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### Malate estero rehab set

Mayor Isko Moreno and Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu yesterday inspected the polluted *Estero de San Antonio Abad* in Malate, Manila and are set to meet to discuss the waterway's rehabilitation.

The *estero* is a priority area in the cleanup drive as it drains directly to the Manila Bay.

Moreno and Cimatu are scheduled to meet this week to plan the creek's cleanup.

Cimatu said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources will demolish fences along the creek to allow the garbage to be collected.

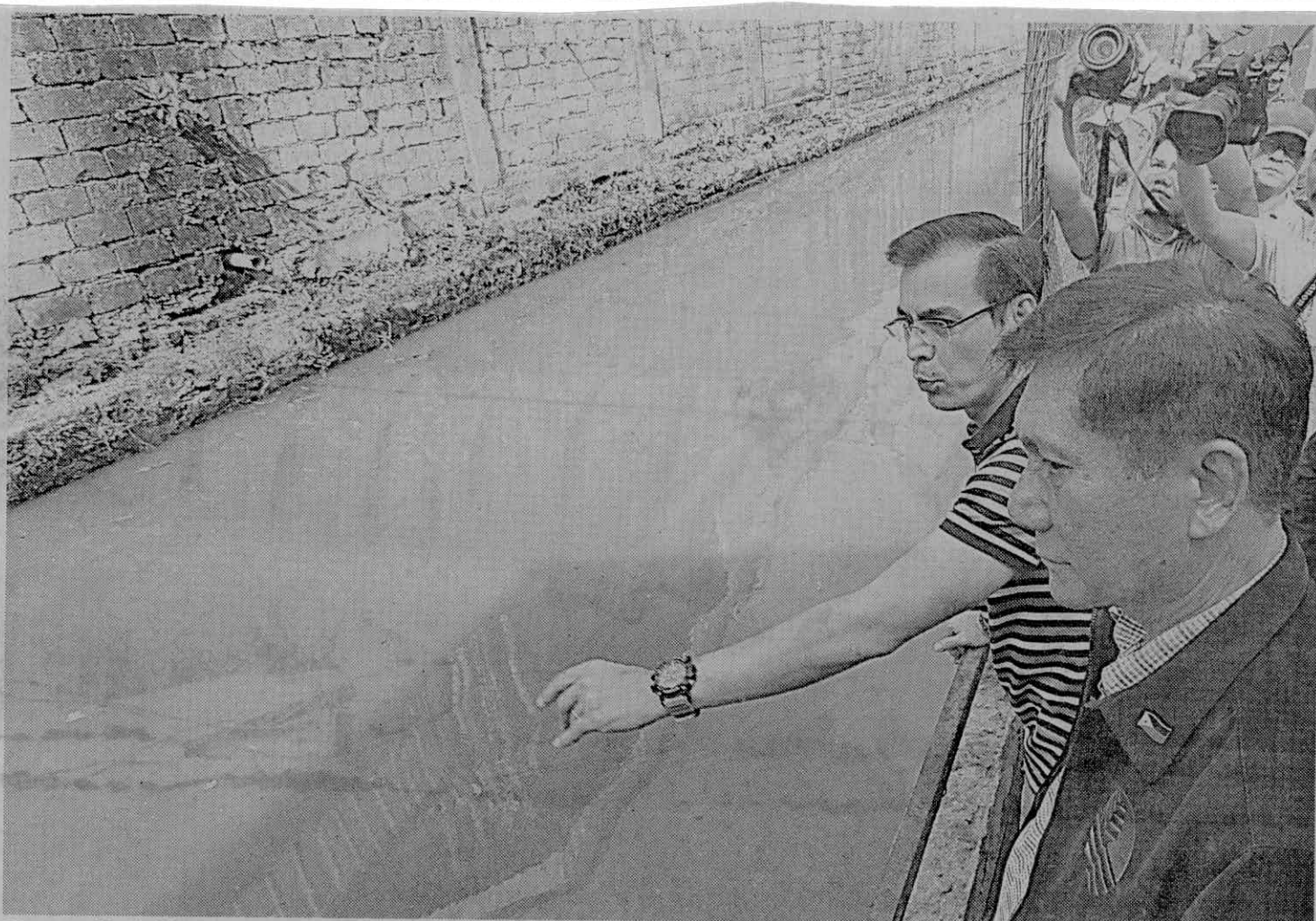
While 70 families used to live near the creek, only 20 remain and are being urged to transfer to the relocation site in Tala, Caloocan City.

Cimatu noted a drop in the fecal coliform level in the estuary since the cleanup - from 1.3 billion most probable number per 100 milliliters to just 10 million.

Cimatu vowed that the national government will build a walkway at the *estero* to open the waterway to pedestrians.

Moreno said the city government will cooperate with the national in relocating families to be displaced by the cleanup.

- Louise Maureen Simeon, Marc Jayson Cayabyab



**Clean up** Manila Mayor Isko Moreno and Environment Secretary Roy Cimato inspect the Estrero de San Antonio Abad in Malate, Manila after its clean up Saturday.

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## NO MORE POOP

# Manila fetes Bonifacio with flag rites

No more poop, declared Moreno as he prepared to showcase the newly-cleaned, newly-refurbished shrine

**By Pat C. Santos**

After giving the Andres Bonifacio shrine in Plaza Lawton a good scrubbing, the City of Manila is set to honor the Great Plebeian with a flag raising ceremony Monday at the same park where the new Mayor, Isko Moreno, reportedly stepped on excrement during an inspection tour.

"No more poop," declared Moreno as he prepared to showcase the newly-cleaned, newly-refurbished shrine that has undergone a dramatic transformation from an area filled with vendors and informal settlers to one that befits a historical landmark.

In a memorandum signed by City Secretary Bernardito Ang,

the flag raising ceremony will be led by Vice Mayor Honey Lacuna at the start of the office hour on Monday, 15 July. Employees assigned at the Manila City Hall (MCH) should be at the site by 7:30 a.m., the memo said.

