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House panel OKs 14 new protected areas

By EDU PUNAY

The House committee on natural resources has approved measures declaring 14 sites in eight provinces as protected areas that are closed to commercial and large-scale exploitation.

Panel chair and Dasmariñas City, Cavite Rep. Elpidio Barzaga Jr. said the areas identified in the six bills would be added to a long list of watersheds, hills, mountains, parks, forest lands and natural landscapes declared protected under Republic Act No. 11038 (Expanded National Integrated Areas System Act or ENIPAS).

Barzaga said most of these areas have been subjected to commercial use for decades and are now overexploited.

"We have to protect, regrow and preserve them for the benefit, enjoyment and appreciation of future generations of Filipinos. For instance, watersheds, hills and mountains are among our primary sources of water," he stressed at the hearing earlier this week.

The veteran lawmaker added that the new protected sites cover a combined area of 332,456 hectares.

The new areas proposed to be added to the ENIPAS list include Mt. Arayat in Arayat, Pampanga.

Deputy speaker and Pampanga Rep. Aurelio Gonzales Jr. cited the importance of the measures protecting mountains like

Arayat in his province which "is currently facing environmental challenges like illegal logging."

"If no action is taken, it is only a matter of time before Arayat degrades into an unrecoverable husk of landmass devoid of life. It could also become a natural hazard to people living within its periphery," he warned.

The 13 other areas to be added to the list are nine watersheds in Mindoro Occidental and Mindoro Oriental; a group of small islands in the town of Carles in Iloilo; the Tugbo watershed in the city of Masbate and town of Mobo in Masbate; the Hinakpan mystical hills in Guihulngan, Negros Oriental; and the Tirad Pass landscape in Gregorio del Pilar town, Quirino and the towns of Sigay, Cervantes and Suyo in Ilocos Sur.

The six bills have common provisions. If declared protected, the areas will be under the supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

A protected area management office headed by a protected area superintendent would be created to see to it that the sites are no longer subjected to destructive human practices.

Funding for the management and protection of these areas would be included in the annual DENR budget.



Senate panel prefers regulating single-use plastics

THE Senate committee on environment, natural resources and climate change is inclined to regulate rather than issue an outright ban on single-use plastics.

"Baka imposible na i-ban kasi wala naman akong naririnig na replacement for single-use plastic (A ban might be impossible because alternatives are not available)," Senator Cynthia A. Villar, who chairs the committee, said in a briefing Tuesday.

"What we want is for them to recycle."

Ms. Villar said the Committee will be drafting a consolidated bill and hold one more hearing before it passes the measure out to the plenary.

The panel tackled measures regulating single-use plastic or prohibiting the use of certain plastic products.

Ms. Villar said at this point the bill will provide for the inclusion of waste management as part of the criteria being considered for recognizing local government units with the Seal of Good Local Governance.

The measure will also contain a chapter that will focus on hospital waste, which she noted should be handled differently than other waste products.

The provisions include incentives to plastic producers that exert effort to collecting waste plastic in the environment and establish information and education campaigns.

"It's just fair that if there are entities who are doing their fair share in trying to recover their plastic from the environment,

there must be some proper incentives," Kristoffer Rada of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) said at the hearing. He chairs ECCP's environment and water committee.

The ECCP also supported a provision to hold an information drive to educate the public on recycling.

"We realized even if all member companies try to make their packaging recyclable, if as individuals, we do not do our share, then all of this will go to waste."

— **Charmaine A. Tadalán**



Villar, nais gawing responsable sa plastic products ang mga manufacturer

NAGPATAWAG si Senadora Cynthia Villar ng pagdinig kaugnay sa panukalang batas na nag-aatas sa manufacturers na pangasiwaan ang kanilang plastic products.

Layunin ng Senate Bill No. 1331 o ang Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2020 na iniakda ni Villar, na maging 'institutionalized' ang EPR sa waste management.

Inaamendiyahan din ni-

to ang 20-year-old Republic Act 9003 o ang Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

Sinabi ni Villar, chair ng Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, na may mga indikasyon na tanggap ng industriya ang EPR approach.

