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DENR, MPIC partner to rehabilitate Manila's 20 'filthiest' esteros

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THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) recently announced its partnership with the MVP-led Metro Pacific Investment Corp. (MPIC) for the rehabilitation of 20 of Manila's dirtiest esteros.

The partnership under the DENR's Adopt-an-Estero/Water Body program will boost the ongoing rehabilitation of Pasig River and Manila Bay.

The five-year partnership covers the adoption by MPIC of the Esteros de Vitas, San Lazaro, Kabulusan, Magdalena, Binondo, Dela Reina, Sampaloc, San Sebastian, San Miguel, Valencia, Uli-Uli, Paco, Pandacan, Tanque, Balete, Provisor, Concordia, Sunog Apog, San Antonio Abad and Quiapo.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed by Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatú and MPIC President and CEO Jose Ma. Lim to formalize the deal.

The environment chief said the collaboration is a continuation of the battle cry for Pasig River: "rehabilitating a river, restoring life and reviving the pride."

"Together, we will continue to clean every estero, assess their water quality and identify sources of pollution," Cimatú said during the MOU signing held at the DENR central office in Quezon City.

"We will take appropriate actions

against establishments discharging untreated wastewater to prevent them from further poisoning these waterways," he added.

Lim said the MPIC—through its subsidiary Maynilad Water Services Inc.—"remains fully committed to protecting the environment."

"Upon acknowledging the objective of the DENR to promote stewardship among the private sector, MPIC is set to assist government agencies in improving the water-quality parameters of the country's water bodies," Lim added.

Under the MOU, the MPIC agreed not only to fund the rehabilitation and water-quality assessment of the adopted esteros, but also spearhead the mobilization of neighboring schools and communities for the cleanup activities.

Maynilad will also fast-track the rehabilitation of its sewer lines, intensify the connection of domestic and non-domestic customers to the existing sewerage network, install collector pipes and easements, and conduct information and education campaigns related to proper wastewater treatment and disposal.

The DENR will provide the MPIC with all the relevant data for the conduct of the water-quality assessment study, issue the necessary permits and approvals to enable the MPIC and Maynilad to perform their responsibilities, and take appropriate action against violators within the adopted esteros.



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Sa Manila Bay rehab

DENR, MPIC SANIB-PUWERSA

MAGSASANIB-PUWERSA ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at ang Metro Pacific Investment Corp. (MPIC) para sa isinasagawang rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay at iba pang estero o daluyan ng tubig.

Ito ay makaraang mangako ang MPIC na pinamunuan ng negosyanteng si Manuel V. Pangilinan na lalinisin ang maruruming estero na dumadaloy sa Pasig River at dumidiretso sa Manila Bay.

Nakipagkasundo ang DENR sa MPIC para linisin ang 20 maruruming estero na dumadaloy sa Pasig River sa ilalim ng Adopt-an-Estero/Water Body program.

Nakapaloob sa kasunduan ng DENR at MPIC ang mga estero ng De Vitas, San Lazaro, Kabulusan, Magdalena, Binondo, dela Reina, Sampaloc, San Sebastian, San Miguel, Valencia, Uli-Uli, Paco, Pandacan, Tanque, Balete, Provisor, Concordia, Sunog Apog, San Antonio Abad at Quiapo.

Napagtibay ang kasunduan ng dalawa matapos na lumagda sa Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sina DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu at MPIC President

and CEO Jose Ma. Lim.

Ayon kay Cimatu, ang pagtutulungan ng DENR at MPIC ay nakatuon sa 'battle cry' ng Pasig City na "rehabilitating a river, restoring life and reviving the pride."

"Together, we will continue to clean every estero, assess their water quality and identify sources of pollution," pahayag ni Cimatu sa MOU signing na idinaos sa DENR central office sa Quezon City.

"We will take appropriate actions against establishments discharging untreated wastewater to prevent them from further poisoning these waterways," dagdag pa nito.

Tiniyak naman ni Lim na makikipagtulungan ang MPIC sa DENR sa pamamagitan ng kanilang kompanyang Maynilad Water Services Inc., para maprotektahan ang kapaligiran.

"Upon acknowledging the objective of the DENR to promote stewardship among the private sector, MPIC is set to assist government agencies in improving the water quality parameters of the country's water bodies," ayon kay Lim.

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House tackles DENR move to cut 3k trees near Angat

By Maricel V. Cruz

SPEAKER Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Wednesday led lawmakers in conducting an oversight hearing on forest management in Region III following concerns over the issuance by the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources of permits to cut 3,000 trees near the Angat Dam.

The hearing conducted by the House Committee on Natural Resources was presided by Committee Vice Chairman Rep. Francisco Jose Matugas II of Surigao Del Norte.

The Arroyo-led House committee meeting sought to assess the information brought forth by Jesus Santos, National Association of Lawyers for Justice and Peace founding chairman, that the DENR

granted a permit in 2016 to cut down 26,000 trees near the Angat Dam.

Santos said that this was later reduced to 3,000 trees. The cut trees were deposited to and continue to remain at the compound of Hanjin Heavy Industries, which has since shuttered its operations in the Philippines.

Arroyo said the lawmakers have been accommodating and flexible by letting Santos talk lengthily about the matter.

DENR Assistant Regional Director Arthur Salazar also attended the committee hearing, saying that the Angat Hydropower Corp. contracted the cutting of trees in its efforts to retrofit the Angat Dam. In the terminal report of the DENR, of the 3,000 trees that the permit allowed to be cut, only 1,041 were cut and 230 saplings were boled.



CUTTING PERMIT SA 3K PUNO DENR 'di pa absuwelto

MULING ipatatawag para sa isang oversight hearing ng House Committee on Natural Resources ang ilang opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hinggil sa kuwestiyunableng pag-iisyu nito ng permit para sa pagputol ng may 3,000 puno na nasa bahagi ng Angat Dam, sa lalawigan ng Bulacan.

Ayon kay 1st. Surigao del Norte Rep. Francisco Jose Matugas II, vice-chairman ng nasabing komite, hindi pa rin sila kumbinsido at marami pang dapat na ipaliwanag ang DENR bunsod nang inisyu nitong 'cutting permit'.

Nauna rito, isiniwalat ni Atty. Jesus Santos, founding chairman ng National Association of Lawyers for Justice and Peace, na noong 2016 ay inaaprubahan ang permit para sa paputol ng 26,000 puno sa paligid ng Angat Dam.

Subalit dugtong ng abogado, kalaunan ay ibinaba na lamang sa 3,000 ang bilang ng mga puno na papayagang putulin sa nabanggit na lugar.

Kinuwestyon din niya kung bakit ang mga pinutol na puno ay nanatiling nakaimbak sa compound ng Hanjin Heavy Industries, gayung tumigil na ito ng kanilang operasyon sa Filipinas.

Tugon naman ni DENR Assistant Regional Director Arthur Salazar, ang pagpuputol sa mga puno ay bahagi ng 'retrofitting project' ng Angat Hydro-power Corporation.

Subalit sa kabuuan ay 1,041 lamang ang pinutol na mga puno habang nasa 230 ang isinailalim sa "balling" o binunot at inilipat o muling itinanim sa ibang lugar.

Dahil sa kawalan ng sapat na lugar o espasyo ng kanilang tanggapan, sinabi ni Salazar na sa compound na lang muna ng

Hanjin nila-inipon ang mga pinutol na puno.

Sa panig ni Rolly Molato, ng Region 3 CENRO, ginawa ang pagpuputol ng mga puno para makagawa ng 'source' sa gagamiting 'aggregates' ng Hanjin sa ginawa nitong rehabilitasyon ng ilang dike ng Angat Dam.

Kinumpirma niyang hindi umabot sa 3,000 ang mga naputol na puno sa Angat Dam area, na bahagi ng kanyang 'area of responsibility'.

Giit ni Molato, buo ang suporta at pakikipagtulungan ng DENR sa imbestigasyon na ito na isinasagawa ng lower house.

Dagdag niya, hindi rin mangingimi ang liderato ng DENR na sampahan hindi lamang ng kasong administratibo kundi maging ng kriminal ang sinumang opisyal o tauhan ng kanilang ahensiya na mapatutanayang nagkasala para mapatawan ng kaukulang parusa.

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DENR, pinagpapaliwanag sa 'cutting permit' ng 3K puno sa Angat Dam

NAKAHANDA ang Department of Environment and natural Resources (DENR) na ipaliwanag ang umano'y inilabas na 'cutting permit' para sa 3,000 mga puno sa bahagi ng Angat Dam, sa lalawigan ng Bulacan.

Dahil ito sa ikalawang oversight hearing ng House Committee on Natural Resources kung saan muling ipatatawag ang ilang opisyal ng DENR kaugnay ng kuwestyunableng isyu.

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3K puno pinutol sa Angat Dam

INIIMBESTIGAHAN ng Kamara de Representantes ang pagbibigay umano ng permit ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources para maputol ang 3,000 puno sa Angat Dam.

Isinagawa ng House Committee on Natural Resources ang imbestigasyon para malinawan ang mga pahayag ni Jesus Santos, founding chairman ng National Association of Lawyers for Justice and Peace, na nagbigay umano ang DENR ng permit upang putulin ang 26,000 puno noong 2016.

Ayon kay Santos ang bilang ng mga puno na pinutol ay ibinaba lang sa 3,000. Ang mga ito ay nasa compound ng Hanjin Heavy Industries sa Pampanga.

Paliwanag naman ni DENR Assistant Regional Director Arthur Salazar, kinailangang putulin ang mga puno para sa retrofitting ng Angat Dam. Ang Angat Hydropower Corporation umano ang humiling na putulin ang mga puno.

Sinabi ng DENR na 1,041 puno lamang ang aktwal na pinutol at 230 naman ang inilipat.

Pinuna naman ni A Teacher Rep. Julieta Cortuna ang DENR sa pagbibigay ng permit na sobra sa aktwal na puputuling puno.

"Bakit ka nagbigay ng 3,000 when ang na-cut lang ay 1,000-something? Siguro dapat in-inspect n'yo muna based on the program submitted to the DENR so that iyong actual lang ang kailangan," ani Cortuna.

Hindi naman masabi ng DENR kung mayroong epekto ang pagpuputol ng puno sa display ng tubig sa dam.
—Leifbilly Begas



3,000 punongkahoy, bakit ipinaputol?

Iimbestigahan ng Kamara ang pag-iisyu ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ng permiso para pumutol ng 3,000 punongkahoy malapit sa Angat Dam sa Bulacan.

Sa pagdinig ng House Committee on Natural Resources, nais malaman ng mga kongresista ang pangangasiwa sa kagubatan sa Region III.

Sa pangunguna ni Committee Vice Chairman Rep. Francisco Jose Matugas II (1st District, Surigao Del Norte), sisiyasatin ng komite ang impormasyon na ibinigay ni Jesus Santos, National Association of Lawyers for Justice and Peace founding chairman, na nagkaloob ang DENR ng permit noong 2016 para pumutol ng 26,000 punongkahoy malapit sa Angat Dam.



Government officials, led by Ninoy Aquino International Airport customs district collector Mimel Talusan (right), show a preserved moose head and fox, hidden in packages sent to the Philippines, in a press conference at NAIA yesterday.

