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Armed men 'invade' Masungi conservation site

More than 30 armed men have encamped at the Masungi conservation site in Rizal allegedly planning to "take over huge tracts of land in the protected area."

The group of men reportedly belongs to Sinagtala security agency.

In a Facebook post on Saturday, the Masungi Georeserve described the move as an "invasion."

"They are planning to take over vast tracts of land in the protected area to sell them to third parties," the management said.

The management called on the Departments of the Inte-

rior and Local Government and Environment and Natural Resources as well as the Philippine National Police to take immediate action.

"The area is part of Masungi's conservation site, the Kaliwa Watershed protected area, and has been legally titled to the Philippine government since the 1950s," Masungi Georeserve said.

Lt. Col. Eunice de Guzman, spokesperson for the Provincial Police Office 4, said they deployed some personnel yesterday to look into the report.

- Ralph Edwin Villanueva



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Armed men seen encamped in Masungi Georeserve

STORY BY FRANCES MANGOSING AND ABBY BOISER

Security personnel plan to take over big tracts of land in protected area, according to foundation tasked to oversee and reforest the critical habitat in Rizal province. But police claim seeing no one at the site.

**By Frances Mangosing
and Abby Boiser**
@Team_Inquirer

More than 30 armed men have been encamped since last week on the roadside of the Marikina-Infanta Highway within the vicinity of the protected Masungi conservation site, according to its administrators.

The Masungi Georeserve Foundation, which on Sunday described their presence as an "invasion," said in a statement that the men reportedly associated with Sinagtala Security Agency Services had arrived with the intention of taking over huge tracts of land in the protected area.

The security personnel's camps are along the road between the Kaliwa Watershed and the Marikina Watershed, which are protected and reforested by the Masungi Georeserve Foundation under an agreement with the government.

According foundation co-founder Ann Adeline Dumaliang, the group was flagrantly violating the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act 1992 as well as committing trespassing and forcible entry in broad daylight along a national highway.

While filing a complaint is an option for the foundation, Dumaliang said quick action by the government agencies was crucial to prevent degradation in the area.

'Shady business'

The security men refused to disclose their names and contact details. "If this is not shady business, there is no need to obstruct the verification process by withholding even basic information and avoiding accountability," the foundation said.

Masungi's conservation site has been legally titled to the Philippines since the 1950s.

"It is being conserved and reforested by our team under an agreement with the government. This is a critical area for the wildlife sanctu-



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ary and the consequences of losing this area once again will set back forest protection and [will] be a huge injustice to Filipinos," Masungi Georeserve said.

The foundation urged the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as well as the Philippine National Police "to take immediate action... and to stop this

ongoing invasion, and remove the invaders."

Billie Dumaliang, the site management's advocacy officer and trustee, said the DENR had told them a report has been forwarded to "appropriate offices for immediate action."

Lt. Col. Eunice de Guzman, PNP-Calabarzon spokesperson, told the Inquirer that police and Army soldiers were deployed on Sunday morning but they saw nothing.

"We've received reports that there were armed men there but the troops did not see anything during the patrol," she said.

But Ann Dumaliang, who is also Masungi Georeserve project manager, insisted that the armed men were still in the area as of 4:22 p.m. on Sunday.

"Did they search for them? Naturally, sometimes and especially after the postings [on social media], the firearms would not be immediately visible," she told the Inquirer.

Sinagtala's hired men supposedly claimed to hold a survey plan named after a certain Beatriz Sonquival, and signed by a director of the DENR regional office in 2003.

"Obviously, a mere survey plan is not a proof of ownership," Masungi Georeserve said.

Records showed that Sonquival was already issued an eviction notice by the DENR in 2016.

Security agencies must provide proof of ownership over the property to be secured in any security service.

agreements, as required under the implementing rules of Republic Act No. 5487, the Private Security Agency Law, and the rules of the Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies.

A certain "Major Laino/Layno," a supposed retired military official from Cagayan and Mindanao, also claimed that he had a title to the land and had long been in the area, but failed to show it when asked, Masungi Georeserve said.

'Critical area'

"He also denies knowing any of the 30 people on the illegal encampment despite some of them saying that they are working for him," it added.

Asked to comment, a Sinagtala official said he was too busy to answer the Inquirer's questions, adding that he could talk only tomorrow (Monday) morning.

Masungi Georeserve is an award-winning conservation initiative and tourist destination located in Baras town, Rizal province.

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The conservation area—a 400-hectare land home to endangered flora and fauna as well as the 60-million-year-old limestone pinnacle karst and other rock formations—had seen several land grabbing attempts due to its resources for mining and other money-making ventures.

The site has since been expanded to include the restoration of about 3,000 ha of degraded forests in partnership with the national government.

Conflicts, threats

It was declared a protected area in 2011. However, private settlements and establishments had already been set up there, which led to several conflicts within the watershed.

Just last year, two stationed forest rangers were shot by unidentified assailants, just over a week after the DILG recommended the filing of criminal and administrative charges against a government official and private entities for violation of environmental laws.

Prior to the assault, Masungi's forest rangers had received threats for reporting illegal activities in the watershed.

Last February, seven forest rangers were eating at a food stall when around 30 people ganged up on them, causing two rangers to be hospitalized.

The suspects were believed to be working for owners of allegedly illegal resorts in that area. —WITH A REPORT

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Masungi seeks gov't protection amid land-grabbing mess

BY VICTOR REYES

THE management of the Masungi Georeserve in Baras, Rizal has sought the assistance of government agencies amid the alleged harassment and land-grabbing attempts of a private company.

In its Facebook page on Saturday night, the Masungi Georeserve urged the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the PNP "to take immediate action to enforce the laws and mandates they are sworn to uphold, stop this ongoing invasion, and remove the invaders."

"This is a critical area for the wildlife sanctuary and the consequences of losing this area once again will set back forest protection and be a huge injustice to Filipinos. Sinagtala and their dubious associates should leave the premises once and for all," it added.

The management was referring to the Sinagtala security agency, which it said had dispatched security guards to gather and camp outside of the reserved area since last week.

"They reportedly plan to take over huge tracts of land in the protected area and are selling them to third-parties. Let's be clear: This is an invasion," Masungi said.

The social media post alleged that some 30 security guards have encamped outside the Masungi Georeserve in Baras, Rizal.

But Calabarzon regional police office spokeswoman Lt. Col. Eunice de Guzman said the reported security guards were no longer in the area as of yesterday afternoon.

Masungi said Sinagtala claims it has a survey plan under the name of one Beatriz Sonquival that was reportedly signed by DENR regional office in the early 2000s.

It said that, "obviously, a mere survey plan is not a proof of

ownership."

Masungi said a certain Major Laino or Major Layno from Mindanao, who was supposedly with the group of security guards, had said that he has a title for the property and has been in the area since 2010.

"When asked to show this title, he failed to show anything. He also denies knowing any of the 30 people on the illegal encampment despite some of them saying that they are working for him. He claims to be a retired military official," Masungi said.

"For the record, the hired security men all also refuse to disclose any details such as their names and contact details so that we might check the legitimacy of their claims and arrangements," added Masungi.

Masungi said the security guards would not obstruct the verification process and withhold basic information "if this is not a shady business."

It insisted that the area is "legally titled" to the government since the 1950s. "It is being conserved and reforested by our team under an agreement with government," it said.

De Guzman said the PNP regional police office received information about the Masungi complaint yesterday morning, with the number of security men encamping outside the gates allegedly even reaching 70.