Binanggit niya ang deklarasyong nilagdaan noong nakaraang buwan ng mga kasapi ng Philippine Alliance for Recycling and Materials Sustainability (PARMS) na gagawa ng mga aktibidades na ayon sa EPR.

Isang multi-stakeholder coalition ng korporasyon ang PARMS na karamihan ay fast-moving consumer goods sector, retailers at industry groups na nais bawasan ang waste generation sa pamamagitan ng packaging redesign at voluntary withdrawal ng non-recyclable products at packaging materials.

Nangako rin ang samahan na marekober ang mga basura sa pamamagitan ng waste collection sa komunidad at recycling ng mga ito.

Paiigtingin din nila ang aplikasyon sa recycled materials at palalakasin ang investments sa recycling industry.

Kabilang din sa pagdinig kahapon, February 18, ang iba pang inihaing panukala sa pagbabawal at regulasyon ng single-use plastics.

Inakda ng Nacionalista Party senator ang Senate Bill 333 o ang Single-Use Plastic Product Regulation Act na nagre-regulate sa manufacturing, importation at single-use ng plastic products.

Sa ilalim din ng panukalang batas, ipagbabawal ang pagbibigay ng single-use plastics ng food establishments, stores, markets at retailers.

Aatasan din ang consumers na gumamit ng reusable materials samantalang ang manufacturers ay mangongolekta, magrecycle at magtatapon ng single-use plastics na ginawa o pinaikot sa merkado. Hindi na rin papayagan ang importation ng single-use plastics. (Mylene Alfonso)



800 FAMILIES UP FOR RELOCATION



VIRUS SOURCE Water samples from the Butuanon River, which flows through the cities of Cebu and Mandaue, have tested positive for the virus causing polio. —CHRISTIAN MANINGO

CEBU, MANDAUE TO START RIVER CLEANUP TO STOP POLIO

By Ador Vincent Mayol
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CEBU CITY—At least 800 families in the cities of Cebu and Mandaue would be relocated as part of government efforts to clean up the Butuanon River after its water tested positive for the poliovirus.

In separate statements, Mandaue City Mayor Jonas Cortes and Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella said their respective local governments would clear identified “danger zones” along the river as a preventive measure against the disease, which resurfaced last year after the Philippines was declared polio-free in 2000.

Mandaue and Cebu officials said they were preparing relocation protocols and identifying possible resettlement sites. They were also planning to intensify vaccination campaigns, especially in villages close to the river, and help health officers from the Department of Health (DOH) in documenting residents suspected to have contracted the virus.

“Sanitation is very important. Second, we continue with the profiling [of residents living along the Butuanon River], and third, we give vaccination. It’s going to be a citywide vaccina-

tion but we will first focus on the area within the 5-kilometer radius of the river,” Labella said.

The 23-km Butuanon River cuts across Cebu and Mandaue cities.

According to the World Health Organization, the poliovirus can be transmitted person-to-person through the fecal-oral route either directly or with a contaminated vehicle, such as food or water.

Patients often show symptoms, such as fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness of the neck and pain in the limbs as the virus attacks the nervous system. Worse cases lead to paralysis.

Children below 5 years old are at risk of contracting polio, health officials said. Complete vaccination is the best preventive measure against the disease.

Dr. Jaime Bernadas, the DOH regional director in Central Visayas, said improper waste disposal might have caused the re-emergence of the virus.

In 2018, the City Environment and Natural Resources Office of Mandaue recorded 62 establishments dumping untreated waste in the Butuanon River. Households lacking toilets also dispose of their waste into the same waterway. **INQ**



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'Test rivers in Cebu City for poliovirus'

Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella has ordered the Cebu City Health Department (CHD) to conduct water testing in its rivers after Butuanon River in Mandaue City tested positive for poliovirus.

"It's good that the Department of Health through its regional office will help us," Labella said.

He gave assurance that a relocation plan is in place for those living near Butuanon River.

The river traverses Barangays Pitos, Talamban, Bacayan and San Jose in Cebu City.

