

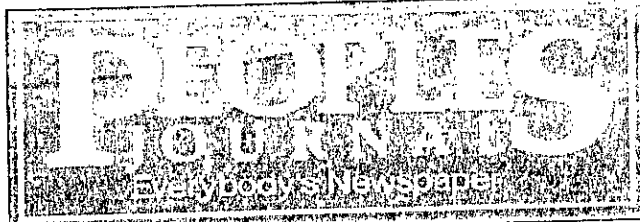
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'Kung maraming tao, maraming basura at polusyon'

"KUNG maraming tao ang isang lugar, tiyak maraming basura at polusyon sa hangin ang makikita at mararamdaman," sabi ng isang nanay sa Lunsod Quezon.

Hindi naman ito nakapagtataka dahil kanino ba nanggagaling ang mga basura kundi sa mga residente ng mga kabahayan at itinatapon ito sa mga kailugan na inaanod sa Manila Bay.

Ang mga basura nga ng mga restoran, naaamoy ko sa mga parking space ng mall sa tuwing magagawi ako. Ibig sabihin ay naroon ang kailugan septic tank o drainage.

Maraming tao ang mall kaya maraming basura.

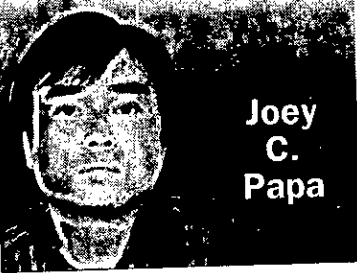
Nitong Sabado ng gabi habang naghihintay ako ng masasakyan, nahantad ako sa marumi at mabahong hangin. Usok-lasong polusyon! Trapik kaya maraming sasakyan na naka-idle ang mga makina. Ibig sabihin ay panay ang usok ng tambutso kahit nakatigil ang sasakyan.

Ang hirap huminga! Nakalimutan kong dalhin ang face mask ko. Kinuha ko na lang ang aking panyo upang hindi mahinga ang usok-lasong polusyon.

Malala na ang polusyon mula sa basura at mula sa mga sasakyan. Hindi pa kasama rito ang mga polusyon sa mga planta at pabrika.

Maraming sakit ang idinudulot ng parehong basura na ito na kasama

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natin sa ating paligid oras-oras. Mula sa sakit sa baga hanggang sa utak o lahat na ng organo ng ating katawan. Kawawang mga Pilipino! Namamatay na sa hirap ng buhay o gutom, namamatay pa sa mga sakit dulot ng paglapastangan sa Inang Kalikasan! Itong darating na Pasko, tiyak na maraming basura na naman ang malilikha. Lalona pagsapit ng Bagong Taon.

At pagsapit ng Pista ng itim na Nazareno sa Quiapo, marami na namang basura sa mga lansangang dadaanan ng Nazareno ang lilikha ng mga sugat sa paa at "sugat" sa Manila Bay. Sa Manila Bay hahan-tong ang mga basurang ito dahil saan ba dadalhin ng mga trak ng basura ang hinakot at itinambak nila kundi sa mga tambakan ng basura. Kung iulan, aanuriin na naman ito patungong kailugan at karagatan tulad ng Manila Bay.

Dagdag na polusyon ay ang katas o likidong mula sa mga tambakan ng basura na nagpupunta sa katubigan ng isang bayan.

Ngayon pa lang ay nananawagan na nga ang isang grupong nagbabantay at kung minsan ay namumulot ng mga basurang ikinakalat ng mga kalahok sa Pista ng Nazareno sa susunod na taon - ang Ecowaste Coalition. Ngunit parang sirang plaka na nga ang grupong ito sa taon-taong pananawagan. Dapat ay may mga parusa nang ipapataw sa mga debotong kalahok sa pistang ito na lalapastangan sa kasagraduhan ng okasyong ito.

Kung mahal ng isang tao ang Dakilang Lumikha at hindi lamang isang okasyon taon-taon o isng petsa sa kalendaryo, dapat ay alagaan ng mga ito ang nilikha ng Panginoon araw-araw at habambuhay.

Ang mga kailugan, karagatan, hangin ay mga likha ng kanilang 'umano'y sinasamba nila sa okasyong ito ngunit tila nakalimutan nila ito o hindi na lang pinapansin at ang mahalaga lang ay mahawakan nila ang imahe ng itim na Nazareno.

Walang kahulugan ang lahat ng ito kung ang ang bayan at lipunan nilang kinaroroonan ay patuloy na nasasadlak sa tuluyang pagkasira at sana'y huwag mangyari na maglaho na sa 'ika nga'y balat ng lupa.

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Panglao's waters safe for swimming – DENR

By **DAVE ALBARADO**

TAGBILARAN CITY – The latest test done by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) showed that Panglao's waters are safe for swimming even as the local governments in Bohol and Panglao expressed the need to address the factors that may cause a spike in water contamination.

In a statement from the Effective Development Communication Unit (Edcom) released on Saturday, all water samples from 10 sampling stations passed, with fecal coliform levels all under the standard of 100 most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters (ml).

The same statement said the EMB conducted ambient water quality sampling last December 4 to 6.

To ensure the proper monitoring of the water quality, EMB will be conducting water sampling and analysis

on weekly as asked for by Bohol Gov. Edgar Chatto.

Chatto asked the EMB for frequent testing and analysis following the shocking contamination spike of 16,000 mpn/100 ml that was recorded in October this year.

The figure of 16,000 mpn/100 ml was registered in only one sampling station located in Barangay Tawala the host of the Alona Beach area.

According to the EMB, the October result should not be conclusive because there was no upward trend established based on previous months' results.

In November, the sampling station in Tawala I where Alona Beach is located registered 33 MPN/100 ml. and further went down to 23 MPN/100 ml in December.

The following data on water quality was released by the EMB's sampling stations in Panglao. In Doljo Station 1, 7.8mpn/100ml; Doljo 2, 1.8mpn; Danao 1, less 1.8mpn; Danao 2, 23mpn; Danao 3, 49mpn;

Tawala 1 (where the sample that registered the 16,000mpn was taken), 23mpn; Tawala 2, 23mpn; Tawala 3, 79mpn; Bolod 1, 23mpn; and Bolod 2, 13mpn.

According to Edcom, the latest status report of the EMB was signed by EMB's Central Visayas director William Cuñado, Jacquelyn Odtojan, laboratory head; Engr. Anecita Dinoy, chief, Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division (EMED); and Philip Anthony Lee, registered medical technologist.

The EMB said the factors that might have caused the spike in the fecal coliform levels in October may be attributed to the tourist bancas (boats) moored near Alona Beach with no known waste receptacles and possibly dumping the waste to the water, the presence of stray animals near the shore, and tides, water current, and the weather that may have caused a negative impact in the water quality sample at the time of the sampling.



DENR lauds volunteers, partners

By Charles Dantes

IN CELEBRATION of National Volunteerism Month, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources held a recognition ceremony to honor its partners from the public and private sectors.

With the theme "Boluntarismo: Tugon sa Nagbabagong Panahon," DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda spearheaded the event and commended the works of different organizations in taking care of the environment.

"Volunteerism is an essential part of saving the environment and I want to thank all of you for doing a great job," said Antiporda.

He also noted that volunteerism is the one that revived the world-class beauty of Boracay Island.

"The efforts of the locals from Boracay and the volunteers that worked tirelessly to rehabilitate the island deserves some recognition as they are the main reason of the revival of Boracay," Antiporda said.

While the department will continue to have joint environmental projects with other organizations for the upcoming year, Antiporda shared that DENR is targeting to raise awareness of children regarding proper waste disposal.

"The department will be having projects that will revolve around kids to teach them lessons on how to protect our surroundings," he said.



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Pines City no longer? Baguio rehab pushed

By Rio Araja

AN OFFICIAL of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Sunday raised alarm over the geo-hazards facing Baguio City and Benguet, which are prone to landslides.

Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Unit Concerns Benny Antiporda also expressed concerns over the traffic situation in Baguio City, saying the Department of Environment and Natural Resources will consider the tourist spot's rehabilitation following the rehabilitation and cleanup of Boracay Island in Aklan, El Nido in Palawan and Panglao in Bohol.

He also lamented the loss of the city's pine smell as a result of air pollution.

"A study showed 70 percent of the areas in Baguio [City and even] in Benguet are geo-hazards or prone to landslides. Because of such, we will immediately focus our concern on these. We do not want a repeat of the Hyatt tragedy," he said, referring to a magnitude 7.7 earthquake that destroyed the 12-story Hyatt Terraces Baguio on July 16, 1990, during which 50 people were killed.

"We all know that most of the soil in Baguio [City] are saturated and its rocks are [already] fractured," he added.

Baguio City has yet to cope up with the traffic woes arising from the influx of its visitors, especially during the holidays.

