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## DENR to protect IPs' rights

By Rio N. Araja

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources has vowed to protect the rights of the indigenous peoples in Mindanao on alleged encroachment of their ancestral domain.

Secretary Roy Cimatu has ordered the investigation into the integrated forest management agreement of M&S Co. in South Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat be speeded up.

He tasked the agency's legal team on the creation of a fact-finding team to look into the firm's IFMA.

The issue stemmed from the visit of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Sultan Kudarat on the IFMA issue.

"I ordered our legal team to conduct thorough investigation and give priority on this," Cimatu said.

DENR just received the formal complaint last July, he said.

A week ago, the indigenous peoples group accused Cimatu of neglect of duty for "failing to stop the illegal operation of a coffee plantation on their ancestral domain."

"I fully disagree with the accusation of the group because this activity happened before my time," the DENR chief said.

On Nov. 15, the T'boli-Manobo S' dal Claimants Organization (Tamasco) filed a special civil action with the Quezon City Regional Trial Court for a legal claim.

The group said the environment agency under Cimatu violated the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act for failing to secure their consent before any activity could be done on their ancestral domain.



## Mining confab attracts 150 firms, suppliers

THIS year's mining conference has attracted 150 mining companies and suppliers which is higher than the 126 that participated last year and proves the importance of the annual meet.

The Philippine Mines Safety and Environment Association is now holding the 66th Annual National Mine Safety Conference in Baguio City.

The exhibitors that will also be in the said conference numbered 135 participants compared to the 120 that logged in last year, the organizers said in a press statement.

PMSEA executive director Richmond Ramirez said the increase in the number of participants shows there are many that are interested and wanted to be part of the annual mining conference.

He said that it is not only the mining companies that showed interest in participating in the exhibit since suppliers and contractors also wanted to be in, that only showed of the healthy situation of the mining industry in the country compared to last year.

"In the past many of those who joined the exhibit are solely the mining industry, but now the number of suppliers increased, meaning they saw the big opportunity for their business due to the operation of responsible miners," said Ramirez.

According to PMSEA president Dr. Walter Brown, the massive information education campaign launched by the mining industry was a big help since the public were informed of activities of responsible mining and its big contribution not only to the economy but also in health, education and environmental programs.

Brown added that even if the mining firms encountered problems, like suspension of operation and the others were ordered closed, the industry did not show any sign that they are in the losing end but they showed they are vibrant and the important role in the whole mining industry in the country.



# PARTNER INDUSTRIES NAAKIT SA 66TH ANMSEC

**B**AGUIO CITY - HINDI lamang sa pagkakaroon ng mas maraming bilang ng mga dumalang naitala sa idinadaos na 66th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference dito, kundi maging ng hanay ng tinaguriang 'partner industries' ng local mining sector ng bansa.

Ayon kay Philippine Mines Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) Executive Director Richmond Ramirez, mula sa 126 na delegado ng iba't ibang mining firms na nakiisa sa ANMSEC noong nakaraang taon, ngayon ay nasa 150 ang kanilang official participants.

Subalit pagmamalaki ni Ramirez, hindi lamang ang mga local mining company ang nagpamalas ng malaking interes na maging kabahagi ng 66th ANMSEC dito, kundi maging ang partner industries.

"It is not only the mining companies that showed

interest in participating in the exhibit since suppliers and contractors also wanted to be in, that only showed of the healthy situation of the mining industry in the country compared to last year," sabi pa ng PMSEA executive director.

Nabatid kay Ramirez na kumpara noong 2018 ANMSEC kung saan mayroon silang 120 exhibitors, ngayon ay nasa 135 ang kabuuang bilang ng exhibitors.

"In the past many of those who joined the exhibit are solely the mining industry, but now the number of suppliers increased, meaning they saw the big opportunity for their business due to the operation of responsible miners," ayon kay Ramirez.

Sa panig ni PMSEA President Dr. Walter W. Brown, sinabi nito na ang massive information education campaign ng mining industry ang nagbigay ng malaking tulong

upang maipabatid sa publiko ang mga isasagawa nilang aktibidad, na nakatuon sa pagsusulong ng responsableng pagmimina at pagbibigay halaga sa ambag ng kanilang sektor, hindi lamang sa ekonomiya ng bansa kung maging sa health, education at environmental programs.