Labella said the CHD conducted profiling of residents within the five-kilometer radius of Butuanon River af-

ter the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine confirmed that environmental samples from the river tested positive for poliovirus.

He said health workers conducted a survey to determine if there are residents with health concerns and if children completed their vaccination against polio.

"We will continue with our efforts with the city of Mandaue to clear and clean our waterways... At this point, we will not conduct a massive cleanup of the river... It is off-limits because of the report on the presence of poliovirus," Labella said.
- Mary Ruth Malinao/The Freeman



ICTSI promotes cooperation in biodiversity

INTERNATIONAL Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) has partnered with the Katala Foundation to implement a wildlife research and conservation program to protect the life support system within Palawan's Victoria-Anepa'an Mountain Range (VAMR).

Christian R. Gonzalez, ICTSI global corporate head and president of the ICTSI Foundation said ICTSI believes that with more people engaged in conservation initiatives — from local impacted communities, government agencies and private institutions, more resources would be available to inclusively address issues that matter from protection of threatened biodiversity to improved community life, education and participation.

"We look forward to this partnership as it also reflects the personal commitments of our shareholders to preserving wildlife and habitats and towards creating sustainable education initiatives protecting our natural heritage," he said.

ICTSI Foundation, the company's social responsibility arm has joined the campaign to protect Philippine wildlife, especially the endangered species endemic to Palawan such as Philippine pangolin



International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI), through its social responsibility arm ICTSI Foundation, recently partnered with the Katala Foundation Inc. to implement a wildlife research and conservation project within Palawan's Victoria-Anepa'an Mountain Range, aimed at improving the conservation status of the Philippines' threatened wildlife. From left to right are Filipina C. Laurena, ICTSI Foundation deputy executive director; Christian R. Gonzalez, ICTSI global corporate head and ICTSI Foundation president; Joel G. Jimenez, Katala Foundation president; and Indira Lacerna-Widmann, Katala Foundation chief operations officer. PHOTO FROM ICTSI

lin (Manis culionensis), Philippine cockatoo (Cacatua haematuropygia) and the vulnerable Palawan porcupine, (Hystrix pumila), along with 12 other ground-dwelling birds and mammals.

In the first year of their partnership, Katala and the ICTSI Foundation would be seeking Prior Informed consent documents from indigenous people-stakeholders, along with installing a camera trap data base within the targeted areas, conducting of awareness campaigns on threatened wildlife

and starting activities to develop wildlife warden and patrolling schemes, among others.

Once completed, the project aims to facilitate formal protection of priority areas and help guide policy development for threatened wildlife in Palawan and the rest of the Philippines.

Joel G. Jimenez, President of the Katala Foundation said, "KFI is fortunate to partner with a Philippine-based private enterprise [that] shares the same vision. This initiative is exciting for us as we

expand our ongoing work in the area and with the lowland communities, especially indigenous peoples. We implement projects that ensure opportunities for their socioeconomic improvement."

A long-term goal of the project is to come up with approaches and strategies to sustainably manage and conserve the forests of the Victoria-Anepa'an Mountain Range for the benefit of local communities and biodiversity.

The VAMR forms the central

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cordillera of the main island of Palawan, covering roughly 165,000 hectares and has a highly significant level of biodiversity with 41 percent endemism in terms of flora and fauna. About 31 percent of the species are of high global conservation significance.

Considered by many as "open access" for resource exploitation, the mountain range has seen high levels of illegal logging and wildlife poaching, particularly on the accessible southern fringes of the area facing the Sulu Sea due to easy access. The third most important population of the Philippine Cockatoo in the wild, a critically endangered endemic species, is holding on in the area for its survival.

Also very vulnerable to habitat loss, poaching and exploitation, the Palawan endemics Philippine Pangolin and Palawan Porcupine need to be assessed and monitored in order to effect protection and conservation measures.

GENIVI FACTAO



Maynilad allots P10B for Muntinlupa plant

BY JORDEENE B. LAGARE

MAYNILAD Water Services Inc. has earmarked P10 billion for the development of its third treatment plant in Muntinlupa City that will tap Laguna Lake as a source of raw water, as it scrambles to meet the increasing water demand of its customers.