De Guzman said the Rizal provincial official sent men to the area after initially receiving the information at around 10:30 a.m. yesterday and saw no security guards in the area. Another team was dispatched to check the vicinity at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

"They (Rizal provincial police office) reported there are no security guards (in that area). They already checked the area, both Army and PNP. They didn't see any (security guard)," she said.



Masungi sa DILG, DENR, PNP: Pagkubkob sa protected area sa Tanay pigilan

NAGPAPASAKLOLO ang Masungi Foundation sa pamamagitan ng liham sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of the Interior and Local Government at Philippine National Police na pigilan ang mga armadong kalalakihan na pumasok at binarikadahan pa ang lupaing sakop ng kanilang protection area sa Tanay, Rizal.

Ayon kay, Anne Dumaliang, ng National Geographic Explorer and trustee, Masungi Georeserve Foundation, nito lamang Setyembre nang simulang postehan ng mga armadong grupo na nagpakilala mula sa Sinagtala Agency ang bahagi ng conservation area sa Km 48 ng Marikina-Infanta Highway.

Dahil dito, hinihiling ng mga nangagasiwa ng Masungi Foundation, na agad na aksiyunan ng pamahalaan, partikular ng DENR, DILG, at PNP para mapigilan agad ang pananakop sa nasabing protected area.

Aniya, base sa mga karanasan nila sa mga nakalipas na mga taon, ang modus na ginagamit ng mga land grabber ay magdala ng maraming tao at security agency para ma-take over ang isang lugar sa pamamagitan ng puwersahan at pagkatapos ay binebenta.

"Kung hahayaan natin silang sakupin ang lugar, isa iyong malaking kawalan sa Masungi wildlife sanctuary at sa bansa. Ang lugar ay bahagi ng Masungi conservation area, Kaliwa watershed pro-

ected area, at titulado sa Republika ng Pilipinas simula pa noong 1950's," pahayag ni Dumaliang.

Nangangamba umano ang Masungi na posibleng ibenta sa isang third party o pribadong indibidwal ang conservation area na ipinagbabawal ng batas.

Alinsunod sa National Integrated Protected Areas System Act 1992, mahigpit na ipinagbabawal ang pagpasok o pagtatayo ng anumang istraktura sa conservation site na deklarado ng pamahalaan.

"Kung ano ang magiging aksyon ng gobyerno dito ay magiging takda kung gaano tayo kaseryoso sa pagtanggol ng yamang-likas ng Pilipinas," dagdag pa ng managing trustee ng Masungi.

JAN SINOCRUZ



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Cimatu tapped to lead rehab of Cebu City waterways

By CALVIN D. CORDOVA

CEBU CITY – Former environment secretary Roy Cimatu will lead efforts to rehabilitate rivers in this city.

Cimatu said he is hoping he will be able to replicate in Cebu what he did in Boracay, Marikina River, and Cagayan River when he was environment secretary.

“Cebu City is much bigger. It will be very difficult,” Cimatu said in a press briefing on Sept. 15.

He was appointed by Mayor Michael Rama as the city’s “DENR-like secretary.”

Cimatu will also be involved in the city’s Task Force Gubat sa Baha (War on Flood).

Illegal structures blocking waterways have been blamed for the heavy flooding here recently.

Cimatu said part of the task force’s goals is to dredge and clear the rivers from illegal structures which include commercial establishments and dwellings of informal settlers.

“If there are illegal structures there, then they are violating the law. We are going to look into that. We will clear it,” Cimatu said.

Cimatu urged owners of illegal structures to “self-demolish.”

“I know that they know that there is a law on easement. I suggest na (that) they have to self-demolish already,” Cimatu added.

He said the problem on flooding will not be solved overnight but at least the city has started to address the problem.

“Maybe we can do it in several years. It is a challenge really, but with your cooperation we will probably be able to do it,” said Cimatu.



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Anti-plastic pollution warrior chosen as Magsaysay awardee

A French environmental activist was chosen as one of the youngest laureates at the Ramon Magsaysay Awards, Asia's version of the Nobel Peace Prize, for his "crazy idea" to clean up rivers and expose plastic pollution through creative social media content.

Calling himself "one guy with a dream," Gary Benchehib said he started coming up with creative content to spread awareness about plastic pollution.

He was chosen by the foundation as an "Award-

ee" for Emergent Leadership.

"There's no limit to age. You can be as young and old as you want. Our work has shown everybody can make a change. It just needs some thinking crazy," Benchehib said. "The more we think crazy, the more change will happen. Sometimes, it's believing in yourself enough."

Among the "crazy" videos he made was one documenting his brother Sam running across the American continent wear-

ing recycled plastic shoes, and filming Rob Greenfield wearing every piece of trash he disposed of for 30 days.

Benchehib also filmed himself in 2017 canoeing on the trash-choked Citarum River using a kayak made of plastic bottles.

His gimmick earned him a meeting with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, who launched a seven-year rehabilitation program for the river, which is known as one of the world's most polluted.

- Marc Jayson Cayabyab



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A big win for Asia's 'zero waste' advocates

IN 2015, the *Science* international journal published the article "Marine Pollution. Plastic waste inputs from land into the ocean." The paper ranked 192 coastal countries according to estimates of how much plastic waste they each leaked into the sea. The five top contributors were identified as China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The US-based Ocean Conservancy picked up from where the research paper left and published a report titled "Stemming the Tide." This report was to become highly influential, setting the agenda for dealing with plastic waste. It focused on the five countries and recommended incineration, waste-to-energy and other technologies to prevent plastic from ending up in the ocean.

Hundreds of NGOs, community-based organizations and prominent individuals wrote an open letter to the Ocean Conservancy, protesting the premise, findings and recommendations of "Stemming the Tide." They were appalled by the report's failure to notice the communities and people who were working on the ground, failure to acknowledge their contributions to solving the plastic waste problem, and fatal failure to see that the real problem is not that plastic becomes marine litter but that there is simply too much of it and it is mostly being pushed by big corporations based in rich countries. "The authors of this report are seemingly resigned to the rapid expansion of global plastics production," the open letter stated. "This mindset will certainly allow for more creation of waste, but we simply refuse to buy into this kind of thinking."

Seven years later the Ocean Conservancy took the unprecedented step of retracting "Stemming the Tide" and issuing a public apology. The organization recognized



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not only that it had been wrong, but that its erroneous assumptions and recommendations had caused harm to communities, organizations and to the environment. I'm talking about real harm, not simply hurt feelings — because governments used the report's endorsement of incineration and waste-to-energy to approve and fund such facilities, at the expense of waste minimization, segregation and recycling systems.

Aside from retracting the report and apologizing, Ocean Conservancy reached out to the groups and individuals that had signed the open letter. The Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) Asia Pacific on September 14 announced that the "first step of a restorative justice process" with Ocean Conservancy has been concluded, after months of consultations and dialogue.

For now, Ocean Conservancy and the wide network of NGOs and community-based organizations that GAIA represents have agreed to prioritize "plastic reduction policies," move "resources to zero waste solutions" and denounce incineration, waste-to-energy, chemical recycling and other models that usually entail investment in expensive foreign technology and equipment.

GAIA sees the development as a "historic leap in the fight against waste colonialism." The humility shown by Ocean Conservancy is commendable. One can only guess how difficult, painful likely, the retraction process must have been.