"Sad to say, because of the city's [geographic] mountainous structures, we cannot do the expansion of road network," Antiporda said.

He added the city has already lost its distinctive pine smell due to air pollution.

The department will work out with the Baguio City government to consider the use of electric vehicles to lower the pollution level of the place, he said.

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El Nido fails to protect environment despite P55.2M collected from tourists

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Special to the BUSINESSMIRROR

ABOUT P55.21 million in ecotourism development fees were collected by the municipal government of El Nido in 2017, up 19 percent from the P46.32 million collected in 2016.

A report by the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Beach Tourism Monitoring Team (BTMT), a copy of which was obtained by the BUSINESSMIRROR, showed last year's environmental fees were collected from 144,257 tourists, or about P383 per person. From January to October 2018, the El Nido government collected some P54.6 million in environmental fees from 100,327 foreign and local tourists.

Despite the large collections, the DILG recorded numerous issues that the El Nido government had neglected, threatening the town's long-term

viability as a sustainable tourism destination. These include beach erosion, sand and water discoloration, continued grilling on boats despite a municipal ordinance banning it, as well as the rampant anchoring of motorboats all over the place.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) had also determined the fecal coliform count in three barangays in El Nido to have reached 16,000 most probable number per 100 milliliter in July 2018. The acceptable standard for fecal coliform is only 1,000 MPN/100 ml. (See, "Swimming ban slapped on 2 Panglao, El Nido sites," in the BUSINESSMIRROR,

November 30, 2018.)

Recommended measures

IN said report to the ad hoc task force on island destinations, which includes the Secretaries of the DILG, the DENR and the Department of Tourism, the DILG-BTMT recommended the designation of loading and unloading areas and the installation of pontoons, so motorboats waiting to ferry tourists are not anchored all over the place.

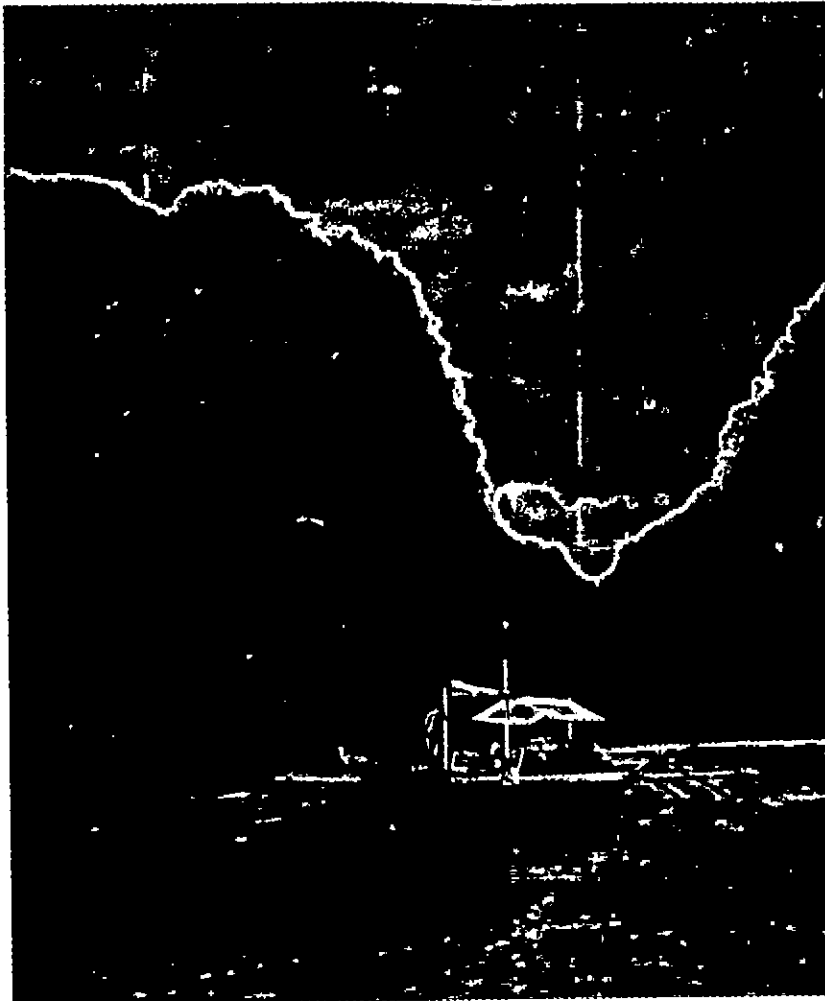
Also, the El Nido local government unit (LGU) must "ensure that establishments within the shoreline have proper rainwater drainage, to prevent beach erosion."

Other recommendations include: the banning of "sagap-style" motorboats to prevent sand and water discoloration in Bacuit Bay, installation of pontoons or bamboo walkways to protect tourists from the safety hazards of getting to the Hidden Lagoon, strict enforcement of the municipal ordinance banning the grilling on boats, and study possible establishment of a municipal fire station and one-stop shop for government front-line services and business permits.

The DILG found that the El Nido LGU allowed 34 business establishments to set up shop without build-



El Nido fails to protect environment despite
₱55.2M collected from tourists



ONE of the tourist spots at El Nido. NONTIE REYES

ing permits, with the most number in barangays Corong Corong (10) and Maligaya (eight).

Also, 74 establishments were found to be within the 3-meter easement zone, an ordinance that the LGU had imposed on itself.

Dismantling of easement violations

ACCORDING to Interior Undersecretary Epimaco V. Densing III, "they've started dismantling there."

"Out of 74 commercial establish-

ments within the easement zone with an order and notice of demolition, 49 were fully demolished, 12 were partially demolished, with only 13 remaining," Densing said.

He said this covered the barangays of Buena Suerte, Masagana and Corong Corong, the latter having the most number of easement violators at 46.

Further, the DILG "found the municipal sewerage treatment plant [STP] located within the municipal sanitary landfill can only process

20-30 cubic meters [cu/m] of septage per day."

As of October, the total septage collected was 4,500 cu/m, the DILG added.

Densing said the LGU is planning to expand the municipal STP capacity to 80 cu/m a day. He also noted that "the biggest establishment in El Nido alone produces 15 cu/m of septage a day."

STP located in municipal dump

CURRENTLY under construction, Densing added, is a centralized STP with a capacity 2,400 cu/m per day, a project initiated through the inter-LGU cooperation agreement between the El Nido municipal government and the provincial government of Palawan.

The project is scheduled to be completed by July next year. Earlier, the El Nido LGU was given only six months, or until May 2019, to address its environmental violations. (See, "Task force gives El Nido government 6 months to 'shape up'," on the **BUSINESSMIRROR**, November 15, 2018.)

The DILG, citing a report by the DENR Mines and Geosciences Bureau, said the municipal sanitary landfill is a "natural waterway of rainwater." This was the reason the dump was not used for two weeks in July because it was flooded. The municipal dump is 2 hectares in size, which can accommodate an average of 22 tons of solid waste per day.

The DILG report also noted "only approximately 500 household and commercial establishments have water connection; this translates to a coverage of 20 percent within the four urban barangays." A new water system project undertaken with the Palawan LGU will provide additional 2,500 cu/m per day.



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House rationalizes fiscal regime on mining industry

By Julito Rada

THE House of Representatives last month approved on third and final reading House Bill 8400 that seeks to rationalize and institute a single fiscal regime applicable to all mineral agreements.

The bill was sponsored by Committee on Ways and Means chairperson Rep. Estrellita Suansing (1st District, Nueva Ecija) who is also the principal author of the bill. House Bill 8400 substituted HB 7994 of Suansing and HB 422 of Rep. Romero Quimbo (2nd District, Marikina City).

Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo led the list of House Members who co-authored the bill.

From the original proposal of the Department of Finance, which imposes a 5 percent royalty on all mining firms in and out of mineral reservations, HB 8400 mandates miners outside of mineral reservations to pay to the government a margin-based royalty on income from mining operations.

But DoF said that with HB 8400, the "expectation of DOF [in terms of revenues] has been reduced."

"Based on the data for 2017, we were able to get estimates on how much we are getting on the existing regime, which is around P19.71 billion, including taxes. Under the DOF proposal, which imposes 5 percent royalty, we will get P26.8 billion and under the approved house bill, it is around P22 billion," DOF Fiscal Policy and Planning Director IV Elsa Agustin said.

Based on the new computation made by the DOF, the total incremental revenues, including reduction to Corporate Income Tax, now stands at P3.73 billion annually. In the original proposal of the agency, the government would have gained about P8.19 billion.

In terms of mining royalty, the government will now only earn P2.57 bil-

lion instead of P4.59 billion in DOF's original proposal. In the existing regime, earnings from royalty only stands at P1.13 billion.

