls' to clean Boracay wetland

By AARON B. RECUENCO

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has started using "bokashi balls" in the Balabag Wetland Park in Boracay Island as part of the rehabilitation and recovery of ecosystems in the area.

The DENR said the "bokashi ball" has an effective microorganism solution that breaks down toxins and consumes bad bacteria in the water.

A bokashi (which means fermented organic matter in Japanese) ball — also known as "mabuhay ball" — is a Japanese rehabilitation technology composed of all-organic materials, such as garden soil, molasses, and rice hull.

Martin Despi, general manager of the Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group (BIARMG), said this is not the first time that they used the balls.

"This is a regular activity of the Environmental Management Bureau — National Capital Region (EMB-NCR) to improve water quality of the Manila Bay Watershed. As long as we remain consistent with our rehabilitation efforts in all our wetlands, we are positive that throwing bokashi balls will reap posi-

tive results," said Despi.

The DENR aims to throw around 8,000 bokashi balls into the Balabag Wetland, with each bokashi ball able to clean about one-square-meter area.

"We will continue with what we've started, and who knows? Maybe our Balabag Wetland could also become swimmable in the near future," said Despi.

The throwing of bokashi balls into Boracay's wetlands is one of DENR's projects when the massive rehabilitation started in 2018. At that time, resorts and houses have illegally reclaimed most of the wetlands in Boracay.

Despi cited that bokashi balls were also used to aid in the clean-up of creeks that drain into Manila Bay.



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A PROJECT aimed at strengthening the resilience of communities within the Catubig Watershed in Northern Samar will help protect the Samar Protected Landscape and Seascape (SPLS), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said.

Through the project's livelihood component, communities are encouraged to engage in biodiversity-friendly enterprises (BDFEs) to help veer them away from illegal logging and illegal fishing activities.

Implemented through the Small Grants Programme (SGP) Phase 7 and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the project was officially launched by DENR last April 8. It will be implemented in four sites, namely, Aurora province (Sierra Madre), Calamianes Group of Islands in Palawan, and Siargao Protected Landscape and Seascape in Surigao del Norte.

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MGA PARAAN PARA PROTEKTAHAN ANG KALIKASAN

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PAGKASIRA na ng kalikasan ang dahilan ng pagguho ng bundok sa Leyte kamakailan bunga na rin ng malakas na bagyo. Para hindi na maulit ito, ang pagbibigay-proteksiyon sa kapaligiran ay responsibilidad ng sangkatauhan. Maraming mga hakbangin ang kailangan upang maproteksiyunan ang Inang Kalikasan at tiyakin na ang buhay na kanyang pinaglalaanan ay makasigurong pinakamalusog na planetang kanyang pinananatilihan. Maging ikaw man ay magkakaloob ng donasyong salapi para sa environmental organizations, pagpili ng green energy sources o pagbabahagi ng pagmamahal para sa kapaligiran, bawat tao ay may kontribusyon. Kahit na sa maliit na hakbangin lamang, kung magtutulungan ang maraming grupo ay sadyang magiging kakaiba ang iyong adhikain.

1. MAGLAKAD O MAG-BIKE SA HALIP NA MAGMANEHO. Ang mga sasakyan ay lumilikha ng polusyon na nag-iwan ng toxic material sa kapaligiran. Kung hindi ka makapaglalahad, sumakay na lang ng bus, MRT o LRT. Kung walang masakyan sa lugar, bumili ng sasakyang e-car o rechargeable.

2. BUMILI NG BERDENG PRODUKTO. Gumamit ng household products na environmentally friendly. Halimbawa, sa halip na gumamit ng chemical-laden cleaners, gumamit na lang ng suka, baking soda, asin at kalamansi. Bumili ng produkto na galing sa biodegradable packaging, at magdala ng reusable bag kapag magshopping para mabawasan ang disposable na mga basura.

3. TANGGALIN sa plug ang chargers at appliances kapag hindi ginagamit. Kahit na ang appliance na hindi ginagamit ay



kumukunsumo pa rin ito ng "standby power." I-plug ang maliit na appliances sa power strip o surge protector at i-off ito kung aalis ka ng bahay.