Traditionally, the regular Monday flag rites is held at the south gate of the city hall. But new leadership decided to hold it at the north portion of the MCH building to present to the public the newly refurbished site that was both unsightly and smelly due to the illegal occupants in the shrine.

It was learned that inside the said park was a statue of Emilio Jacinto who was also desecrated, vandalized and even used to dry

clothes. There were also hundreds of metal makeshift stalls permitted by the previous administration.

Moreno had earlier declared that historical sites should not be compromised and must be respected.

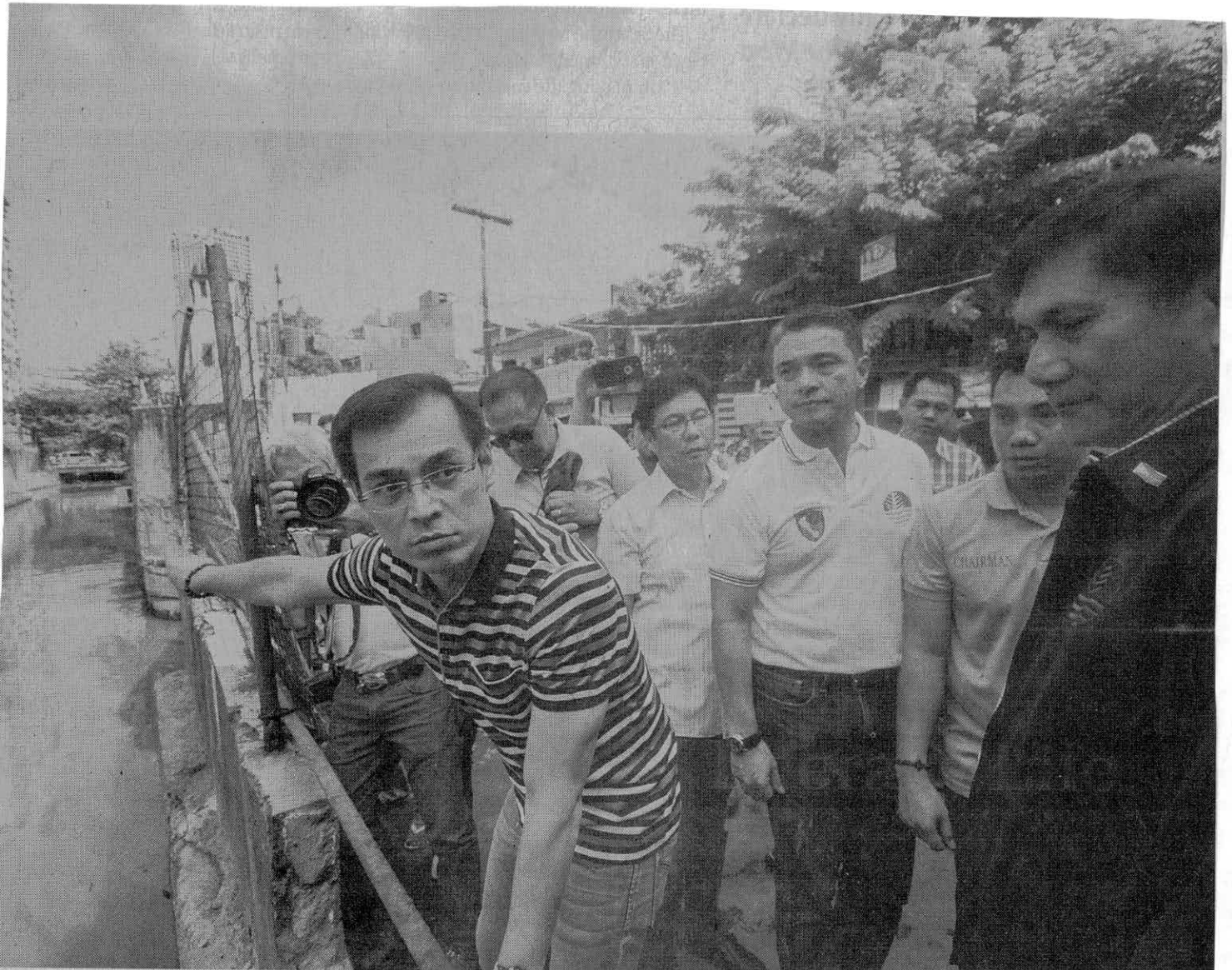
Meanwhile, Moreno on Saturday morning met Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu at the Century Park hotel to discuss the resettlement of some 70 families removed from the danger zone near the creek in Barangay 718 in Leveriza, Malate.

Cimatu and Moreno had conducted dialogue with the said

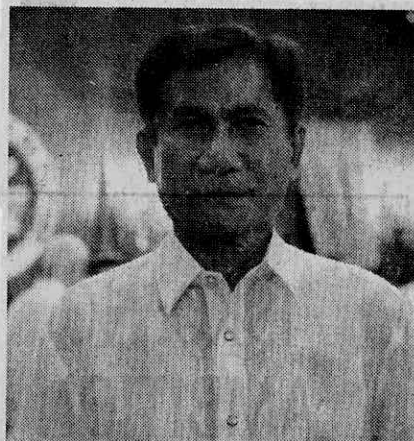
families where they voluntarily complied to the resettlement where the DENR will provide them with housing and financial assistance to start up will small capital for their livelihood.

Moreno also said that the Manila Zoo which is also connected to the Leveriza estero have also started complying with the requirement of the DENR to install Septic treatment plant (STP) where waste will be treated before it is released to the creek a few meters from the Manila Bay.

The former actor said another STP will be placed for the hospital waste of Ospital ng Maynila.



**CREEK INSPECTION** Manila Mayor Francisco 'Isko' Domagoso and Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu inspect Estero de San Antonio Abad in Malate, Manila where shanties were demolished on Saturday. PHOTO BY DJ DIOSINA



Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu

## CIMATU UPBEAT ON BAY REHAB

AN AREA of the Manila Bay may be declared fit for swimming by the end of the year or even earlier, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said on Saturday.