Under HB 400, large-scale metallic and non-metallic mining operations located within mining reservation areas

shall be imposed a royalty tax equivalent up to 3 percent of the gross output of the minerals, exclusive of all other taxes.

Mining contractors of small-scale metallic and non-metallic mining within or outside mineral reservations shall pay to the government a royalty equivalent to 1/10 of one percent of gross output.

The royalty rates shall be: one percent to 10 percent margin, one percent royalty; above 10 percent to 20 percent margin, 1.5 percent royalty; above 20 percent to 30 percent margin, 2 percent royalty; above 30 percent to 40 percent margin, 2.5 percent royalty; above 40 percent to 50 percent margin, 3 percent royalty; above 50 percent to 60 percent margin, 3.5 percent royalty; above 60 percent to 70 percent margin, 4 percent royalty; and 70 percent margin, 5 percent royalty.

"Margin" is referred in the bill as "the ratio of income from mining operations before corporate income tax to gross output."

In the Senate, the DoF proposal on new mining fiscal regime was filed as Senate Bill (SB) 1979 by Senate President Vicente Sotto III.

For large-scale miners outside mineral reservations, Suansing said a margin-based royalty is imposed, "making them liable" as well to pay royalty tax as large-scale mining operators inside mineral reservations.

On the other hand, for all small-scale mining operations within or outside mineral reservations, a royalty equivalent to 1/10 of 1 percent of gross output shall be imposed.

The substitute bill also contains a provision proposed by the Speaker to prohibit open-pit mining.

The bill also proposes the exemption of all mining contractors from the coverage of the confidentiality clauses of the National Internal Revenue Code to ensure transparency and the requirement of registration for small-scale miners.

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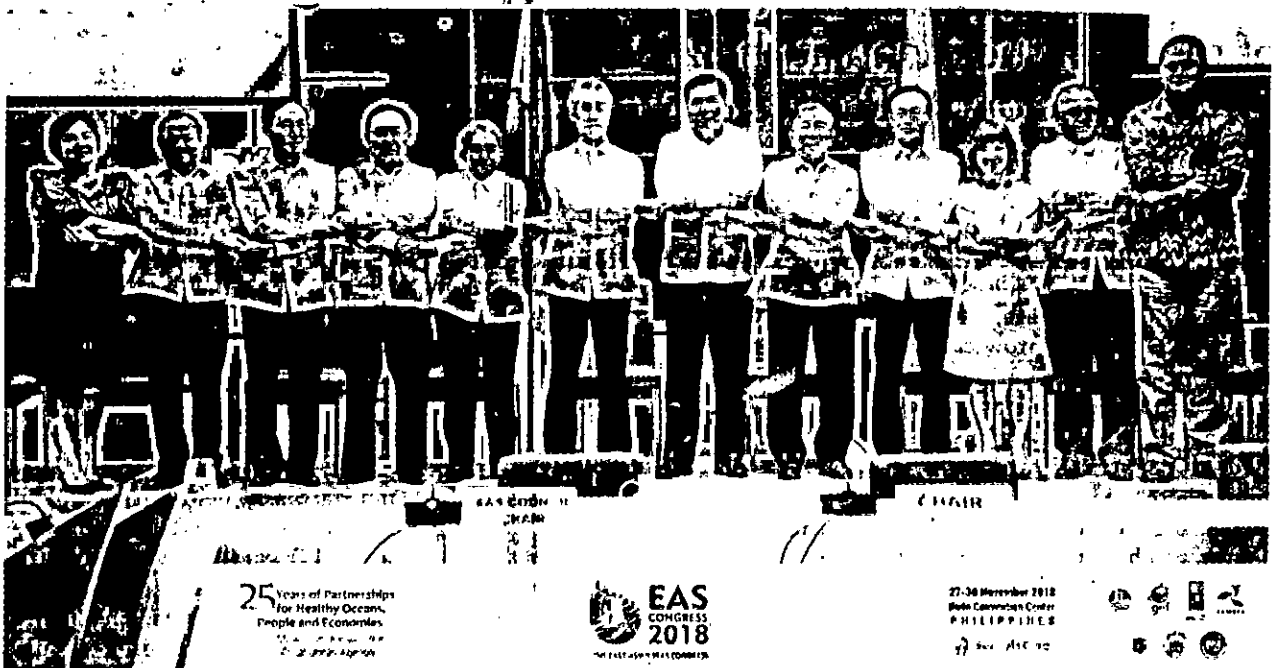


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Bigger steps committed to protect coastal and marine resources

STORY & PHOTO BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA @jonlmayuga

VARIOUS stakeholders strengthened their commitments to better manage the coastal and marine environment and resources as the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2018 ended on a high note in Iloilo City on November 30.



ENVIRONMENT ministers and government representatives of 11 countries link arms for a photo opportunity as they reaffirm their commitments during recent East Asian Seas Congress 2018 in Iloilo City. In photo are (from left): Aimee Gonzales, executive director of Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia; Vann Moynéath of Cambodia's Ministry of Environment; Zhang Zhi of China's Ministry of Natural Resources; Ri Myong San of North Korea's Ministry of External Economic Relations; M.R. Karliyansah of Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry; Hiroyuki Masuda of Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; Xayaveth Vixay of Lao PDR's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; Rodolfo Garcia of the Philippines's Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Park Jyun-kwon of South Korea's Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries; Amy Khor of Singapore's Ministry of Environment and Water Resources; Cesar Jose da Cruz of Timor-Leste's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; Vu Si Tuan of Vietnam's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; and Atty. Antonio La Vinya, chairman of East Asian Seas Partnership Council. DENR-SCS PHOTO



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Carrying the theme, "25 Years of Partnerships for Healthy Oceans, People and Economies: Moving as One with the Global Ocean Agenda," the EAS Congress 2018 was attended by over 1,000 delegates from 11 countries in the East Asian region.

The event was capped by the signing by environmental ministers of participating countries of the Iloilo Ministerial Declaration, titled "East Asian Region Moving as One to Secure Healthy Oceans, People and Economies." It was hosted by the Philippines government and organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (Pemsea).

Thumbs up

ENVIRONMENTAL and conservation advocates lauded the country's hosting of the event and underscored the importance of protecting and conserving the seas of East Asia.

Sought for reaction, AA Yaptinchay, director of the Marine Wildlife Watch of the Philippines, which seeks for the conservation of marine wildlife and their ecosystems, said coastal and marine environment is now less protected.

"It is critical that the coastal and marine ecosystems are given importance and attention in our quest for a more sustainable future. It will take a global village to manage the human activities causing problems and the East Asian region. [The EAS Congress] declaration is a welcome effort, a commitment for bigger steps and actions to take place," Yaptinchay said in a message sent to the BUSINESSMIRROR via Messenger on December 3.

John Leo Algo, science policy associate of The Climate Reality Project Philippines, said oceans are vital to the survival of humanity, especially in Southeast Asia.

"Given the current challenges facing the health of marine and coastal ecosystems, the most

threatening of which are climate change and plastic pollution, dealing with both their impacts and root causes is more urgent now than ever," Algo said.

Headed that the Iloilo ministerial declaration for ocean resource conservation and sustainable development is a "step in the right direction" for the welfare of current and future generations.

"However, it is necessary to recognize that the well-being of marine and coastal life should be just as big of a focus as that of human societies. The link between man and oceanic life must be harmonized in a way that allows both to survive and thrive in a changing world," He also said in a message.

Systematic, institutionalized destruction

FOR his part, Fernando Hicap, chairman of Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas, said: "International formations like the one held in Iloilo where protection and management of seas were discussed is very crucial these days where systematic and institutionalized destruction of marine resources are prevalent."

People in coastal communities, particularly small fisherfolk are the ones who suffer from marine environmental catastrophe caused by rampant activities, Hicap said.

"[A] clear example is the diminishing fish catch in the municipal waters, which dramatically drops to 3 kg [kilograms] to 5 kg per fishing trip from 10 kg to 15 kg when fishing waters were still abundant," he cited.

"Seagrasses; mangroves and corals are being destroyed [and converted into] tourist destinations, industrial and commercial hubs. The massive conversion of our waters poses impacts not only to the marine and aquatic resources but also to the livelihood of small, fishers," Hicap, a former party-list representative, told the BUSINESSMIRROR via a social-media message last week.

Leon Dulce, national coordinator of Kalikasan-People's Network for the Environment, expressed hope that the Iloilo Ministerial Declaration will result into concrete national and intergovernmental actions on the tough transboundary marine issue in the South China Sea conflict.

"The declaration should translate into the negotiated establishment of South China Sea as an international marine peace park to facilitate the demilitarization and regional cooperation to conserve the important marine body," he said.

Dulce explained: "The ecological health of East Asia's oceans is interlinked with the South China Sea. If China's island building, military activity and tolerance of poaching and other illegal fishing practices in the South China Sea persist, we are accelerating the degradation of all our seas."