This, of course, is just the beginning of the Ocean Conservancy's and the zero waste movement's



■ The shore has turned into a quicksand-like texture from the amount of smashed bits of plastic scattered around the bay area after Typhoon 'Yagi', locally known as 'Karding', battered Metro Manila and nearby provinces in August 2018. PHOTO BY JM SAGUM/GREENPEACE

working together towards a cleaner and safer world. It inspires hope that a meaningful Global Plastic Treaty will indeed be possible. Governments that embarked on the path laid out by the "Stemming the Tide" report should take note of these developments, the retraction of conclusions and recommendations, and the new focus on reducing production of plastic. Plastic, single-use plastic in particular, has become a liability.

Poland the safe haven

I was fortunate to be invited to the launch of the 25th Cine Europa at SM Seaside City Cebu. Thirty movies from 15 European Union member countries are showing for free at the mall until October 30.

Among the important personalities present at the launch were Jaroslaw Roman Szczepankiewicz and Anna Krzak-Danel, *chargé d'affaires* and deputy head of mission, respectively, of Poland's embassy in the Philippines. It was an opportunity for me to express my admiration for Poland's — its government and people — for welcoming millions of Ukrainian

refugees since February when Russian President Vladimir Putin launched his military assault on Ukraine. Some 6 million refugees have entered Poland since then, with about 2 million currently staying in the country. Considering that Poland's population is 38 million, the relative volume of refugees passing through or staying is considerable. For now, refugee camps have been avoided as the Ukrainians who cannot afford to rent have been welcomed by local families. Children have access to free education, and adults are helped to find jobs. Of course, at this point, after more than six months of war, local host communities and families feel that their own resources are running out. As a result of the war, Poland is suffering from one of the highest inflation rates in Europe affecting people's disposable incomes.

The Ukrainians' determination to fight for their country should serve as an inspiration to other smaller nations that are being bullied by larger ones, Mr. Szczepankiewicz pointed out — the Philippines included. *Korek ka diyen*, Mr. *Chargé d'Affaires*.



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₱15-B investments seen from zero waste roadmap

Successful implementation of the strategies and roadmap towards the achievement of Zero Waste To Nature (ZWTN) 2030 could generate ₱15.1 billion infrastructure investments, creation of 4,000 new green jobs and ₱5.2 billion income for the informal sector.

This was estimated by the Philippine Alliance for Recycling and Materials Sustainability (PARMS) together with the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector members in their "Rigid and Flexible Packaging Applications" its Strategy and Roadmap 2021-2030.

The groups are preparing for the implementation of the recently passed Republic Act 11898 or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022 in the country, which underlines the important role of EPR systems as a practical approach to waste management, focusing on waste reduction, recovery and diversion, and the development of environment-friendly products.

Compared to proposed plastic taxes, the groups said that EPR fees are meant to be spent precisely for diversion and circularity. Whereas taxes go to the central budgets and are spent in line with general government considerations like paying public servants, building infrastructure, and the like.

The Roadmap presented a model showing that with the successful implementation of identified strategies, the ZWTN 2030 is feasible for all plastic packaging structures. The model showed benefits to investment, labor and employment.

But to meet the targets for diversion capacity by 2030 in the packaging applications, the roadmap showed an estimated ₱15.1 billion infrastructure investment for new recycling and waste diversion facilities.

The operation of these facilities will directly create 4,000 new "green jobs" while EPR fees to support waste recovery will generate approximately ₱5.2 billion of annual additional income for the informal waste sector and Barangay Material Recovery Facilities.

A diversion rate of 20 percent can be achieved in 2022 or upon operationalization of the EPR scheme and other enabling policies. The diversion rate can be progressively increased by 10 percent each year to reach 100 percent by 2030 as the other strategies are phased in, driving waste recovery and diversion across the country. (Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat)



Mayor Honey, nanguna sa 37th International Coastal Clean-up

NANGUNA si Manila Mayor Honey Lacuna sa 37th International Coastal Clean-up activity sa Baseco Beach nitong weekend, nang may panawagan sa lahat ng mga barangay officials na tumulong na maghingi ng kalinisan sa isipan ng kanilang mga residente ang kahalagahan ng disiplina sa pagtatapon ng basura at nang mahinto na ang polusyon sa ating mga katubigan.

Pinasalamatang kumakatawan sa kanyang mga katao, si Alkalde ng Maynila ang pagtulong at pagtutulong sa ginhawa ng ating mga katubigan.

nawa ni Department of Public Services officer-in-charge Kayle Nicole Amurao, barangay officials, Team Mandaragat, Baseco Beach Warriors at Estero Rangers dahil sa patuloy nilang pagpapakita ng malasakit sa pagpapanatili ng kalinisan sa mga baybayin at ilog na nasa hurisdiksyon ng lungsod ng Maynila.

Sa kanyang munting mensahe bago nagsimula ang cleanup, sinabi ng iba pang mga alkalde na ang yearly cleanup activity ay nagsimula noong 1986 o 37

taon na ang nakakaraan. Pero ang malungkot sa kabila ng mga pagsisikap na maisalpa ang mga katubigan hindi lamang sa bahagi ng Maynila kundi maging sa ibang lungsod, ang polusyon ay nananatili.

“Ang pangunahing dahilan ng polusyon sa tubig ay pawang disiplina ng sangkatauhan. Kaya’t kailangan nitong paglilinis natin ngayong umaga ay ang panawagan natin sa lahat ng mamamayan di lamang sa ating mga katubigan kundi sa lahat ng taong bayan na ayusing mabuti ang pagtatatapon ng kani-kanilang basura araw-araw,” sabi ni Lacuna.

Sa nasabing okasyon, panawagan din si Lacuna sa lahat ng mga opisyal ng 896 barangays sa lungsod ng Maynila na palagiang paalalahanan ang kanilang mga nasasakupan nang suportang mabuti sa pangangalaga ng kapaligiran.

Partikular na binanggit din ni Lacuna ang dedikasyon at sakripisyo ng mga kawani ng DPS na lumulusong sa marumi at mabahong mga ilog, sapa at imburnal para lamang mangolekta ng basura para hindi magbaha sa drainages at upang maiwasan ang mga pagbabaha sa lungsod.

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Navotas nakibahagi sa International Coastal Cleanup Day

SA selebrasyon ng International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day 2022, nagdaos ang Navotas ng tuloy-tuloy na clean-up drives sa Barangays Bagumbayan North, Tangos North at Tangos South, at Tanza Marine Tree Park.

Mahigit 150 indibidwal ang lumahok, kabilang ang mga kawani mula sa lokal na pamahalaan, mga ahensya ng national government, barangay officials at staff, mga mag-aaral, guro, at mga kawani ng mga pribadong institusyon.

Hinimok ni Mayor John Rey Tiangco ang mga nagsilahok na magsagawa ng coastal clean-up bilang kasanayan.

"Navotas is surrounded by bodies of water and many Navoteños live on

fishing and other fishing-related activities. It is then our duty to keep our coastal areas clean to maintain the ecosystem in these waters and sustain a healthy aquatic environment," anang alkalde.

"Keeping our environment clean should not only be done as part of events such as the International Coastal Cleanup Day, but should be part of our lifestyle," dagdag ni Tiangco.

Karamihan sa mga nakolektang basura ay mga plastic cups, botelya at pinaglagyan ng shampoo, styrofoam materials, at iba pa.

Ang mga Volunteers ay kailangan magsumite ng volunteer ocean trash data form upang itala ang mga napulot sa ginanap na aktibidad. (Beth Samson)



PINAKITA ni Mayor John Rey Tiangco kung gaano karaming basura ang nakuha sa coastal area ng lungsod. (Beth Samson)



Cavite joins int'l coastal cleanup drive

By DENNIS ABRINA

NOVELETA, Cavite — More than 1,000 Caviteños gathered together at different clean-up sites in the province to participate and unite in the International Coastal Cleanup or ICC on Saturday, September 17, 2022 with this year's theme: "Fighting for Trash Free Seas - Pilipinas: Ending the Flow of Trash at the source".