RUDY SANTOS

BOC seizes moose head, stingray skins

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has seized parcels containing animal carcasses and spiders sent from abroad, officials said yesterday.

BOC-Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) district collector Mimel Talusan said 14 kilos of stingray skins were found in a package sent from Jakarta, Indonesia to a resident of Talisay, Cebu.

A preserved moose head and a fox were sent from Nor-

way and France to consignees in Cavite and Quezon City.

A shipment of 100 spiders in plastic containers from Poland and Malaysia were consigned to residents of Sto. Tomas in Batangas, Naga City and Cebu.

Talusan said the carcasses and spiders were turned over to the Wildlife Trafficking Management Unit of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the

Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

Talusan said those convicted of illegal wildlife trading face a prison term of as long as two years and a fine ranging from P20,000 to P200,000.

BFAR-NAIA head Marion Trio said the dried stingray skins can be used for bags, belts, wallets and shoes.

- Rudy Santos



Diving for cleaner oceans

The world's oceans are without a doubt the driving force behind various ecosystems that make the Earth habitable for humankind as its people depend on them for rainwater, drinking water, the weather, climate, coastlines, much of our food and even the oxygen in the air we breathe.

The project has already done wonders as it tremendously decreased the volume of underwater garbage.

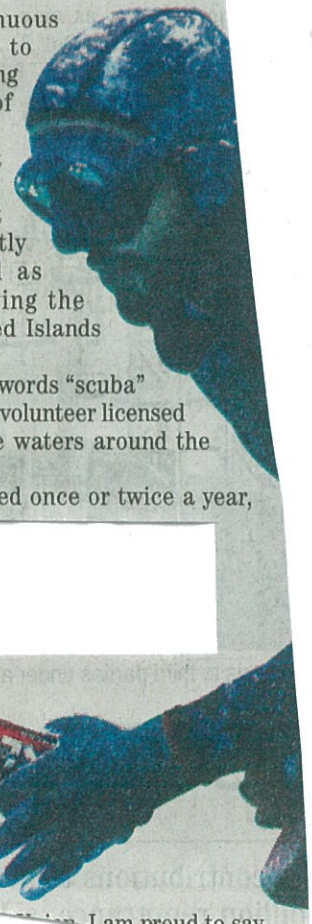
These basic necessities are all ultimately provided and regulated by the sea and throughout history, oceans and seas have been vital conduits for trade and transportation.

However, presently there is a continuous deterioration of coastal waters owing to pollution, and ocean acidification is having an adverse effect on the functioning of ecosystems and biodiversity.

In the Philippines, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), along with the local government of Alaminos City in Pangasinan, recently launched a clean-up drive dubbed as "SCUBAsurero" in pursuit of preserving the pristine and clean waters at the Hundred Islands National Park (HINP).

The project – coined by combining the words "scuba" and "basurero" or trash collector – employ volunteer licensed scuba divers to forage for garbage in the waters around the islands an effort which started in 2016.

The SCUBAsurero used to be conducted once or twice a year,



but since the city government advocates the conservation, protection and rehabilitation of the Hundred Islands, it has become a monthly activity to sustain this premier tourist attraction in Pangasinan.

This is also in line with Goal 14 of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDG) which aims to sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts – by strengthening their resilience – and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans

Around 30 trained divers from the city government of Alaminos – including volunteers from national

government agencies and private groups – conduct the underwater clean-up drive every month and collect garbage indiscriminately thrown by some visitors.

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The DENR and the LGU also implements the "Basura Mo, Iuwi Mo" program, where a P200 refundable group bond is required of visitors going to the HINP as tourists are given two bags: one for biodegradable trash and another for non-biodegradable materials.

Once the visitors return to the wharf or the mainland and turn in their garbage for proper disposal by the Alaminos City Tourism Office, they get back the P200 deposit.



I am proud to say

A VOLUNTEER
free diver picks up trash underwater as part of a clean-up drive that aims to conserve, protect and rehabilitate the ocean from pollution. AFP



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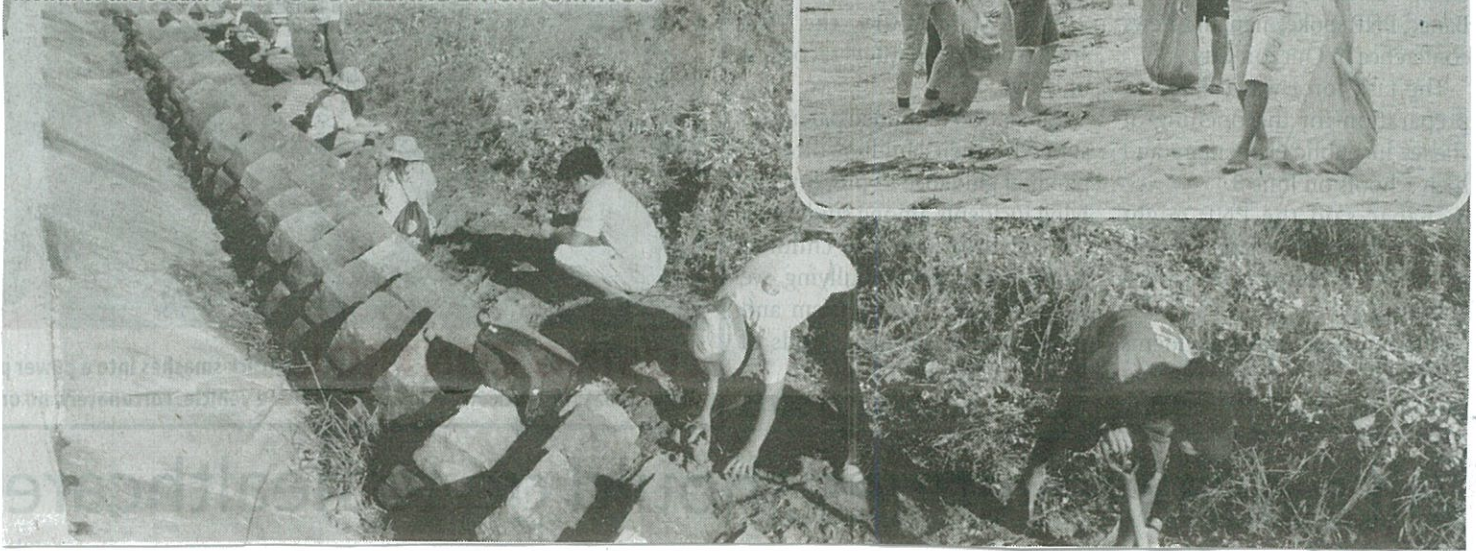
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ENSURING COASTAL BIODIVERSITY

Affirming their commitment to marine protection, at least 10 coastal towns in Cagayan, led by officials of Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Council), join the coastal cleanup and tree planting activities in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Region 2 in observance of the Month of the Ocean. PHOTOS BY LEANDER C. DOMINGO



RWM and ABS-CBN team up for Bantay Langis environmental project

PREMIER LIFESTYLE and tourism destination Resorts World Manila (RWM) forges a new path in corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmentally-sustainable operations through a partnership with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. Bantay Kalikasan for the foundation's Bantay Langis Project.

The Bantay Langis Project is an advocacy and media campaign that seeks to inform the public of the dangers of improper handling and disposal of used industrial and engine oil.

The project asks companies like RWM to donate used industrial oil for proper treatment, recycling, or disposal. Once a donation is confirmed, ABS-CBN's DENR registered oil treater and recycler, Genetron International Marketing, determines the monetary value of used oil, reprocesses it, and remits the proceeds to ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. Bantay Kalikasan.

As a tourism and lifestyle brand, RWM will be donating its used kitchen oils from the many kitchens within its vast complex.

In a signing ceremony witnessed by Environmental Management Bureau-National Capital Region Regional Director, Atty. Domingo Clemente, Jr., RWM became the first integrated resort in the Philippines to sign up for the Bantay Langis Project.

"That we are pioneering this move towards environmental sustainability is fitting, as we are celebrating our 10th year as the integrated resort industry pioneer," says Stephen Reilly, RWM COO. "RWM welcomes tens of thousands of people a day, and many of them dine in



IN PHOTO (L-R) are EMB-NCR Regional Director Atty. Domingo Clemente, Jr.; Pollution Control Association of the Philippines Vice-President for External Affairs Engr. Gretchen Fontejon-Enarfe; Resorts World Manila Chief Operating Officer Stephen Reilly; DENR-EMB Hazardous Waste Section Chief Engr. Geri-Geronimo Sañez; ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Managing Director Susan Afan; and Genetron International Marketing Technical Sales Director Engr. Jocelyn Paner.

our restaurants which means that we use thousands of liters of kitchen oil per day to meet their orders. Through this Bantay Langis partnership, we have a better way of disposing of our used oil while helping communities win through the ABS-CBN Foundation."

Since the early days of RWM's operations, the integrated resort has created CSR programs that promote social development, nurture Filipino culture and the arts, and environmental sustainability. Its environmental programs have been recognized by local and international award-giving bodies.

In addition to tree planting and watershed adoption activities, RWM has a monthly recycling program which helps reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills. The recyclables are turned over to a foundation which then upcycles them into disaster relief goods such as blankets, shirts, and even a rescue boat.

"Thank you to our partner, Resorts World Manila, for materializing this collaboration to reduce the oil wastage and at the same time raise funds to support our Bantay Kalikasan sites nationwide," said ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. Managing Director Susan Afan.



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POLLUTION WATCH. Resorts World Manila teams up with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc. Bantay Kalikasan for the Bantay Langis Project to inform the public of the dangers of improper handling and disposal of used industrial and engine oil. Leading the partnership are (from left) Environmental Management Bureau-NCR regional director Domingo Clemente Jr., Pollution Control Association of the Philippines vice president for external affairs Gretchen Fontejon-Enarle, Resorts World Manila chief operating officer Stephen Reilly, EMB hazardous waste section chief Geri-Geronimo Sañez, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation managing director Susan Afan and Genetron International Marketing technical sales director Jocelyn Panen.



AFP: Mavulis Island secure from foreign poachers

By VICTOR MARTIN

BASCO, Batanes – Mavulis Island, the uninhabited and northernmost island of the country, is now secure from foreign poachers.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) made the declaration as government troops hoisted the Philippine flag at the island's highest peak following the completion of a fisherman's shelter last week.

The shelter, also known as the Mavulis Project, was formally turned over by AFP's Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom) to the provincial government of Batanes last Monday.

Mavulis is located 38 kilometers from Itbayat of the Batanes group of islands.

Fishermen from Itbayat are known to avoid Mavulis due to the presence of foreign poachers.

To assert sovereignty over the island, troops placed an oversized Philippine flag, measuring two meters by three meters, made of tough weatherproof fiberglass.

Aside from the newly repaired flagpole and reinstalled flag on top of the island, Nolcom commander Lt. Gen. Emmanuel Salamat said the installation of a fiberglass Philippine flag on the cliff of the island will also serve as the country's northern boundary marker.

The government hoisted the first Philippine flag in the island in May 2016 but the flagpole was damaged by typhoon in September 2016. It was repaired in 2017 but was again damaged by a strong storm in 2018.