4. MAG-DONATE. Maraming environmental groups ang nagmamahal sa wildlife at forest conservation at nagpapalakas sa legal na proteksiyon para sa kapaligiran at nangailangan ng donasyon para maipagpatuloy ang sinimulang adhikain.

Kung hindi kayang magdonate ng pera, magboluntaryo na lang at tumulong sa kanilang grupo. Kung may pagkakataon na magboluntaryo, go ahead. At kung wala namang organisasyon sa inyo, ikaw na ang magpasimula. Mag-organisa na ng clean-up drive sa inyong barangay, ang mga estero at ilog ay linisin na para hindi magbara tuwing malakas ang buhos ng ulan.

5. BUMILI NG LOCAL

FOODS. Madalas ang mga pagkain sa grocery stores ay malayo ang pinanggalingan bago nakarating sa eskaparate, ginamitan ng gas at emissions ang naging proseso. Pumili ng pagkain na lokal na pinalaki at pinabunga na hindi ginamitan ng pestisidyo ang lupa. Ang pagkilos na ito ang makatutulong sa iyo upang matulungan ang mga kababayan nating magsasaka maging ang ating kapaligiran.

6. MATUTO AT MAGKAROON NG SAPAT NA EDUKASYON. Makipag-usap sa mga bata hinggil sa sariling pagmamahal sa kapaligiran at hikayatin sila na makibahagi sa iyong mga proyekto. Hikayatin sila na lumikha ng fabric o recycled paper tuwing walang pasok at sabihan sila na pumili ng mga laruan na puwede na nilang ipamigay mula sa natural at non-toxic materials.



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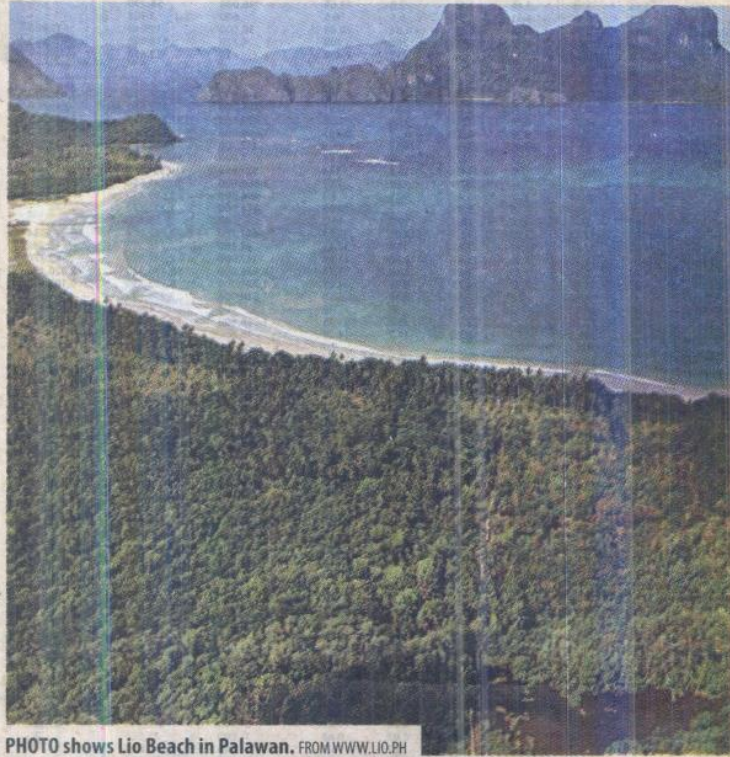


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THE local National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in Palawan is seeking the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) to stop the resort operations of Ten Knots Philippines Inc. (TKPI), a unit of Ayala Land Inc., in El Nido.

This after NCIP-Palawan secured a cease and desist order for the disputed land claimed by the Tagbanua Tandulanen tribes.

The agency said it allowed several signages to be posted along the alleged properties covered by ancestral domains, mainly in Lio Estate, still being developed by Ayala Land and parcels of land were sold to investors.

A cease and desist order was issued to Ten Knots on March 7, but it was only served on May 5, according to NCIP.