SDS-SEA key component

AT a news conference to cap the four-day event, Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, in a message read by Environment Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Rodolfo C. Garcia, expressed gratitude to the ministers representing 11 countries for affirming their commitment to previous agreements for the Seas of East Asia through the Iloilo Ministerial Declaration.

A key component of Pemsea regional mechanism that provides policy direction and commitment for improving and strengthening the Sustainable Development Strategies for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), the declaration was signed by Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, North Korea, Singapore, South Korea,

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Cimatu, who was in Katowice, Poland, for the 24th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, urged the 11 countries to implement programs based on the commitment they signed under the declaration.

Sixth EAS Congress

AIMEE GONZALES, executive director of Pemsea, said the declaration was the outcome of the congress's sixth Ministerial Forum on November 29.

Previous EAS congresses were held in Malaysia in 2003, China in 2006, the Philippines in 2009, South Korea in 2012 and Vietnam in 2015.

A triennial conference, the regional event provides a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing, collaborative action, partnership building and a forum for advance commitment and cooperation in achieving the shared vision of a sustainable East Asian Seas.

The congress has established its reputation as an intellectual marketplace and ocean-based forum that uniquely focuses on the world's most diverse and fastest-growing region.

It aims to address ocean and coastal-area degradation through the sustainable management and use of marine resources, seas and oceans.

Significant milestones

GONZALES said some of the milestone achieved during past EAS Congresses include the following:

- The Declaration of Regional Cooperation for the SDS-SEA framework was agreed upon in Putrajaya, Malaysia, in 2003.

- The ministers agreed on the implementation of the SDS-SEA, based on the implementation strategy developed during the EAS Congress in Haikou City, China, in 2006.

- The ministers committed to strengthening the implementation of Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) for sustainable development and climate-change adaptation in Manila in 2009.

- The ministers agreed to work toward ocean-based economy or "blue economy" in Changwon, South Korea, in 2012.

- The ministers committed to work for the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), collectively as a region during the congress in Danang, Vietnam, in 2015.

Iloilo Declaration key components

GONZALES said the Iloilo Ministerial Declaration has three significant components, namely: on common understanding and shared beliefs; commitment in the next five years; and strengthening partnerships.

A reaffirmation of past commitments, the environmental ministers acknowledged significant values and contributions of coastal and marine ecosystem services. The ministers committed to transform Pemsea to a self-sustaining regional organization. "Under the Iloilo Declaration, the ministers recognized Pemsea's pioneering work to develop best practices in the design and implementation of [ICM]," she said.

Other common understanding and shared beliefs include the commitment to support the region in the effective implementation of the SDS-SEA aligned with the UN SDGs and other international or regional commitments; and encourage the region to move toward a blue economy, sustainable development of its coasts and oceans.

According to Gonzales, a very important part of the Iloilo Ministerial Declaration is their conclusion that the biggest threat in the region is the people, the way they live their lives and the way they manage resources.

Partially, the declaration states: "We...strongly urge everyone to shift toward a mindset of responsible stewardship, and pledge to take bold steps to protect, manage and restore our coasts and oceans for our present and future generations."

According to Gonzales, citing the document, Pemsea Country Partners are ready to engage citizens in East Asia and peoples in our regions to work together to secure our shared vision of healthy oceans, people and economy.

"This is not the problem of the government alone. We all have to do our part," she said.

Youth forum

ANTONIO L. LAVINA, chairman of the East Asian Seas Partnership Council, said another significant milestone in the EAS Congress 2018 was the parallel event where

70 youth leaders from 13 countries have affirmed their support for the sustainable development of the seas of East Asia.

The event paved the way for the launching of the Pemsea Youth Program.

During a breakout discussion, the young delegates shared their suggestions toward the improvement of the program.

Lavina said he was impressed by the youth's knowledge of the issues confronting the seas of East Asia, as well as their conviction and commitment as they also came up with their own declaration.

"Their passion, their level of knowledge on ocean issues, on environmental issues... it is very high," he said, adding that the youth's participation in the Iloilo events gives a breath of new hope for the protection and conservation of the coastal and marine environment and natural resources East Asia.

"The youth matters the most because they will inherit the Earth. The nature of ocean challenges is intergenerational," he said.



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According to Lavina, the Youth Council will work closely with Pemsea for the implementation of various programs in East Asia.

Way forward

ANALIZA TEH, environment undersecretary for Climate Change and Mining Concerns, said in the Philippines, the DENR will continue to implement various coastal and marine management programs.

She said the DENR is also hoping to access the Green Climate Fund for the implementation of ICM programs in eight priority provinces that have been identified based on population, poverty threshold and vulnerability to climate change.

"Actually, there are 22 vulnerable provinces, but for 2019, we will focus on eight provinces," she said.

The eight priority provinces are Samar, Negros Oriental, Sarangani, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Sorsogon and Masbate.

Gonzales said Pemsea will continue to provide various support to its network of local government units in East Asia, including funding programs and projects, in line with the commitments in implementing ICM and in the development of the region's "blue economy" toward the achievement of the UN SDGs.



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Authorities stop entry of wildlife species

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) reported on Saturday that authorities intercepted 34 wildlife species at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

In a statement, the BOC said a female passenger arriving from Bangkok, Thailand, at the Naia Terminal 2 on December 6, attempted to bring into the country 20 lizards, four snakes and 10 moss frogs.

A customs x-ray inspector, Angel Aboloc, scanned the luggage of the passenger.

"The wildlife species found in shoe boxes inside the luggage of the passenger were immediately turned over to the DENR [Department of Environment and Natural Resources] and were brought to the Biodiversity Management Bureau in Quezon City for proper identification, care and protection," the BOC said.

The BOC added that importation of wildlife species without the required permit or clearance from the DENR is a violation of the Customs Modernization Tariff Act in relation to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 9147, or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001.

The BOC continues to strengthen its coordination with other regulating agencies to secure the Philippine borders and protect the environment from illegal wildlife traders, illegal entry of drugs and other prohibited goods, among others.

A bill is pending in Congress to revise RA 9147. *Rea Ca*



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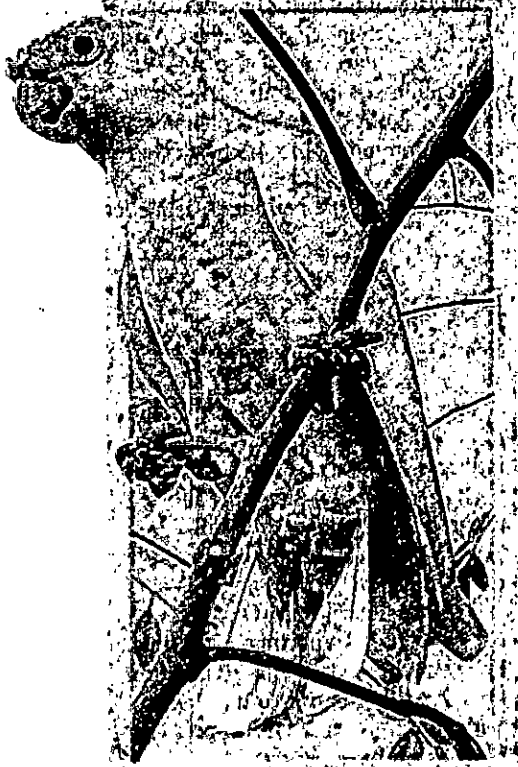
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Endangered bird species: Cockatoo

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, Palawan—Penal authorities, village leaders, and conservationists renewed a memorandum of agreement designed to protect the critically endangered Philippine cockatoo or "katala" inside the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm. *Next page*



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The covenant covers the conservation, protection, management, and preservation of the bird species' known nesting and foraging grounds in 10 barangays in Puerto Princesa City.

