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Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said the agency's proposed budget for 2022 will help it fulfill its water resilience and water security programs to adapt to climate change and recover from the setback caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Roy Cimatu welcomed the approval of his agency's P25.29-billion proposed budget for 2022 after two and a half hours of plenary deliberation at the House of Representatives last September 22.

"I am very much grateful for all the support extended to us by our lawmakers for the approval of our budget. I am optimistic that the DENR would get the same extent of support from the senators just like their counterparts in the House when they meet at the bicameral conference committee," Cimatu said.

The DENR chief reiterated that the agency's proposed budget for 2022 will help sustain the country's gains and achieve green growth recovery even in the coming years.

The DENR's 2022 budget, which is 7 percent higher than the agency's 2021 approved budget of P23.59 billion, is sponsored by Aklan Rep. Teodorico Haresco.

In a virtual plenary session, Buhay Partylist Rep. Jose Atienza Jr. interpellated the budget measure along with four other Makabayan solons, namely, representatives Carlos Zarate (Bayan Muna),



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Ferdinand Gaité (Bayan Muna), France Castro (ACT-Teachers Partylist), and Arlene Brosas (Gabriela Partylist).

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Cimatu noted that the DENR has been receiving an average amount of P21.11 billion or 0.79 percent of the national budget for the past 10 years.

"It's way far from what the agency needs to fully realize its mandate but we will soldier on to give vital support to the government's sustainable development programs," the secretary pointed out.

Top priorities

DENR said the Enhanced National Greening Program takes the largest share of the P9.7-billion budget for DENR's ten priority programs with an allocation of P3.68 billion, followed by Enhanced Biodiversity Conservation (P1.01 billion), and Manila Bay Rehabilitation (P1.67 billion).

The Solid Waste Management Program will receive P1.07 billion, Intensified Forest Protection and Anti-Illegal logging will get P696.41 million, followed by Improved Land Administration and Management with P415.34 million, and GeoHazard, Groundwater Assessment and Responsible Mining with P407.65 million.

The Scaling Up of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management programs will get P271.8 million while Clean Water and Clean Air projects will be given P315.49 million and P143 million, respectively.

Cimatu said the proposed budget will help the department fulfill its water resilience and water security programs to adapt to climate change and recover from the setback caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We shall be focusing on the strategic thrust of water resilience and water security to heighten integrated watershed management, promote sustainable livelihood for the upland communities, address pollution, protect wildlife and biodiversity," he stressed.

Under the budget, priority support will be given to 24 climate-vulnerable provinces under the Risk Resiliency Program according to the Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM-DRR) Roadmap.

These provinces include Masbate, Sorsogon, Negros Oriental, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Western Samar, Sarangani, Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Southern Leyte, Zamboanga del Norte, Bukidnon, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, Sulu, Lanao del Sur, Apayao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Catanduanes and Siquijor.

These provinces have been identified based on high poverty incidence, high risks to climate hazards, situated in critical watersheds, and with existing convergence sites.

Meanwhile Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, Metro Iloilo, and Metro Davao are also part of the "priority geographic focus" to address the carrying capacities of these major urban hubs.



Pag-apruba ng Kongreso sa 2022 proposed budget pinuri ng DENR



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Manila – PINURI ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ang pag-apruba sa P25.29 bilyong proposed budget ng ahensiya para sa taong 2022 matapos ang dalawa at kalahating oras ng deliberasyon sa plenaryo ng House of Representatives noong Miyerkules, Setyembre 22.

“I am very much grateful for all the support extended to us by our lawmakers for the approval of our budget. I am optimistic that the DENR would get the same extent of support from the senators just like their counterparts in the House when they meet at the bicameral conference committee,” saad ni Cimatu.

Sa press release ipinaliwanag ni Cimatu na ang proposed budget ng ahensiya para sa taong 2022 ay makatutulong upang maipagpatuloy ng bansa ang green growth recovery kahit na sa mga darating pang taon.

Ang DENR 2022 budget na mas mataas ng pitong porsiyento kumpara sa 2021 approved budget ng ahensiya na may halagang P23.59 billion, ay inisponsoran ni Aklan Rep. Teodorico Haresco.

Sa ginanap na virtual plenary session, kinuwestiyon ni Buhay Partylist Rep. Jose Atienza, Jr. ang budget measure kasama ang apat pang Makabayan solons na kinabibilangan nina representatives Carlos Zarate (Bayan Muna), Ferdinand Gaité (Bayan Muna) France Castro (ACT-Teachers Partylist) at Arlene Brosas (Gabriela Partylist).



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Kaugnay nito binanggit naman ni Cimatú na ang DENR ay nakatatanggap ng average amount na P21.11 billion o 0.79 percent ng national budget sa nakalipas na sampung taon.

“It’s way far from what the agency needs to fully realize its mandate but we will soldier on to give vital support to the government’s sustainable development programs,” paliwanag ni Cimatú.

Ang Enhanced National Greening Program ang makakukuha ng malaking share na aabot sa P9.7 billion budget para sa DENR’s 10 priority programs na may alokasyon na P3.68 billion, sinundan ng Biodiversity Conservation (P1.01 billion) at Manila Bay Rehabilitation (P1.67 billion).

Ang Solid Waste Management Program ay makatatanggap ng P1.07 billion, Intensified Forest Protection and Anti-Illegal Logging (P696.41 million), sinundan ng Improved Land Administration and Management (P415.34 million) at GeoHazard Groundwater Assessment and Responsible Mining (P407.65 million).

Samantala, ang Scaling Up of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Programs ay makakukuha ng P271.8 million habang ang Clean Water at Clean Air ay mayroong P315.49 million at P143 million, ayon sa pagkakasunod.

Ayon kay Cimatú, ang proposed budget ay makatutulong sa ahensya na maisakatuparan ang water resilience at water security programs nito upang makasabay sa climate change at makarekober sa naging epekto ng coronavirus pandemic.

“We shall be focusing on the strategic thrust of water resilience and water security to heighten integrated watershed management, promote sustainable livelihood for the upland communities, address pollution, protect wildlife and biodiversity,” paliwanag ni to.

Nakapaloob din sa budget ang prayoridad na suporta na ibibigay sa 24 climate-vulnerable provinces sa ilalim ng Risk Resilience Program base na rin sa Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM-DRR) Roadmap.

Ito ay kinabibilangan ng Masbate, Sorsogon, Negros Oriental, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Western Samar, Sarangani, Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Southern Leyte, Zamboanga del Norte, Bukidnon, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, Sulu, Lanao del Sur, Apayao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Catanduanes at Siquijor.

Ang mga probinsiyang ito ay natukoy base na rin sa “high poverty incidence, high risks to climate hazards, situated in critical watersheds, and with existing convergence sites.”