Ayala Land developed its Lio Estate in El Nido town, which has its own airport. The closure of the airport, however, was deferred for public interest, the agency said.

"We wish to warn the public that there is an ongoing process on the subdivided lots being sold by TKPI. It would be best that the public wait for the termination of this process for their protection," according to a statement released by Apo Rogelio Manlavi, on behalf of the tribe.

"We thank the NCIP and the local police for their understanding and cooperation, and we hope that this matter would be resolved soon with a view to preserving the ancestral lands of our forefathers for the benefit of future generation of our people. Development benefits from business proponents should never be at the expense of our cultural heritage and identity."

The operation of TKPI,

which involved the Lio Tourism Estate and El Nido Cove Resort in barangays Villa Libertad and Pasadena in El Nido, Palawan was questioned by the Tagbanua Tandulanen indigenous people's community.

In a statement, TKPI said the ongoing developments on Lio Estate, including its exclusive airport, are all titled.

"TKPI was issued a Certificate of Non-Overlap by the NCIP stating that the initial phases of its Lio Estate project are not part of any ancestral domain," the company said, adding that it is cooperating with the NCIP and submitted all the documents it required to resolve the issue.

"TKPI has been in El Nido for 43 years, delivering distinct experiences to its guests that have paved the way for responsible tourism as the brand of Palawan. TKPI's recent real estate offerings are also the benchmark for sustainable estates in the country. TKPI has been recognized repeatedly for strong partnerships with its host communities over all those decades. We hope that this unfortunate event will not diminish the value that TKPI has been bringing to the municipality of El Nido and the province of Palawan.

Meanwhile, Maharani Apo Remedios Cabate-Cabral, Tagbanua tribe chief, said in a statement that the Tagbanuas have traced their roots in Palawan citing historical books and even local and international research.

"Our elders from the Tagbanua Tandulanen IP merely want what is due to our people—the right to be recognized as the guardian and custodian for future generations of our ancestral lands," Cabral said. *VG Cabuag*



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MAGTANONG KAY ATTORNEY

DR. PERSIDA V. RUEDA-ACOSTA
Chief Public Attorney

Dear Chief Acosta,

Ang aking tiyuhin ay kumuha ng permit para putulin ang puno ng niyog sa aming bakuran dahil may sakit ito, ngunit pinapakuha pa diumano siya ng Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) ng sertipikasyon mula sa aming barangay na nagpapatunay na siya ay nagtanim ng puno ng niyog na kapalit sa kanyang mga puputulin. Tama po ba ito?

Reva

Dear Reva,

Para sa inyong kaalaman, ang inyong suliranin ay tinatalakay sa Republic Act No. 10593, amending Republic Act No. 8048 o Coconut Preservation Act of 1995. Nabanggit sa Section 2 ng nasabing batas na:

"Section 2. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 8048 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Permit to Cut. - No coconut tree or trees shall be cut unless a permit therefore, upon due application being made, has been issued by the PCA pursuant to Section 6 of this Act.

xxx

PERMIT SA PAGPUPUTOL NG PUNO

No permit to cut shall be granted unless the applicant has secured from the barangay captain of the locality where the cutting will be done, a certification under oath that he/she has already planted the equivalent number of coconut trees applied for to be cut.xxx" (Binigyang-diin)

Malinaw na nabanggit sa nasabing probisyon ng batas na bago mabigyan ang aplikante ng permit upang makapagputol ng puno ng niyog ay kinakailangan muna niyang makakuha ng certification under oath mula sa barangay captain ng lokalidad kung saan siya magpuputol na siya ay nagtanim na ng mga puno ng niyog katumbas ng bilang ng kanyang mga puputulin.

Sana ay nabigyan namin ng linaw ang inyong katanungan. Ang payong aming ibinigay ay base lamang sa mga impormasyon na inyong inilahad at maaaring magbago kung mababawasan o madaragdagan ang mga detalye ng inyong salaysay.

Maraming salamat sa inyong patuloy na pagtitiwala.