In a statement on Tuesday, Maynilad said the planned

treatment facility, to be constructed in Brgy. Poblacion, will be producing 150 million liters per day (MLD) of potable water.

"We are doing everything we can to meet our service obligations to our customers. So although we have to recast our five-year investment program, we still have to pursue projects essential for meeting the water supply requirements of a growing population," Maynilad President and Chief Executive Officer Ramoncito Fernandez said.

"It is a huge risk to rely on just Angat Dam as major source of raw water for Metro Manila, so we are working closely with the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System so that the development of another source can be facilitated," he added.

Angat Dam is the primary source of water in Metro Manila and adjacent areas.

Maynilad aims to complete the plant by the last quarter of 2022, benefiting about 150,000

households. Once completed, this would bring the company's total yield from Laguna Lake to 450 MLD.

The Poblacion treatment plant will be equipped with several treatment technologies that effectively convert water from the lake into potable water, including dissolved air flotation, biological activated filtration, ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis, and chlorination.

The West Zone concessionaire began tapping Laguna Lake in

2010 as an alternative raw water source to reduce dependence on Angat Dam.

Currently, Maynilad has two treatment facilities in Muntinlupa treating water from the lake that have a combined output of 300 MLD.

Once the Poblacion facility is completed, Maynilad will have a total of five water treatment plants with a combined capacity of about 2,850 MLD for its over 9.7 million customers in its coverage area.



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Manila North Harbor
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Expert cites climate change risk to ports

BY GENIVI FACTAO

THE Permanent International Association of Navigational Congresses (Pianc) said climate change poses a serious threat that could affect waterborne transport infrastructure.

Pianc said climate change represents a significant risk to business, operations, safety and infrastructure that could create impact on local, national and global economies. The waterborne transport infrastructure would be adversely affected, and so, there is urgent need for port and waterway operators to

take urgent action to strengthen resilience.

"Ports and waterways around the world were experiencing air and water temperature increases, rising sea levels and changes in parameters such as seasonal precipitation, wind and wave conditions. Many were also seeing more frequent and severe extreme events

including storms, heat waves and droughts," Pianc said.

Hailed as the world association for waterborne transport Infrastructure, Pianc released its report on "Climate Change Adaptation Planning for Ports and Inland Waterways." The Pianc report was produced by an international working group convened by the Environmental Commission (EnviCom).

It said there is a four-stage methodological framework that would help port and waterway owners and operators to plan for improved resilience.

They must facilitate the under-

standing of how assets, operations and systems could be impacted and who should be involved in identifying climate change adaptation requirements. They should identify the type of climate-related information needed to prepare an adaptation strategy, and explain how — in reference to climate change "scenarios," they can assist in understanding the range of possible future changes.

They should also describe how the vulnerability of waterborne transport infrastructure assets, operations and systems can be assessed and a risk analysis must be undertaken.

Lastly, they should present a "portfolio" of potential measures such as structural, operational and institutional in developing an adaptation pathway.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is now holding preparatory meetings with its Foreign Organizing Committee (FOC) in preparation for the hosting of the 10th Permanent International Association of Navigational Congresses - Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries (Pianc-Copedec) in November.

The Pianc-Copedec Paper Selection Committee is now delib-

erating as to which among the 210 submitted port development proposals from the 37 member countries would be presented to the conference with the theme "Enhancing Waterborne Transport and Sustainable Coastal Development."

Selected proposals would be classed according to port engineering; port planning and management, coastal engineering, coastal zone and coastal risk management, short sea shipping, coastal and inland navigation, port and coastal environmental issues and climate change, and dredging and disposal management issues.



DAVAO: MONKAYO,
DAVAO DE ORO
**Davao de Oro orders
remaining small-scale
miners in Mt. Diwalwal
to relocate**

THE DAVAO de Oro Provincial Task Force Naboc River aims to complete the relocation of small-scale gold processing operators in Mt. Diwalwal, also known as Mt. Diwata, this month to pave the way for the full implementation

of the river's rehabilitation plan. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued a cease and desist order (CDO) on the mineral processing plants in Mt. Diwalwal in Monkayo effective March 15 last year. "The Provincial Naboc River Rehabilitation Masterplan serves as our framework in reviving the river. We need to execute first the CDO as we cannot implement the plan if there is still mercury and cyanide that will flow in the river," Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Chamberlain J. Babiera said in a statement last week.