The local leaders of the province cleaned up the coastal towns and cities while the leaders of the midland and upland towns and cities also cleaned up their rivers and environment as part of their efforts to fight dengue.

In Bacoor City, Mayor Edwin 'Strike' Revilla led the cleanup drive in Barangay Sinaguelasan together with employees of the local government in cooperation

with the local police, local fire bureau, coast guard and non-government organizations.

The local government of Kawit, led by Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo and joined by the Kawit MENRO and MDRRMO as well as staff members from various government agencies cleaned the riverbanks in Brgy. Pulvorista.

In Noveleta town, Mayor Dino Chua accompanied France Ambassador Michèle Bocoz in cleaning the shore of Barangay San Rafael 3 and San Rafael 4 together with the employees of the local government, representatives from the Local Disaster and Risk Reduction and Management Office employees led by Jeg Alix and the Local Environment and Natural

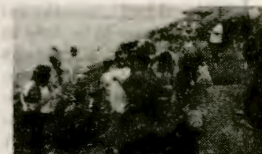
Resources Office.

The City Government of Imus under Mayor Alex Advincula and hundreds of volunteers united in celebrating the 2022 International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day by cleaning the rivers, particularly the open canals of the area.

In General Trias City, Mayor Luis 'Jon-Jon' Ferrer IV, Vice Mayor Jonas Labuguen, City Environment and Natural Resources Office head Dr. Renato Escurel led the cleaning of the stretch of Ilang Ilang river.

In Tanza town, Mayor Yuri Pacumio and Vice Mayor Simon Matro and Councilors lead the cleaning of the the shore in Barangay Julungan with hundreds of volunteers together with the youth sectors

ICC Day is commemo-



Hundreds of volunteers clean up the shore along Barangay San Rafael 3 in Noveleta, Cavite as they participate in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Sayon Saturday, September 17, 2022 with this year's theme: "Fighting for Trash Free Seas - Pilipinas: Ending the Flow of Trash at the source".
Photo by DENNIS ABRINA

rated in the country every third Saturday of the month of September, in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 470 of the year 2003.



1K sako ng basura nahakot sa Manila Bay

MAHIGIT 1,000 sako ng basura ang nahakot ng daan-daang volunteers sa isinagawang 37th International Coastal Clean-Up Day sa baybayin ng Manila Bay kabilang sa Dolomite Beach sa Roxas Blvd., Maynila.

Kabilang sa mga nahakot ng mga volunteer mula sa mga non-government organizations at ahensya ng pamahalaan ang mga plastic sachet ng iba't ibang produkto, tsinelas, plastic bags at iba pang hindi nabubulok na basura.

Nabatid sa Philippine Coast Guard, nag-umpisa ang coastal clean-up, alas-6:00 ng umaga at nagtapos ng alas-9:00 ng umaga.

Lumahok rin sa clean-up drive sa mga baybayin ng tatlong barangay sa Navotas City na nilahukan ng 150 volunteers.

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Dolomite beach sa Manila bay natabunan na ng basura

LIBU-LIBONG sakò ng mga basura ang nakolekta ng Philippine Coast Guard sa Manila Bay, kabilang na ang Manila Dolomite Beach.

Matapos ang isinagawang International Coastal Clean-up Day sa naturang lugar mula 6:00 ng umaga hanggang 9:00 ng umaga noong Sabado, September 17, 2022.

Sa isang statement, sinabi ng PCG na nasa mahigit 1,000 sako ng mga waste materials ang nakolekta ng nasa 310 na mga indibidwal na nakiisa sa naturang aktibidad.

Ayon sa ilang volunteer, layunin ng naturang cleanup drive ang makatulong na pagandahin ang mga coastal area sa Manila upang mas lalo pa itog maging atraksyon sa mga turista at iba pang bisita.

Samantala, nakiisa rin bilang mga volunteer ang ilang indibidwal mula sa iba't-ibang ahensya ng gobyerno at gayundin ng ilang residente ng lungsod ng Maynila.



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Higit 1K sako ng basura nahakot sa Manila Bay

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NATABUNAN ng tone-toneladang basura ang Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay. Sa World Cleanup Day, tulong-tulong na nilinis ng mga volunteer at ng mga miyembro ng iba't ibang ahensiya ng pamahalaan ang controversial beach na ginastusan ng halos isang bilyong piso ng nagdaang administrasyon. Araw-araw ay daan-daang sako ng basura ang nakokolekta sa lugar, katabi ng US Embassy. Nangyayari ito kapag malakas ang hanging Habagat.
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LAZY SUNDAY Visitors relax under umbrellas at the Manila Bay dolomite beach on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. PHOTO BY MIKE ALQUINTO



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GOODBYE, COVID-19, PERO MAG-INGAT PA RIN LAHAT

PAREHO ang World Health Organization at ang ating Department of Health sa pagsasabing malapit nang matapos ang pandemyang nilikha ng coronavirus disease-19.

Ngunit pareho rin ang WHO at DOH sa pagsasabing mag-ingat pa rin tayo nang todo laban sa nakasasakit at nakamatay na COVID-19.

Ito'y dahil wala pang makapagsasabi kung kailan talaga magwawakas ito.

Kaya naman, nariryan pa rin ang pagpapairal ng mga batayang patakaran sa pagsusuot ng face mask, social distancing at iba pa.

Sa pinakahuling balita mula sa DOH at sa Palasyo, sapilitan pa rin ang pagsusuot ng face mask sa loob ng mga opisina ng gobyerno, gayundin sa mga lugar na sarado at pinagkukumpulan ng mga tao gaya ng mga mall at pampublikong sasakyan.

Hindi na nga lang sapilitan ang pagsusuot ng face mask sa mga open space gaya ng mga labas ng bahay at lansangan.

Ang mga senior citizen at may maseselang kalagayang pangkalusugan, hinihikayat silang magsuot ng face mask.

Hindi naman kasi kaila sa lahat na may pabugso-bugsong pagdami ng mga nagkakasakit at namamatay dahil sa COVID-19.

Gayundin na dalhin natin ang ating mga sarili, kaibigan at kapitbahay sa mga bakunahan o boosteran laban sa nasabing sakit.

Ang bakuna kasi ang pinakamahalagang pangangalang natin laban sa sakit at kakambal nito ang mga batayang patakaran, kasama na ang pagsusuot ng face mask at social distancing.

BASURA AT ANG BAON SA ESKWELA

Marami na ang eskwelang nagpapairal ng face-to-face sa klase, pampubliko man o pribado.

Pero alam ba ninyong ang pagpasok ng mga bata ay kakambal ng pagdami ng mga basurang itinapon na lamang sa kung saan-saan gaya ng mga ilog at sapa?

Heto ang kwento, mga Bro.

Laganap pa rin ang kahirapan sa bansa bagama't ginagawa lahat ng pamahalaan ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos na iangat sa kaginhawaan ang kalagayan ng lahat.

At kabilang sa iniaangat, katulong si Vice President at Department of Education Secretary Inday Sara, ang mga batang mag-aara!

Dahil sa pagpasok ng mahihirap na bata mula sa mahihirap na pamilya sa iskul, nag-iikot ang mga ito sa kanilang mga kapitbahay para kumuha ng mga basura kapalit ng piso o higit pang halaga.