Kung kayo ay may katanungan o nais ihingi ng payong legal, sumulat sa MAGTANONG KAY ATTORNEY ni Percida Acosta, BULGAR Bldg., 538 Quezon Ave., Quezon City o mag-email sa magtanongkayatorni@bulgar.com.ph



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Editorial

Basura ng election

TAPOS na ang election at naghihintay na lamang ng resulta. Pero may naiwan na hindi maganda sa paningin sa mga pinagdausan ng botohan—ang tambak ng basura. Walang makapagsabi kung sino ang maglilinis ng mga basura na kinabibilangan ng mga papel, face mask, plastic cup, straw, at marami pang iba.

Hindi lang sa loob ng school na pinagbotohan nagkalat ang basura kundi pati na sa kalsada na pinilahan ng mga tao. Nagmistulang malawak na basurahan ang bisinidad ng voting centers. Wala nang nagpaalala sa mga botante na huwag iwanan ang mga kodigo nila at ang mga plastic ng inumin. Nawalan na ng disiplina.

Tiyak na problema kung sino ang maglilinis. At wala namang ibang kikilos dito kundi ang mga guro na namahala rin sa botohan. Kawawa naman sila. Sana atasan ng Comelec ang mga kandidato na magkusang tumulong sa paglilinis dahil sangkot sila sa pagdami ng basura. Sila ang dapat na unang obligahin. Sana may magkusang kandidato.

Basura ang dahilan kaya laging bumabaha partikular sa Metro Manila. Ilang dekada na ang problemang ito subalit hanggang ngayon, problema pa rin at mas malala dahil kaunting ulan, baha agad.

Inamin na noon ng Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) na mga basura ang dahilan nang pagbaha na karamihan ay pawang plastic na hindi nabubulok. Hindi raw kaya ng pumping stations na pabilisin ang paglit ng baha dahil sa mga basurang plastic. Ngayong malapit na ang tag-ulan, tiyak na baha na naman ang kalaban sa Metro Manila at kung hindi malilinis ang mga basura sa nagdaang election, problemang malaki. Ngayong may pandemya, nadagdag ang mga ginamit na face masks, face shields sa mga basura.

Noong nakaraang Marso 2, lumahok ang Pilipinas at iba pang bansa sa UN resolution para wakasan ang plastic pollutoin. Naganap ang historic resolution sa UN Enviromental Assemby sa Nairobi, Kenya. Sa resolution, ipinaliwanag ang full life cycle ng plastic products—mula sa produksiyon at design disposal ng mga ito. Inaasahan na ang resolution ang magwawakas sa problema sa plastic pollution sa buong mundo.

Ipagpatuloy naman ng MMDA ang regular na paglilinis o declogging sa drainages at maging sa mga estero. Maraming nakabara at dapat maalis ang mga iyon. Ipag-utos naman ng Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) sa mga kapitan ng barangay na paigtingin ang pagbabantay sa mga magtatapon ng basura sa mga kanal, estero, sapa at imbumal. Tiyak na ang basura ng election ay hahantong sa mga daluyan ng tubig.



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Clean up your mess!

Now that the campaign is over, can we please ask the candidates to clean up their mess in terms of posters and tarpaulins and other campaign paraphernalia that they distributed and posted here, there and everywhere?

The people you hired to put up your posters and tarps, hire them again to take them down. Those who lost in the election will probably not be inclined to clean up their mess – bakit pa? natalo na nga eh! – but isn't that what a true public servant – which you sought to be when you became a candidate – should do? Be a gracious – and responsible – loser, and maybe next time around people will remember your statesman-like behavior and vote you in.

The winners should all the more do the responsible thing and clean up. And while you're at it, clean up ALL the mess – yours and your rivals' plus those of the people running for other positions. Now is the time to show your true worth as a leader and public servant. Let your first act as public official-elect (or reelect) be one for the community and the environment.

Last Sunday, the day after the official campaign period ended and the day before election day, I passed a truck filled with campaign tarps and a man taking down posters tacked on to trees and posts by the roadside and even hanging on wires and tree branches. He wasn't in any sort of uniform and the truck bore no markings so I don't know if that was an effort of the local government or of

a candidate or simply someone tired of being greeted by the unsightly sight of candidates' faces plastered all over the fences along our streets – visual pollution at its worst!