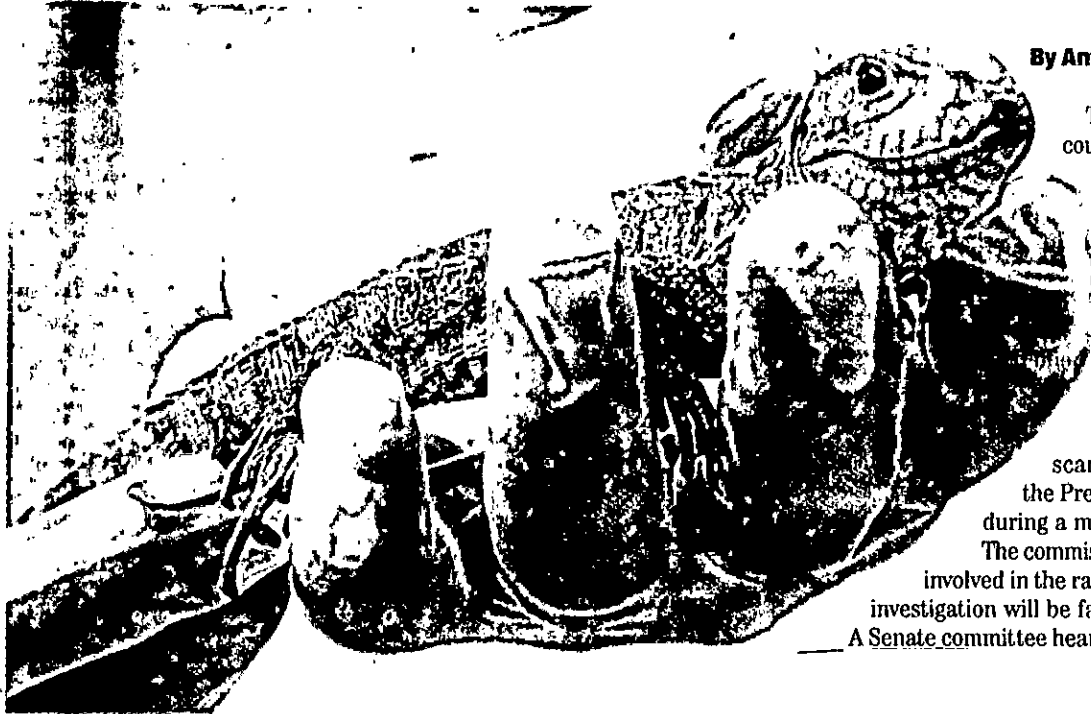
"Perhaps, unknown to our knowledge, the lowland forest of Iwahig is the third most important habitat of the katala," said Indira Dayang Lacerna-Widmann, chief operations officer of the Katala Foundation Inc.

The first important dwelling ground is Rasa Island in the southern Palawan town of Narra, followed by Balabac municipality, and the IPPF in the city in Barangay Iwahig, Lacerna-Widmann said.

She said about 60 to 70 of the critically endangered bird, which is also known as the red-vented cockatoo, are dwelling in the IPPF's lowland forests.

"We might think that's a small number and not important, but in the whole world, there are only now

more or less 1,200 katala. They are only found in the Philippines and this is why Palawan is very important in cockatoo conservation," she said. PNA



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ONE of 20 lizards seized at NAIA by Customs personnel. ANTHONY CHING

Wildlife seized at NAIA

By Anthony Ching
and Gladys Mae Ablon

The Bureau of Customs (BoC) announced yesterday the turn over of 34 wildlife creatures to Environment officers following their seizure at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) from a female passenger from Bangkok.

No-leave, no-day off policy in effect at PH airports.

The endangered species consisted of 20 lizards, a mix of geckos and dragons, 10 Moss frogs and four snakes of varying types. They were concealed in a plastic container and a cloth pouch inside a luggage.

BoC officer Angel Aboloc initiated the inspection of the luggage after conducting a

scan that showed the hidden creatures, which the bureau turned over to the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources.

The BoC did not identify the female passenger who was accosted at terminal 2 of NAIA. The wildlife species were brought to the DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau in Quezon City for proper care and protection.

According to the DENR, most of the creatures were on the list of endangered species in the world.

It was the second seizure by BoC of endangered species in the last quarter of 2018, prompting the bureau to issue a warning against the importation or exportation of wildlife species without the necessary permits.



2 PHIL-BASED INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES MAINSTREAMING AGRICULTURE BIODIVERSITY

TWO Philippine-based international agencies co-organized a multisectoral workshop on biodiversity in food and agriculture in Thailand.

The Multisectoral Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Food and Agriculture was held by Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (Searca) and the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) in Amari Watergate in Bangkok last week.

It was cohosted by Thailand's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

The workshop provided a platform for the environment and agriculture sectors in the Asean community to discuss and develop a common understanding of agrobiodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

It also intended to identify and define possible areas of collaboration and supportive processes among the relevant Asean sectoral bodies and development partners toward mainstreaming biodiversity in the agriculture sector.

Among the expected outputs of the workshop is a pilot project in agrobiodiversity that includes the recommended elements and structure of a multi- and cross-sectoral coordination mechanism among and between the relevant Asean bodies for mainstreaming, conservation and sustainable use of agrobiodiversity in the Asean region.

Mainstreaming agrobiodiversity is the first joint thematic initiative of ACB and Searca, which proposes to facilitate intersectoral discussion toward a common understanding of conservation and sustainable use of agrobiodiversity in the Asean.

The workshop was the second collaboration of Searca and ACB under an agreement to pursue common objectives in biodiversity and agriculture signed in July 2016. The first major activity of this cooperation was a regional workshop on mainstreaming biodiversity in agriculture for sustainable development and food security in Southeast Asia, held in September 2017 in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Participants in the recent workshop were representatives of the environment and agriculture ministries of Asean member-states, Asean sectoral bodies, the Asean Secretariat, development partners, and networks from the education and research sectors.



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CLIMATE JUSTICE NEWS

Groups want rights in climate deal

KATOWICE, POLAND—The exclusion of human rights from the draft implementing guidelines of the Paris Agreement would put vulnerable sectors in more peril, rights experts and environmental campaigners have warned. "Human rights have to be at the center of the agreement," said Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

—STORY BY JHESSET O. ENANO

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Environmental activists demand rights at center of climate deal

By Jhasset O. Enano
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KATOWICE, POLAND—The exclusion of human rights from the draft implementing guidelines of the Paris Agreement would put vulnerable sectors in more peril, rights experts and environmental campaigners have warned.

As negotiators scrambled to wrap up the technical phase of the UN climate talks in its first week, civil society groups sounded the alarm over the explicit removal of human rights from the draft text of the rule book that is seen to breathe life into the landmark climate deal.

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, urged all member states of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to put back all references to human rights, as they iron out the rule book this week.

"Human rights have to be at the center of the agreement," she said at a press briefing. "Unless it is done, those most affected [by the impacts of climate change] will suffer further."

Corpuz, a Filipino indigenous activist with Kankana-ey Igorot roots, reminded governments about their obligation to respect human rights, especially as member states under the UN General Assembly that adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights exactly 70 years ago today, Dec. 10, 1948.

Paris accord preamble
The Paris accord, which limits the rise of global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius, was



CLIMATE ACTION Carrying signs calling for a stop to the use of coal and fossil fuels, as well as for greater climate action, protesters on Saturday march from Freedom Square to Spodek Arena, where the 24th Conference of the Parties is being held, in Katowice, Poland. —AP

the first international environmental agreement to refer especially to human rights—a victory also from the civil society groups that lobbied hard for its inclusion.

The preamble states that actions to deal with climate change should "respect, promote and consider their obligations on human rights, right to health and the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons

with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations."

Pramisha Thapaliya, a member of the youth group Climates Nepal, said that taking climate action while violating human rights would be heresy.

"Human rights are here as guidance," she said. "If we fail to comprehensively and concretely integrate fundamental rights into our rule book, we condemn young and future generations to face the darkest hours unpro-

ted and left behind."

Activists barred

Sebastien Duyck of the Center for International Environmental Law also assailed the reported barring of entry of 12 to 14 activists to Poland.

"It is extremely alarming because it demonstrated that the Polish government had not yet awakened to the concept that the only effective climate action is one that builds on public

ownership and with public support," he said.

"We need effective participation of all voices otherwise there will be no effective implementation of the Paris Agreement."

Poland's deputy environment minister, Michal Kurtyka, said he was in contact with the authorities "to address the issue."

"There is a commitment to allow everybody who wishes to engage constructively in this

discussion, to be part of it," said Kurtyka, president of the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP24) to the UNFCCC.

Protest march

Thousands of activists from across the globe poured into the streets of Katowice, a city built on coal mining, on Saturday afternoon to demand climate justice outside the convention halls.

Carrying signs that called for a stop to the use of coal and fossil fuels, as well as for greater climate action, they marched from the city's Freedom Square to near Spodek Arena, where COP24 was being held.

Sebastian Tuz, a Polish resident, carried a placard with his country's coat of arms—a white, crowned eagle—but dirtied with the soot and smoke from coal-fired power plants, a main source of electricity in his country.

"If we still want to live in good condition, we have to demand change," he said. "There is a lot of power in the people."

Several Filipinos also participated in the march, including Greenpeace Southeast Asia executive director Yeb Saño, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice national coordinator Ian Rivera, and Center for Energy, Ecology and Development executive director Gerry Arances.

Survivors of Super typhoon "Yolanda" (international name: Hailyan), which flattened the Visayas in 2013, including activists Joanna Sustento and Saño's younger brother, AG, also marched to call for climate justice. —WITH A REPORT FROM REUTERS INQ



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Climate change movement continues in Katowice

THREE years after the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, in which 195 nations, including the Philippines, pledged to carry out national programs to reduce their respective carbon emissions to keep world temperatures down, environmentalists from around the world met this week in Katowice in the coal-mining region of Poland.