Kabilang din ang Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, Metro Iloilo at Metro Davao sa “priority geographic focus” upang matutukan ang “carrying capacities” ng mga nabanggit na urban hubs.

Bukod dito, 38.43 percent o P9.72 billion ng 2022 proposed budget ang mapupunta sa personnel services, P9.91 billion (39.21 percent) para sa maintenance at iba pang operating expenses at P5.65 billion (22.36 percent) para sa capital outlay. (Santiago Celario)



[Cimatu: Boracay task force term extension provides opportunity to tie up 'loose ends'](#)

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Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said the term extension of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force is an opportune time to monitor and assess the finished portions of the ongoing rehabilitation of the resort island.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said President Rodrigo Duterte's decision to extend the term of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) has given the task force more time to complete all of its projects.

"We thank the President for his trust and confidence in the task force. We shall maximize this term extension to tie up all the loose ends of the island's rehabilitation. This is our commitment to the Filipino people," Cimatu, who is also chairperson of the BIATF, said in a press release.

The BIATF, which was created by President Rodrigo Duterte under Executive Order No. 53 last May 8, 2018, was given a term extension of up to June 30, 2022 under Executive Order No. 147 signed by the President last September 14. (See also: [More works to be done: Boracay task force's term extended until June 2022](#))



[Cimatu: Boracay task force term extension provides opportunity to tie up 'loose ends'](#)

Last March 2021, the BIATF asked President Duterte to extend its term anew "to allow the task force to complete all its projects that have been stalled by the pandemic."

"The extension is an opportune time to monitor and assess the finished portions of the ongoing rehabilitation to ensure that these not only meet standards but are sustainable as well," Cimatu said.

"A Boracay Island brought back to its pristine state is the best legacy the task force can leave behind," he pointed out.

Accomplishments

During the President's "Talk to the People" address last August 26, Cimatu reported that 273 out of 339 structures encroaching the 25+5 easement in the foreshore area inside the island have been demolished as of July.

The BIATF has also carried out the expansion of septage and sewerage facilities.

Cimatu said that individual sewage treatment plants (STPs) for establishments with 50 rooms and above have been constructed, and the outfall pipe system has also been upgraded.

In particular, the capacity of the STP located in Barangay Yapak was increased to 2,500 cubic meters per day.

The DENR chief said a total of 428 establishments and households were also connected to sewer lines and 88 STPs were installed.

Through the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau, the regular collection and analysis of water samples from beaches, wetlands, and outfalls have been conducted.

Cimatu pointed out that except for the Tulubhan outfall, all the beaches in the island, including the White Beach and Bolabog Beach have been classified as Class SB water, making these waters suitable for swimming, diving, and other water recreational activities.

The Tulubhan area, which is located on the Sibuyan Sea side of the island and is populated by residential houses, is not yet connected to the sewer network.

Through the Handog Titulo Program of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), certificates of land ownership award were distributed to the island's Ati tribe in 2018, following the pronouncement of the President during the island's rehabilitation that the entire island will be declared as a land reform area.

In addition, 33 illegal settler families from Wetland 6 were relocated as agrarian reform beneficiaries.

During the six-month closure of the island that started in April 2018, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and Department of Labor and Employment provided livelihood and financial support through more than 50 technical assistance and training to at least 4,000 participants.

A total of P500-million worth of financial assistance and grants were given to 22,740 affected workers, vulnerable sectors, and beneficiaries while P39-million worth of financing and loan assistance were provided to affected farmers and fisherfolk.

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Boracay Task Force term extension aprub kay Cimatú



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MANILA, Philippines – Upang matapos ang rehabilitasyon sa isla malugod na tinanggap ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang term extension ng Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) hanggang Hunyo 30, 2022 sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order (EO) 147 na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte noong Setyembre 14.

“We thank the President for his trust and confidence in the task force. We shall maximize this term extension to tie up all the loose ends of the island’s rehabilitation. This is our commitment to the Filipino people,” saad ni DENR Secretary at BIATF Chair Roy A. Cimatú.

Ang task force ay binuo noong Mayo 8, 2018 sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order (EO) 53 kung saan co-chair ang Department of Tourism at Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Dapat na natapos ang termino ng BIATF noong 2020 dalawang taon matapos itong buuin.

Noong Mayo 11, 2020 nang bigyan ni Presidente Duterte ng term extension ang BIATF hanggang Mayo 8, 2021 sa pamamagitan ng EO No. 115.

Sa press release sinabi ng DENR noong Marso 2021 nang hilingin ng BIATF sa Pangulo ang term extension upang matapos ang rehabilitasyon sa isla na nabinbin dahil sa pandemya.

“The extension is an opportune time to monitor and assess the finished portions of the ongoing rehabilitation to ensure that these not only meet standards but are sustainable as well,” sabi ni Cimatú.



Boracay Task Force term extension aprub kay Cimatú

"A Boracay Island brought back to its pristine state is the best legacy the task force can leave behind," paliwanag pa nito.

Kaugnay nito iprinisinta ni Cimatú ang mga nagawa ng BIATF sa ginanap na President's Talk to the People noong Agosto 26, 2021.

Sa ulat nito, 273 mula sa 339 structure na pasok sa 25+5 easement sa dalampasigan ang nademolish na hanggang nitong Hulyo 2021.

Sa pamamagitan naman ng ground-penetrating radar, nadiskubre ng DENR Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) ang mga nakabaon na illegal pipes na nagtatapon ng wastewater diretso sa dagat.

Dagdag pa dito, natapos na rin ng BIATF ang expansion ng septage at sewerage facilities.

Samantala ayon kay Cimatú, ang individual sewage treatment plants (STP) sa mga establisyamento na may 50 kuwarto pataas ay naitayo na at ang outfall pipe system ay na upgrade na din.

Partikular na dito ang kapasidad ng STP na matatagpuan sa Barangay Yapak kung saan mayroon na itong 2,500 cubic meters kada araw na capacity.

Sinabi din ni Cimatú na 428 na establisyamento at kabahayan ang nakakabit na sa sewer lines at 88 STPs ang naka-install.

Binigyang-diin ni Cimatú na bukod sa Tulubhan outfall, lahat ng beaches sa isla kabilang na dito ang White Beach at Bolabog Beach ay Class SB water na kung saan ay puwede na ito para sa swimming, diving at iba pang water recreational activities.

Gayon pa man, inaasahan ng BIATF na kapag natapos na ng Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) ang drainage improvement project nito sa lugar sa katapusan ng 2022, ay mabibigyan na ng solusyon ang problema.

Ang Boracay Circumferential Road Phases 1 at 2 ng proyekto ay tapos na kasama na rito ang dalawang circumferential road improvements na may kabuuang 8.75 kilometers na sementado at pinalawak na kalsada, sabi pa ni Cimatú.