With the many projects of Manila Mayor Francisco Domagoso, who has made the city's cleanup a priority, it would make rehabilitation work easier and quicker, Cimatu said.

Cimatu inspected the baywalk and walked from the part of the bay near the US Embassy to the Manila Yacht Club.

Six months since the Manila Bay rehabilitation officially started, Cimatu said there have been improvements in the water quality and that while there is still trash, it's visibly less compared to that in previous years.

That portion of the Manila Bay, while a popular viewing area for sunsets, became a dumping area and its water quality deemed unsafe for swimming.

Cimatu said he was happy with the effects of rehabilitation efforts so far.

Cimatu said with the onset of the monsoon season, cleanup efforts may prove more difficult, but he assured that rehabilitation work, including dredging at the bay, would continue despite the rainy season.

The Manila Bay cleanup campaign began earlier this year after President Rodrigo Duterte warned establishments along the bay to comply with environment regulations or face closure.

Some 40,000 families living near the bay were also major contributors to pollution, according to the city government.



## ESTERO SINUYOD P.2 NINA CIMATU, ISKO

**SANIB-PWERSA PARA SA KALINISAN AT KAAYUSAN.** Ininspeksyon nina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Sec. Roy Cimatu at Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, kasama si Usec. Benny Antiporda ang isang estero sa Brgy. 718, Malate Maynila na dating kinatitirikan ng mahigit 71 informal settlers pero ngayoy sinisimulan nang i-rehab o linisin ng ahensiya. Matapos nito'y pinuntahan din ng mga nababing opisyal na tila wala nang pahinga ang patuloy na isinasagawang rehabilitasyon sa Manila Bay. **CRISMON HERAMIS**



**NAGSAGAWA** ng inspeksyon ang pamahalaang lungsod ng Maynila sa pangunguna ni Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, katuwang ang pamunuan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa mahabang estero na pinamahayan ng informal settler families (ISF) sa Malate, Maynila kahapon ng umaga.

Ayon kay DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu, pinamahayan ng may 70 ISF ang estero na matatagpuan sa Brgy. 718, Zone 78, Dist. V kaya nang magsagawa sila ng clearing operation at relocation, nasa 20 pamilya na lang ang natitira.

Nai-relocate na umano ang nasa 50 pamilya sa housing project ng National Housing Authority sa Tala, Caloocan City na malapit lang sa Maynila kaya hindi masyadong maaapektuhan ang kanilang trabaho at pag-aaral ng kanilang mga anak.

Dagdag pa ni Cimatu, prayoridad nila na linisin ang mga estero dahil ang mga dumi na nanggagaling dito ay direktang dumadaloy patungong Manila Bay na gumaganda na rin ang kalagayan sa pagkakaroon ng coliform level na 10 milyon na lamang mula sa dating 1.3 bilyon.

Nagpahayag naman ng suporta si Mayor Isko sa inisyatiba ng DENR sa paglilinis sa lahat ng estero sa lungsod ng Maynila, gayundin ang tuloy-tuloy na paglilinis ng Manila Bay sa kautusan ni Pang. Rodrigo Duterte.

Iginiit ng alkalde na sa sandaling matanggap ang cease and desist order ng DENR sa mga establisimiyento at condominium na lumagpas sa sukat na tatlong metro sa water ways, kanya agad itong ipatutupad.

Nagpasalamat din si Moreno kay Cimatu dahil desidido itong bigyang-pansin ang problema at usapin sa kapaligiran sa lungsod ng Maynila.

Matapos ang inspeksyon, dumiretso si Cimatu, kasama ang kanyang kapwa opisyal na sina DENR Undersecretaries Benny Antiporda at Mitch Cuna sa kahabaan ng Baywalk para matiyak ang tuloy-tuloy na paglilinis sa Manila Bay.

Ikinagalak naman ni Cimatu na wala na halos basurang natatangay sa pampang ng Manila Bay dahil mga water lilies na lang ang nakikita roon at ilang kawayan na naanod mula sa fish pen sa Cavite.

Nanawagan din si Cimatu na tulungan ng lahat ng Manilenyo si Moreno dahil naniniwala siya na sa kanyang pamumuno ay tuluyan nitong mapalilinis at maibabalik ang ganda ng lungsod. **J REYES/R PIMENTEL/J OLINDO/A MADRIA**



## 70 shanties crushed, families relocated

ABOUT 70 shanties of informal settler-families (ISFs) living at the Estero de San Antonio in Leveriza, Malate, Manila were demolished yesterday while the families affected were brought to the relocation site in Tala, Caloocan City, as part of the implementation of the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program.

The action was the result of a joint effort following an inspection made by Manila Mayor Isko Moreno

and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu.

Cimatu said the clean-up of the said estero is a priority since its dirt goes straight to the Manila Bay, adding that the level of coliform in the creek's water has gone down from 1.3 billion mm to 10 million mm and the flow is now normal.

Moreno said he is happy with the relocation given by the DENR and National

Housing Authority (NHA) since they remain within Metro Manila.

Moreno thanked Cimatu for his decisiveness in addressing environmental concerns in Manila.

It was learned that Cimatu was accompanied by undersecretaries Benny Antiporda and Mitch Cuna when he paid a visit to the Baywalk area to check on the cleaning operations there.

**Itchie G. Cabayan**



**ESTERO INSPECTION**  
— Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu, DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno are shown inspecting the Estero de San Antonio de Abad in Malate, Manila. The officials assured the illegal settler families who were removed from the estero that they will be properly relocated by the National Housing Authority in Tala, Caloocan City. Photo by MARVIN EMPAYNADO







## 70 pamilyang informal settlers sa estero sa Maynila ni-relocate

**ININSPEKSYON** kahapon nina Department of Interior and Local Government (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu, Undersecretary Benny Antiporda, at Manila Mayor Isko Moreno ang Estero de San Antonio de Abad sa Malate na pinamamahayan ng 70 pamilya ng informal settlers.