During the turnover ceremonies last Monday, Salamat led the troops with PBA party-list Rep. Jerico Jonas Nograles

in climbing the rocky mountain and slippery cliffs to reach the summit where the Philippine flag was hoisted.

Salamat said he nearly passed out during their tough climb but insisted on reaching the summit, where he led other officials in singing the national anthem.

"To give my final salute and to sing the national anthem before the Philippine flag at the northernmost part of the country before my retirement is history on my part as a military man," Salamat said.

Salamat said the construction of the shelter started in 2018. Soldiers and other volunteers found it difficult to complete the task of building the shelter due to inclement weather and the island's remoteness.

Also known as the Y'ami Island or Dihami, meaning north

by the locals, the 2.2-square kilometer Mavulis Island is located more than 280 kilometers off the northern coast of Luzon mainland and less than 150 kilometers from the southern tip of Taiwan.

Mavulis Island is located in Balintang Channel, a strategic passage used by foreign and local vessels crossing the waterway of the South China Sea to the Pacific Ocean.

Mang Samuel, a 48-year-old fisherman from Itbayat, said before the construction of the Mavulis project, they were forced to land on the island to seek shelter from storms.

"Reaching this place (Mavulis) is only for the bravest because we are aware that coming here is not easy, sometimes, we stayed at the island's caves for a week during typhoons or because of bad weather, no water or no food, and we always

encounter foreign poacher here, but now, we feel secure because of these projects from our government," Samuel said.

Nolcom information officer Maj. Ericson Bolusan said the one-room fishermen's shelter can accommodate at least 20 people. It is equipped with dining area, living room, kitchen, comfort room with complete appliances and amenities.

The shelter has its own solar power facility donated by the One Meralco Foundation to provide electricity to the entire island and a desalination plant for potable water.

A dual-purpose area was provided as helipad and as fish drying section.

Marcelo Bumidang of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer of Batanes said the island is rich with different

century plants species popularly used in making bonsai.

Bumidang said they will ensure close monitoring to protect biodiversity on the island.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) yesterday said they might have to suspend their routine patrol at the West Philippine Sea whenever they would encounter strong typhoons.

PCG commandant Elson Hermogino said they are currently conducting "irregular patrols" at the West Philippine Sea.

Once the rainy season begins where there would be strong typhoons, "we would always prioritize the safety and life of our personnel and property so we would stop our patrol. If the weather permits, then we would (resume) conduct of our patrol operations," Hermogino said.

- With Evelyn Macairan



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NEVER AGAIN: TRASH BACK TO CANADA AFTER 6 YEARS IN PH

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ON CANADIAN BUSINESS The container ship MV Bavaria docks at Subic Bay International Corp. terminal on Thursday to load tons of Canadian trash illegally shipped to the Philippines years ago. The vessel will take the garbage back to Canada on a trip paid for by Ottawa. —NIÑO JESUS ORBETA



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NEVER AGAIN: TRASH RETURNED TO CANADA AFTER 6 YEARS IN PH

By Joanna Rose Aglibot
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SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—Following a threat from Malacañang that Manila would cut diplomatic ties with Ottawa, Canada made good on its promise to repatriate tons of Canadian waste illegally exported to the Philippines about six years ago when a ship that would haul them back arrived on Thursday at Subic Bay Freeport to load the cargo.

Earlier in the day, dozens of environmentalists, some of them accompanied by children, held a rally at a beach resort inside the free port demanding that both the Canadian and Philippine governments prevent a repeat of the waste shipment, which they said violated an international treaty.

Greenpeace Philippines, EcoWaste Coalition, BAN Toxics, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives and Break Free from Plastic Movement sent off the garbage with a message in a banner that said, "We are not the world's dump." Another

banner said "Never again, ban waste imports to stop pollution."

"We need to learn from this prolonged ordeal and make sure it is never repeated. Never again shall we allow other countries to trash our dignity, our people's health and the environment," said Aileen Lucero, EcoWaste national coordinator.

The MV Bavaria docked at the port around 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, two days after it arrived in Manila.

69 containers

Officials of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) said the 69 containers packed with the garbage were to be loaded onto the ship on Thursday evening. The Bavaria was expected to leave early on Friday.

There were originally 103 containers shipped to the Philippines between 2013 and 2014 by Ontario-based Chronic Inc., which declared the trash as plastic. They were consigned to Chronic Plastic based in Valenzuela City and to Live Green Enterprise.

Officials said the shipment



WE'RE NOT YOUR DUMP Greenpeace activists sail their boat near the container ship MV Bavaria to make a statement as the vessel that will carry Canadian trash back to Canada is towed into Subic Bay port on Thursday. The activists' banner reads, "The Philippines is not a dump." —GREENPEACE

had been misdeclared as recyclables and actually contained mixed waste, including nonrecyclable plastic, waste paper, household and electronic waste, and used adult diapers.

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) earlier said the contents of 34 containers had been disposed of but the Metro Clark Waste Management Corp. (MCWMC) said only 26 were

emptied at its landfill in Barangay Kalangitan in Capas, Tarlac province, in July 2015.

Eight more containers were driven to Kalangitan, but the MCWMC rejected these. Officials could not recall who took them back.

Hazardous waste

Greenpeace said these were hazardous waste, according to



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Republic Act No. 6969, or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste and Control Act of 1990.

The shipment violated the Basel Convention, it said.

Acting on instructions from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), SBMA Administrator Wilma Eisma barred media coverage of "any point" of the shipping process.

She said the SBMA and DFA media production teams would document the whole process, and only the DFA teams would be allowed to issue media updates, pictures and videos.

Missed deadline

On Twitter, Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said Canada "picked up the tab from fumigation to ship side loading to departure, including helping get foreign permits for transshipment so ship's captain will depart (with stops) all the way to Canada."

After Ottawa failed to meet the May 15 deadline that Manila imposed to take back the garbage, President Duterte ordered the Philippine ambas-

sador and senior diplomats recalled from Canada.

"That recall shows that we are very serious in asking them to get back their garbage. Otherwise, we're going to sever relations with them," presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo said in a statement on May 16.

Joe DiGangi of Sweden-based public interest group IPEN said Canada should have complied with the Basel Convention and repatriated the garbage years ago.

The environmental groups urged both countries to ratify the Basel Ban Amendment, which would prohibit the export of hazardous waste and other trash from developed to developing countries for any reason, including recycling.

At a congressional hearing on Thursday, Assistant Foreign Secretary Maria Lumen Isleta said the DFA had recommended that Canada take action against the exporter, Chronic Inc., and that Ottawa had committed to do so. —WITH REPORTS FROM JHESSET O. ENANO, JEROME ANING AND KRIXIA SUBINGSUBING INQ



GARBAGE OUT BY FRIDAY

NORMALIZED TIES WITH CANADA SEEN WITH RETURN OF ITS TRASH

By Julie M. Aurelio
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TOKYO—Malacañang is optimistic that the Philippines' "diminished" diplomatic ties with Canada will soon normalize once its trash is shipped back to Ottawa.

Presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo quoted Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. as saying that the garbage was set to be returned to Canada on Friday.

"Hopefully that will happen since [the garbage issue] triggered the disrupted relations," Panelo said on the sidelines of President Duterte's meeting with the Filipino community here on Thursday.

In an interview with reporters, Panelo said he hoped that the recalled Philippine envoys to Canada would be able to return to their postings in Ottawa soon.

"Most likely, but we don't know yet when this will happen. Maybe when this is all over. Let's ask Secretary Locsin about it," he said.

Panelo added: "If the reason for [their] recall was the trash, then if the trash had been brought back, there's no more reason [for their recall]. That's the logic."

Earlier, Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra, who was appointed officer in charge of the government in Mr. Duterte's absence, said that the scores of containers dumped in the Philippines in 2013 and 2014 would be shipped back to Canada.

Panelo said the scheduled return of the containers of trash had been set on Friday because of the delayed arrival of the ship that would transport the trash back to Canada.

He said he and Mr. Duterte—who had ordered the immediate return of the trash at the Philippines' expense—have not yet talked about the pending retrieval of the trash.

"What is important is that the trash will be shipped and brought back to [Canada]. What is important to [the President] is that the trash is removed from our country," Panelo said.

He said Malacañang also welcomes the fact that the garbage would be retrieved earlier than promised by Canada.

"And the Canadian government will shoulder all the expenses from the time the trash is removed from our country [to its arrival in Canada]," Panelo said. INQ



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TRASH SHIP –
The MV Bavaria
docks at the
container
terminal at
Subic port
where it will
be loaded with
69 containers
of trash that
will be shipped
back to Canada.
(Jansen
Romero)

Return of Canadian trash delayed as ships arrive late

The scheduled return of 2,000 tons of Canadian garbage from Philippine shores was delayed for a day following the late arrival of the ships that would ferry the containers, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary Te-

odoro Loecin Jr. said on Thursday.

"After containers cleaned & ready to go ship arrival was delayed a day; Ricky (Enrique) Razon made sure once docked ship loaded," Loecin said in a tweet.

Razon is the chairman and chief executive officer of the International Container Terminal Services, Inc., a Philippine-based port handling giant.

Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Menardo ▶10

Return of Canadian...

Guevarra, who has been appointed officer-in-charge for the duration of President Duterte's official trip to Japan, had earlier said that the reshipment of the trash would take place on May 30, Thursday. Instead, the ships carrying the Canadian garbage will the Philippines for Canada today, May 31, 2019.

While the garbage's transit from the Philippines back to Canada was deferred, the actual loading of the cargo on the commissioned vessels in Subic Bay was expected to be completed Thursday afternoon.

"The cost of reshipment from Manila to Vancouver, estimated at P10 mil-

lion, will be shouldered by the Canadian government," Guevarra said.

"The container vans will be loaded on vessels owned by three shipping companies," Guevarra noted. He said the three shipping companies are Maersk, Zim, and CMA-CGM.

To further speed up the process of sending back the contentious Canadian trash, Loecin said Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu was "up early begged for foreign transshipment permits."

He said even Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines John Holmes "never slept till it all got done."

Loecin had earlier said that the

trash would undergo fumigation and documentation in Subic Bay before being shipped out to Canada via China.

The 69 containers carrying Canadian waste were sent to the Philippine between 2013 and 2014.

Canada's dilly-dallying in reclaiming the garbage had angered President Rodrigo Duterte, who earlier imposed a May 15 deadline for the north American territory to comply. After Canada missed the deadline, the DFA recalled Ambassador Petronila Garcia and several other consuls posted there.

Malacañang had also issued a memorandum barring Philippine officials from traveling to Canada in line with the Duterte administration's policy of diminishing ties with the country over the garbage issue.



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'Garbage collector' arrives in Phl; ties with Canada seen normalizing

GOODBYE TRASH:
Container ship
M/V Bavaria, a
vessel hired by
the Canadian
government to ship
containers of trash
back to Canada,
is seen docking at
Subic Port yesterday.

KRIZJOHN ROSALES

TOKYO – Diplomatic ties between the Philippines and Canada will normalize once the containers of trash dumped in Manila are shipped back to Ottawa, Malacañang announced yesterday.

The Philippines will finally return to Canada the 69 containers of toxic waste as the ship tasked to transport the garbage arrived at the Subic Bay

Freeport at 2:40 p.m. yesterday.