Sa pamamagitan naman ng Handog Titulo Program ng Department of Agrarian Reform ay naipamahagi na ang certificates of land ownership award sa Ati tribe noong 2018 kasunod ng pagsabi ng pangulo na ang buong isla ay idedeklarang land reform area.

Dagdag pa dito, 33 illegal settler families mula sa Wetland 6 ang nailipat na bilang agrarian reform beneficiaries.

Upang muling maibalik at mai-rehabilitate ang mga nawawalang wetlands, ang local na pamahalaan ng Boracay at ang private sector ay nagsanib puwersa para sa preservation, development at management ng ecosystem.

Umabot sa P500 milyong halaga ng financial assistance at grants ang naipamahagi sa 22,740 affected workers, vulnerable sectors at beneficiaries habang P39 milyong halaga ng financing at loan assistance ang ibinigay sa mga apektadong magsasaka at mangingisda. *Santi Celario*



Officially now, 'Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach'

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From hereon, the controversial and artificial white beach off Manila Bay near the US Embassy will now be officially called as it was intended to be: "Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach."

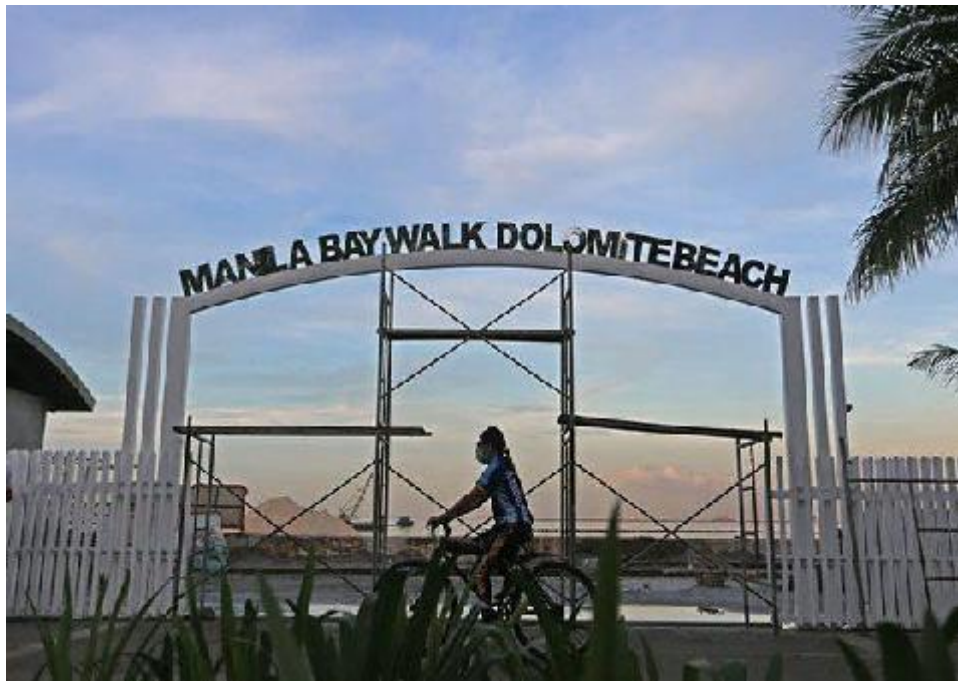
Final touches on its arching nomenclature are now over and done with but a little tidying up of the things the workers used in installing it.

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Of spaces and cemeteries: Observations as Manila Bay dolomite beach gets entrance arch

By [Jeline Malasig](#)

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People pass by the Manila Bay dolomite beach along Roxas Boulevard on Sept. 26, 2021. (The STAR/Jesse Bustos)

Manila Baywalk dolomite beach visitors will be greeted by an entrance arch which was modified after its sign drew flak for the lack of spacing in between the words.

Pictures of the newly installed arch were reported by news outlets over the weekend which was a finishing touch to the controversial project meant to rehabilitate the famous harbor's shoreline.

The arch contained the signage which initially reads as "MANILABAYWALKDOLOMITEBEACH." It was later on changed to add spaces in between the words after it drew social media users' attention.

"Sa sobrang laki ng ginastos, wala (ng) budget sa pagpindot ng space bar," actor-comedian Ramon Bautista [commented](#) on Twitter.

"PH sets new world record for longest word created by a useless gov't: MANIBAYWALKDOLOMITEBEACH," a [Twitter user](#) wrote.

"Say MANILABAYWALKDOLOMITEBEACH fast 5 times. Also, ba't walang spacing in between the words? Who did this?" wrote another [online user](#).

"Can they afford to install the # (hashtag) sign though? I'm guessing no, seeing how big that arch is to have no spaces between words," a different [Twitter user](#) said.

Reports note that it was changed on Monday, two days after photos of the entrance arch surfaced online.

Others criticized the arch as a whole by saying that it supposedly reminds them of how cemetery entrances look like.



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A Reddit user edited a picture to make a point and categorized it as a "meme."

"I know its edited, pero p*cha kahit 'di pa edited 'yan, sementeryo vibes pa rin," another [Reddit](#) wrote in the comments.

"Bakit parang gate ng sementeryo?" asked a different [Filipino](#).

A similar observation was made by some local Twitter users as well.

A [Twitter account](#) shared a picture of a cemetery gate that has signage as supposedly translated from Hiligaynon: "Us now, you next."

"Same energy," the account wrote.

"With all the budget that this project (has), how come they cannot pull off a more creative, aesthetically and appropriate design for a damn gate? This really gives me the vibe of some cheap beach resort or a gate of a public cemetery," another [Twitter user](#) said with a crying face emoji.

Others continued to criticize the funds used for the project, claiming that it would be better to be allocated as part of the government's COVID-19 response efforts.

"If only the budget used for this (poop emoji) project was for COVID-19 response and medications," a [Twitter user](#) said.

"T**gene pinanindigan 'yung patapon na proyekto. Welcome, typhoons of 2021!" quipped another [online user](#).

"And that's on priorities during pandemic," a different [Twitter user](#) wrote.

A motorcycle hailing app was also inspired by the viral signage that it offered the title as a promo code for its passengers.



Senate approves local bills declaring five sites as protected areas

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by [Hannah Torregoza](#)

The Senate on Monday, Sept. 27 approved on third and final reading five local bills that seek to declare five "ecologically vital areas" as protected sites under the National Integrated Protected Areas Systems (NIPAS).

Approved were House Bill No. (HBN) 9329 or the Banao Protected Landscape Act in Balbalan, Kalinga; HBN 9327 or the Tirad Pass Protected Landscape Act in the municipalities of Gregorio del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes and Suyo in Ilocos Sur and HBN 9326 or the Naga-Kabasalan Protected Act in the municipalities of Naga and Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay.

Also included are HBN 9325 or the Mt. Pulag Protected Landscape Act in the municipalities of Kabayan, Boko and Buguias in Benguet; Tinoc, Ifugao and Kayapa in Nueva Vizcaya and HBN 9206 or the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape Act in Pampanga.