Ipinangal' o nina Moreno at Cimatu sa mga pamilyang nakatira sa estero sa Bgy. 718, Leveriza St., Malate na ililipat sila sa pamamagitan ng National Housing Authority (NHA) sa Tala, Caloocan City para masimulan ng DENR ang pag-rehabilitate sa naturang estero. Sa nasabing bilang, may 20



PHOTO: NAY RAMOS

pamilya nalang ang natitira ngayon sa lugar na kailangan ilikas para sa kanilang kaligtasan. Tininyak ni Isko na sa bahagi lamang ng Metro Manila ire-

relocate ang mga ito upang hindi maapektuhan ang kanilang trabaho at pag-aaral ng kanilang mga anak.

Kabilang sa siniyasat nina Moreno at Cimatu kung dumadaloy na ang tubig sa estero patungong Manila Bay.

Samantala, natuklasan din na sinakop na ng mga nagtaasang condominium at iba pang establisimento ang mga estero at nilampasan narin ang tatlong metrong layo sa waterways.

Ayon kay Moreno, sa sandaling matanggap na niya ang 'cease and desist order' ng DENR kanya itong ipatutupad. (Jocelyn Domenden)



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*Kasama ni Manila Mayor Isko Moreno si Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu sa pag-inspeksyon sa demolisyon ng mga barong-barong ng mga illegal settler sa ibabaw ng Estero de Antonio de Abad sa Malate, Manila kahapon. Sinamahan ni Moreno si Cimatu sa paglilinis sa major waterways sa lunsod na umaabot sa Manila Bay. (Kuha ni Edd Gumban)*



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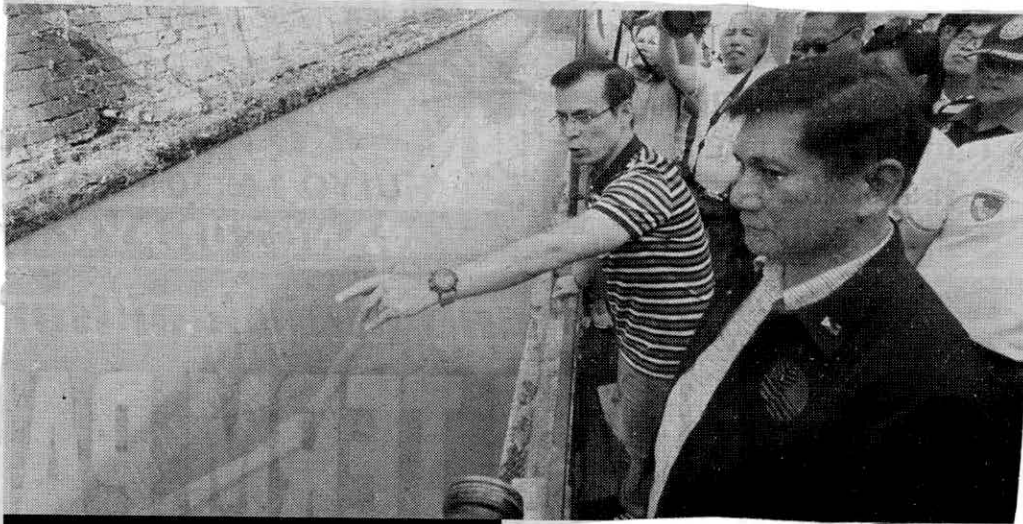
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Magkasabay na binisita at ininspeksyon nina Mayor Isko Moreno at DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu ang mga ginibang bahay sa tabi ng Estero de San Antonio Abad sa Malate, Maynila at isinagawa ang paglilinis sa estero upang hindi na makarating ang mga basura sa Manila Bay na sumasailalim sa rehabilitasyon.  
(Jonas Sulit)



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# ESTERO SA MANILA SINILIP NG DENR

**S**AMA-SAMANG sininspeksiyon nina Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, Manila Mayor Isko Moreno at DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda ang ilang informal settlers at estero sa Malate, Manila.

Partiikular na sinilip ng mga opisyal ang mahabang estero na pinamamahayan ng mahigit 70 informal settlers families o ISFs sa bahagi ng Leveriza St.

Sa nasabing bilang, nasa 20 pamilya na lamang ang natitira sa lugar na kailangang ilikas para sa kanilang kaligtasan.

Nagpahayag din ng kasiyahan si Moreno sa ginawang relokasyon ng gobyerno sa mga ISF sa Barangay 718 na inilipat sa Metro Manila upang hindi maapektuhan ang kanilang trabaho at pag-aaral ng mga anak.

Nakita rin ang dating stagnant at maruming tubig na

ngayon ay hindi na kulay burak at unti-unti na itong dumadaloy.

Natuklasan din sa ginawang inspeksiyon ng mga DENR official na sinakop na ng mga nagtataasang condominium at iba pang establishments ang mga estero at nilampasan na rin ang tatlong metrong layo sa waterways.

Nabatid kay Moreno na sa sandaling matanggap na niya ang cease and desist order mula sa DENR ay kan-

ya itong ipatutupad.

Samantala, muling binisita ng DENR ang kahabaan ng Manila Bay upang matiyak ang tuloy-tuloy na paglilinis sa baybaying dagat ng Maynila.

Labis na ikinagalak ni Cimatu na wala nang basurang natatangay sa Manila shore kundi mga water lily na lamang at mga kawayan na pinaniniwalaang gamit sa mga palaisdaan na nasa bisinidad ng Maynila.