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THE rehabilitation of Naboc River in the mining-rich area of Mt. Diwata was officially launched in July 2019 through the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, other national government agencies, and the provincial government of Compostela Valley.

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The processing plants, which use carbon-in-pulp and ball/rod mills, discharge toxic wastes directly into the river. "It is not only the miners and residents of Mt. Diwata that are at risk, but also farmers downstream who source water for irrigation of the rice fields... in Compostela," said Monkayo Mayor Ramil L. Gentugaya. The government has a designated processing zone in Mabatás, which has a tailings containment facility. It was built in 2003 when then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued an executive order for the transfer of the processing plants. Data from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) show there were about 300 ball mills in the area. Davao de Oro Governor Jayvee Tyron L. Uy, in his State of the Province Address last month, reiterated his commitment to the Naboc River rehabilitation, which DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu declared as one of his priority programs last year. Davao de Oro has one of the biggest gold deposits in the world at 36,328,699 metric tons based on a 1998 report by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau. — *Mindanao Bureau*

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UNTV title showdown: Armed Forces vs DENR

Armed Forces of the Philippines and Department of Environment and Natural Resources swept their semis series over the weekend and arranged a title duel in the 8th UNTV Cup at Paco Arena in Manila.

The top-seeded defending champions AFP Cavaliers outgunned the Judiciary Magis in the payoff period to pull off a tense 72-67 win in Game 2 of their best-of-three semis series.

The win pushed the Cavaliers within two wins of becoming the first back-to-back champions in the tournament for public servants that is being held annually through UNTV President and CEO Dr. Daniel Razon.

Standing in the way are the second-seeded DENR Warriors who bested the National Housing Authority Builders in their own series capped by an 82-75 win - thanks to another double-double performance by MVP candidate Ralph Lansang.

AFP and DENR start their best-of-three finals series on March 1 also at the same venue with the chosen charity of the champion team getting a tax-free P4 million top prize.

The foundation selected by the runner-up gets P2 million while the charities picked by the third and fourth placers shall earn P1 million and P500,000, respectively.

Romeo Almerol, Lansang's chief rival for the coveted MVP plum, presided over AFP's onslaught with 17 points and 10 boards while Jerry Lumongsod and Darwin Cordero chipped in 12 and 10 points, respectively.



FILE:

DALAWANG doktor na ang namamatay at mismong direktor ng ospital ang biktima kahapon.

Unang namatay si Li Wenliang, isa sa mga whistleblower noong nagsisimula pa lang na kumalat ang nakamamatay at nakahahawang sakit.

Ngayon naman, si Liu Zhiming, hospital director ng Wuhan Wuchang Hospital ang namatay kahapon.

NAGKAKATAKUTAN NA

Dahil sa pagkamatay mismo ng mga doktor, marami nang mga doktor, nars at iba pang mga medical professional ang natatakot sa COVID-19.

Ang totoo, umabot na umano sa 1,716 health worker ang nahawa, kasama na ang dalawang namatay na doktor.

Kaya naman, labis na ang pag-aalala ng marami sa mga health worker na maaaring mamamatay sila o magkasakit nang matindi dahil sa COVID-19.

Nag-deploy ang pamahalaang China ng kabuuang 70,000 health worker at nasa 20,000 rito ang doktor at nars.

MASAMA ANG KALAGAYAN

Ayon sa mga doktor at nars, kabilang sa mga pangunahing dahilan ng kanilang pagkahawa, pagkakasakit at kamatayan ang kawalan o labis na kakulangan ng kanilang mga kagamitan sa pakikipaglaban sa sakit.

Kwento nila, noong una, marami sa kanila ang kulang na kulang sa mga protective wear gaya ng mga suot sa ulo, mukha at damit.

Ngayon na lang umano dumarami ang mga kumpletong protective gear ng mga ito.