NIPAS refers to the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, preserve genetic diversity and ensure sustainable use of resources found therein in order to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.

Sen. Cynthia Villar, head of the Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, said passage of the measures into law would expand the conservation and protection of the Philippines rich biodiversity.

Under the NIPAS Act, she said Congress was able to strengthen the protection status of 13 ecologically important areas through individual legislations such as the Batanes Group of Islands and Islets in Batanes; the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park in the Province of Isabela; Bangan Hills National Park in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya; and the Banahaw and San Cristobal Protected Landscape in Laguna and Quezon, among others.

The senator also pointed out that the 2018 E-NIPAS law, which created the 94 compilation protected area, has also brought the total legislated protected areas to 107.

"The need to secure for the present and future Filipinos the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals has become more urgent and necessary given the profound impact of human activities on all components of the natural environment, particularly the effect of, increasing population, resource exploitation and industrial advancement, and in recognizing the critical importance of protecting and maintaining the natural, biological and physical diversities of the environment," Villar stressed.

The Philippines is one of the 17 biodiverse rich countries in the world, containing two thirds of the earth's biodiversity and 70 to 80 percent of the world's plant and animal species, Villar emphasized.

Yet, she said, the Philippines is also among the world's biodiversity hot spots or those areas experiencing high rates of habitat degradation and biodiversity loss. These hotspots are areas that have lost around 86 percent of their original habitat and are also considered significantly threatened by extinction induced by man-made exploitation and climate change.



Senate approves local bills declaring five sites as protected areas

Villar said there are still many areas in the country that remain under protected such as wetlands, marine sanctuaries, tropical forests, watersheds and wildlife sanctuaries.

"We need to declare more protected areas through legislation if we are to fulfill the State guarantee under our Constitution of protecting and advancing the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature," the senator stressed.



Negros SP overrides veto on anti-reclamation ordinance

By Mary Judaline Partlow September 27, 2021, 7:35 pm



RECLAMATION PROJECT. Scuba divers in Negros Oriental show their opposition to the proposed offshore reclamation project in Dumaguete City in this dive photo taken Sept. 21, 2021. On Monday (Sept. 27, 2021), the provincial board voted to override the veto of Governor Roel Degamo on a proposed anti-reclamation ordinance in marine protected areas of the province. *(Photo courtesy of Glenn Carballo)*

DUMAGUETE CITY – The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Negros Oriental on Monday voted to override Governor Roel Degamo’s veto on the proposed ordinance prohibiting reclamation projects in marine protected areas in the province.

Vice Governor Dr. Edward Mark Macias, in an interview with the Philippine News Agency during a recess in their afternoon session, said to override the veto of the governor, the SP would require a two-thirds vote from members of the provincial board.

Including the vice governor, there are 14 SP members, and a vote of 10 is enough to override the veto, even though Macias could not vote unless there is a need to break the tie, he said.

The voting saw 12 for the override, zero for the non-override, and zero for abstained, Macias said.

Board Member Jake Reyes was absent in the session, he said.

The voting came after Degamo last week vetoed Ordinance No. 29, “establishing marine protected areas network in the province of Negros Oriental and declaring the marine protected areas that form the network as reclamation-free zones”, Macias said.

Degamo, in a videotaped statement over the weekend, explained the legal reason behind his veto of the proposed ordinance, through Provincial Legal Officer Rogelio Enojo.

Enojo said after careful study, they found Executive Order No. 74, which says that the “approval and disapproval of all reclamation projects undertaken by local government units and private entities is (a function of) the Office of the President”.

The lawyer cited “ultra vires” where the local government, through an ordinance, cannot supersede the powers of the national government.



Negros SP overrides veto on anti-reclamation ordinance

The vice governor, however, said that if the governor has questions regarding the proposed ordinance, he can always go to court.

Degamo, meanwhile, reiterated that the veto does not in any way affect his previous stand of opposing the proposed 174-hectare offshore reclamation project here in the absence of clear explanations about how this can benefit the people and bring progress and development to the capital city. (PNA)



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POPULAR folkloric character Mariang Makiling of Mount Makiling in Laguna.

Of 'diwatas' and the greening of our environment

The stories that revolve around these three Marias are similar: All are dazzlingly beautiful with Hispanic features, kind and generous and immortal. They are Maria Sinukuan of Mount Arayat in Pampanga, Maria or Mariang Makiling of Mount Makiling in Laguna and Maria Cacao and her golden ship of Argao, Cebu

BY CHRISTINE F. GODINEZ ORTEGA

In campaigns to make more people aware of the importance of greening the environment, storytelling is a most effective way it seems, alongside the creation and enactment of ordinances or laws.

The moral lessons of stories and our adherence to *gaba* (divine retribution) should have more impact on people. Though in the realm of fantasy, the Horatian "to delight and to teach" aspects can linger in the mind and have a subliminal effect after a dramatized "wonder moment" of storytelling on the respect for the environment.

Cases in point are the stories of the *trés* (three) Marias or *diwatas*, the mountain goddesses or deities of mountains as referred to in Stith Thompson's *Motif-Index of Folk Literature* (1932 to 1936, revised and expanded 1955 to 1958). These fair maidens were said to have protected the mountain forests, and such legends spiced up, once upon a time, community life.

Why a woman becomes the protector is in keeping with her being symbolic of Mother Nature but anthropologist Arnold Molina Azurin said this is "a matriarchal hyperbole," as quoted by Erlinda Kintanar Alburo in her paper, "Gender

in Philippine Folklore Matters: A Review."

Women heroines in Mindanao epics

Apart from these Marias, there are heroines in our folk epics, such as Bai Lekumbing (in Ulahingan), Tabagka (in Agyu), Arkat a Lawanen (in Darangen) and Bolak Sunday (in Ag Tobig nog Keboklagan and other fragments of epics), who take over men's roles to protect their respective communities in the absence of men or legitimate leaders, and as bearers of traditions and as instruments of peace and order.

Today, these Marias have become part of lore for they no longer appear to humans due to men's faults, that is, his insatiable greed, ungratefulness, downright cruelty to animals and the denudation of forests that causes floods. The stories that revolve around these three Marias are similar: all are dazzlingly beautiful with Hispanic features, kind and generous and immortal. They are Maria Sinukuan of Mount Arayat in Pampanga, Maria or Mariang Makiling of Mount Makiling in Laguna and Maria Cacao and her golden ship of Argao, Cebu.

The name Maria is Spanish, and most of the stories occur either during the Spanish and American periods. These stories may have earlier origins and were made more popular during the colonial periods to support vested interests that came on the heels of demonizing another woman spiritual leader, the *babaylan*, sometimes dubbed *yawa* (devil), viscera-eating monster and so on.