Pagbibigay-diin pa ni Dr. Brown, sa kabila ng mga mabibigat na hamon na kinakaharap ng iba't ibang mining companies, nanatiling matatag ang industriya ng pagmimina sa bansa at laging handang gampanan ang mahalagang papel nito para sa ikabubuti ng sambayanang Filipino.

"Even if the mining firms encountered problems, like suspension of operation and the others were ordered closed, the industry did not show any sign that they are in the losing end but they showed that they are vibrant," dagdag pa ng PMSEA president. **ROMER R. BUTUYAN**



## DUMAMI NAKIPAGPARTISIPA SA MINING CONFERENCE

KUMPARA sa nakaraang taon na 126 mining companies ay 150 companies na ang nakipagpartisipa ngayon sa idinaraos na mining companies sa Baguio City.

Ang pagdami ngayon ng mga nakipagpartisipa ay indikasyon umano na nakikita na ang importansiya ayon sa Philippine Mines Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) upang mapabuti hindi lamang sa kapakanan ng mining industry kundi mapahalagahan din ang kapakanan ng sambayanan at ng

kalikasan.

"It is not only the mining companies that showed interest in participating in the exhibit since suppliers and contractors also wanted to be in, that only showed of the healthy situation of the mining industry in the country compared to last year," pahayag ni PMSEA Executive Director Richmond Ramirez.

Aniya, hindi lamang mining companies ang nagka-kinatinteres na makipagpartisipa sa exhibit dahil maging ang mga supplier at contractors ay nagnanais

mapabilang. Ito ay pagpapakita ng healthy situation sa industriya ng mining sa ating bansa kumpara ng nakalipas na taon.

"The massive information education campaign launched by the mining industry was a big help since the public were informed of activities of responsible mining and its big contribution not only to the economy but also in health, education and environmental programs," pagpahayag naman ni PMSEA President Dr. Walter W. Brown.



## PH gets \$10-M UN-GCF climate grant

ALBAY Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda has hailed the United Nation Green Climate Fund's \$10-million grant for President Duterte's Climate Change Project proposal to which the UN body would provide another \$58 million in February next year.

The GCF Board approved the proposal and the \$10-million grant during its 24th meeting held last week in Songdo, South Korea. It would fund a multi-hazard impact-based forecasting and early warning system in Legazpi City, within Salceda's second congressional district, is one among the project's pilot areas.

The GCF (also referred to as Fund) is a specialized UN financing mecha-

nism created to fund initiatives towards a global shift to low carbon emission and climate-resilient adaptation measures for developing countries.

The MH-IBF-EWS aims to strengthen and ensure the delivery of actionable and timely early warning to communities and 'last mile' end users at risk of impending natural hazards.

Salceda, House Ways and Means Committee chair, was the first Asian GCF co-chair, elected to represent all 172 developing countries including India and China in 2013-2014.

Despite pervasive skepticism, the GCF Board, under the co-chairman-

ship of Salceda and his German counterpart, delivered two milestone achievements – the completion of the prerequisites that operationalized the GCF, and mobilization that raised the Fund's initial \$10.2 billion.

Salceda said local projects would "ensure that all climate change related hazards are included in the development of climate risk profile of targeted LGUs as provided for in Climate Risk Management Framework, and that the appropriate institutions such as academes and other science experts organizations which have the capacity to develop or have developed methodologies to establish climate change risk profile are officially engaged".



## Ban on single-use plastics ignored in Zamboanga City

**ZAMBOANGA CITY:** Despite the ban on single-use plastics in Zamboanga City during weekends, many establishments continue to violate Mayor Maria Isabelle Climaco's executive order prohibiting the use of shopping bags made from polyethylene.

Climaco signed Executive Order BC453-2019 in February banning the use of non-biodegradable plastic bags during weekends as part of the local government's ecological solid waste management program.

The order enjoins all business establishments, markets and residents not to use plastic bags and Climaco urged shoppers and market goers here to use paper or *burib* bags instead of non-biodegradable plastics, and for establishments, especially shopping malls and supermarkets, to make use of eco bags for their customers.