The trash will be loaded onto *M/V Bavaria*, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority said.

"Hopefully, it will return to normal because that (garbage issue) triggered the disruptive relations," presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo said in an interview here.

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Panelo said the government would most likely reinstate the ambassador and consular staff recalled earlier this month after the Canadian government failed to ship back its garbage.

"If the reason for the recall was the trash, then if the trash has been brought back, there's no more reason. That's the logic," Panelo said.

"What is important is the trash will be shipped back to Canada" he added.

The estimated 2,000 tons of garbage were shipped to the Philippines in 2013 and 2014.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had said legal obstacles prevented Canada from taking back the trash since the company that sent the rubbish to the Philippines was a private firm.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said the scheduled shipment of waste back to Canada had to wait for another day following the delay in the arrival of the ship.

Locsin said the ship that would transport the garbage was supposed to arrive on Wednesday.

Ban waste imports

Environmental groups launched an online petition urging President Duterte to ban the entry of waste in the country.

Greenpeace made the appeal after garbage from Australia, Hong Kong and South

Korea were illegally dumped in the country.

Aside from Greenpeace, Ecowaste Coalition, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, BAN Toxics and the global Break Free from Plastic Movement called on the government to ratify the Basel Ban Amendment, which prohibits waste imports.

Angelica Pago of Greenpeace noted that 103 shipping containers from Canada were intercepted at the Port of Manila containing plastics, household waste, electronic wastes and used adult diapers in 2013.

"These materials are classified as hazardous under Republic Act 6969 or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste and Control Act. Moreover, the waste shipment violates the Basel Convention, as the contents of the shipping containers were misdeclared as recyclable," she said.

"We are calling on the President to stand up for Philippine sovereignty by telling developed countries that the Philippines is not a garbage dump," Pago said.

Aileen Lucero, national coordinator of EcoWaste Coalition, said, "Today marks a point in our nation's history as we get rid of the illegal waste shipments from Canada after six years." — **Alexis Romero, Pia Lee-Brago, Bebot Sison Jr., Rhodina Villanueva**



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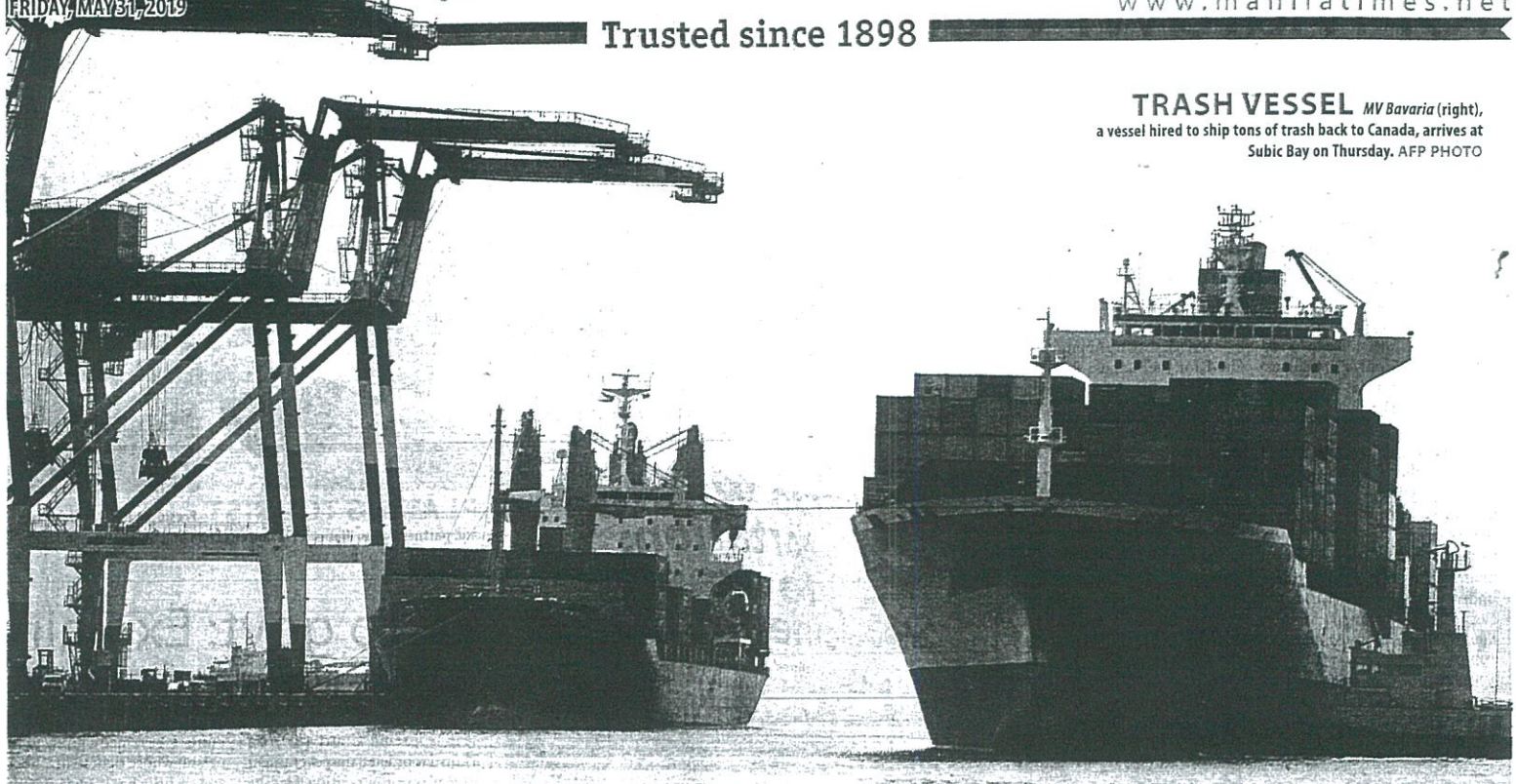
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TRASH VESSEL *MV Bavaria* (right),
a vessel hired to ship tons of trash back to Canada, arrives at
Subic Bay on Thursday. AFP PHOTO



Canada takes trash back

Vessel arrives at Subic; 69 containers to be returned

CANADA is finally taking back tons of garbage shipped to the Philippines, with a chartered vessel having arrived Thursday afternoon to receive 69 containers in the custody of Subic Bay International Terminal Corp. (SBITC).

Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. earlier this week said the waste would be shipped out May 30, but reports as of press time said loading would only be completed early Friday morning. All updates, including photos and videos, would come from the Department of Foreign

Affairs (DFA), the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) told the media.

Canada originally shipped 103 containers of trash in 2013, but the contents of 34 were "locally disposed" in succeeding years, environmental activists said as they

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Clearly, the donations were not utilized to provide for the much needed support of the Marawi siege victims. These should not be restricted only to the grant of financial assistance as provided under NDCC (National Disaster Coordinating Council) Memorandum Order 13 dated June 23, 1998," it added.

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state auditors said.

Based on the audit report, P4 million of the P36.92 million received by the OCD for financial assistance to the victims of the Marawi siege was from the provincial government of Bulacan, P5.092 million was from the Embassy of Thailand, P25.57 million was from the Embassy of

financial assistance can only be availed [of] if claims are filed at the RDCC [Regional Disaster Coordinating

to waste portation; to waste incineration!

EcoWaste Coalition gala BANTOXICS SMNC SBFCHEC GREENPEACE #breakfreefromplastic



RETURN TO SENDER Environmental activists from the Ecowaste Coalition, Greenpeace, Ban Toxics and Break Free from Plastics hold a rally in front of the Subic Freeport on Thursday, demanding that the Canadian government take back its garbage that it had shipped to the Philippines six years ago.

PHOTO BY JOHN ORVEN VERDOTE

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Canada takes back trash

warned that the Philippines could become the recipient of even more garbage, given a ban imposed by China — for decades the world's largest importer of recyclable waste — six years ago.

This so-called "Green Fence" has led to garbage from developed nations being shipped to other countries such as the Philippines and Malaysia, which this week also said it was shipping back tons of waste to Canada, the United States and Australia, among others.

In the Philippines' case, Canada missed a May 15 deadline imposed by President Rodrigo Duterte, prompting Manila to recall its envoys to Ottawa and curbing official travel as part of a "diminished ties" policy.

Duterte even said the Philippines would ship the garbage back at its own expense and dump it in Canadian waters if Ottawa refused entry. Manila's rhetoric prompted the Canadian government to announce last week that it had hired a company to handle the shipment.

On Thursday, Malacañang expressed optimism that bilateral ties would return to normal.

Palace spokesman Salvador Panelo told reporters that the recalled envoys could "most likely" return soon.

"If the reason for the recall was the trash, then if the trash has been brought back, so there is no more reason [to keep them from returning.] That is the logic," he said.

The *MV Bavaria* docked near the SBITC at around 2:30 p.m., according to reports, while the

DFA said loading would begin at 3 p.m., to be completed by 2 a.m. Friday. An SBMA source, however, said late in the afternoon that loading had yet to start.

Environmental groups staged a protest ahead of the shipment's departure. Aileen Lucero of Ecowaste said the mass action would cap "creative protests" mounted since 2014.

"This should serve as a lesson. We need to learn... and make sure that this should never happen again. We should not allow any country to dump their waste in our country for our dignity and for the safety and health of our people and our environment," she added.

Other green groups also told legislators on Thursday that Canada's move could fail to deter other countries from dumping their garbage in the Philippines, again citing China's ban.

"We should be wary now that more waste will be coming into the Philippines illegally because of the Green Fence of China," Mother Earth Foundation Chairman Sonia Mendoza said.

"That's why we have this waste now from Australia, South Korea and other countries," she added.

"The Bureau of Customs has a big duty to check all the ports because countries are not bringing [the garbage] to Manila, but

to far-flung ports."

South Korea shipped back tons of garbage sent to the Mindanao International Container Terminal (MICT) in January, following protests.

Container vans of waste from Australia were also discovered at the southern port earlier this month, prompting a warning from Malacañang.

Customs officials also found electronic waste shipped from Hong Kong at the MICT and officials from the Chinese territory have promised an investigation.

PATRICK ROXAS, EIRENE JAIREE GOMEZ AND GLEE JALEA



Filth flushed at no cost

The government came out the big winner in the repatriation of a mountain of trash to Canada that starts today as all costs for the process were taken care of, including the port storage costs for the past five year that tycoon Enrique K. Razon had assumed.

Before the strike of midnight, the 2,000 tons of trash that sat on the country's ports will be

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The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority had issued a reexportation order

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on its way home, with Canada footing the freight cost of about P10 million.

Canada picked up the tab from fumigation to ship side loading, to tomorrow's departure.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said the International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI), owned by Razon, waived all the port costs for the containers in the past five years.

Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra said on television that the garbage, which strained the ties between the Philippines

and Canada, were loaded in 69 containers, which were picked up by a cargo vessel docked in Subic Bay.

The Department of Foreign Affairs had ordered the recall of its embassy officials in Canada over the spat. *MV Bavaria* will carry the trash back to Canada.

Guevarra, who President Rodrigo Duterte assigned as government caretaker while he is away on a working visit to Japan, said the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority had also issued a reexportation order.

Delayed for a day

Locsin said the vessel was delayed for one day since it was scheduled to leave yesterday midnight.