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THE *diwata* Maria Sinukuan of Mount Arayat in Pampanga.

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OF 'DIWATAS' AND THE GREENING OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

In the Livunganen-Arumanen Manobo epic *Ulahingan*, the *diwatas* are gendered. Some are quite tall and muscular, wearing sheer clothing and having yellow hair

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A fourth Maria?

It is tempting to add a fourth Maria, Maria Cristina, after which the famous falls of Iligan City was said to be named. But this writer has yet to encounter that variant of the Maria Cristina legend, and to determine whether she is one person or one of two or twins, who helps people and is known to live in a cave beneath the falls. But there is no argument that the presence of the falls has indeed made the surrounding environment cooler and the forest lush, greener, brightened by wild orchids, with more birds, monkeys and other creatures seen by Iliganons.

But we see it as a tale for the hopelessly romantic for it suggests a certain era when women drown their sorrows if they are loveless. In the Maria Cristina legend, the twin sisters fling themselves into the raging Agus River because they want to escape a Rajah's lust, or a Spanish officer's desire to marry them both. A woman drowning is a facile way of ending a tale, ridiculous in these times. There are other examples in world literatures in which a frustrated or loveless woman either stays in the attic, so deranged in her longing for her lover, or so frustrated and confused, she jumps off a cliff, into a river or from a ship to end her story.

In the tales where the other Marias live, material goods are kept in caves, goods given or loaned to people in need especially during feast days and other special days of merriment.

During the floods brought about by the typhoon "Sendong" in Iligan, on the other hand, people talked about a huge, lighted boat that stopped for the dead. As the story went, those who said they saw this boat meant to say that a goddess, a *diwata* or a Maria, possibly Maria Cacao, came to fetch people for the journey to the beyond.

What is a *diwata*?

Internet sources tell us that Maria Makiling, for instance, is a *diwata* or *lambana* (fairy). The *diwata* is said to be a dryad and the term comes from the Sanskrit *devata* or "god" or "deity." The three Marias look beautiful and Hispanic, but they are far from being the Tinker Bell kind. Not so, too, in a few Mindanao epics which this writer is gathering

more data on.

True or not, the late ethnomusicologist Joy Viernes Enriquez shared with this writer how she received the "blessing" of a *diwata* to go ahead and record the war epic of the Subanen, the Gambatoto, for her dissertation at the Indiana University. This recorded war epic, unfortunately, has not been transcribed and the tapes not only became moldy but were lost to the flood during "Sendong." Anyway, Joy said that she, with other Subanen elders, met a dark-skinned, male *diwata*, whose face could only be described as *maat* (ugly) but whose voice was gentle and kind.

In the Livunganen-Arumanen Manobo epic *Ulahingan*, the *diwatas* are gendered. Some are quite tall and muscular, wearing sheer clothing and having yellow hair. They belong to a hierarchy, and some are good, others malevolent. The guardian *diwatas* help people, in contrast to some with evil intentions. These are immortals who can also change shapes and can use the name and impersonate a human. These are the *telebusew* or *inggaibs*, the lowest of all *diwatas*. This may partly explain the use of a mortal's and immortal's many names in the epic.

Aside from this, *Diwata*, with the capital D, refers to the highest or supreme god but *diwata*, with the lowercase 'd', refers to *Diwata*'s assistants in his work in keeping peace and order in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms of mortals and immortals.

Another folklorist, the late Carmen Ching Unabia, listed several *diwatas* and their domains or functions in her book, *Bukidnon Myths and Rituals* (2000)

In the Meranaw epic *Darangen*, *diwatas* are also spirits and/or twin spirits of major characters, often referred to as *lonangs*. The male *diwatas* may become leaders in the mortal kingdom.

For instance, the patriarch and first king of the



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MARIA Cacao and her golden ship of Argao, Cebu.

Gibonens in the Darangen, Diwata Ndaw Gibon (spirit sun-man), is son of a union between Aya Diwata Makom sa Kaadiyong a Lopa, half-spirit and half-man, and Daromoyod a Olan, half-human and half-jinn, beings created from fire and having super-human powers.

In the Maria Cristina legend, the twin sisters fling themselves into the raging Agus River because they want to escape a Rajah's lust, or a Spanish officer's desire to marry them both.

The Hispanized Maria Sinukuan, Maria Makiling and Maria Cacao gift the people with produce from the forests. In the case of Maria Cacao, who owns a cacao plantation besides, hence her name, she likewise offers gifts from her travels in America. These *diwatas* kept at it until the people abuse these generosities.

In the case of Maria Sinukuan, she turns the men into swine, reminiscent of how Homer's Circe who turns Odysseus's men into swine, although this part is in a different context and the events happen on the mythic island Aiaoi.

These are only a few from the rich trove of stories in different circumstances with specific materials and objects the three Marias made available to people whose abusive behavior can be translated to thieving and corruption. How our storytellers can continue to use these yarns can become positive reminders to help keep the greening of our environment.

Dark future? Climate change fuels higher heat, flood threats for children

September 27, 2021 | 3:42 pm



PHILIPPINE STAR/ MICHAEL VARCAS

KUALA LUMPUR — Children around the world will face a sharp jump in heatwaves, floods and droughts in their lives compared to their grandparents, researchers said on Monday, with teenagers from Nepal to Australia urging leaders not to turn a blind eye.

Children will, on average, suffer seven times more heatwaves and nearly three times more droughts, floods and crop failures due to fast-accelerating climate change, found a report from aid agency Save the Children.

Those in low- and middle-income countries will bear the brunt, with Afghan children likely to endure up to 18 times as many heatwaves as their elders, and children in Mali likely to live through up to 10 times more crop failures.

“People are suffering, we shouldn’t turn a blind eye... Climate change is the biggest crisis of this era,” said Anuska, 15, sharing her experience of more heatwaves, intense rain and crop losses in her country, Nepal.

“I’m worried about climate change, about my future. It will almost be impossible for us to survive,” she told journalists.

Save the Children did not fully identify Anuska and others who spoke alongside her for protection reasons, it said.

The research, a collaboration between Save the Children and climate researchers at Belgium’s Vrije Universiteit Brussel, calculated the lifetime exposure to a range of extreme climate events for children born in 2020 compared to those born in 1960.



Dark future? Climate change fuels higher heat, flood threats for children

Also published in the journal *Science*, the study is based on emissions reduction pledges made under the 2015 Paris climate accord, projecting that global temperatures will rise by an estimated 2.6–3.1 degrees Celsius above preindustrial times.

This would have an “unacceptable impact on children,” Save the Children said.

“The climate crisis is a child rights crisis at its core,” said Inger Ashing, chief executive of Save the Children.

“We can turn this around — but we need to listen to children and jump into action. If warming is limited to 1.5 degrees, there is far more hope of a bright future for children who haven’t even been born yet,” she added.