Pero sa pagsubaybay natin sa mga ito, anak ng tokwa, pagkakuha ng mga basura, dinidiretsong itapon ang mga ito sa mga drainage, kanal, sapa at ilog.

Kaya naman, matindi pa rin ang mga basurang kinakalkal ng iba't ibang sangay ng pamahalaan.

Nariryan ang mga plastic at iba pang basura, kasama ang mga nakalalasang kemikal na nakakalat kahit saan.

Kasama sa mga basura ang napulot o nakalkal sa baybayin ng Manila Bay sa araw ng International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Nagpapasalamat tayo sa lahat ng nakilahok sa nasabing gawain bilang tanda ng pagiging malinis natin sa kapaligiran.

Sana naman, maging bahagi ng mga leksyon sa mga iskul ang pagtatapon ng basura sa tamang kalagayan ng mga ito.

Anomang reklamo o puna, iparating lang sa www.remate.ph o i-text sa 0921-4303333.



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NPC bares rehab plan for Agus power plants

By Alena Mae S. Flores

NATIONAL Power Corp. (NPC) will pursue the rehabilitation of the Agus hydropower plants in Mindanao at a cost of P12.5 billion and set the notice of a public hearing on the project's environmental impact next month.

The project will upgrade and modernize the hydro plants to restore their rated capacities, extend their operating lives, enhance the dam's structural integrity and ensure the overall safety of the power complex.

NPC said in documents submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources it plans to rehabilitate the 746.1-megawatt Agus

plants to increase Mindanao's reliance on renewable and affordable energy and provide ancillary services to enhance the system reliability.

"Currently, the HPPs are operating below their installed capacity and require upgrading, and the Agus HPPs have been in operation for more than three decades and are already experiencing operational problems due to outmoded equipment and parts, and deterioration of their structures," said NPC.

The proposed rehabilitation project supports the government's Build, Build, Build Program, which lists the Agus HPP rehabilitation as part of the state's priority Infrastructure Flagship Projects.



Mayor revokes mining firm's permit over 'fraud'

THE mayor's permit of Sagittarius Mines Inc. (SMI), developer of Southeast Asia's largest untapped gold reserve, was revoked by the local government unit (LGU) of Tampakan town, South Cotabato, for alleged fraud and misrepresentation of its business status.

Mayor Leonard Escobillo canceled the mayor's permit, which he had issued to SMI that serves as a business permit to operate in the locality.

The SMI has been pursuing the controversial \$5.9-billion Tampakan project, launching a near-the-surface minefield in January 2003.

Last Friday, Escobillo said he was implementing the Municipal Tax Code of 2012, which allows the local chief executive to revoke or deny business permits if the applicant deliberately makes false statements in its application.

"There's nothing personal in this case. We are just doing our obligation, which is to implement our tax ordinance (to increase local revenues)," the mayor also said.

He added that the mining company was served the notice of revocation of the mayor's permit at the firm's offices in Tampakan and in the adjacent town of Polomolok, South Cotabato.

Escobillo also stated SMI's core farm in Libertad village, Tampakan was padlocked as a result of the cancellation of the firm's business permit.

The revocation came after a petition filed by SMI against the Tampakan LGU before a local court asking for a review and issuance of a temporary restraining order against the collection of P397 million worth of accumulated taxes and surcharges demanded by the local government from the company.

Escobillo said all business establishments have been subjected to a tax audit in a bid to increase local revenue generation, pointing out that the LGU is not zeroing in on the SMI.

Last month, according to the Tampakan mayor, some business establishments with deficiencies already settled their tax obligations with the local government.

Nena Santos, legal counsel of the Tampakan LGU, said the revocation of the SMI's mayor's permit is not related to the case filed by the firm against the local government.

Santos said the mining firm made a false statement in its application for mayor's permit, the reason why they canceled it, adding that the tax case is a different matter.

"The company falsely claimed that they are already into manufacturing," she said, noting that the firm has not yet gone into commercial mining operations.

Santos added that the company's gross receipts it declared with the LGU were based on the sales of unserviceable assets such as tables, computers, vehicles and other equipment, which can be considered as other income but not coming from the company's mining operation.

She said the SMI classified itself as a general engineering contractor from 2004 to 2011 but changed its status to a manufacturer in 2012.

According to Escobillo's revocation notice, the assessment of the Municipal Treasurer's Office classified the firm as still a general engineering contractor, not a mineral exploration manufacturer as claimed by the company.

The mayor said there are available remedies for the SMI under the law and the local ordinance for the lifting of its canceled mayor's permit.

Meanwhile, Santos said the LGU has 30 days from September 8 to answer the petition lodged by the SMI in court.

The mining firm is yet to make a statement on the issue.

A local Tampakan organization and personalities lauded the decision of the LGU revoking SMI's mayor's permit.

"We commend the local government of Tampakan for applying the law and holding the mining company accountable for its false statements in its mayor's permit documents," Jaybee Garganera, national coordinator of Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM), said.

Rene Pamplona, ATM chairman, said the revocation of the permit is a welcome development, especially among residents of Tampakan, who have been opposing mining in the area.

Fr. Jerome Milla, director of the Social Action Center of the Diocese of Marbel, also commended the LGU, saying the revocation can be considered as another victory toward stopping the SMI from operating in the area.

"As mandated by the Local Government Code, the LGU of Tampakan made good on its duty to ensure benefit for its constituents. We hope Tampakan's leadership continues to stand firm and further protect Tampakan's environment, this is ultimately its wealth," lawyer Ryan Roset, Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center official, said.

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Why plant bamboo?

A front-page photo last week of President BBM planting a bamboo tree in a former landfill in Sari Mateo, Rizal was enough to make reader Rody Pelayo ecstatic. "Kakampi na natim si President Bongbong sa ating bamboo advocacy." A retired agricultural engineer, Pelayo heads a group called Bamboo Connect Philippines, which advocates the replanting of five million hectares of denuded areas with bamboo.

Why bamboo? "Bamboo is pro-environment as it absorbs more carbon dioxide than ordinary trees. It is sustainable because it multiplies exponentially even when harvested," Pelayo said. "It can provide a bamboo farmer a steady income of approximately ₱100,000 per hectare, starting the fifth year. Bamboo can be productive for at least 50 years." And if I may kibitz, the bamboo is also impervious to typhoons.

A website "Guadua Bamboo," enumerates the advantages of bamboo over other trees, as follows:

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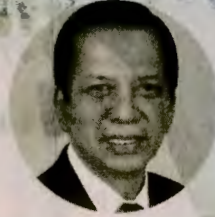
Renewable resource – Provides an endless supply of timber.

Clean air – Bamboo produces more oxygen than trees.

Carbon sequestration – Mentioned above
Water conservation – Bamboo acts as a reservoir by collecting and storing large amounts of water in its rhizomes and stems during rainy season, and returning water to the soil, rivers and streams during droughts.

Soil conservation – A great tool for soil protection due to its rapid growth, permanent canopy and huge network of roots and rhizomes.

Biodiversity conservation – Bamboo is an important part of a biodiverse ecosystem. Many animals rely on bamboo for food and shelter.



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Bioenergy – Bamboo is a sustainable energy source that produces one KWH of electricity from 1.2 kg of bamboo. This is similar to the biomass requirements for wood products but outperforms other types of biomass sources.

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Decongesting our prisons

On Sept. 13, the Bureau of Corrections freed 371 persons deprived of liberty (PDL) to coincide with the 65th birthday celebration of President BBM. The release, according to DOJ, would be followed by similar releases every month thereafter all the way to December. The effect would be a decongestion, albeit slight, of our overcrowded prisons.