Locsin also cited Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu and Canadian Ambassador John Holmes for closely monitoring the return of the garbage to Ottawa.

"After containers cleaned

and ready to go, ship arrival was delayed a day; Ricky Razon made sure once docked ship loaded. Cimatu up early begged for foreign transshipment permits. Canada Ambassador Holmes never slept till it all got done. Thank you all," posted Locsin.

Canada pays for fumigation

"Canada picked up the tab from fumigation to ship side loading, to tomorrow's departure – including helping get foreign permits for transshipment so ship's captain will depart (with stops) all the way to Canada," he added.

From 2013 to 2014, a total of 103 container vans from Canada reportedly arrived in batches at the Port of Manila. The other container vans of garbage were already dumped at a site in Tarlac.

The garbage was initially declared to contain only plastic scraps. However, it was found

to have non-recyclable plastics, household wastes and used adult diapers.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu and Canadian Ambassador John Holmes were cited for closely monitoring the return of the garbage to Ottawa.

Last month, President Rodrigo Duterte threatened to go to war against Canada if it fails to retrieve the garbage.

From 2013 to 2014, separate batches of more than 100 containers of trash were shipped to the Philippines from Canada. Some of these were dropped at a dumpsite in Tarlac and 69 were left in the port area.

The garbage shipment has become a serious diplomatic issue between the Philippines and Canada for five years.

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Return to sender *MV Bavaria* docks at Subic Port to haul the controversial garbage illegally shipped to the country back to Canada after months of heated words from President Rodrigo Duterte including a threat of war that forced the hands of the foreign government to retrieve the filth. YUMMIE DINGDING

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A TRASH shipment that strained ties between the Philippines and Canada was set to leave the port of Subic at midnight Friday, as the ship tasked to transport over 60 containers of toxic waste back to the North American country arrived at the former US naval base.

Justice Secretary Menardo Guevara, the government's officer-in-charge while President Rodrigo Duterte is on an official visit to Japan, said the containers were loaded onto the ship starting 5 p.m. Thursday.

The Canadian government will shoulder the estimated shipment cost of P10 million, Guevarra said.

In April, Duterte said he wanted the trash shipment returned to Canada and warned the issue, if unresolved, might spark a "war."

In Tokyo, Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said Malacañang is hoping diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Canada will go back to normal.

"Hopefully it's like that because it [trash] triggered the disruptive relations," Panelo told reporters, while raising the possibility of reinstating the Philippine embassy officials recalled from Canada.

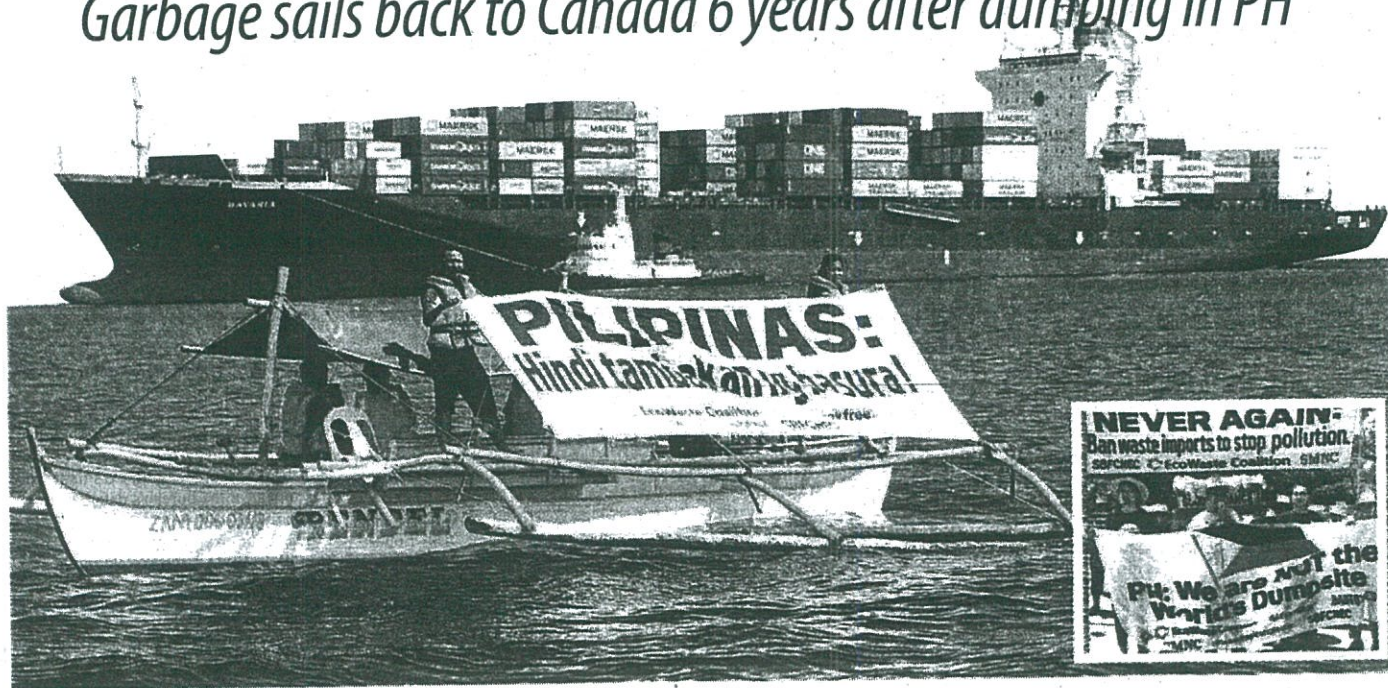
"Well if the reason for the recall was the trash, then if the trash has been brought back, so there's no more reason. That's the logic," the spokesman said.

Ties between the Ottawa and Manila also soured after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in 2017, raised concerns over Duterte's drug war. Last year, the President canceled a \$233-million military chopper deal with Canada.

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Trash returning to sender

Garbage sails back to Canada 6 years after dumping in PH



NO DUMPSITE EH. Members of Green Peace International, Ecowaste Coalition, and Break Free from Plastic on Thursday sail past the *MV Bavaria*, the vessel which will carry back the Canadian trash, at the Subic Bay Freeport, while other members stage a rally (inset) at the Subic Bay Container Port. Revoli Cortez



Trash...

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As the country bid goodbye to the Canadian waste, six years after it was discovered in local ports, environmental groups called on the Duterte administration to ban all waste imports in the Philippines and ratify the Basel Ban Amendment.

This follows the discovery of several other waste shipments to the Philippines from South Korea in 2018 and Australia and Hong Kong, which were discovered last week.

From 2013 to 2014, 103 shipping containers from Canada were intercepted in the Port of Manila containing mixed wastes, including non-recyclable plastic, waste paper, household waste, electronic wastes, and used adult diapers, the groups said in a statement.

These materials are classified as hazardous, based on the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste and Control Act of 1990 or

Republic Act 6969, they noted.

“Moreover, the importation of the shipment violates the Basel Convention, as the contents of the cargo vans were misdeclared as ‘recyclable,’” the statement added.

The groups, including Ecowaste Coalition, Greenpeace Philippines, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, BAN Toxics, and the global Break Free from Plastic movement, reiterated their call for the Philippine government to ratify the Basel Ban Amendment, which prohibits the import of all waste for any reason, including “recycling.”

While the return of Canada’s waste is a positive development, they noted that only over half, or 69 containers, of the original waste is being shipped back.

Twenty-six containers were already landfilled in the Philippines at the time when Canada disowned responsibility for the shipment, while the other eight containers were also disposed of locally, they said.

Aside from the controversial Canadian waste, shipments containing garbage from

South Korea were discovered in October last year.

After campaigns from environmental groups in both the Philippines and South Korea, the Philippine government and its South Korean counterparts agreed to ship back part of the waste shipment in January.

The remaining 5,176.9 metric tons of waste are still in Misamis Oriental, awaiting repatriation.

In May 2019, the entry of wastes coming from Australia and Hong Kong in Mindanao Container Terminal became public.

Ever since China closed its doors to waste importation in January 2018, Southeast Asian countries have been the destination of waste exports from developed countries, the groups noted.

A report from Greenpeace revealed that the majority of ‘mixed recyclable plastics’ previously destined to China are being redirected to countries in the region with weak environmental regulations. **With Butch Gunio and Jimbo Gulle**



DFA chief: Canada trash shipped out of PHL

By Charmaine A. Tadalán and Vincent Mariel P. Galang *Reporters*

THE shipment of all 69 waste containers back to Canada has pushed through, with the Canadian government shouldering some P10 million in shipment costs.

"ICTSI waived all costs on land; Canada picked up the tab from fumigation to ship side loading, to tomorrow's departure-including helping get foreign permits for transshipment so ship's captain will depart (with stops) all the way to Canada," Foreign Affairs Secretary

Teodoro L. Locsin said in a social media post, Thursday.

The shipment of the waste containers, which had been in the Philippines for six years, was accomplished with the joint effort of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Embassy of Canada in the Philippines, and the ICTSI.

"After containers cleaned & ready to go ship arrival was delayed a day; Ricky Razon made sure once docked ship loaded. Cimatu up early begged for foreign transshipment permits. Canada Amb. Holmes never slept 'til it all got done," Mr. Locsin said.

Secretary Menardo I. Guevarra said in a mobile phone message to reporters, Wednesday, the Canadian government covered an estimated "P10 million" for the shipment of the trash back to Vancouver. Mr. Guevarra is standing as Officer-in-Charge, while President Rodrigo R. Duterte is in a 4-day state visit in Japan.

President Duterte on April 23 threatened to wage war against Canada if the waste containers remained in the country. He had also given a directive that the containers must be shipped out by May 15, which the Canadian government failed to meet.

This prompted the Department of Foreign Affairs to recall its diplomats in Canada and later the Office of the President to issue a memorandum directing government officials to prevent holding official trips to Canada.

Senator Loren B. Legarda, for her part as chair of the committee on foreign relations, commended President Duterte's "political will."

"I'm glad that years later this is happening now. It's the strong political will of the President, just like Boracay, is an example of strong political will," the Senator said in a briefing, Thursday.

She said she hopes the Philippines' relations with the Canadian government would eventually normalize, in consideration also of the Filipino migrants there.

"I hope so because Canada is home to many Filipino migrants, we also have an economic diplomacy with Canada, I hope the ties and relations will normalize. After the trash issue is settled I'm sure there will be talks, I leave it to DFA Locsin to do that."

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GARBAGE GOING BACK TO CANADA

By Ruben A. Veloria

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT -- The freighter Canada contracted to take back its garbage arrived at the New Container Terminal in Subic Bay on Thursday at 1:30 in the afternoon to load all the 69 remaining containers of trash that were illegally shipped to the Philippines way back in 2013.

The MV Bavaria, a Liberian flag carrier having a gross tonnage of 39,941 and a length of 260 meters, left the Port of Manila on Thursday at 7:52 in the morning.

The containers are part of the 103 container vans of garbage that were brought to Manila and Subic in 2013 and 2014 labeled as recyclable materials but which turned out to be pure garbage.

Last week, 69 container vans from Manila and Subic were gathered at the Subic's NCT and subjected to fumigation, a process in which poisonous gas is applied in the closed containers in order to disinfect or destroy any pests, insects, or bacteria inside them.