FUTURE AT STAKE

The UN climate science panel warned in August that global warming is dangerously close to spiraling out of control and will bring climate disruption globally for decades to come.

National pledges to cut emissions so far are inadequate to limit global temperature rise to “well below” 2°C above preindustrial times, and ideally to 1.5°C, as about 195 countries committed to under the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Save the Children’s report found that, if global warming is kept to 1.5°C, additional lifetime exposure of newborns to heatwaves would drop by 45% and by nearly 40% for droughts and floods compared with the current projected level.

“This is what’s at stake when governments head to the COP26 global climate talks in Glasgow in November. These children’s lives and future are all at stake,” said Erin Ryan, a report author and Save the Children advisor.

Children from the Philippines to the Solomon Islands spoke of how increasing climate disasters left them vulnerable, affecting their mental health and disrupting their education.

“I was traumatized — it was really depressing,” said Chatten from the Philippines, who was just eight when his home was destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, one of the most powerful tropical cyclones in history that killed over 6,300 people.

“Everything was at its worst during those times — I don’t want anyone to experience that,” said the teenager, now 16.

Others said youth should pressure governments for change.

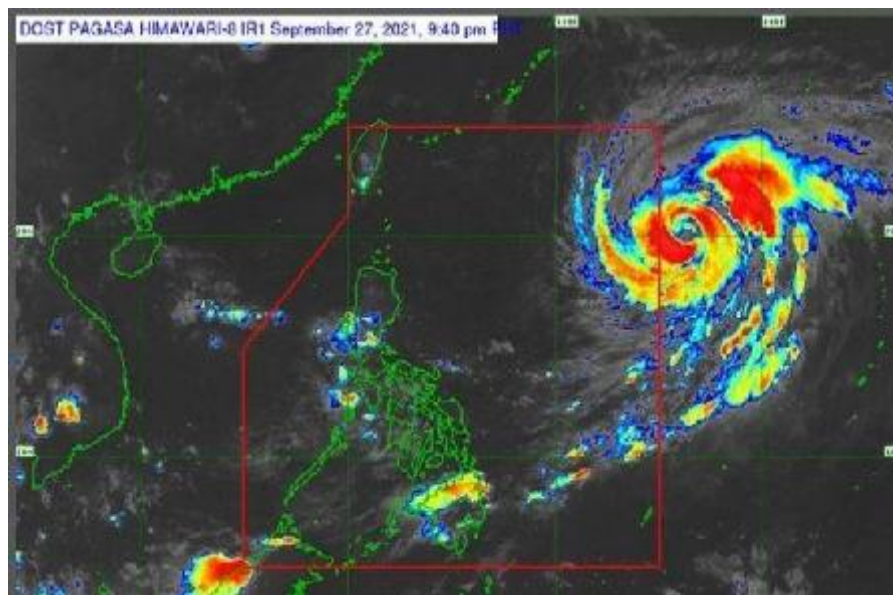
“I really want to see world leaders take action because this is putting everyone at risk,” said Ella, 14, from Australia. — Beh Lih Yi/Thomson Reuters Foundation

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Typhoon enters Philippine area today

By [Elizabeth Marcelo](#) (The Philippine Star)
- September 28, 2021 - 12:00am



The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said as of 3 p.m. yesterday, the center of the typhoon, with international name Mindulle, was at 1,475 kilometers east of extreme Northern Luzon.

MANILA, Philippines — A typhoon, which is expected to enter the Philippine area of responsibility today, will bring isolated rainshowers especially in the eastern sections of Southern Luzon and the Visayas, the state weather bureau said yesterday.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said as of 3 p.m. yesterday, the center of the typhoon, with international name Mindulle, was at 1,475 kilometers east of extreme Northern Luzon.

It was slowly moving north-northwestward with maximum sustained winds of 155 kilometers per hour near its center and gustiness of up to 190 kph.

PAGASA said the trough of the typhoon, coupled with localized thunderstorms, would bring partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers over Metro Manila and the entire country.

It warned of possible flash floods or landslides during severe thunderstorms.

Based on PAGASA's forecast, Mindulle will enter the Philippine area of responsibility this morning or afternoon. Once it is in the country, it will be given the local name Lannie.

The weather bureau said Mindulle's stay in the Philippines would be brief, with low chance of making landfall. It was forecast to be outside the Philippines by tomorrow night or Thursday morning.

However, PAGASA said the typhoon might cause moderate to rough sea conditions over the northern and eastern seaboard of Luzon.

"Sea travel will be risky for small seacraft. Mariners are advised to take precautionary measures when venturing out to sea," it said.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/09/28/2130191/typhoon-enters-philippine-area-today/amp/>

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Philippines sees 18,449 more COVID-19 cases

(Philstar.com)

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Commuters prepare their face shields as they board an EDSA carousel bus at the Monumento station in Quezon City on Sept. 23, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Monday reported 18,449 new coronavirus cases, bringing the Philippines' total caseload to 2,509,177.

Today's numbers saw active cases down by 3,278 from the 161,447 reported on September 26. The Department of Health said two laboratories did not submit screening results.

Active cases: 158,169 or 6.3% of the total

Recoveries: 21,811 bringing the number to 2,313,412

Deaths: 93, or now 37,494 overall

Guidelines signed for pilot return to classrooms

DOH and the Department of Education signed a joint memorandum circular for the pilot resumption of in-person classes in 100 public schools.

Despite the move, there is still no vaccination for children. COVID-19 testing would also not be required for those participating in the pilot study.

Malacañang reported that more than 20 million Filipinos are now fully vaccinated for COVID-19. The figure is 26.33% of the government's goal of inoculating up to 70 million this year.

The Philippines received three million more doses of Sinovac's COVID-19 jab as part of the supply procured by government.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/09/27/2130078/philippines-sees-18449-more-covid-19-cases/amp/>

DOH reports 18,449 new Covid cases on Monday



BY [CLAUDETH MOCON-CIRIACO](#)

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1 MINUTE READ



A village officer walks along a street in lockdown due to a Covid-19 case in Quezon city, Philippines (AP)

The Department of Health (DOH) on Monday night reported a total of 18,449 additional cases, bringing the total number of infections in the country to 2,509,177.

There were also 21,811 recoveries and 93 deaths logged.

The DOH said that it will report backlog deaths in separate advisories after no deaths were reported from September 24 to September 26.

Of the total number of cases, 6.3 percent (158,169) have died, 92.2 percent (2,313,412) have recovered, and 1.50 percent (37,494) have died.

Of the 18,449 reported cases, 17,953 (97 percent) occurred within the recent 14 days (September 14 – September 27, 2021).

The top regions with cases in the recent two weeks were National Capital Region (3,060 or 17 percent) Region 4A (2,465 or 14 percent) and Region 3 (1,922 or 11 percent)

A total of 130 duplicates were removed from the total case count. Of these, 61 are recoveries and 4 are deaths.