Our prisons are one of the most overcrowded in this part of the region. The Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa has

approximately 30,000 PDLs, way above the ideal capacity of only 6,500 or a congestion rate of 344 percent. A slightly lower congestion rate of 303 percent is reported in BUCOR's six operating prisons and penal farms. One can only imagine the deplorable conditions suffered by four PDLs being packed in an ill-ventilated, smelly jail space designed for one.

Thus, the proposed regular and timely release of PDLs is a welcome move. PDLs should not be made to suffer in prison one day longer than necessary. I propose digitizing prison records to speed up the process. Digitizing 30,000 prison records would be no sweat for a competent service provider. A PDL's record ("carpeta") would be programmed like a bank time deposit with a fixed maturity, computed less expected good conduct time allowance. On maturity date, the PDL is automatically released.

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Check your water supply



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A friend referred me to a useful online tool for farmers and non-farmers alike.

This is the online farmers' guide prepared by the Philippine Department of Agriculture (<http://farmersguidemap.da.gov.ph/>). This website features various types of data on agriculture, from crop suitability maps to road networks and groundwater availability.

A vital information from this website is that the groundwater availability maps show that many areas have poor groundwater availability. This is a concern because groundwater is water that is most readily available for our use, and cheapest to tap. Being stored underground makes it less likely to be contaminated with surface contaminants such as natural debris consisting of decaying plants and even household refuse.

Generally speaking therefore, the cost to treat or prepare groundwater for human consumption, or to meet the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water (PNSDW) is lower compared to surface water such as those from rivers or lakes, which must go through several stages of treatment.

Having sufficient, affordable water is essential to life. Having less water means lower agricultural productivity especially during dry periods. This threatens local food supply, and will cause shortages and raise prices, leading to inflationary spikes. Moreover, in this age of health consciousness due to infectious diseases, sanitation provided by the availability of water is crucial to maintain the health of people in a given locality. Frequent handwashing requires clean water.

The need to ensure that clean ground and surface water is available is why Republic Act 9275 or the Clean Water Act was enacted in 2004. This law was groundbreaking since it views our water resources from a more holistic standpoint. It not only mandates protection of ground and surface water bodies such as rivers, seas and streams from pollution by regulating wastewater from establishments and homes, it does it through the stringent application of standards that can be set at the local level through a multisectoral water quality management area board that oversees the health of water bodies in a given area or basin. This ensures the continuous, sustainable use of the resource over time through programs that can even improve the quality of the water from the rivers, lakes and streams within its jurisdiction, increasing the volume of clean water to be made avail-

able to the local population.

With the farmers guide, you can find out which water basin you fall under, and you can check the DENR website to determine which water quality management area covers your area and ask about programs to strengthen water availability.

With the challenge of changing climate patterns, rainfall may not be as evenly distributed throughout the year. This affects the volume of groundwater since rain is needed for groundwater to be recharged.

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This will also guide water districts to plan for possible shortages by increasing reservoir capacity, for instance, to collect as much water when it is abundant to prepare for the dry months. As citizens, we can ask our water districts about these initiatives.

Sustainable development means a rational and orderly balance for a healthy environment that enables us to survive and thrive. Without abundant, and affordable water, this will be difficult.



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People will rebel against green policies

The disconnect between the global elite and the real world is growing by the day. Most people are worn down by the pandemic, food and energy price hikes and general inflation, and worried about recession. Yet, the chattering classes are jetting into conferences at Davos or Aspen to declare that our biggest, immediate threats are climate change, environmental disasters, and biodiversity loss.

This ignores most of our urgent crises. Almost a billion people are at risk of starvation this year, exacerbated by climate-concerned opposition to fertilizers made with fossil fuels. More than a billion schoolchildren have missed out on an average of nine months of learning because of lockdowns, which will cost their generation \$1.6 trillion every year by 2040. Millions among the rich will unnecessarily die from undiagnosed cancer and heart disease ignored during the pandemic, while millions more among the poor will die unnecessarily from malaria and tuberculosis, just like they always do.

If you're a wealthy, climate-concerned jet-setter with private health insurance and a recession-safe job, you don't need to worry about malaria, recession, waiting in line for cancer tests, or about your children falling behind when schools close again. Nor are these issues that will get you attention or airtime.

Solving the real world's big problems is messy, and progress is slow and unspectacular. It is far more exhilarating to make grand promises to save the entire world by going net zero or abandoning synthetic fertilizers.

Climate change is a real, man-made problem that deserves attention. It is also wildly overblown in the media, with every weather "event" turned into a telegenic catastrophe. Last year, newspapers overflowed with stories of devastating hurricanes though satellites showed that 2021 had the fewest hurricanes globally. Hundreds of deaths from

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heat waves top the news, when data shows that many more people—4.5 million globally—die from the cold because of a lack of heating worsened by high energy prices.

For decades, we have been told that ending fossil fuels is cost-free or even beneficial. Now, we are starting to see the immense economic and security costs of such untethered promises.

Early pushback came in France with the "yellow vest" protests. The Netherlands has also been roiled by protests since the government introduced policies that would decimate the agricultural industry in the name of the environment. Such policies threaten the food production right when global hunger is rising, yet the government is unable to change course because environmentalists use legal action to lock in the lopsided policies.

It is even worse in Sri Lanka. Egged on by elite campaigners and the World Economic Forum to go organic, the government banned synthetic fertilizers in April 2021. Predictably, food production collapsed, and the currency defaulted.

Solving many of these problems is not rocket science. The rich should stop making food more expensive by insisting on organics. They should stop making energy more expensive by dictating intermittent renewables. Instead, we should increase research and development into better seeds to deliver more food with a lower carbon footprint. We should drive green energy breakthroughs that could make drastic CO₂ reductions cheap and feasible. And we should include the many other urgent crises that have simple and effective solutions—for instance tuberculosis

and securing learning in school with computer-assisted teaching at the right level.

Unfortunately, the elite chooses to double down on climate and environment, despite the case of the Netherlands and Sri Lanka being warnings of what will come. Net zero will be the costliest policy that the world has embarked upon, with the price tag for paying for renewable assets and infrastructure costing more than \$5 trillion every year for the next three decades, according to McKinsey. Every year the European Union (EU) has to pay 69 billion euros in subsidies to support its renewables.

As in the Netherlands, governments are going to find themselves increasingly caught between environmentalists, who push costly virtue-signaling initiatives, and working families who cannot cope with rising prices.

The wild increases in energy prices in Europe, although partly caused by poorly designed climate policies, are mostly due to Russia's indefensible war. But the cost of energy could increase even more, every year, and for everyone across the globe, if politicians double down on net zero.

Even under today's policies, EU vice president and long-time climate action advocate Frans Timmermans admits that many millions of Europeans might not be able to heat their homes this winter, leading to "very, very strong conflict and strife."

He's right. When people are cold, hungry, and broke, they rebel. If the elite continues pushing incredibly expensive policies disconnected from the urgent challenges facing most people, we need to brace for more global chaos.

Bjorn Lomborg is president of the Copenhagen Consensus and visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. His latest book is "False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor, and Fails to Fix the Planet."



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National climate change summit slated

Pitmaster Foundation Executive Director Atty. Caroline Cruz highlighted the emphasis the Foundation places on sustainability

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At least five Marcos Cabinet members, representatives from the University of the Philippines, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and Albay Representative Joey Salceda are set to speak in the National Climate and Disaster Emergency Policy Forum on 22 September 2022.