The Comelec is still going to come up with a resolution asking candidates to clean up their mess; who knows how long that will take as the Comelec will certainly be busy canvassing the votes and addressing complaints of broken vote counting machines (seems like there were a lot of those) and other postelection issues.

Candidates should "do the right thing" on their own initiative and not wait for the Comelec to order (although Comelec said they cannot compel candidates to do so as there is no law covering that) them to act.

And this time, candidates who do get around to having their supporters clean up their campaign mess can have them proudly wear shirts bearing the names and even faces of the candidates. This form of post-election campaign will be most welcome.

The climate crisis and environmental concerns would be on top of the incoming officials' agenda. Typhoon season is coming around, and if the first typhoon of the year, Agaton, is any indication, storms are going to be fierce. So please, take this first step in your term and do proper clean-up. You owe it to those who voted for you, and to the public you will be sworn in to serve.

- WILLIAM NOEL TAN, San Juan City



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Pinoy ocean expert vies for CLCS post

THE United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was adopted in 1982 to define coastal and maritime boundaries and regulate seabed exploration not within territorial claims. The UNCLOS lays down a comprehensive regime of law and order in the world's oceans and seas, establishing rules governing all uses of the oceans and their resources.

The Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) is an international institution created by the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to facilitate the implementation of the Convention regarding the establishment of a line delineating the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the extent of the territorial sea is measured.

The Commission considers the submissions made by coastal states concerning the outer limits of their continental shelf extended beyond 200 nautical miles from baselines and makes recommendations based on the scientific and technical data provided by the coastal state. Its members serve in their personal capacities and are elected for a term of five years.

The CLCS has 21 members who are experts in the field of geology, geophysics, or hydrography. On June 13 this year, the body will elect new members to take the post of the 20 CLCS members with expiring term of office.

The Philippines has nominated Filipino ocean governance expert Efren Carandang as member of the CLCS for 2023 to 2028. Currently serving as the Deputy Administrator of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), Carandang was part of the core team that developed the country's April 2009 submission for the 13-million-hectare Philippine Rise, formerly known as the Benham Rise, which had been recognized by the UN body in 2012. The Philippine Rise is an underwater plateau located near Aurora, which is larger than Luzon, the country's biggest island.

Apart from his success in adding 135,506 square kilometers of seabed area in the Philippine Rise, Carandang also helped provide key technical assistance in the conduct of negotiations with neighboring coastal states for the delimitation of overlapping maritime boundaries, which was instrumental to the success of the negotiations that resulted in the settlement of the Philippine maritime boundaries with Indonesia.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. hailed Carandang as the Philippines' foremost authority on the technical intricacies of the law of the sea. "His stellar career of 38 years is marked by tested strategic planning and management skills, expert knowledge in the use of advanced tools and technologies, and deep, extensive experience in hydrography and understanding of its ramifications in international maritime law," Locsin said in a statement. "Should Efren be elected, he will dedicate his skills and experience to hasten the consideration of coastal states' submissions on their continental shelves. He will share his management skills to help the CLCS overcome its operational challenges and thereby improve its performance."

Locsin said the NAMRIA executive's service to the UN body would be "consistent with his advocacy for the full and consistent application of international law, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, particularly on the determination of maritime entitlements, delineation of maritime zones, and delimitation of international maritime boundaries."

The function of the CLCS is to consider the scientific and technical data submitted by coastal states seeking to establish the outer limits of their continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, and to make recommendations. Carandang is an expert on archipelagic baselines. If elected to the UN body, Carandang would be the first Filipino CLCS member, a milestone for the Philippines as an archipelagic state.

More than 109 million Filipinos are behind Carandang in his quest for a CLCS post, and praying for his success.

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PH Covid-19 cases daily average for May 2-8 down to 161

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor May 9, 2022, 4:53 pm



MANILA – The country's daily average Covid-19 cases went down to 161 on May 2 to 8, or 20 percent lower than the previous week, the Department of Health (DOH) reported Monday.

Cases averaged 200 per day from April 25 to May 1.

In its latest case bulletin, the DOH said there are 1,124 new cases of the coronavirus and 42 verified deaths in the recent week.