Moreover, 227 cases previously tagged as recoveries have been validated to be active cases and 117 cases that were previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

All laboratories were operational on September 25, 2021 but 2 labs were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

Based on data in the last 14 days, the 2 non-reporting labs contribute, on average, 0.07 percent of samples tested and 0.04 percent of positive individuals.

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/27/doh-reports-18449-new-covid-cases-on-monday/>



Metro Manila may stay under Alert Level 4 while DOH studies data

By [Alexis Romero](#) (Philstar.com)
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Authorities monitor Brgy. 177 in Caloocan City which is placed under granular lockdown due to COVID-19 cases on Sept. 6, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Despite the downward trend in COVID-19 infections, Metro Manila may remain under Alert Level 4, the Department of Health said Monday, as it remains cautious about interpreting the data because of the lower output of testing laboratories.

Alethea de Guzman, director of the DOH epidemiological bureau, said Metro Manila has recorded a sudden downward trend in pandemic infections, with the average daily reported cases decreasing by 16% from 5,145 as of September 13 to 4,347 as of September 20.

She added that the reproduction number in the region, which refers to the number of additional people infected by one COVID-19 case, has dropped to 0.8555 as of September 13.

However, 76% of the capital region's intensive care unit (ICU) beds are in use as of September 24, a rate classified as "high risk." Bed utilization rate is at 63% or "moderate risk" while that of mechanical ventilators is at 59%.

"If these numbers of NCR (National Capital Region) are to be used as our basis, it is possible that it will remain under Alert Level 4," de Guzman said at a press briefing.

"We will continue to study our metrics and numbers and it is important to have accurate data so we can come up with the correct recommendation," she added.



Metro Manila may stay under Alert Level 4 while DOH studies data

Metro Manila will remain under Alert Level 4 — the second most stringent classification under the government's new quarantine system — until the end of the month. The capital region, home to more than 12 million people and the Philippines' economic center, is the pilot area for the alert level system.

De Guzman said the DOH is very cautious in saying that there is a decline in the number of infections in Metro Manila, noting that the output of testing laboratories have decreased by about ten percent. She said the number of persons tested by laboratories went down from 285,000 to 248,000 in the recent week.

The large decline in reported cases may have been largely affected by the decline in the output of laboratories conducting tests, she added.

"We have to work with the MMDA (Metro Manila Development Authority) and our LGUs (local government units) to determine the possible reasons why our testing decreased. Is it because despite the active case finding being done by our LGUs, there are no additional cases or we can only find a few cases?" de Guzman said.

"We are very cautiously interpreting the decline that we saw because we need to assess the large decline in the laboratory output we saw in the past week," she added.

De Guzman said the DOH is expected to announce the updated alert level of Metro Manila by October 1.

Easing

Metro Manila has been under alert level number four since September 16. Under the alert status, food establishments can use up to 30% of their seating capacity for outdoor or al fresco dine-in, regardless of vaccination status. For indoor dine-in services, only fully-vaccinated patrons can be served and restaurants or eateries can fill in up to ten percent of their venues.

The same capacity limits and vaccination status distinction are imposed on outdoor and indoor services offered by personal care establishments namely barber shops, hair spas, nail spasm and beauty salons. Workers of food establishments and personal care services should be fully inoculated against COVID-19 and should comply with minimum health standards like wearing of face masks, physical distancing, and frequent handwashing.

For face-to-face religious gatherings, up to 30% of the venue may be occupied for outdoor events, regardless of vaccination status. Up to ten percent of the venue capacity is permitted for indoor religious gatherings but only fully vaccinated persons can join. Priests and other religious ministers and their assistants should be fully vaccinated.

Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said about P30 billion in wages may return to the economy per week if Metro Manila's alert status is downgraded. About 12% of businesses remain closed after Metro Manila was placed under alert level number four, an improvement from 16% when the region was still under a stricter form of modified enhanced community quarantine.



Metro Manila may stay under Alert Level 4 while DOH studies data

"Many of our countrymen want to return to work. That's why we thank the IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases) for allowing even at Alert Level 4 the sensitive activities of concern like indoor dine-in, outdoor dine-in and personal care services," Lopez said.

Population protection

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said more jobs would be restored once Metro Manila achieves population protection against COVID-19. He noted that as of September 26, more than seven million persons in the capital region or 71.86% of the eligible population have been fully vaccinated.

"We are about to achieve the population protection of 80%, and once it happens, Christmas will not just be happy, we can go back to work. Because of the vaccines, there will be more jobs," Roque said.

About 22.54 million or 30.63% of the Philippines' eligible population have received their first dose. Some 20.3 million individuals, or 26.33% of the eligible population, have been fully vaccinated.

As of September 26, nine regions are classified as "high risk" namely Cordillera Administrative Region, Cagayan Valley, Ilocos, Caraga, SOCCSKSARGEN, Western Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Bicol, and MIMAROPA. The rest of the regions, including Metro Manila, are classified as "moderate risk."

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/09/27/2130135/metro-manila-may-stay-under-alert-level-4-while-doh-studies-data/amp/>



PAGSASAMANTALA SA ANTIGEN TEST BANTAYAN



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ILANG araw lang matapos sabihin ng Department of Health na tanging ang reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction o rt-pcr lang ang kinikilala nitong batayan ng pagdedeklara kung positibo o negatibo sa COVID-19 ang isang tao, heto na at nagbago ng isip nito.

Sa wakas kinikilala na rin nito ang iba pang paraan gaya ng antigen test.

Pero ngayon pa lang, mga Bro, magbantay-bantay na ang lahat sa posibleng pagsasamantala rito.

Itong antigen test, mga Bro, ay napakasimpleng paraan ng pag-alam ng kalagayan ng isang tao sa pagiging positibo o negatibo sa COVID-19.

May stick na gamit ito na siyang isasaksak sa ilong o bunganga ng tao at pagkatapos nito, ihahalo ang nakayod na bagay sa isang kemikal at sa loob lamang ng ilang segundo, lalabas na ang resulta.

May kasamang instruksyon ang mga antigen test sa pagsasagawa nito at madali lang na masundan ng mga ordinaryong mamamayan.

Pero para hindi masayang, tumatawag o nagtatanong sila sa mga may karanasan na sa paggamit nito.

At isinasagawa lang ang test na ito sa mga bahay-bahay.

NAPAKABISANG PARAAN

Bagama't maaaring magkaroon din ng false positive o maling pagpopositibo sa COVID-19, sa karanasan ng mga ordinaryong mamamayan, mabisa ito.



PAGSASAMANTALA SA ANTIGEN TEST BANTAYAN

Lalong pinaniniwalaan ang resulta rito sa mga pamilyang may mga miyembro na itinatakbo sa mga ospital dahil sa mga kasong severe at kritikal na nagreresulta sa matagal na pagkakaospital o kamatayan.