Before this on Thursday, Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. announced on Tweeter that all garbage containers were cleaned and ready to go by May 30.

The loading of the garbage on the ship is expected to start at 3:00 or 4:00 this afternoon and would take until 11:00 in the evening or 1:00 in the morning next

day to complete. The ship will then sail out of Subic Bay.

Media were not allowed to go inside the NCT to cover the loading process. However, port officials mentioned a one-hour opportunity to take photos and video shoots of the ship as it leaves the NCT wharf at around 1:00 in the morning of Friday.

Meanwhile, local NGO groups, including Ecowaste Coalition, Greenpeace Philippines, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, BAN Toxics, and the global Break Free from Plastic movement, reiterated the call for the Philippine government to ratify the Basel Ban Amendment, which prohibits the import of all waste for any reason, including "recycling".

In a press statement, the groups called on the Philippine government to ban all waste shipments from the Philippines, and to stand up for Philippine sovereignty by telling developed countries that the Philippines is not a garbage dump.

On the road leading to the New Container Terminal in Subic Freeport, the environment groups in red t-shirts staged a noon time peaceful rally, holding placards that said: "We are not your garbage dump," "Pilipinas hindi tapunan ng basura", "NEVER AGAIN. Ban waste imports to stop pollution." The protesters left the place after a few-minute program.



KINUHA na ng Canada ang basura nito na itinambak sa mahal kong Pinas noong 2013-2014. 103 container van ang lahat subalit 69 na lamang ang natira na siyang iniwi ng Canada. Itinapon sa Tarlac landfill ang iba dahil sa namamaho at kumatas na talaga.

Kinuha ng barkong MV Bavaria ang mga basura at gastos lahat ng Canada.

Nilinis muna ang mga container van bago isinakay sa barko.

POLITICAL WILL

Tatag ng liderato ng pamahalaan sa pagpatupad ng mga nais nitong mangyari o political will ang umiral.

Sinasabing kahit kailan ay hindi nagprotesta ang administrasyong Noyoy Aquino laban sa basura.

Kung iniangat man sa atensyon ng Canada ng administrasyong Aquino ang problemang ito, hindi na ito nagpilit pa at hinayaan na lang na maibulok ang laman ng maraming container van sa saka itinapon sa Tarlac landfill.

Pero alam ba ninyong may kwesiyon sa pagtatapon sa Tarlac ng basura at hindi sa ibang lugar.

Sa ibang salita, mayroon bang ibang laman na higit na mahalaga kaysa basura ang mga container van?

Pero balik sa political will, gumawa ng kongkretong mga hakbang si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte laban sa manhid na Canada.

Nagbanta ito ng 'gilyera' at kasunod nito ang pagpapauwi ng mga ambasadador at konsul ng Pilipinas doon.

Binawasan din ang mga pag-uusap sa ilang mahahalagang bagay, kasama na ang pagtanggap ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources sa imbitasyon ng Embahada ng Canada para sa maganda kapaligiran at pagtrasto sa basura.



POLITICAL WILL SA BASURA NG CANADA

NAHIYA RIN

Sa gitna ng ginawa ng Pinas na pagpapakita ng political will, alam ba ninyong mismong mga taga-Canada ay nainis na rin sa Prime Minister nilang si Justin Trudeau?

Naging kahihyan kasi ng mga Canadian ang kawalan ng interes na resolbahin ni Trudeau ang nakahihyang pag-

tatapon ng kanyang bansa ng basura sa ibang bansa.

Pero nagkaroon na rin ng epekto sa desisyon ng administrasyong Trudeau na gustong manalo sa eleksyon sa Canada na gagawin sa darating na Oktubre.

Marami na ang kumalas na kapartido ni Trudeau at ang pangmamaliit niya sa kahiya-hiyang kaso sa basura na naging atensyon ng mundo sa bantang digmaan ni Pang. Duterte ay gusto niyang bawiin sa pagpapabalik ng basura sa kanyang bansa.

Babango kaya ang kanyang pangalan sa kagustuhan nitong manatili na Prime Minister?

PARA SA PLANTA NG KURYENTE

May lugar sa Canada na handang tumanggap sa basura.

Mayroon daw silang planta ng kuryente na nangangailangan ng mga basura bilang panggatong.

At ang basurang katulad ng itinapon nila sa Pinas ay pupwede umano nilang panggatong.

Bagama't hindi natin pakikialaman iyon, maganda ring nakabalita tayo ng ganito.

Kung totoo na may teknolohiya sila na gawing panggatong ng kuryente ang mga basura, bakit hindi natin pag-isipan iyon?

Aba, may sarili tayong mga basura kahit saan at masasabi nating halos walang kaibhan sa mga basurang pinabalik natin sa Canada.

Ang tanong: sa dinamirami ng ating mga siyentista, hindi kaya tayo makagawa ng teknolohiya na magagamit para gawin ding fuel ang ating mga basura?

Ang totoo, marami nang bansa ang gumagawa sa mga basura na panggatong ng mga planta ng kuryente.

Sa Pilipinas nga lang, turing na basura ang mga ipa ng palay pero alam ba ninyong may mga pabríkang kinukuha ang mga ito bilang panggatong ng kanilang mga generator sa

halip na gasolina, diesel o gas?

PWEDENG MA-RECYCLE

Pagkatapos ng halalan, mismong ang mga environmentalist ang nagsasabing lahat ng basura na naipon mula sa nakaraang halalan ay pupwedeng i-recycle.

Huwag itapon ang mga ito kundi gamitin sa pupwedeng paggamitan.

Kung hindi makaisip ang mamamayan ng paggamitan, pupwedeng ibigay sa mga environmentalist para sila na ang gagawa ng paraan na ma-recycle ang mga ito.

Kasama sa mga environmentalist ang Eco-Waste Coalition na nagipon ng mga basurang halalan para i-recycle ang mga ito.

Ang mga naiipon sa mga pumping station na mga plastic at iba pang basura, baka pupwedeng silipin ng mga environmentalist kung paano i-recycle ang mga ito at ang mga talagang basura ang siyang dalhin sa mga maaayos na tahanan ng basura.

DENR BUKAS SA MUNGKAHI

Kung ang ULTIMATUM ang tatanungin, maraming pupwedeng gawin sa basura.

Ang damiing nag-eksperimento na gawing abono ang ilan sa mga nabubulok na basura.

Gayundin tinutunaw ang mga plastic para gawing maayos pa ring plastic paglabas sa pabríkang maaaring gawing mga upuan ng mga iskul at opisina ng pamahalaan.

Sa ganitong sitwasyon, bukas din ang DENR.

May mungkahi ba ang mga mamamayan?

Ibukas sa publiko at tingnan natin ang kahalagahan ng mga ito.

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HAKOT-BASURA SA CANADA, NA-DELAY

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Hakot-basura sa Canada, naantala

Nina ROY C. MABASA at BETH CAMIA

Maaaring maghihintay pa ng isang araw ang nakatakdang paghahakot ng tone-toneladang basura ng Canada pabalik sa port of origin nito matapos maantala ang pagdating ng barko na magsasakay sa 69 containers, sinabi ni Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. kahapon.

"After containers cleaned & ready to go ship arrival was delayed a day; Ricky (Enrique) Razon made sure once docked ship loaded," saad sa tweet ni Locsin.

Si Razon ay ang Chairman at Chief Executive Officer ng International Container Terminal Services, Inc., isang Philippine-based port handling giant.

Para pabilisin ang proseso

ng pagpapabalik sa mga basura ng Canada, sinabi ni Locsin na si Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu ay "up early begged for foreign transshipment permits."

Maging si Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines John Holmes "never slept till it all done."

Nauna nang ipinahayag ni Locsin sa kanyang social media account na ang container vans na puno ng mga basura ay aalis sa Subic sa Mayo 30 padaan sa China matapos makumpleto ang fumigation at documentation processes.

MANHUNT SA IMPORTER

Samantala, hinahabol na ng gobyerno ang mga importer ng mga basura ng Canada.

Tiniyak ni Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra, OIC ng Philippine government, na hindi makalulusot sa batas ang nasa likod ng pagkakapasok at pagtambak sa bansa ng mga basura ng Canada.

Isa sa mga importer ay subject na ng manhunt operation ng mga awtoridad.

Tiniyak naman ni Guevarra na ang P10 milyong gastos sa paghahakot ng basura ay sagot ng Canadian government.

"The cost of reshipment from Manila to Vancouver, estimated at P10 million, will be shouldered by the Canadian government," aniya.

Gayunman, sagot ng Pilipinas ang storage fee at iba pang bayarin sa proseso.



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Basura ng Canada ibiniyahe na

Ibiniyahe na pabalik sa Canada ang may 69 container na basura na ikinarga sa isang barko na dumuong sa Subic freeport matapos maldelay ang shipment nito kahapon.

Ayon kay Justice Sec. Menardo Guevarra na itinalagang caretaker ng gobyerno habang nasa 4-day working visit sa Japan si Pangulong Duterte, ang MV Bavaria ang maghahatid sa 69 container vans ng basura pabalik sa Canada na dumating kahapon bandang alas-5 ng hapon sa New Con-

Nina RUDY ANDAL at LORDETH BONILLA

tainer Port sa Subic Bay. Sinabi ni Sec. Guevarra, huling ikakarga sa barko ang mga containers na naglalaman ng mga basura upang una itong magdiskarga kapag dumating sa Ot-tawa.

Aniya, ang Canadian government na rin ang sumagot ng gastos na P10 milyon upang maibalik ang tone-toneladang basura na dumating sa bansa noong 2013-2014.

Kaninang madaling araw ang alis ng barko

matapos makumpleto nang ikarga ang mga containers ng basura.

Magugunita na nagalit

na si Pangulong Duterte sa tagal na bakutin ng Canada ang basura nito kaya inutusan ang mga awtoridad na kumuha na ng barkong magbaba-

lik nito at kapag hindi tinanggap ay itapon ito sa mga beach ng Canada.



Ang MV Bavaria na dumating kahapon sa New Container Terminal sa Subic port na maghahatid ng mga basura pabalik sa Canada. (KJ Rosales)

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69 containers uunahing idiskarga sa Ottawa...

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IMPORTERS NG BASURA NG CANADA TINUTUGIS

TINUTUGIS na ng mga awtoridad ang private importers ng basurang galing Canada na itinambak sa Filipinas.

Tinyak ni Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra na pananagutin ng gobyerno sa kasong kriminal ang naturang importers.

Bukod dito, ipasasagot ng pamahalaan sa nasabing mga importer ang storage fees, demurrage at iba pang land charges sa basura.

Kahapon ay tumulak na ang barkong magbabalik sa Vancouver, Canada ng naturang mga basura.

Magkakaroon ng stop over sa pantalan sa China ang nasabing barko.

Nagbigay naman ng clearance ang China para sa naturang transshipment.

Nauna rito ay nagalit si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte dahil hindi inaaksiyunan ng Canadian government ang nasabing mga basura kaya nagdesisyon itong ipabalik na ito sa Canada kahit umano ang Filipinas ang gumastos.

Gayunman, sinagot din ng Canada ang re-shipment ng mga basura na aabot sa P10 milyon.