But despite this, grocery stores and public and supermarkets continue to violate Climaco's order.

Shop-o-Rama and Yubenco Supermarket are allegedly top violators of this order and continue to use plastic bag during weekends.

KCC Mall de Zamboanga is also allegedly using plastic bags during weekends.

Climaco said most plastic bags are considered as non-biodegradable being made of polymer substance known as polyethylene that cannot easily be decomposed by microorganisms and shall remain as environmental pollutant, thus posing health risk.

According to the mayor, data on waste characterization showed that non-biodegradable waste accounts for 40 percent of the total garbage disposed and 17

percent of this constitute plastics.

The order, she said, is complementary to the existing broad-based and comprehensive approach policy on solid waste management.

"This (executive order) is an initial priority action on waste reduction for non-biodegradable materials toward the enactment of an ordinance, proposing an inclusive approach to regulate the use of non-biodegradable and disposable plastic *sando* bags and the like as bagging materials, including the enforcement of regulatory procedures on the use and trade, and the penalty clause thereof," according to the mayor.

Climaco instructed the Zamboanga City Health Office and Zamboanga City Environment and Natural Resources Office to conduct a massive information and education campaign on the effects on the environment of the use of plastic bags.

The local government also imposed a ban recently on the single-use plastics on both Great and Little Santa Cruz Islands to combat pollution and protect the environment.

Those going to the islands were told to bring their own reusable containers, baskets or eco-bags for their provisions, and prohibited the bringing of plastic bags, cups and spoons, forks water bottles and anything made from Styrofoam and even plastic wrappers of ice candies, among others.

Last December, Quezon City Rep. Winston Castelo filed House Bill 8692 calling for the phasing out of single-use plastic products.

The proposed law prohibits enterprises from manufacturing, importing and selling single-use plastics.

**AL JACINTO**



# Conserving tamaraws and empowering rangers

**R**epresentatives from different sectors came together to witness how the Tamaraw Conservation Program (TCP) and Mounts Iglit-Baco Natural Park (MIBNP) rangers risk their lives to protect the *tamaraw* (*Bubalus mindorensis*), a wild buffalo found solely on the island of Mindoro in the Philippines. It is among the world's most endangered animals, considered critically-endangered and just a step above extinction in the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species.

To raise both awareness and funds for tamaraw conservation, the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) partnered with TCP plus a talented group of storytellers for a documentary entitled *Suwag o Suko: Saving the Tamaraw from Extinction*.

"*Suwag o Suko* is a love letter to the tamaraw rangers and everyone working in conservation. It was made with local audiences in mind because we want to instill a sense of pride, shared identity and ownership for our natural heritage," explains Celine Murillo, who wrote the script with director Mark Ace Gatdula and other *pro bono* volunteers.

The hour-long documentary examines the economic, social and cultural significance of the tamaraw and how its survival is invariably tied to the management of the MIBNP, its indigenous Mangyan groups, plus the continuous conservation efforts of rangers.

**Nestled between Occidental and Oriental Mindoro, MIBNP hosts the largest remaining population of tamaraw at 480 heads, down from 528 in 2018.**

"Tamaraw Month is celebrated each October. We herald this unique, biologically important and culturally significant animal. We must spread awareness for conservation," says DENR TCP coordinator Neil Anthony del Mundo.

Canon Philippines, Tamron, Benro, Eco Explorations and the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation pitched in to make the film possible.

"One of Canon's major priorities among sustainability programs is biodiversity conservation, locally and globally. It is an honor to partner with DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau and BIOFIN to bring light to pressing issues surrounding our wildlife, particularly of endangered species like the tamaraw. We hope to inspire millions of Filipinos to support conservation programs to help keep this species thriving in the wild," says Canon Marketing Philippines Inc. vice president Anuj Aggarwal.

Nestled between Occidental and Oriental Mindoro, MIBNP hosts the largest remaining population of tamaraw at 480 heads, down from 528 in 2018. A century ago, an estimated 10,000 heads





inhabited all of Mindoro, from coastal lowlands to its highest peaks. In the 1930s, widespread cattle ranching spurred a deadly outbreak of rinderpest, which soon infected many of the island's bovines. The tamaraw population was decimated. By 1969, numbers were estimated to have plummeted below 100.