Hindi rin umano maganda ang kalagayan ng marami sa mga ito dahil sa labis na pagod at puyat sa pag-aasikaso sa milyon-milyong nagpapatsekap at nag-aasikado mismo sa mga tinatamaan ng sakit.

WALANG GAMOT

Subalit pinakamasamang kalagayan ang kawalan talaga ng gamot laban sa COVID-19.

Kung saka-sakali, ngayon lang masasabing may epektibong gamot.

Tinatawag itong Favilavir.

Nadiskubre ito ng lokal ng pamahalaang Taizhou sa lalawigan ng Zhejiang, katulong ng Zhejiang Hisun Pharmaceutical Company.

Nagsimula na rin si-



NI BENNY ANTIPORDA

2 DOKTOR KASAMA SA 1,900 PATAY SA COVID-19

lang gumawa na nasa-bing gamot.

Magkagayunman, mga Bro, marami pa rin ang nagdududa.

Gusto nilang malaman kung ano-ano ang mga side effect ng gamot na ito.

Kaya naman gusto pang maghintay ang iba para malaman kung bukod sa epektibo ay hindi makasasama sa kalusugan sa kalaunan.

O kaya'y ikamamatay naman ng tao na may mga sakit na iba.

HANGGANG MAYO

Ang nakakakaba, walong nakaalam kung kailan huhupa ang sakit na ito.

Habang nagtatagal kasi, parami nang parami ang mga bansang pinaasok ng sakit at may namamatay nang may COVID sa labas ng Asya, gaya ng bansang Pransiya.

Parami nang parami rin ang mga nadidiskubreng nahahawaan.

At nasa 100 ang patay araw-araw habang libo-libo ang nadidiskubreng nahahawaan.

Ayon sa mga eksperto gaya ng doktor, si Zhong Nanshan, na nakadiskubre ng gamot laban sa Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrom, maaaring sa katapusan ng Pebrero 2020 magsimulang huhupa ang sakit.

Kung sakali, isang milyon sa Wuhan ang mahahawaan.

Pero para naman sa iba, gaya ni Hiroshi Nishiura, isang epidemiologist sa Hokkaido University sa Sapporo, Japan, Mayo pa magaganap ito kaya naman, maaaring aabot ang maaapektuhan sa 40 porsyento ng buong populasyon ng China.

Kung magkakatotoo ang kay Nishiura, nasa 2.3 milyon ang mahahawa sa loob ng isang araw at aabot sa 550 million and 650 million ang mahahawaan sa loob ng nasa-bing bansa.

MAGDAHAN-DAHAN

Sa kabila ng sinasabing pagkakaroon na ng gamot na epektibo laban sa COVID-19, pinakamaganda pa ring dapat na dahan-dahan ang pagkilos ng gobyerno pagdating sa pagbubukas ng mga biyahe papasok at

papunta sa ibang bansa.

Dati-rati, sinarhan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang mga pier at paliparan upang hindi makapasok at palabas ng bansa ang mga Filipino at dayuhan.

Tanging ang mga Filipino at may permanent visa ang pupwedeng pumasok.

Sa kalaunan, isinama na rin ang Taiwan bagama't muling binuksan ang biyahe rito.

Ngayon naman, niluwagan na rin ng pamahalaan ang pagpunta sa Hong Kong at Macau pero dapat na pumayag ang mga ito na magkaroon ng dokumento na alam at handa nilang suungin ang sakit sakaling mahawaan sila at may mangyari.

Parang waiver na rin 'yan kung tutuusin na wala silang ibang sisisihin sakaling may magpositive sa kanila.

MGA POSITIBO

Nagsisimulang magluwag ang gobyerno ng Pilipinas, nariryan naman ang balitang may domestic helper ng nahawa sa Hong Kong.

Tumaas na rin mula 27 kamakalawa sa 35 kahapon ang mga nagpositive sa COVID-19 sa Japan.

Kasama ang 35 sa mahigit 500 Pinoy na crew na nasa loob ng Diamond Princess cruise ship na nakadaong sa Japan.