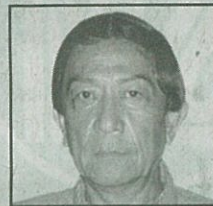




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OPINION AND OPTION

A reluctant host in the cryptic dumping of toxic wastes from overseas



By **ELINANDO B. CINCO**

THE shipments were all shrouded with mystery: The shippers disappeared, brokers were nowhere to be found, consignees' offices were padlocked two days after the discovery of the initial containers. And, for obvious reasons, their contents were grossly misdeclared.

These were acts contributory to the blatant proliferation of deadly wastes and contaminants, and those four countries that sent them here in the country deserve a collegial rebuke by the United Nations.

And which are these four countries? They are Canada, Australia, South Korea, and Hong Kong.

I challenge these four that the next time they go scouting around what country to unload their tons of waste in, why don't they try Indonesia, Myanmar, or even North Korea? They will be skinned alive even before they can unload their first container.

Never has the Philippines been humiliated as a nation before the international community than it has been these days. A time when "green awareness" by each member-country is a growing national concern.

Just what emboldened them to drop their wastes here?

Do we have laws that pointedly invite overseas governments and their private enterprises to pack their wastes and bundle them up for disposal in the Philippines? None.

What we have are laws that give out incentives to foreign investors who want to build hotels, resorts, restaurants, and other tourism come-onenterprises.

I don't recall reading in media Philippine laws that expressly lure garbage from other countries being given special treatment – figuratively and logically – in the Philippines.

According to recent media reports, tons of trash in such varied forms as processed engineered fuel, shredded municipal wastes, hospital wastes, used plastics, used cardboard and paper sacks, diapers, cottons, surgical dressings, disposable syringes, and a host of other virulent trash were all contained in over 100 containers.

Sadly, 34 containers were said to have been emptied in a land-fill project in Capas, Tarlac. How unlucky were the provincemates of former President Noynoy!

A skeptical observer lamented that wastes, by any other name are bacteria-laden refuse and are deadly to humans and hazardous to our environment.

The initial shipments of contain-

ers were unloaded at the Manila International Port in 2013. Concededly, during the term of President Aquino, but he did not lift a finger to even just question the content and nature of the cargoes owned by the foreign government that sent them here.

To the credit of President Duterte, he has relentlessly been agitating for the return of those containers back to Canada, the first foreign sender of those wastes; as well as to Australia, South Korea, and Hong Kong, back to their countries of origin.

How serious is the President in his trans-Atlantic demand?

"Damn serious," insisted a regular in the Commonwealth Avenue coffee club.

Inexperienced in actual combat skirmishes, President Duterte has been saber-rattling and was even poised to wage a war against Canada if the Ottawa government dilly-dallies in re-shipping all of the remaining 69 containers back to the land of maple trees, pronto!

And maybe just to give credence to his war-mongering call, some Palace employees swear they have seen the Chief Executive in camouflage fatigue uniform, in a pair of combat boots and leggings, tramping around the Palace grounds one late afternoon last week.

Watch out, here he comes!

RESPONDE



NI GUS ABELGAS

Tukuyin, mga nangahas sa basura!

KUNG walang naging aberya, posibleng bumibiyaha na pabalik sa Canada ang mahigit sa 69 containers ng basura na ipinasok sa bansa.

Sa New Container Port sa Subic, ikakarga sa barko ang mga basura na ibabagsak naman sa Ottawa.

Ang Canadian government ang sumagot sa gastos na P10 milyon sa pagbabalik sa basura.

Aba'y biruin mong anim na taon palang naglagi sa bansa ang basurang ito ng Canada, kaya nga labis na nagtataka ang marami kung bakit mistulang ginawa tayong dumpsite hindi lang pala ng Canada kundi maging ang ilan pang bansa.

Kung hindi pa nagalit ng sobra si President Digong, eh baka hindi naipabalik ang mga basurang ito.

Sinasabing maging ang Australia eh nagpasok din ng tone-toneladang basura sa bansa, isama pa ang galing umano sa South Korea at Hong Kong.

Kung ang palusot dito ay ginagamit ang mga basurang ito sa paggawa ng semento, naku naman hindi na kailangang umangkat ng basura sa ibang bansa, dito lang sa atin sangkaterba na ang basura. Umaapaw na nga at kung saan-saan na itinatapon.

Ito na lang ang kunin at ipunin makakatulong pa sa kalikasan.

Ngayong napasimulan na ang pagbabalik sa pinanggalingang bansa ng mga basurang dinala sa Pinas, kailangan talagang masilip nang husto kung sino ang magpasimuno sa pagpapapasok ng mga ito sa bansa.

Kung may pera sa basura, malamang ang mga ito ang kumita.

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Sana ay matigil na ang ganitong pagdadala ng mga basura ng ibang bansa sa Pinas, pati tuloy ang relasyon ng mga bansa ay

masasabing naapektuhan dahil sa pagiging ganid ng ilan.

Dapat matukoy ang mga nangahas dito.



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Isko courts

Japanese investors

New investments expected to

boost Manila's 10-year infra development

By ARGYLL B. GEDUCOS
and ERMA R. EDERA

TOKYO, Japan – Incoming Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso said that Japanese businessmen are eager and willing to take another look at Manila and see if they can expand their businesses in the country's capital.

Moreno made the statement as he

joined President Duterte's official delegation in his visit here to participate in Nikkei's 25th International Conference on the Future of Asia.

The mayor-elect said these investments could greatly boost his 10-year infrastructure development plan for Manila which includes projects intended to improve traffic, tourism, healthcare, and more job opportunities.

In an interview with ►10

Isko courts Japanese...

Malacañang reporters here, Moreno thanked Duterte for giving him an opportunity to find investors to fund his plans of introducing physical and vertical development in the city.

“This needs a lot of funding, and this is an opportunity for the City of Manila to engage with prospective Japanese investors,” he said.

“As of now, mukhang maganda yung hopes nila with Manila, with yung leadership. So, as you can see kanina, maraming nage-engage sa atin dahil mukhang maraming may interes sa lungsod (As of now, it appears they have good hopes with Manila, with the leadership. As you can see, I've been engaging with some of them and it appears they are interested in Manila),” he added.

Moreno is also hoping to attract Japanese technological companies and software development companies who are seeking to expand their operations in the Philippines.

“Nangingisda lang naman ako dito, eh. Na sana may maiuwi para sa lungsod ng Maynila, someday, somehow (I'm just fishing here, hoping that I can bring something home for the City of Manila, someday, somehow),” he said.

“Ayokong pangunahan yung (I don't want to preempt the) investment. But they're very eager visiting us. So I think I'll start from there, the very least I

don't want to put high hopes. But, you know, anything above zero is positive,” he added.

Plans for Manila

According to Moreno, he is looking for a long-term solution to Manila's creeks, recognizing that Manila is one of the cities contributing to the stench of the Pasig River and also the Manila Bay.

“Manila is full of creeks and small rivers, and as you can see in the past months, maraming (there are a lot of) pictures and videos shown to the public with regard to – nagkakaroon ng depository ng garbage sa ilog (there is a depository of garbage formed in the river). So I for one am hoping and dreaming that someday na may maayos na ilog (we will have a clean river),” he said.

Moreno also admitted that addressing Manila's garbage is also a “challenging task,” especially in the northern part where a “transfer site” is temporarily located.

“That transfer site is already parang (like) mountains of garbage. So this is also [a] health risk for our citizens in the northern part of the city where I live. Sinisinghot namin yung methane gas diyan araw-araw (We get to inhale the methane gas there every day),” he said.

“Some will not understand this be-

cause nakaano lang siya sa isang parte ng (it is only in one part of) Manila, but this is also a health risk for every citizen of Tondo and Manila,” he added.

While he has not yet officially assumed the post of mayor, Moreno saw the opportunity to get a head start by joining the President's 200-member delegation.

“I haven't assumed the position yet. The new administration will start in July. However, we want to be productive as much as possible, especially during the transition period,” Moreno said.

Under his 10-year infrastructure plan, Domagoso plans to build a new Ospital ng Maynila, create a new Paman-tasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila College of Medicine building, and improve the city's health centers.

He also proposed to build a new “Mercado de Divisoria” for Manila's street vendors, a Manila Sky Deck along Roxas Boulevard, a new business district in Pandacan, a new City Walk or huge concrete overpass from Ermita to Binondo and a new Manila City Hall building.

He introduced an in-city vertical housing program in order to provide more homes for Manileños and reduce traffic congestion in the city.

Meanwhile, Moreno said that he was informed by Public Works Secretary Mark Villar that Manila will get assistance from the national government on infrastructure projects.



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Isko seeks prospective investors

Manila mayor-elect Isko Moreno is in Japan to talk to prospective investors who can support his projects for the Philippine capital, which he previously claimed is lagging behind other cities.

Moreno, who is part of President Duterte's delegation, said he would introduce developments that would require a lot of funding.

"We are grateful to the President, he invited us to participate in this... visit, not for myself but also definitely for Manila... This is an opportunity for the city of Manila to engage with prospective investors and Japanese investors," Moreno said in a chance

interview last Wednesday.

"Many are engaging with us and it seems that many are interested," he added.

Moreno said he is looking for a long-term solution to the garbage in Manila's creeks, which he said contribute to the filth in Pasig River. He is also planning to address the city's garbage problem and traffic congestion.

"I am just fishing here. I hope I will bring home something for the city of Manila someday, somehow," Moreno said.

Moreno claimed he paid for his trip, which he said would make him productive before assuming office on June 30.

— Alexis Romero

'GOOD OPPORTUNITY' FOR MANILA

ISKO JOINS DU30 IN JAPAN, HOPES TO REEL IN INVESTORS

By Julie M. Aurelio
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TOKYO—Mayor-elect Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso sees his visit to this capital city as a chance to convince more Japanese investors to help propel Manila’s development.

In an interview with reporters covering President Duterte’s seventh visit to Japan, Moreno said he was looking for prospects for Manila’s growth and for solutions to its garbage and traffic problems.

“This is a good opportunity for the city of Manila to engage with prospective investors and Japanese investors,” he said on the sidelines of a business forum on Wednesday.

He said he was looking to tap technology and software development companies in Japan. “I am just fishing here, that I might bring home something for Manila someday, somehow,” he said, adding that he was planning the “physical and vertical development” of the city.

Moreno, who won over Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada

in the midterm elections, said Mr. Duterte had personally invited him to be part of the 200-member Philippine delegation, and that he had paid for all his travel expenses out of his own pocket.

High hopes

According to Moreno, Japanese businessmen were looking forward to seeing what Manila had to offer prospective foreign investors. “It seems they have high hopes for Manila and the leadership,” he said. “As you can see, many are engaging with us because many are interested to invest... They’re very eager to visit us. I think I’ll start from there.”

He expressed gratitude to the President for the invitation to be part of his four-day working visit. “He invited us to participate, not only for myself, but also definitely for Manila. In the coming few weeks, we will introduce physical and vertical development, and this needs a lot of funding,” he said.