At marami na ang nakararanas nito.

Ito ang napipili ng mga ordinaryong mamamayan na paraan dahil higit na mura ito kung ikukumpara sa presyo ng rt-pcr na isinasagawa sa mga laboratoryo o ospital.

Napakabigat nga naman sa bulsa ang presyo ng rt-pcr na isinasagawa ng mga pribado at pampublikong ahensya, laboratoryo ospital.

Sa pampublikong test center, naglalaro sa P2,450-P2,800 at P2,940-P3,360 naman sa pribadong test center.

Ang antigen test ay katamtamang mabili sa halagang P500 bawat kit ngunit umaabot ng nasa P1,000 sa mga malalayong lalawigan mula sa Metro Manila.

KAUGNAY NG LGU

May sinasabi nga lang ang DOH.

Malinaw na kung gagamit ng antigen test, dapat na nakaugnay ito sa mga local government unit gaya ng mga barangay, munisipyo, siyudad o lalawigan.

Parang lumalabas na ang mga health center ng mga ito ang dapat na gumawa ng mga antigen test para magkaroon na rin ng tamang rekord na kanilang isusumite sa DOH

Kailangan na kasing isama ang mga resulta ng antigen test sa mga testing na ginagawa ng pambansang pamahalaan.

Kaya nga, isang katanungan ang pagsasama o hindi ang mga test na isinasagawa sa mga tahanan.

Sa ibang salita, mga Bro, kikilalanin ba ng mga LGU at ng DOH sa huli ang pagsasagawa ng test sa mga tahanan at ang resulta nito ay maging bahagi ng pambansang rekord?

DAPAT MAY KONTROL

Sakaling ang mga isasagawa lang ng mga LGU health center ang kikilalanin, maaaring dahil sa pagtiyak na tama ang pagsasagawa ng test at tiyak ang kalidad ng gagamiting antigen kit.

Posible kasing may mga peke na mabili ang mga ordinaryong mamamayan o kaya'y mali ang proseso kaya naman magiging mali ang resulta ng test.

Malaking posibilidad ito dahil maaaring maglipana ang mga antigen test kit na peke o kung genuine naman ay hindi sapat ang mga bumubuong kemikal nito para sa tamang resulta.

Kaya mula ngayon, dapat na mag-ingat na ang mga mamamayan.

Maaaring magkaroon na rin ng mga overpricing dahil sa pagkilala ng DOH sa antigen test.

At kung mangyari ito, magiging mabigat na ring pasanin ito ng mga mamamayan.



PAGSASAMANTALA SA ANTIGEN TEST BANTAYAN

Kasama sa mga mabibigatan ang mga tao o organisasyong gustong-gustong tumulong sa mga mamamayan at bumibili ng antigen test para libreng mapamahagi at magamit ng mga mamamayan, gaya ng ginagawa ng Lions Clubs International.

Kaugnay nito, dapat na ring mag-isyu ang DOH ng patakaran sa presyo upang maiwasan ang overpricing.

SENTRO NG SURIAN NASAAN?

Maganda na ring magtayo ang DOH ng mga surian ng mga antigen test para malaman kung peke o genuine ang mga mabibili.

Pinakamaganda kung itatayo ang mga ito sa mga barangay health center para hindi na gagastos ang mga tao nang mahal sa pagpapasuri sa malalayong lugar.

At pinakamaganda ring libre ang pagsusuri na isasagawa ng mga may alam dito.

Baka naman magiging dagdag na gastos lang ito na papasanin ng mga mamamayan.

At napakasamang isipin na sa huli, magiging konti na lang ang diperensya ng halaga ng antigen testing kumpara s art-pcr o saliva testing.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

6.3%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
158,169

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

92.2%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,313,412

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.50%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
37,494

MGA BAGONG KASO **18,449**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **21,811**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **93**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,509,177**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING SETYEMBRE 25

DATOS NGAYONG SETYEMBRE 27
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG SETYEMBRE 25

23.5%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
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68,678

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94.1%

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KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)	75% Utilized
ISOLATION BEDS (21.2K TOTAL BEDS)	64% Utilized
WARD BEDS (15.8K TOTAL BEDS)	68% Utilized
VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS)	54% Utilized

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.6K TOTAL BEDS)	77% Utilized
ISOLATION BEDS (4.7K TOTAL BEDS)	55% Utilized
WARD BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)	65% Utilized
VENTILATORS (1.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)	58% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild	78.7%
Asymptomatic	15.3%
Critical	0.8%
Severe	1.7%
Moderate	3.42%



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

The DOH will report backlog deaths in separate advisories.

Tungo sa pagpigil ng tuluyang pagkalat ng COVID-19 sa ating mga komunidad, tiyakin ang masusing pagsunod ng **Minimum Public Health Standards**. Kaakibat nito, sa oras na makaramdam ng sintomas ay agad na makipag-ugnayan sa ating **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center**, na maaabot sa **1555**, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333. Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.



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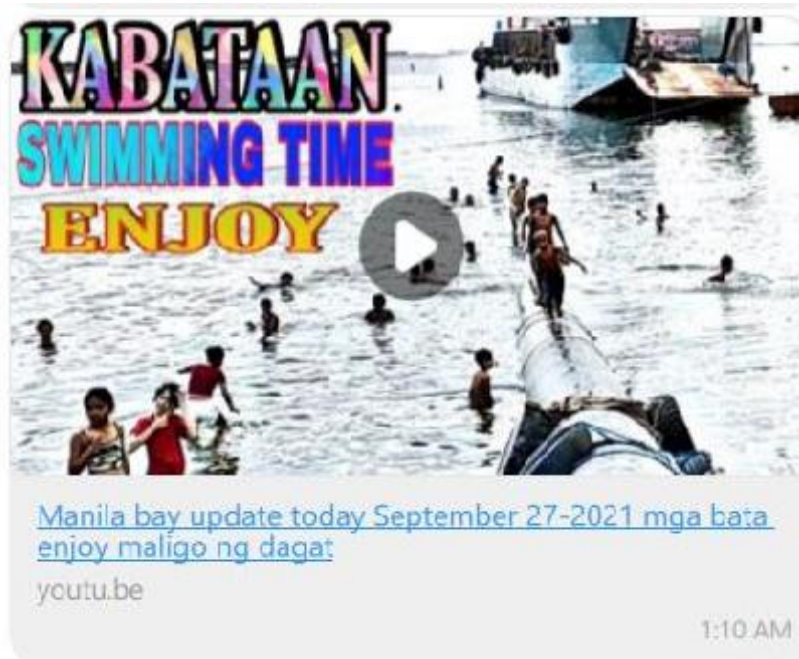
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
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



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