For the same period, 14 cases were added to the tally of severe and critical infections, now 611.

Only 16.8 percent or 474 out of the 2,817 intensive care unit (ICU) beds are in use, while 15.4 percent or 3,664 out of 23,818 non-ICU beds are utilized.

To date, about 68 million or 76.04 percent of the country's target population (90,005,357) are vaccinated against Covid-19, including 77.12 percent of 8,721,357 senior citizens.

As of May 1, a total of 13,454,867 have booster shots out of the total 68,437,798 who are fully vaccinated. **(PNA)**



152 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 naitala ng DOH

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MANILA, Philippines — Nasa 152 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 na lamang ang naitala ng Department of Health (DOH) sa buong Pilipinas nitong Mayo 8.

Base sa datos na nakalap mula sa DOH, sinabi ni Dr. Guido David, ng OCTA Research Group, na ang naturang bilang ay mas mababa sa kanilang forecast na 190 cases.

Isa pang magandang balita ay nakapagtala rin ang bansa ng zero COVID-19 deaths habang 349 naman ang naiulat na bagong COVID-19 recoveries.

Sa kabuuan, mayroon nang 3,687,018 ang total COVID-19 cases sa bansa at sa nasabing bilang ay 4,106 na lamang ang aktibong kaso o nagpapagaling pa mula sa karamdaman.

Nasa 60,439 naman na ang total COVID-19 deaths sa bansa habang 3,622,473 na ang total COVID-19 recoveries.

Sinabi ni David na nasa 1.2% na lamang ang nationwide positivity rate at 45 naman ang bagong kaso ng sakit na naitala sa National Capital Region (NCR) kaya't posibleng umabot sa 130 ang mga bagong kaso ng sakit na maitatala ng DOH sa bansa ngayong araw.



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(as of May 8, 2022)

15.4%
Non-ICU Bed Utilization
3,664 out of 23,818
non-ICU beds used

16.8%
ICU Bed Utilization
474 out of 2,817
ICU beds used

611
Severe and Critical Admissions
11.9% of total
COVID-19 admissions

Vaccination Accomplishment

(as of May 8, 2022)

76.04%
% Coverage of Target Population*

77.12%
% Coverage of Target A2 Population**

68,437,798
Fully Vaccinated Individuals
+526,334 vaccinated on May 2 to May 8
13,454,867
Individuals with Booster/Additional Dose
+223,224 vaccinated on May 2 to May 8

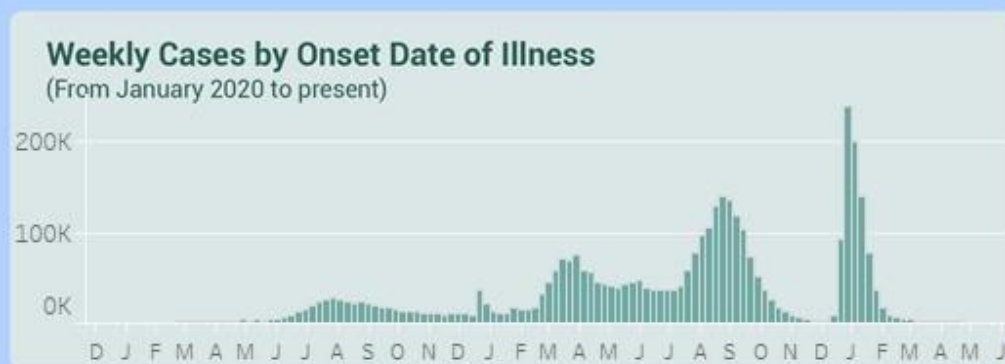
(added on May 2 to May 8)



COVID-19 Cases

(as of May 8, 2022)

+1,124
New Cases
Daily Average Cases = 161
(20% lower than cases on Apr 25 to May 1)
+14
Severe and Critical Cases
(1.33% of new cases)
+42
Deaths Verified During The Past Week
(8 deaths occurred on Apr 25 to May 8)



*Target population refers to 80% of the total population (90,005,357 individuals)
**Target A2 population refers to 85% of the total Senior Citizen population (8,721,357 individuals)

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