Uuwi lahat ito sa Pilipinas at nakapapanagamba na pagdating nila rito, maaaring sila ang matatagpuang carrier ng sakit.

Kaiba pa ang mga araw-araw na dumarating mula sa China, Hong Kong at Macau.

Maaaring may manggaling din mula sa Singapore, Japan at iba pang bansang may COVID-19.

Sana naman, darating na talaga ang paghupa ng sakit at sana naman, totoo nang may gamot laban sa sakit.

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Anomang reaksyon o reklamo, maaaring iparingating sa 0922840-3333 o i-email sa bantiporda@yahoo.com.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR EXPLORATION PERMIT OF
NORTHERN CEMENT CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 21 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010-21 dated June 28, 2010, providing for a "Consolidated Department of Environment Administrative Order for Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942", otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995", NORTHERN CEMENT CORPORATION with address at Brgy. Labayug, Sison, Pangasinan, has filed an application for Exploration Permit for the exploration of limestone, shale and other associated minerals particularly described as follows:

- I. Registration No. : EXPA NO. 111
II. Date of Registration : December 20, 2018
III. Area Location
Barangay : Labayug/Inmalog/Asan Norte/Bila/Calunetan/Dungon
Municipality : Sison
Province : Pangasinan
IV. Technical Description of the Area*

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	16-12-00.00	120-32-00.00
2	16-12-00.00	120-32-30.00
3	16-12-00.00	120-33-00.00
4	16-11-30.00	120-33-00.00
5	16-10-00.0	120-33-00.00
6	16-10-00.00	120-32-30.00
7	16-10-30.00	120-32-30.00
8	16-10-30.00	120-32-00.00

Area = 567.00 Has.

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	16-12-30.00	120-32-30.00
2	16-12-30.00	120-33-00.00
3	16-13-00.00	120-33-00.00
4	16-13-00.00	120-34-30.00
5	16-11-30.00	120-34-30.00
6	16-11-30.00	120-33-00.00
7	16-12-00.00	120-33-00.00
8	16-12-00.00	120-32-30.00

Area = 831.00 Has.

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	16-09-00.00	120-34-00.00
2	18-09-00.00	120-34-30.00
3	16-08-30.00	120-34-30.00
4	16-08-30.00	120-34-00.00

Area = 81.00 Has.

- V. Size of the Area: 1,479.00 Hectares
VI. Duration of the Agreement, if approved:
The term of an Exploration Permit shall be for a period of two (2) years from date of issuance thereof, renewable for like period but not to exceed a total term of four (4) years. Provided, That the renewal of Permit shall be allowed unless the Permit has complied with all the terms and conditions thereof, and has not been found guilty of violation of any provision of the Act and these implementing rules and regulations.
VII. Extent of Operation to be Undertaken:
1. Research Work
2. Reconnaissance / Regional Studies
3. Semi-detailed and Detailed Studies
4. Drill hole location and Collar Elevation Surveys
5. Topographic Survey

Any and all persons having adverse claims, protests and/or opposition to the abovementioned application are hereby notified that their adverse claims should be filed within ten (10) days from the last date of publication/posting, directly with the Regional Office concerned or through any concerned Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of the DENR for filing in the Regional Office for purposes of its resolution by the Panel of Arbitrators and/ or the concerned appellate body(ies) pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7942 and its

Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations. Adverse claims, protests or oppositions should be accomplished in accordance with Sections 203 and 204 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21 dated June 28, 2010, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the applicant/contractor by the adverse claimant.

For further particulars, course your inquiries to the Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Regional Office No. 1, Gov't Center Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines or call Telephone Nos. 607. 26-86.

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Regional Director

* Exceptions:

The proposed Contract Area shall be subject to Section 19 of RA 7942 and Section 15 ("Area Closed to Mining Locations") and Section 16 ("Ancestral Lands"), of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-40, Series of 1996.

*Notes

1. The approval of an Environmental Clearance Certificate with all the necessary public consultations shall be required prior to any and all mining construction, development and production.
2. The Notice must be accompanied by a map/sketch plan with index map showing the nearest municipality(ies) and any major environmental feature(s).