It was at the Paris conference in 2015 that the various countries accepted the findings of scientists that world temperatures have been steadily rising due to increasing industrial emissions, causing the ice in the polar regions to melt, raising ocean levels, and spawning increasingly violent typhoons and hurricanes arising from the heated oceans.

This year, our part of the globe has been hit by several powerful typhoons that caused so much death and destruction with their strong winds, heavy rains, and storm surges. The Philippines is listed as the world's fifth most vulnerable country to extreme weather in the last 20 years.

On the sidelines of the United Nations Climate Conference in Katowice, Poland, various international campaign groups renewed their call on countries to shift away from the use of coal and other fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas to produce power for homes and industries.

China and the United States are the leading emitters of carbon into the atmosphere today because of their industries. At the Paris conference, China

pledged to reduce its carbon emissions, announcing a policy of shifting to the use of electric cars. The US, however, has rejected the Paris conference call, with President Donald Trump determined to protect the US coal industry.

Compared to these two giants in industry, the Philippines is a minor producer of carbon emissions but it is among the leading sufferers from violent storms in the world. Last week, the Philippines was featured in the international program of Al Gore "24 Hours of Reality" as the victim of super-typhoon Yolanda, the strongest tropical typhoon ever to make landfall, which took the lives of thousands in the Visayas in 2013.

In our continuing effort to develop, we have great need for considerable amounts of energy and so we continue to depend on coal power plants as the cheapest source of power. We will also soon have oil and gas from our joint exploration projects with China in the Reed Bank in the South China Sea.

Bu we continue to move forward in our program of renewable energy – geothermal, solar, wind, biomass. We have such great potentials for these natural sources of power that will not add to the world's carbon emissions.

Today we are among the worst victims of climate change. One day we should be able to be at or near the top of the list of nations contributing to the making of a safer world from typhoons and other natural calamities.



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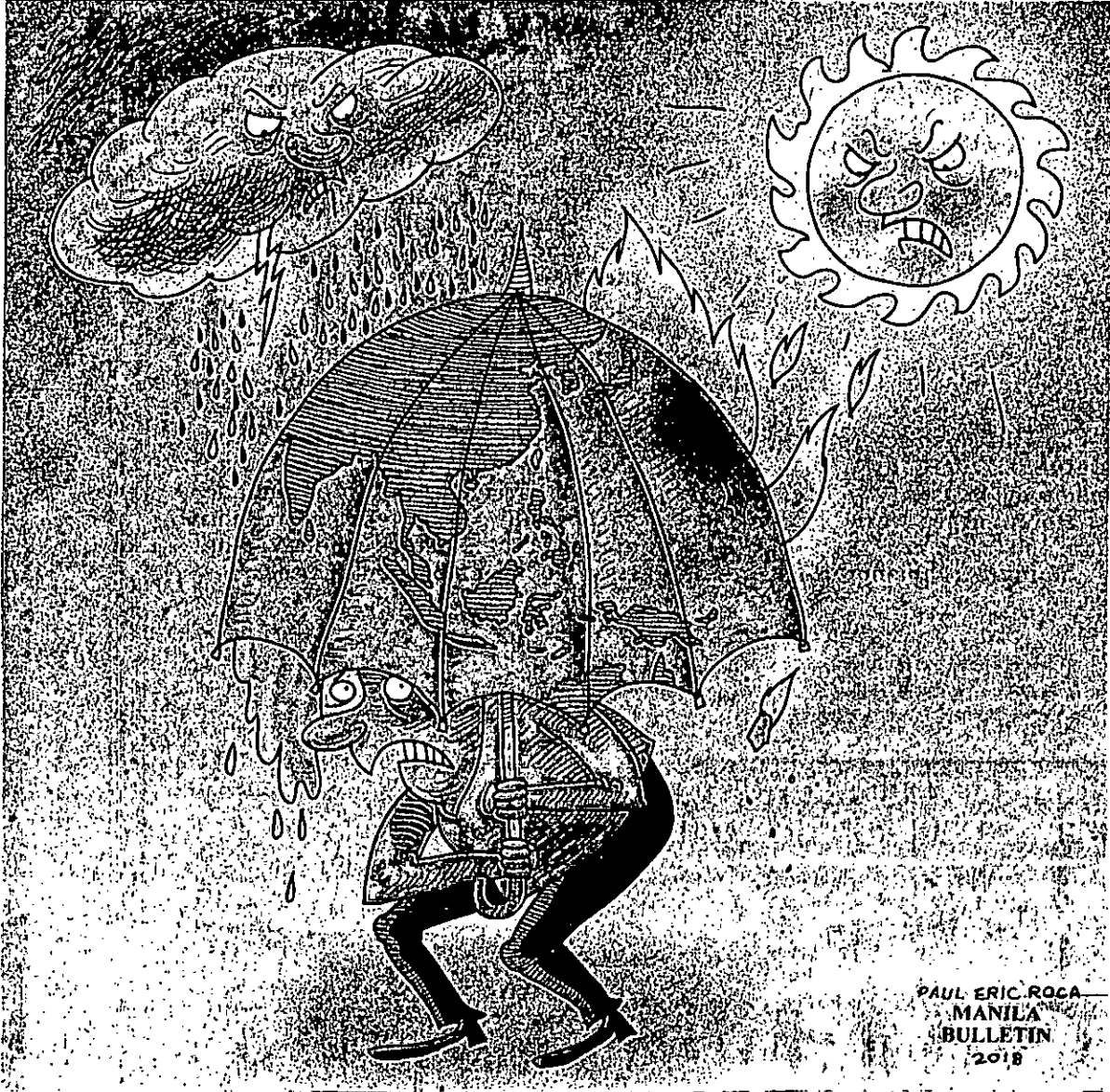
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CLIMATE CHANGE





Protesters march as UN climate talks hit fossil fuel snag

KATOWICE, Poland—Thousands of people from around the world marched on Saturday through the southern Polish city that's hosting this year's United Nations (UN) climate talks, demanding that their governments take tougher action to curb global warming.

Protesters included farmers from Latin America, environmentalists from Asia, students from the United States and families from Europe, many of whom said climate change is already affecting their lives.

"Climate change is the thing that frightens me the most," said Michal Dabrowski from Warsaw, who brought his young daughter to the march. "I'm a father and it's kind of crucial that she will have a decent life."

Marchers gathered in one of Katowice's main squares before setting off for the conference center where delegates from almost 200 countries are haggling over the fine print of the 2015 Paris accord to fight climate change.

Some protesters were dressed as endangered orangutans while others wore breathing masks to highlight the air pollution in Katowice, which lies at the heart of Poland's coal mining region of Silesia.

A group wearing polar bear costumes was expelled from the march after suggesting that fossil fuels should be replaced by nuclear power, a technology that many environmentalists object to. *AP*



UN climate conference features meat (and emissions) heavy menu

EAT less meat” has become a mantra of climate-change activists, but there’s plenty of meat on the menu at the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24).

The 22,000 delegates attending the COP24 in Katowice, Poland, will attempt to hammer out specific rules to hold signatories to emissions-reducing pledges made in Paris two years ago.

However, three nonprofits are noting that the conference’s menu, which features more meat and dairy than plant-based options, sends an unfortunate if perhaps unintended message from a group whose focus is to slow the Earth’s march toward calamity.

The UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization has estimated that 14.5 percent of global emissions come from livestock alone. Eliminating those emissions would go a long way toward meeting emissions goals, animal welfare and environmental activists argue.

Slowly but surely, changes to diet are being seen as an important piece of climate change mitigation plans.

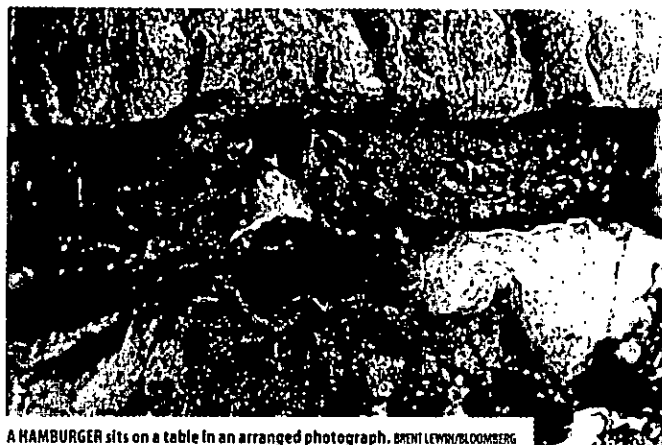
In the span of one week in October, for example, three major climate-change reports all called for less meat and dairy-heavy diets. First, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stated with “high confidence” that changing dietary behaviors could be an

effective mitigation strategy.