In particular, he said he wanted to address the garbage pileups in the city’s streets and waterways, as well as the traffic congestion. INQ



WINNING DUO Mayor-elect Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso (left) and Vice Mayor-elect Honey Lacuna have big plans for Manila. —EDWIN BACASMAS



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Isko lines up Manila makeover

But before he could fully woo investors into pouring money into the city, he first must get right down to giving Manila its long overdue facelift and cleanup

By Kristina Maralit

TOKYO - Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso is still several weeks away from formally assuming his post as the new mayor of Manila but is not wasting time in strategizing how to deliver on his campaign promises.

Domagoso is among the many familiar faces who joined President Rodrigo Duterte's working visit to Japan apparently to look for business opportunities for his city.

According to him, those he has so far interacted with expressed good hopes for Manila and showed interest in doing business in the city.

But before he could fully woo investors into pouring money into the city, he first must get right down to giving Manila its long overdue facelift and cleanup starting with its garbage-laden waterways.

"Number one on the list is the physical and vertical development of Manila. Two, I am looking for a long-term solution with regards to our creeks because we are contributing to the stench of Pasig River that goes all the way to Manila Bay," he shared.

"If you're going to use Google Maps to understand the geographical situation of Manila, it is full of creeks and small rivers," Isko added.

"And as you can see in the past months, there have been many pictures and videos shown to the public where garbage is piling up in the rivers. So, I am hoping and dreaming that someday the rivers will be rehabilitated," he pointed out.

"Solving our garbage problem is a very challenging task. We really have to attend to it, especially in the northern part of the city where what we call a transfer site is temporarily located. But there are now mountains of garbage there," Isko said.

In Japan, Isko patiently listened as Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez enumerated the signed deals between Filipino and Japanese firms.

He also listened in every word the President said in his speech to pick up key points he could apply in addressing his herculean-task of steering Manila back to its glory days.





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"ARROCEROS FOREST PARK, HINDI GAGALAWIN" AYON KAY ISKO MORENO

NAGBUNYI ang maraming Manileño matapos siguruhin ni Mayor-elect Isko Moreno Domagoso na hindi niya pahintulutan ang anumang plano at balakin na pagtayaran ng isang gymnasium o cockpit arena ang Arroceros Park na siyang nagsisilbi bilang "last lung" ng Lungsod ng Maynila.

Ang Arroceros Park na matatagpuan sa pagitan ng Antonio Villegas Street at Lawton ay isang two point two (2.2) hectares forest park na nagtataglay ng mahigit tatlong libong puno at walong libong ornamental plants.

Sinasabi ng mga eksperto na ang lugar na ito hanggang sa Mehan Garden ay isang mahalagang 'archeological site' lalo pa't may mga nagsasabi na ang mini-forests dito ay bahagi pa ng kagubatang naabutan ni Miguel Lopez de Legaspi sa kanyang

okupasyon ng Maynila noong taong 1565.

Para sa papasok na alkalde ng Maynila, imbes na pagtayaran ng mga gusali, higit na maraming puno ang dapat na maitanim sa Arroceros Park. Balak din niya na magkaroon ng mga katulad na parke sa lungsod na tatamanan ng mga puno.

Naging mainit na usapin sa papatapos na administrasyon ni Mayor Joseph Ejercito Estrada ang plano nitong pag-



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tatayo ng diumano'y gymnasium sa parke.

Isang online petition pa nga ang nabuo at pinangunahan ng Arroceros Forest Park Movement na nagkaroon ng ninety-six thousand (96,000) na lagda bilang pagtutol sa balakin.

-ooOoo- 'BUTSI' KABILANG SA MGA WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SNACKS

Napabilang sa listahan ng prestihiyosong Taste Atlas ang pangmeriendang pagkain na 'butsi' bilang isa sa mga "most popular snack in the world".

Ang butsi ay ang Filipino ver-

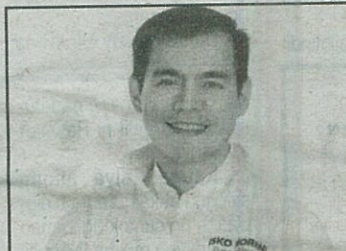
sion ng traditional Chinese jian dui sweets.

Ito ay gawa sa harina na binilog at nilagyan ng pampatamis na palaman katulad ng mung bean, creamy lotus, red bean o 'di kaya naman ay niyog.

Nilalagyan ito ng sesame seeds at ipiniprito sa mantika hanggang sa maging golden fry.

Bagama't orihinal na mula sa China, nalagyan ito ng mga Filipino ng sarili nitong adaptasyon na masasabing sariling atin. Ang butsi ay puwede ring gawing dessert.

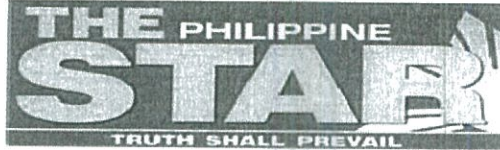
Nauna nang pangalan ng Taste Atlas ang Crispy Pata, Lechon at Kare Kare bilang "world's best cuisine", at ang Adobo bilang siyang dapat na pambansang ulam ng Pilipinas.



Manila Mayor-elect Francisco 'Isko' Moreno Domagoso | Courtesy: Facebook Page



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MMDA: Garbage collection LGUs' job

Collecting garbage is the job of local government units (LGUs) and not the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, an MMDA official said yesterday.

Engineer Reynaldo Estiponia, acting director of the MMDA's Solid Waste Management Office, told the House of Representatives committee on Metro Manila development headed by Quezon City Rep.

Winston Castelo that people should not blame the agency for the garbage littering the metropolis' streets.

He said garbage disposal and segregation are not in the MMDA's mandate – the agency's function is to designate an area for a sanitary landfill where the LGUs can dump their garbage.

Estiponia estimated that about 56,052.37 cubic meters

of garbage are thrown daily in Metro Manila and the national government has allotted P1.7 billion yearly for garbage collection and disposal to sanitary landfills.

Castelo – who will be replaced by his wife Precious Hipolito as he will be serving Quezon City as a councilor – also ordered a review of the solid waste disposal plan in Metro Manila. – **Delon Porcalla**



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Satellite imagery helps map mangrove, seagrass sites

By **DHEL NAZARIO**

Researchers at the University of the Philippines Diliman have created an online community-based assessment tool that detects the presence of blue carbon in coastal areas using satellite imagery.

Blue carbon refers to the carbon captured and stored by the coastal ecosystems, specifically mangroves and seagrasses (also called carbon sinks), for millions of years. When these ecosystems are degraded, they release the captured carbon back to the atmosphere, greatly contributing to climate change.

The Integrated Assessment and Modelling of Blue Carbon Ecosystems for Conservation and Adaptive Management (IAMBlueCECAM) program, led by Dr. Ariel C. Blanco and with funding from the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Philippine Coun-

cil for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD), produced an accurate and detailed inventory of mangrove forests and seagrass habitats in pilot sites using remotely-sensed data and ground-based measurements.

Blue carbon ecosystem zonation, species composition, and above-ground biomass were also determined using methodologies developed by the program.



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Two gold panners die inside Surigao tunnel

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CAMP COL. RAFAEL C. RODRIGUEZ, Butuan City - Two gold panners were found dead inside a mining tunnel in Taganaan town, Surigao del Norte, according to a sketchy report reaching the regional police headquarters here on Thursday.

The report received by Brig. Gen. Gilberto DC Cruz, regional police chief, from Surigao del Norte Police Provincial Office (PPO) the bodies of Eman E. Diaz, 20 and Mark Anthony E. Diaz, 30, residents of Barangay

Auroral, Taganaan, were retrieved on Tuesday and brought to the town proper for post mortem examination.

The report stated that the panners could have died from suffocation and inhalation of a poisonous gas inside the tunnel.

Initial investigation was made by the Taganaan police and Surigao del Norte Police.

The report did not indicate if the fatalities were related.

At about 8 a.m. Tuesday, the Diazes and three other panners entered the tunnel in Barangay Laurel in

Taganaan to prospect for gold.

Three hours later, the companions of the two emerged from the tunnel. Worried that the Diazes had not come out, they re-entered the tunnel.

One of the panners then emerged and said he had found the bodies of the Diazes.

The bodies were taken out of the tunnel by fellow panners at about 1:40 p.m.

The post mortem revealed the cause of death was "pulmonary failure secondary to pulmonary congestion."



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PREVENTING ACCIDENTS

QUARRY SITES IN TARLAC VILLAGE ORDERED CLOSED

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Mayor Reynaldo Catacutan of Capas, Tarlac province, on Wednesday ordered the closure of quarry sites in a village where three children drowned after taking a dip in a pond that formed due to quarrying.

The bodies of siblings Raymar, 9, and Richel Bruno, 7, and their playmate Eunice Gutier-

rez, 10, were found floating on the pond on Tuesday. The children lived 1.2 kilometers from the quarry site.

Private property

Catacutan had tagged a contractor of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) behind the quarrying. But BCDA officials said the agency had not hired a contrac-

tor to quarry in the site.

After investigating the incident, the BCDA said the drowning happened inside a private property at Sitio Kalangitan in Barangay Cutcut Dos.

Catacutan said he had also ordered the refilling of the sunken land areas where rainwater had accumulated.

He said he was waiting for

the recommendation of the town's legal officer and the police on whether to file a case against the landowner.

The quarry site is beside a road, without any fence or warning for caution. The contractor had earlier denied extracting soil and sand from the site, saying it bought materials instead from a supplier.

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ECOWASTE COALITION WARNING

BEWARE OF TOXIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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With an estimated 27.8 million students heading back to school on Monday, an environment and health watchdog has cautioned parents anew on purchasing school supplies containing toxic chemicals.

Manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers of school supplies should also ensure that the materials they are selling are properly labeled, and that these are completely safe for children to use, EcoWaste Coalition also said.

On the lookout

"Parents should be on the lookout for items that may contain hazardous chemicals, such as cadmium, lead and phthalates," said Thony Dizon, the group's chemical safety campaigner.

While many school materials are harmless, some may contain undisclosed chemicals

that are banned or restricted due to their adverse effect on health and the environment, Dizon said.

EcoWaste Coalition said its personnel bought a number of school supplies, many of which were lacking labels, from street vendors and retail stores in Divisoria and Quiapo in Manila, where materials are sold at lower prices, and in Pasay, Makati and Quezon City.

Levels of concern

Using a handheld X-Ray Fluorescence device, the group scanned art materials, bags, water containers and rain gears, as well as accessories for school children, such as hair clips.

Out of 87 samples, 34 were found to have lead and/or cadmium above levels of concern.

Lead was detected in 32 samples that exceeded the regulatory limit of 90 parts per million. It was found highest in

the Artex Fine Water Colors (bright yellow cake) at 86,000 ppm. The water color brand was banned by the Food and Drug Administration as early as 2014 for its high lead levels.

Even a simple Doraemon bag tag had lead levels of up to 3,659 ppm, while a Hello Kitty backpack had 1,879 ppm.

Cadmium was also found in at least 12 samples, including raincoats and backpacks.

According to the World Health Organization, lead exposure can cause lifelong learning and behavioral problems among children, and hypertension and other health issues among adults.

"Even relatively low levels of exposure can cause serious, and, in some cases, irreversible neurological damage," EcoWaste Coalition said.

Cadmium has been classified as carcinogenic to humans. It has also been associated with birth defects and learning disabilities. INQ