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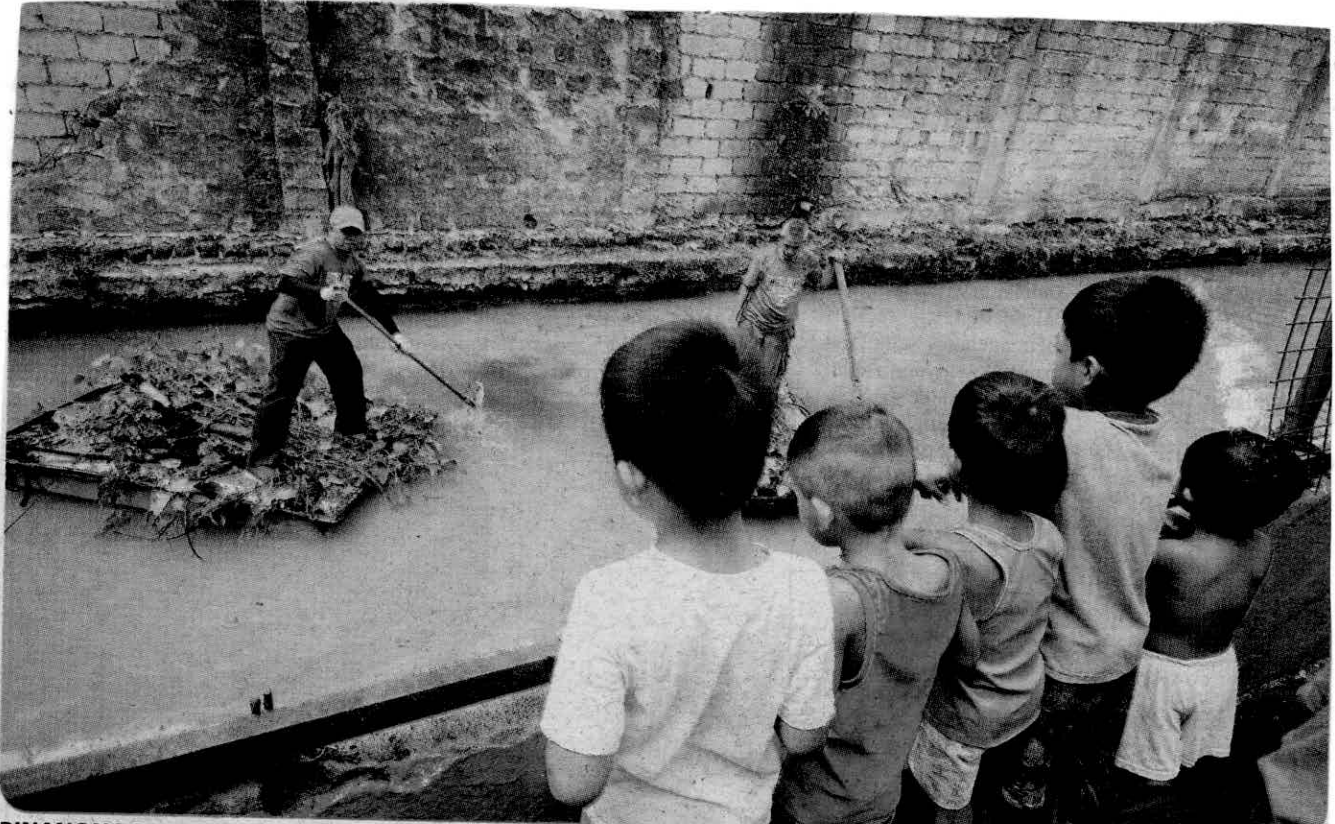
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**PINANONOOD** ng mga bata ang paglilinis ng mga tauhan ng MMDA sa Estero de San Antonio Abad sa Barangay 718, Malate, Manila.  
Kuha ni **NORMAN ARAGA**



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## Swimming sa Manila Bay puwede na uli sa Pasko

Maari nang mag-swimming ang publiko sa Manila Bay sa Disyembre.

Ito ang inihayag ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu matapos ang ginawang inspeksiyon sa kahabaan ng Manila Bay nitong Sabado kasama si Mayor Isko Moreno.

Ikinatuwa ni Cimatu ang kawalan ng mga naglutangan na basura na dati ay sumasabit pa sa mga water lily sa Manila Bay.

Maganda na rin aniya ang kondisyon ng tubig at malaki na ang ibinaba ng bakteryang fecal coliform.

Nabatid na pagsapit ng Disyembre ay may bahagi na ng Manila Bay na ligtas paliguan.

Nalaman na kasama sa inins-

peksyon ng DENR ang Estero de San Antonio sa Leveriza, Malate kung saan may 50 pamilya na ang dinala sa relocation site sa Tala, Caloocan City habang may 20 pamilya pang natitira ang nakatakdang ilikas.

Natuklasan din sa ginawang inspeksyon ng mga opisyal ng DENR na sinakop na ng mga nagtataasang condominium at iba pang establisimiyento ang mga estero sa Maynila at nilampasan na rin ang tatlong metro na dapat ay layo nila sa mga waterway.

Tiniyak naman ni Moreno na sa sandaling matanggap na niya ang cease and desist order ng DENR sa mga pasaway na establisimiyento ay kanya itong ipatutupad. **(Dolly Cabreza/Juliet de Loza-Cudia)**



## ISKO: NO AMBITION TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

By Vito Barcelo

MANILA Mayor Francisco Domagoso, whose open governance effort have gone viral on social media platforms, said he has no ambition to run for the country's highest office in 2022.

"There's more problem there (presidency) than in Manila, I owe it to the people of Manila and we deserve something else. I would rather focus on my mandate to the people Manila because they are expecting more," Domagoso said.

Moreno continues to hug the limelight for his unrelenting drive against illegal street and sidewalk vendors in Divisoria, Blumentritt, Quiapo ang Sta Cruz areas.

He said that after his term ends as Manila mayor, he would rather teach on local governance.

"Honestly, I have been teaching lectures in the local governments. I will share my experiences more than academic provisions syllabus and laws of Local Government Code," he said.

During the inspection of creeks and rivers in Manila, Moreno said the city government of Manila will cooperate with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the rehabilitation of the polluted Malate creek.

Moreno said they will meet with DENR staff at Manila City Hall on July 16 to plan for the cleanup of the Malate creek, which is a tributary that drains into the sea and pollutes Manila Bay.