Then, a study in *Nature* called for major reductions in the consumption of meat and dairy, with nuts, legumes, fruits and vegetables subbing in. Finally, a plan presented by the Climate, Land, Ambition and Rights Alliance found global temperatures could be kept from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) by limiting individual meat consumption to about two five-ounce servings per week.

Such a radical shift in the human diet would fundamentally alter the way food is produced, and help tackle other issues—such as biodiversity loss, violations of indigenous rights and food insecurity, the group contends.

At COP24, however, attendees will be offered cheeseburgers,



A HAMBURGER sits on a table in an arranged photograph. BRENT LEVY/BLOOMBERG

gnocchi with parmesan and Parma ham and beef with smoked bacon, noted the Center for Biological Diversity, Farm Forward and Brighter Green.

In their analysis, the menu from the 12-day conference could emit about the same amount of greenhouse gases as burning 500,000 gallons of gasoline, if all the attendees chose meat-based dishes at the site’s largest food court.

Along with sessions on energy, finance and oceans, the COP24 agenda also included an event, titled “Planetary Health: Food Systems Event,” organized

by EAT, the UN Climate Change secretariat’s Momentum for Change initiative and The Rockefeller Foundation.

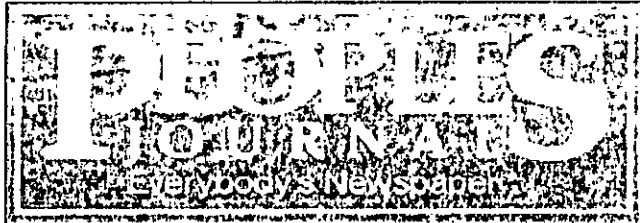
It “aims to raise awareness of the role of food systems in addressing both climate change and the sustainable development goals,” according to the event’s web site.

“The menu on offer appears to completely ignore the climate,” said Fabrice DeClerck, Science director at EAT, in an e-mailed statement to Bloomberg. Reducing meat consumption, he continued, is “the single biggest food-system change that can be made in support of climate.”

“The meat-laden menu at COP24 is an insult to the work of the conference,” said Stephanie Feldstein, director of the Population and Sustainability program at the Center for Biological Diversity, in a news release. Representatives from COP24 and the Rockefeller Foundation did not immediately respond with a comment. *Bloomberg News*

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—FELDSTEIN



Public urged to be creative to reduce 'holitrash'

By Cory Martinez

NON-GOVERNMENT environmental groups yesterday urged the public to be creative this holiday season by upcycling holiday decorations to reduce the so-called "holitrash," (holiday + trash).

The EcoWaste Coalition, Buklod Kabataan and DeafEye (a pun of "defy") made the appeal during their advocacy event. Ecowaste members showed how inexpensive holiday decorations can be made through upcycling which will surely enliven the Christmas spirit.

During the event, the groups presented a variety of upcycled decorations fashioned out of discards such as used party wares, gift wrappers, plastic bottles, product containers and wrappers, tin cans, and even e-waste.

"The creative reuse of

discards, also known as upcycling, is a practical way of cutting the amount of materials that we throw away. Giving seemingly useless materials a new lease of life, such as by turning them into Christmas decorations, will help reduce what goes into dumps and landfills that are filling up fast," said Daniel Alejandro, Zero Waste Campaigner of EcoWaste Coalition.

"With these upcycled Christmas ornaments, we hope to encourage more Filipinos, especially the youth, to make it a habit to find artistic and imaginative uses for discards, including residual ones, before tossing them in the bin," he said.

He noted that "aside from reducing the volume of materials to be disposed of, upcycling activities will also help in easing the production for and consumption of new materials, which will in turn contribute to less resource exploitation and

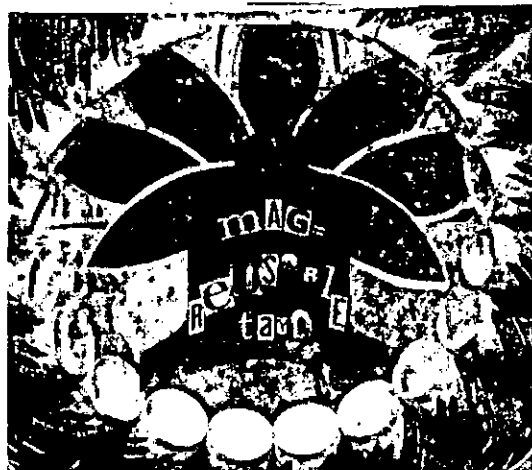
pollution."

Alejandro explained that upcycling can also be a good vehicle for creating awareness about our nation's recurring waste problem, and the need for long-term sustainable solutions to problematic waste materials such as single-use product packaging choking our water bodies, including the oceans.

As an example, he cited the emptied packs and sachets used by the group for some Christmas ornamental crafts. "Companies should start paying attention to ecological packaging and delivery solutions that will eliminate chemical and plastic pollutants wreaking havoc on marine life."

Among the upcycled Christmas decorations on display that attracted attention were:

* a toilet seat wreathed with computer mouses, earsets and electrical plugs and labeled with a "warning hazard" that



says "mind your e-waste";

* wreath of used paper cups with a paper bell saying "mag-reusable tayo" (let's go for reusables); and

* a band of five angels dubbed as "Pink Carolers," which were made out of pink plastic containers of a fabric conditioner.

On the other hand,

DeafEye members, created an assortment of upcycled Christmas decorations around the theme "Cozy White Christmas," while those from Buklod Kabataan converted used party wares into instant holiday adornments such as paper cup wreaths and letter cut-outs on paper plates.

Iconic Snowman, Three Kings, reindeer and



ICONIC Snowman, Three Kings, reindeer and Santa Claus figures were created out of used paper bags while used paper cups were gathered together to form a wreath.

Santa Claus figures were also created out of used paper bags, food paper boxes, wine bottles, metal cans, and various plastic containers, and enhanced with used bottle caps, buttons, bows and ribbons.

Fabric softeners, roll-

on deodorants and toilet paper cardboard tubes were transformed into Christmas angels.

And tin cans and lids decorated with cut-outs from used Christmas wrappers were turned into nice wind chimes, too.