The event – which is sponsored by private charity organization Pitmaster Foundation – will discuss recommendations on how to protect the environment and what steps should be taken to address climate change in the country.

The recommendations from the climate summit will be officially submitted to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

The Foundation, which is also supporting environmental rehabilitation efforts in Siniloan, Laguna and Real, Quezon, has extended financial, logistical, and staff support for the holding of the event, which includes the Office of Representative Salceda, Local Climate Change for Adaptation and Development, 4K Foundation, Komunidad, UP Resilience Institute, Project NOAH, and other organizations as co-organizers and sponsors.

Confirmed speakers include Secretaries Benjamin Diokno, Arsenio Balisacan, Raphael Perpetuo Lotilla, Robert Borje and Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga.



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Climate disasters, conflict take toll on children

UNITED NATIONS: From Pakistan to Ukraine to Venezuela to vast stretches of sub-Saharan Africa, rising crises and climate disasters are taking an added toll on the most vulnerable — children deprived of school.

"It is horrendous, and it's hard to imagine," said Yasmine Sherif, head of Education Cannot Wait, a UN fund that focuses on education in crisis zones.

"They've lost everything, and on top of it, they have lost their access to a quality education," she said in a recent interview.

Sherif spoke to Agence France-Press (AFP) ahead of a UN summit on the education crisis to take place on Monday, a day before the annual General Assembly.

The UN fund estimates that 222 million children around the world have seen their education disrupted by conflict or climate-related disasters, including nearly 80 million who never set foot in school.

Since 2016, Education Cannot Wait has raised more than \$1 billion to build schools and buy educational ma-

terials, as well as provide daily meals, and offer psychological services. The aid helps nearly 7 million children in 32 countries.

Sherif said that the urgency of the situation required much bigger efforts.

"If we are going to meet the needs, we have to think in completely different terms today," she said. "We are speaking billions and billions here, not millions" of dollars.

Following the UN summit, Sherif is organizing a conference in Geneva

in February where the fund will seek a further \$1.5 billion with a goal of reaching an additional 20 million children.

Some Western nations spend \$10,000 per year on educating a child. If children in conflict zones receive \$150 each, "you can see the extreme divide," said Sherif, who is Swedish.

In some conflict zones, schools have been destroyed, in what Sherif denounced as war crimes, while others, in violation of international law, have

been turned into weapons depots.

Elsewhere, physical danger or the gradual unraveling of infrastructure and public services have shut down education, which Sherif said should be a lifeline for the world's young.

"What we offer is a tool, a hope, an empowerment to resist those forces in a conflict and, through their own means, be able to rise out of those ashes," she said.

The lack of education has real and immediate consequences. Children sometimes end up on the streets,

facing threats of violence, human trafficking, recruitment by armed groups or, for girls, forced marriage.

"They've seen their villages burned down, they've seen their parents be executed, they have been subjected to violence. The only thing left for them is, 'If I can get an education, I can rise up out of this and make a difference in my life,'" Sherif said.

"We're taking away that very last piece of hope, unless we provide them with an education."

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Pitmaster Foundation sponsors national climate change summit

Private charity organization Pitmaster Foundation, chaired by businessman Charlie "Atong" Ang, is the top non-profit sponsor of the National Climate and Disaster Emergency Policy Forum, taking place on September 22, 2022, and with at least five Marcos cabinet members, the heads of the University of the Philippines and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and climate policy expert and Albay Representative Joey Sarte Salceda headlining the event as speakers.

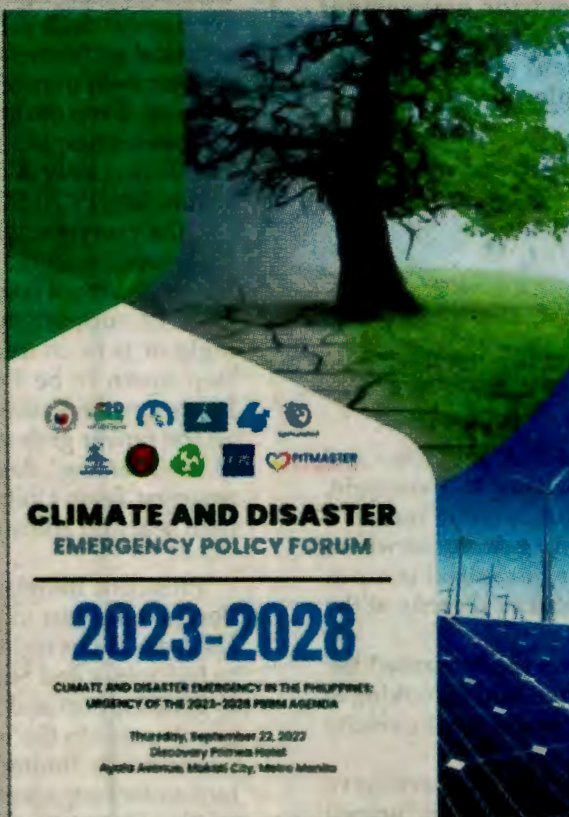
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Confirmed speakers include Secretaries Benjamin Diokno, Arsenio Balisacan, Raphael Perpetuo Lotilla, Robert Borje, and Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga. UP President Danilo Concepcion and BSP Governor Felipe Medalla will also be speaking.

In remarks released to the press, Pitmaster Foundation Executive Director Atty. Caroline Cruz highlighted the emphasis the Foundation places on sustainability.

"Green solutions are atop our concerns in Pitmaster Foundation. Our partners and partner communities are affected by climate issues. So, we want solutions that will both create growth and solve our climate problems."

"Pitmaster Foundation, headed by Chairman Charlie "Atong" Ang, is committed to doing all that it can to support better climate



policies for the Philippines, especially in community adaptation and renewable energy."

"We are proud to have engaged in environmental conservation since early in our founding as a non-profit organization. This is a continuation of that commitment."

"With our support, we hope the climate forum will result in policy proposals and productive collaborations. We really wanted to get all the major decisionmakers together to exchange ideas, learn from each other, and find ways to solve our climate crisis."

The recommendations from the climate summit will be officially submitted to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.



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'External environment may improve immune system'

By Jane Bautista
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As more kids return to school after two years of remote learning due to COVID-19, a nutrition expert said parents should not be afraid to expose their children to the external environment as this may help in improving their immune system.

Amid the pandemic, Dr. Jun Dimaano, medical director of Abbott Nutrition Philippines, said parents were "normally protective of their children [and] they don't want to expose [them] to the playground or their pets."

"But you can actually be helpful because if you expose them to these external stimuli, you also

prime the immune system so that they can react appropriately once they are exposed to pathogenic organisms," he said at a recent roundtable discussion.

"Let's not be afraid to let them explore, go to the playground and interact with friends and classmates but of course with the necessary precaution: masks, washing of hands and social distancing in schools," Dimaano said, adding that ensuring proper nutrition was also equally important.

Dr. Rachael Buck, Abbott's senior research fellow and pioneer in child nutrition, pioneered research on human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs), which are special prebiotics that help

strengthen the immunity of children.

"If you give HMOs, these are consumed by the beneficial bacteria and the beneficial bacteria give the gift of health back to children because [it] stimulates the immune system," she said at the same forum.

'Beneficial bacteria' in gut

Buck pointed out that the gastrointestinal tract, or gut, is essential in the early digestion and brain development since "beneficial bacteria" live and reside in it.

"There are trillions of organisms that live in the gut. And they need to be fed. And what's really important about beneficial bacteria is if you give them the gift

of certain food, they give you the gift of health," she said.