## Illegal quarrying continues

Since I assumed as governor, there is only one active quarry permit and the other 73 had their permits expired, thus they are illegal

**By Rico Osmena**

CEBU CITY – The illegal quarrying operations here continue despite the earlier order of Governor Gwendolyn Garcia to suspend all sand and gravel extractions and quarry operations in the province.

According to Garcia, she has been receiving reports that the illegal quarry operations continue in some cities and towns in Cebu.

In a meeting with the Cebu Provincial Police Office headed by newly installed chief Colonel Roderick Mariano, Garcia

ordered the immediate arrest of those involved in illegal quarrying operations.

“Since I assumed as governor, there is only one active quarry permit and the other 73 had their permits expired, thus they are illegal,” Garcia said.

Earlier, Cebu contractors expressed concern over the suspension order issued by Garcia as this may affect the construction boom in Metro Cebu.

The authority of the province of Cebu in issuing quarry operations and sand and gravel extractions is limited to not over five hectares while it is

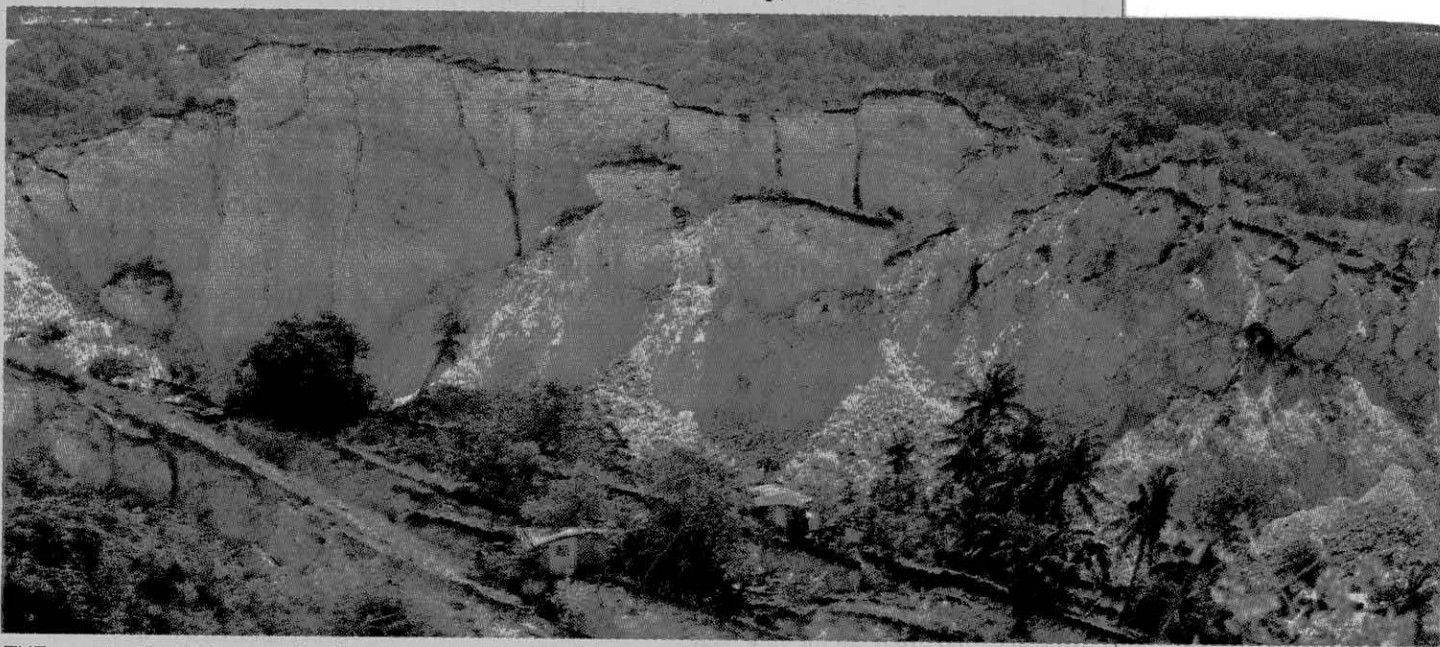
the Environmental Management Bureau-Department of Environment and Natural Resources which has the authority for operations that will cover five hectares above.

For his part, Mariano said “so far as of July 12 no quarrying operations were reported.”

He said the Cebu police and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (PENRO) are now monitoring areas where there were reported quarry operations like Toledo City, Tuburan, Asturias, Aloguinsan, Argao, Alcoy, Boljoon, Tabogon and Tabuelan.

Mining sites are also being monitored.

Garcia suspects that there are PENRO and police officers involved in illegal quarrying operations.



THE massive landslide caused by illegal quarrying and mining in Naga, Cebu.





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### **Belmonte forms solid waste collection task force**

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte has formed a task force to improve solid waste collection, cleaning and disposal services management in the city.

Belmonte, in her third executive order, said there is a need to create a team that will ensure proper solid waste collection and management during her term.

"It is the policy of the city to promote the preservation, protection, and revival of the ecosystem through prevention, control, and abatement of air, water, and land pollution and the spread of hazardous wastes in the environment, hand-in-hand with the sustained development of the city," read the executive order.

The task force will supervise and manage the collection and transport of solid wastes, as well as collection maintenance and continuity in the city.

It will also coordinate with the national agencies and barangays to implement solid waste collection and management, and will recommend service providers for disposal services to the city mayor.

The body will be chaired by the secretary to the mayor, with the head of the environment protection and waste management department as the vice chair.

Other members include the heads of barangay and community relations department, market development and administration department and the business permits and licensing department.

- Janvic Mateo



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## Eco-group welcomes special team to avert entry of waste shipments

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

Environmental group EcoWaste Coalition has strongly rejected foreign waste importation and has welcomed the move by the Department of Finance (DOF) to create a special strike team within the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to prevent its entry into the country.

The Quezon City-based group stressed the formation of such team will complement ongoing efforts to revise existing regulations so as

to prohibit the entry of hazardous wastes and other wastes in line with the presidential order banning foreign waste imports.

"Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez's order to BOC to create such a team will be useful in averting the entry of waste shipments into our country's ports," stated Aileen Lucero, National Coordinator of EcoWaste Coalition.

"All BOC ports nationwide should have a dedicated group comprised of honest and principled women

and men who will proactively act to frustrate the unloading and dumping of wastes from overseas into our shores," she added.

Dominguez issued the directive during a recent DOF Executive Committee meeting after BOC Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero reported that he had called on his counterparts in ASEAN member states to strengthen their law enforcement capabilities to prevent the region from becoming a dumping ground.



## Bishop: No plastic in churches

By Raymart Lolo

A Catholic Bishop has joined the campaign against the use of single-use plastic.

Tagbilaran Bishop Alberto Uy, in a statement said the war against plastic could be started by avoiding its use in religious gatherings.

"To all priests and parishioners, as much as possible, please avoid the use of styros and plastics in any of our gatherings and activities," Uy said.

According to the Bishop, it is important for the people to come together in taking care of the environment through ditching the use of plastics.

**To all priests and parishioners, as much as possible, please avoid the use of styros and plastics in any of our gatherings and activities.**

He said the Catholic Church believes that if the people are united in promoting a better environment, it will achieve a clean and safe society far from pollution and toxic chemicals caused by plastic.

Based on the study of the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, nearly 60 billion sachets of plastic are produced in the Philippines each year.

This includes 48 million shopping bags used by Filipinos daily plus 17 billion different types of plastic products.

The study was based on 21 waste assessments conducted by the group in six cities and seven towns in the country.

On 4 July, Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan filed Senate Bill 40 or the "Single-Use Plastics Regulation and Management Act of 2019," which seeks to ban the importation, manufacture and use of single-use plastics.

In the bill's explanatory note, Pangilinan cited that the mismanaged plastic waste per day is due to the sachet economy of the country and its problematic waste disposal. The sachet economy occurs because people buy many products in small amounts because they are cheaper, the bill states.

The bill proposes to curb this behavior through discounts for consumers who bring reusable containers for the products.



## Belmonte creates task force to keep QC clean

QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte has created a task force that will ensure solid waste collection, cleaning and disposal of garbage in the city.

Belmonte issued Executive Order 3 which provides a more comprehensive and strategic solid waste collection, cleaning and disposal services management as well.

"It is the policy of the City to promote the preservation, protection, and revival of the ecosystem through prevention, control, and abatement of air, water, and land pollution and the spread of hazard-

ous wastes in the environment, hand-in-hand with the sustained development of the City," part of the EO reads.

Under the order, the taskforce supervises and manages the collection and transport of solid wastes, as well as collection maintenance and continuity in the city.

The group will also coordinate with the national agencies and barangays to implement solid waste collection and management, and will recommend service providers for disposal services to the city mayor.

Belmonte named the

Secretary to the Mayor as the chairman of the Task Force on Solid Waste Collection and the head of the Environment Protection and Waste Management Department as the vice chairperson.

Heads of Barangay and Community Relations Department, Market Development and Administration Department, and Business Permits and Licensing Department will serve as the task force members.

The Secretary will also supervise an action team, which will serve as the implementing arm of the task group. **Joel dela Torre**



## Task Force on Solid Waste Collection, binuo ni Mayor Joy B

Upang maging mas maayos at komprehensibo ang solid waste collection plan sa lungsod ng Quezon, binuo ni Mayor Joy Belmonte ang Task Force on Solid Waste Collection, Cleaning, and Disposal Services Management.

Sa ipinalabas ni Mayor Belmonte na Executive Order no. 3 series of 2019, sinabi nitong kailangan ang pagbuo sa

team upang matiyak ang implementasyon ng solid waste collection, cleaning, at disposal sa QC.

Ang task force ang siyang mangangasiwa sa collection at transport ng solid wastes gayundin ang collection maintenance at continuity sa lungsod.

Makikipag-ugnayan din ang grupo sa national agencies at mga barangay para sa imple-

mentyasyon ng solid waste collection and management at magrekomenda ng service providers para sa disposal services sa lungsod.

Ang Secretary to the Mayor ang chairman ng Task Force on Solid Waste Collection at vice chairperson ng Environment Protection and Waste Management Department.

Miyembro naman

ng task force ang mga pinuno ng Barangay and Community Relations Department, Market Development and Administration Department, at Business Permits and Licensing Department.

Ang Secretary to the Mayor din ang subaybayan sa action team na magsisilbing implementing arm ng task group.-*Angie dela Cruz-*



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buo sa team upang matiyak ang pagpapatupad ng solid waste collection, cleaning, at disposal sa lunsod.

Ang task force ang siyang mangangasiwa sa collection at transport ng solid wastes gayundin ang collection maintenance at continuity sa lunsod.

Makikipag-ugnayan din ang grupo sa national agencies at barangays para sa im-

plementaryasyon ng solid waste collection and management at magrerekomenda ng service providers para sa disposal services sa lunsod.

Ang Secretary to the Mayor ang chairman ng Task Force on Solid Waste Collection at vice chairperson ng Environment Protection and Waste Management Department. (Angie dela Cruz)



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# Wasteland

## COMMENTARY

JAMES M. FAJARITO

**W**hile the onset of rainy days brings smiles to water-starved citizens of the National Capital Region (NCR), it opens a can of problems that had been previously covered by the stifling summer months: garbage, clogged waterways and the apparent lack of foresight of many city executives.

I spent more than a decade working in Manila, and I knew how harrowing it was to experience flooding on my way to work and on my way home. A year removed from the metropolis, I get to read news reports that convey the sad message of usual flooding problems in Manila and adjacent cities: Not much has really changed.

In that part of the world, it never fails, year in and year out, that the rainy season arrives with a grand entrance of floods, the stinking garbage that goes with them, and the ever-nagging question of what the city leaders did or never did last summer to prepare for the hassles the annual rainy season brings.