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NUMBER	MEASURE	STATUS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	STATUS IN SENATE
	Bangsamoro Basic Law	RA11054 - Signed into law on July 27, 2018	RA11054 - Signed into law on July 27, 2018
	Endo (Security of Tenure Act)	HB 6908 - Approved on 3 rd Reading (2018-01-29), transmitted to the Senate on 2018-01-31 and received by the Senate on 2018-01-31 (Labor)	SBN 1826 - *Certified for IMMEDIATE enactment by the President on 21 Sept 2018; Pending 2 nd Reading; Period of Interpellation (Labor, Employment & Human Resource)
	Utilization of the Coconut Levy Act	HB 5745 - Ratified Conference Committee Report on 2018-11-28 (Agriculture); *Adopted Concurrent Resolution No. 19 (under HCR No. 22) (RECALLING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT THE ENROLLED COPIES OF S.B. NO. 1233 AND H.B. NO. 5745) transmitted to the Senate and Office of the President on 2018-10-15 and received by the Senate and PLO on 2018-10-15	SBN 1233 - Ratified Conference Committee Report on 2018-11-28
	National Land Use Act	HB 5240 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2017-05-02, transmitted to the Senate on 2017-05-09 and received by the Senate on 2017-05-09 (Land Use)	SBNs 25, 34, 1015, 1144 and 1522 - Pending in the Environment & Natural Resources Committee
	Department of Disaster Resilience	HB 8165 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-10-01, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-10-02 and received by the Senate on 2018-10-02 (Government Reorganization)	SBNs 1994, 1969, 1735, 1553, 287 and 73 - Pending in the Committee on National Defense and Security
	Rice Tariffication	HB 7735 - Ratified Conference Committee Report on 2018-11-28; Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-08-14, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-08-15 and received by the Senate on 2018-08-15 (Agriculture and Food)	SBN 1988 - Ratified Conference Committee Report on 2018-11-28 Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-11-14 (Agriculture and Food)
	Trabaho Bill / Train 2	HB 8083 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-09-10, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-09-11 and received by the Senate on 2018-09-11 (Ways and Means)	SBN 1906 - Pending in the Committee on Ways and Means since 6 August 2018
	Mining Taxes	HB03297 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-10-08, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-10-09 and received by the Senate on 2018-10-09 HB8223 - For Deliberation by Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES HB8321 - For Deliberation by Committee on WAYS AND MEANS	SBN 1883 - Pending in the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources 7-30-2018
	Alcohol Taxes	HB8618 - Approved on 2 nd Reading on 2018-11-28 (substitute bill to HB 4839, 8286 and 8334); For 3 rd Reading on 2018-12-03 HB1641 - For Committee deliberation (Dangerous Drugs)	NA
	Tobacco Taxes	HB1641 - For Deliberation by Committee on DANGEROUS DRUGS HB4144 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2016-12-13, transmitted to the Senate on 2016-12-14 and received by the Senate on 2016-12-14 HB8677 - Approved on 2 nd Reading on 2018-11-28 (substitute bill to HB 4575 and 6648) For 3 rd Reading on 2018-12-03	SBN 1605 and 1599 (Pending in the Committee on Ways and Means 11-20-2017)
	Property Valuation	HB8453 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-11-12, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-11-13 and received by the Senate on 2018-11-13	SBN 44 (Pending in the Committee on Ways and Means 07-26-2016)
	Capital Income Tax	HB8400 - Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-11-12, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-11-13 and received by the Senate on 2018-11-13 HB8645 - Approved on 2 nd Reading on 2018-11-27 (substitute bill to HB 8252 and 8323) For 3 rd Reading on 2018-12-03	SBN 225 (Pending in the Committee on Ways and Means 08-02-2016)
	Tax Amnesty	HB04814 - For Bicameral Conference Committee meeting on 2018-12-04; Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2017-02-13, transmitted to the Senate on 2017-02-15 and received by the Senate on 2017-02-15 HB08554 - For Bicameral Conference Committee; Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-11-20, transmitted to the Senate on 2018-11-21 and received by the Senate on 2018-11-21 HB00042 - For Inclusion in the Calendar of Business HB04816 - For Deliberation by Committee on WAYS AND MEANS	SBN 2059 - For Bicameral Conference Committee meeting on 2018-12-04; Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-11-19 SBN 640 - Pending in the Committee on Ways and Means 08-09-2016
	Universal Health Care	HB5784 - Under Bicam Report preparation; Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2017-09-06, transmitted to the Senate on 2017-09-07 and received by the Senate on 2017-09-07 (Health)	SBN 1896 - Under Bicam Report preparation; Approved on 3 rd Reading on 2018-10-10 (Health)
	Federalism (Revision of the Constitution)	HCR 9 - Adoption on Jan 16, 2018, transmitted to the Senate on Jan 18, 2018 and received by the Senate on Jan 18, 2018 (CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONSTITUTE THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE 1987 CONSTITUTION) (Constitutional Amendments) RBH 15 - Approved on 2 nd Reading on 2018-12-04	HCR 9 - Pending in the Constitutional Amendments Committee (1-22-18) SRB 1, SJR 1 - Conducted Committee hearing on December 8, 2016 SRN 580 - Pending in the Committee on Constitutional Amendments 1/15/2018
	National Transport Act or the Traffic and Congestion Crisis Act (Emergency Powers to Address the Transport Traffic Crisis)	HB6425 - Approved on 2 nd Reading on 2018-11-27 (Transportation); For Approval on 3 rd Reading on 2018-12-03	SBN 1284 - Pending on 2 nd Reading (Period of Interpellations as of September 13, 2017)
	Mandatory Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)	HB00922, HB01114, HB02467, HB02666, HB02780, HB03180, HB05509, HB05827, HB06773, HB07770 - For Deliberation by Committee on HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HB05113 - Under deliberation by the Committee on Basic Education & Culture HR00840 - For Deliberation by Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; For take up of Committee on Basic Education and Culture on 2018-12-10.	SBN 189, SBN 200 (Pending in the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture 08-01-2016) SBN 1131 Pending in the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture 09-13-2016) SBN 1322 Pending in the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture 02-13-2017) SBN 1417 Pending in the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture 05-032017)
	NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	HB00025, HB01691, HB02977, HB03651, HB04369, HB04785, HB04878 - For filing of Committee Report on 2018-12-03.	SBN 1352 (Pending in the Committee on Science and Technology 02-28-2017); SBN 1959 (Pending in the Committee on Science and Technology 09-03-2018)



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MAYNILAD AT PRRC NAGSANIB-PUWERSA SA REHABILITASYON NG MGA ESTERO

ANG West Zone concessionaire ng Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad) at ang Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) ay sumanib sa Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) at sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Maynila para sa rehabilitasyon ng apat na polluted esteros sa Manila para sa susunod na tatlong taon. Ang proyektong ito ay sinadya upang mabawasan ang pagkarga ng polusyon sa mga daluyan ng tubig, ayon sa Korte Suprema Mandamus upang itinisin, ibalik, at mapanatili ang Manila Bay.

ANG PAGTATAE

ANG diarrhea o pagtatae ay ang madalas at magka-ka-sunod-sunod na pagdumi o ang pagkakaroon ng mas maraming tubig sa dumi ng tao. Dahil dito ang taong nagtatae ay nauubusan ng tubig at asin sa katawan. Kailangan ang pag-inom ng maraming tubig na may asukal at asin para maiwasan ang pagkaubos ng tubig ng may-sakit.

Sa mga 'di nakababati, nakukuha ang mikrobyong sanhi ng pagtatae sa maraming pagkain, tubig at iba pa. Sa totoo lang, ang pagtatae ay hindi nangangailangan ng mga gamot o antibiotic. Ang tanging kailangan lamang ay ang pag-inom ng Oresol para maiwasan ang pagkatuyo ng katawan.

Kapag, nagtatae, ang katawan ay nawawalan ng maraming tubig at asin. Batid ba ninyo na ang mga tao ay maaaring mamatay dahil sa pagkawala ng maraming tubig at asin? Ang pagkawala ng tubig ay mas mabilis mangyari sa mga bata dahil sa mas

kaunti ang tubig sa kanilang katawan kaysa sa matatanda.

Ang mga panganib na palatandaan ng pagkatuyo ay ang pagkauhaw, kawalan ng ganang kumain, malaking pagbaba ng timbang, panu-



SA larawan, Maynilad President at CEO Ramoncito S. Fernandez (ika-5 mula sa kaliwa) ang nanguna sa groundbreaking ceremony para sa pag-install ng 1.5 kilometro na interceptor pipeline kasama ang Estero de la Reina na makukuha ang wastewater na nabuo sa mahigit 8,400 na kabahayan sa Manila. Ang nabanggit na interceptor pipe ang maghahatid ng wastewater sa Maynilad's treatment facilities bago mag-discharge sa eco-system.

Kasama ni Fernandez (mula sa kaliwa) Maynilad Wastewater Management head Antonio Garcia, Brgy. 56 SK chairman Benjie Alvarez, Brgy. 58 chairman Ernesto Timbol, Katherine Evangelista (kinatawan ni Brgy. 56 chairman Dale Evangelista), PRRC executive director Jose Antonio Goitia, Maynilad COO Randolph Estrellado, at Roy Menorias (na kumakatawan sa 1st District Congressman Manny Lopez).

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nuyo ng balat, labi at dila, kawalan ng luha, mga matang nanlalaki at nanlalalim, panghihina ng katawan, tinig na mahina, kahirapan sa paghinga, mahinang pulso, nanlalamig na balat, pagkahilo, kawalan ng malay-tao, kombuksyon na kung lulubha ay maaaring humantong sa kamatayan.

Mga dapat tandaan ng mga taong nagtatae: Bago kumain o humawak ng pagkain ay dapat na hugasang mabuti ang inyong mga kamay gamit ang tubig. Putulan at palagiang linisin ang mga kuko. Hugasang mabuti ang mga prutas at gulay bago kainin. Pakuluhan ang tubig bago inumin at tiyakin itong malinis. Pagkagaling sa palikuran ay dapat na maglinis ng mga kamay upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng mikrobyo. Laging takpan ang pagkain at higit sa lahat ay maging mapanuri sa mga kinakainang maiwasan ang pagtatae lalo na sa mga bata.

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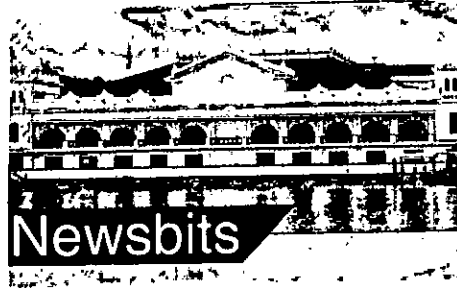
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'Nat'l Rotary Day'

The Senate committee on social justice, welfare and rural development is pushing for the passage of a bill declaring February 23 every year as National Rotary Day. Sen. Leila de Lima, chairperson of the said committee, has submitted for plenary debate Committee Report No. 519, for Senate Bill No. 1986, which seeks to declare February 23 of every year as a special working holiday in recognition of the Rotary Club of the Philippines' commendable efforts and service. "For almost 99 years now, the Rotary Club of the Philippines has provided socioeconomic programs and services for the well-being of the Filipino people and the development of the country," De Lima said. "The selfless services it has offered to the Filipinos is worth recognizing and should not go unnoticed," she added. (Hannah L. Torregóza)