Together with her group from Abbott, Buck made a milk formula consisting of five HMOs whose molecules are abundant in nature, particularly in the Asian populations.

"This blend is catered to Asian populations to help children's immunity and brain development as well," she said.

The milk formulation, Buck said, was a "great way to have that insurance and support for the children's health."

"Immunity now is just so more important than ever before. We need to keep nourishing the immune system in every way we can," she added. INQ



Try forest bathing to reduce stress and prevent illness

By PINKY CONCHA COLMENARES

It's back to Mother Nature for many people seeking a way to lower stress levels, and thus prevent illness and disease.

It starts with a ritual called forest bathing or forest therapy which is supported by a growing body of scientific research which has measured its many benefits. One significant effect is the lowering of blood pressure (for those with high blood pressure) 15 minutes after engaging in forest bathing.

There are many groups around the world practicing forest bathing, or "shinrin-yoku," a term coined in 1982 by Tomohide Akiyama, director of the Japanese Forestry Agency. The concept focuses on walking slowly through the forest and bathing "in the environment of the forest, using all your senses to experience nature up close."

Yoshifumi Miyazaki, a university professor, researcher and the deputy director of Chiba University's Centre for Environment, Health and Field Sciences, has published many books on the effects and benefits of forest therapy. In his book "Shinrin-yoku: The Japanese way of Forest Bathing for Health and Relaxation," Mr. Miyazaki discussed how his research studies have measured the benefits of taking a long slow walk in the forest.

Calling the practice "nature therapy" or "forest therapy," Mr. Miyazaki traces its effects to man's connection to nature. "Humans have spent over 99.99 percent of their time throughout history in a natural environment."

That is why when we come into contact with nature, we feel relaxed.

"That is because our bodies (including our genes) were made to be adapted to nature."

His studies have shown that when people are in a natural environment, they reported feeling relaxed. Stress is reduced. "This simple act helps to regulate the nervous system, promoting a healthier balance between activation and relaxation. In this way, illness can be prevented and a healthy way of living is maintained."

Nature therapy, he emphasized many times in the book, is a "preventive approach to lower stress levels, improve quality of life and potentially reduce the cost and strain on health services that stress-related illnesses cause."

His research has shown that through the simple act of walking in a forest, people experience many benefits during and after a session of forest therapy.

Here are the benefits of forest therapy which his studies have measured:

- Improvement of weakened immunity, with an increase in the count of natural killer (NK) cells, which are known to fight tumors and infection.
- Increased relaxation of the body due to increased activity in the parasympathetic nervous system.
- Reduced stress of the body due to a reduction in sympathetic nervous system activity.
- Reduction in blood pressure after only 15 minutes of forest therapy.
- Reduced feelings of stress and a general sense of wellbeing.
- Reduction of blood pressure after one day of forest therapy,



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which lasts up to five days after therapy.

An interesting study on the restorative power of nature is also mentioned in the book. It studied the effect of the view from a window of patients who went through gall bladder removal. Scientists in Pennsylvania studied the patients who were recovering in the hospital. Some of the patients were in rooms with a view of nature, while the rest had windows that faced a brick wall.

They found that "patients with a view of a nature left the hospital sooner and requested for less painkillers during their stay."

The study on the benefits of nature therapy also included the effect of plants in the house, the smell of wood and essential oils, and gardening. Many elements of nature have the same beneficial effects as shinrin-yoku, and he recommended ideas "to bring the forest closer to home," and reduce stress.

If you are interested in pursuing forest bathing, there are many books and articles about that online. A book I picked up years ago - "The Healing Magic of Forest Bathing" by Julia Plevin - is a guide on the rituals one can follow to find "calm, creativity and connection in the natural world."

To Ms. Plevin, forest bathing is



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"the practice of intentionally connecting to nature as a way to heal. Part mindfulness, part child's play, it's a portal into true understanding of yourself and the world around you."

I've been practicing forest bathing for a long time now, although I only became aware that my attachment to the forest had a name after reading about it. As a mountaineer, I've hiked through many forests and reached the summits. In the forest, I am a cheerful person and I do not complain, even if I am tired and wet from the rain. I just feel happy. Shinrin-yoku explained that to me.

In the first two years of the pandemic, I did forest bathing in our small courtyard which a neighbor had filled with plants. As soon as the border

restrictions were lifted, I went to the forest, trekked through two dense trails in one day - and felt happy, energized, and extremely relaxed. (I am a senior citizen.)

In Camp John Hay in Baguio City, there's a trail specifically marked "forest bathing trail." It winds through a lovely pine forest which a slow walker can complete in about two hours.

But if that's too far for you now, remember what Mr. Miyazaki said in his book: "Any space where there are plants growing can offer relaxation effects to those who are prepared to seek them out and spend time there."

Sometimes, the problem is not finding the green spaces but our busy minds which we cannot set aside to allow our bodies to relax, he pointed out.



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IGPSA No. 007404-718	ROGEL V. REAL	Lot 24, Block 49, Pco-00014047	18 sq.m.	PHP250.00	PHP4,500.00	PHP100,000.00

Ang mga bid ay dapat na selyado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisiyon, mismo o bago sa itinalagang eras at petsa sa itaas at minarkahan na "Bid for Land Described in IGPSA No.007404-718". 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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IGPSA No. 007404-713	JESSICO M. PAUG	Lot 9, Block 50, Pco-00014047	41 sq.m.	PHP250.00	PHP10,250.00	PHP150,000.00

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IGPSA No. 007607-2208	JUSTINO B. DE GUZMAN	Lot 1, Block 47, Pso-00036884	84 sq.m.	PHP140.00	PHP11,760.00	PHP1,200,000.00

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IGPSA No. 007604-20	GENALENE C. ALFONSO	Lot 5, Block 13, Swo-04-000800	22.76 sq.m.	PHP200.00	PHP4,552.00	PHP50,000.00

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APPLICATION NUMBER	NAME OF APPLICANT	LOT NO./BLK NO./PLAN NO.	AREA IN SQ.M.	APPRAISED VALUED PER SQ.M.	TOTAL VALUE OF LAND	TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT
IGPSA No. 007607-2208	JUSTINO B. DE GUZMAN	Lot 1, Block 47, Pcd-00-036894	84 sq.m.	Php140.00	Php11,760.00	Php1,200,000.00

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IGPSA No. 007604-20	GENALENE C. ALFONSO	Lot 5, Block 13, Sps-04-000800	22.76 sq.m.	Php200.00	Php4,552.00	Php50,000.00

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APPLICATION NUMBER	NAME OF APPLICANT	LOT NO./BLK NO./PLAN NO.	AREA IN SQ.M.	APPRAISED VALUED PER SQ.M.	TOTAL VALUE OF LAND	TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT
IGPSA No. 007404-713	JESSICO M. PAUIG	Lot 9/ Blk. 60 Pcd-00-014047	41 sq.m.	Php250.00	Php10,250.00	Php150,000.00

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. **007404-713**". 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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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**
National Ecology Center East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, National Capital Region, Patents and Deeds Section, LPDD, in pursuance to Administrative Order No. 38 dated 19 April 1990, will sell at **DENR-NCR Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division, National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City**, through **sealed bidding to the highest bidder at 10:00 A.M. on OCT. 11, 2022**, the tract of land situated in **Brgy. Escopa III, Project 4, Quezon City** which are specifically described below to wit:

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IGPSA No. 007404-718	ROGEL V. REAL	Lot 24/ Blk. 48 Pcd-00-014047	18 sq.m.	Php250.00	Php 4,500.00	Php100,000.00

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