It's really like a cliché movie plot: The rains come, the floods appear, the metropolis is paralyzed, and the affected commuters and residents complain incessantly about the government's shortcomings. The local executives point at blocked waterways as the culprit of the floods. Eventually, the waterways are found awash with tons of garbage, which the government proclaims is caused by residents who are irresponsi-

ble in disposing their waste, particularly informal settlers whose makeshift houses cling on for dear lives on waterways, riverbanks and bridges.

Thus, highly urbanized cities with huge national budgets turn into a humongous wasteland, an ocean of trash that overwhelms practically everything—people, machines, infrastructure and even systems. Cities that crawl during rush hour come to a standstill during even the most normal of rains.

Which brings us to a multitude of questions. Why are local government units (LGUs) in Metro Manila seemingly helpless in the face of expected rains? How do barangay captains manage waste? How do local executives check the entry of informal settlers into their territories? How are waterways maintained, if at all? How do leaders prepare for floods, apart from shoring up low-lying areas that merely displace floodwaters to areas that were previously unflooded? And how does the national government deal with LGUs that continually fail to solve flooding problems?

You would think politicians would easily handle problems on flooding, because the pre-

dictable weather in our country—despite the unpredictability of climate change that makes the phenomenon an easy scapegoat—makes for routine preparations. But many city leaders apparently allow themselves to be caught up in the nitty-gritty of the current season that they are unprepared for the arrival of the next. Thorough planning that yields outstanding results on flood problems is more of an exception than a rule, which is a shame considering that these LGUs are among the richest in the nation. The example of Marikina, which is always threatened by waters in its river but manages to overcome the yearly ordeal with flying colors, is not easily replicated elsewhere.

It is therefore a welcome development when new leaders rise in the upper echelons of city governments. It gives hope that the new administrations would wield fresh approaches in dealing with perennial problems such as flooding and garbage.

Here's hoping that the fresh term of NCR leaders will bring about much-needed reforms. Considering the grand promises they made during the campaign period, it wouldn't be too much to ask of them to make the metropolis a more livable place regardless of the season.

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## Maynilad upgrades technology to address non-revenue water

By LOUISE MAUREEN SIMEON

West Zone concessionaire Maynilad Water Services Inc. has beefed up its technology to address its non-revenue water (NRW) or water loss recovery.

The Pangilinan-led firm said it acquired its second Sahara mobile leak detection equipment to strengthen its ongoing leak repair drive.

Maynilad is the first water company in Asia to use the state-of-the-art equipment for reducing NRW.

"Underground pipe leaks are very difficult to find, so we utilize the latest types of technology to facilitate network rehabilitation and ultimately boost our NRW reduction campaign," Maynilad president and chief executive officer Ramoncito Fernandez said.

Maynilad acquired its first Sahara leak detection equipment in 2010. Since then, it has examined more than 830 kilometers of primary pipelines, enabling the company to resolve more than 1,000 pipe leak incidents and recover about 183 million liters of wa-

ter per day.

With the second unit, Maynilad can fasttrack the detection and repair of pipe leaks, particularly in areas where there are high concentrations of leaking primary lines.

Sahara uses an acoustic sensor that is inserted into a pipe while tethered to a monitoring system on the surface.

The equipment enables Maynilad engineers to conduct audio and visual inspection inside pipes without shutting down water supply.

Plugging leaks in the distribution system is a major component of Maynilad's NRW Management Program, aimed at bringing down physical and commercial water losses.

Aside from leak detection and repair, the program also includes network diagnostics, establishment of district metered areas, replacement of old water meters, and selective pipe replacement.

This year, Maynilad has allocated P3 billion for the program covering leak detection and repair, meter management, pipe replacements, and network diagnostics, among others.





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**FISHERMAN** and residents of Siargao plant mangrove seedlings as part of reforestation efforts in the town of Del Carmen in Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte. An annual town marathon has been dedicated to drum up the call to conserve its 4,871 hectares of mangrove forest. **INQUIRER**



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**NASAGIP** Sinusuri ni Dr. Wilfred John Salvador, ng Cebu City Department of Veterinary Medicine and Fisheries, ang pawikan na na-rescue sa Hilutungan Chanel sa Cordova, Cebu, nitong Huwebes. Ibinalik na sa dagat, malapit sa bayan ng Liloan, nitong Biyernes ang 30-anyos na pawikan.

**JUAN CARLO DE VELA**



# Impact of digital technologies on human rights recognized

By JANVIC MATEO

New and emerging digital technologies have a huge potential but also present challenges in global efforts to promote human rights, according to a resolution approved last week by the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

The 47-member body that includes the Philippines approved without a vote a resolution recognizing the impact of digital technologies on human rights.

The resolution stressed that digital technologies have various potentials, such as to facilitate efforts to accelerate human progress; promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms; bridge digital divides and support the enjoyment of the rights of persons with disabilities.

It also noted how it could be used in the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, as well as to ensure that no one is left behind in the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

However, the UNHRC also stressed that while rapid technological change "may occur at an exponential pace," the impacts, opportunities and challenges "are not fully understood" and thus there is "need to further analyze them in a holistic, inclusive and comprehensive

manner."

It recognized that rapid technological change affects states in different ways, and that addressing these impacts would depend on national realities, capacities and levels of development of each country.

The body noted the need for international and multi-stakeholder cooperation in order for all states to benefit from opportunities and to address the challenges arising from this change, including bridging digital divides.

## Climate change

The UNHRC also adopted the resolution co-sponsored by the Philippines that seeks to recognize the impact of climate change on human rights.

The resolution, also approved without a vote, expressed concern over the role of climate change on the increased frequency and intensity of both sudden-onset natural disasters and slow-onset events.

It stressed the urgent importance of continuing to address the adverse consequences of climate change, particularly in developing countries and those in vulnerable communities.

The resolution also encouraged mandate holders to consider the issue of climate change and human rights, including its adverse impact on the enjoyment of these rights.