The population has rebounded to 480 heads within MIBNP, a far cry from the original 10,000, but a sure sign that TCP and MIBNP's conservation efforts are paying off. Leading field conservation efforts are two dozen TCP and about a dozen MIBNP rangers who conduct park patrols, keep poachers at bay and dismantle animal traps illegally set-up in strict protection zones.

***Suwag o Suko* is a love letter to the tamaraw rangers and everyone working in conservation.**

Since its inception in 2012, BIOFIN has worked with both the public and private sectors to enhance protection for the country's biodiversity hotspots by helping secure funds to implement sound biodiversity programs.

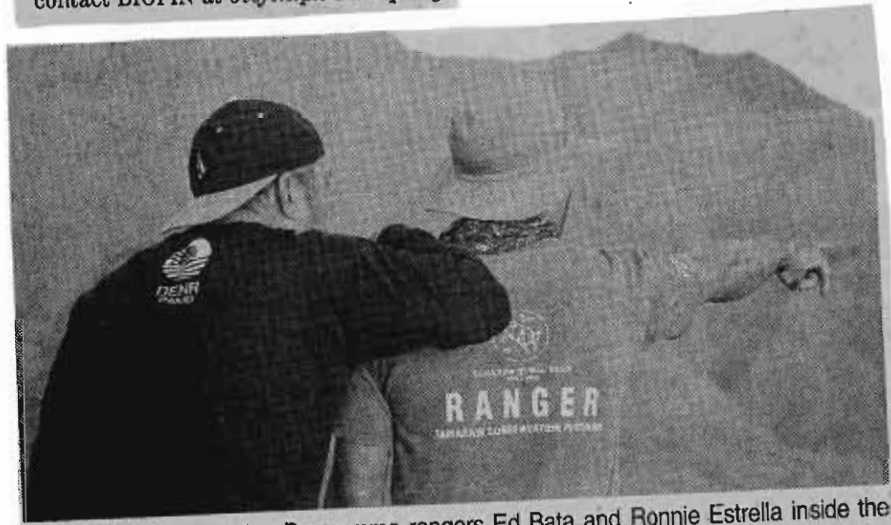
UNDP Philippines Resident Representative Titon Mitra highlighted the importance of financing biodiversity conservation by noting that "according to the latest UN biodiversity report, up to one million animal and plant species are on the verge of extinction. We are now faced with an unparalleled loss of biodiversity at an alarming rate. Now more than ever, we need to take a multi-stakeholder approach in addressing this crisis."

BIOFIN Philippines' second phase runs from 2018 to 2022 and includes the implementation of finance solutions to raise resources for the tamaraw and other endangered species through creative crowdfunding and diaspora. Tamaraw conservation for example, is now being considered for corporate social responsibility funding.

Under the DENR-UNDP collaboration, BIOFIN works to close the financing gap for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity by identifying, accessing, combining and sequencing sources of biodiversity funding to finance the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP), the country's roadmap to conserving its natural resources. PBSAP's implementation will cost P24 billion per year or P334 billion (\$7.4 billion low estimate) from 2015 to 2028. However, public expenditure was estimated at only P4.9 billion per year (\$110 million), revealing an annual gap of almost P19 billion (\$349 million). Finance solutions addressing this gap have been identified and are presently being piloted by BIOFIN.

*Suwag o Suko: Saving the Tamaraw from Extinction* is scheduled for nationwide screenings in the coming months, with possible international exposure through video-on-demand platforms. A national caravan shall follow the film launch to create additional buzz and catalyze support for tamaraw conservation.

Parties interested to support conservation either in cash or in kind can contact BIOFIN at [biofin.ph@undp.org](mailto:biofin.ph@undp.org).



TAMARAW Conservation Programme rangers Ed Bata and Ronnie Estrella inside the Iglit-Baco Natural Park. The two have over half-a-century's worth of field experience. GREGG YAN



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"SUWAG o Suko: Saving the Tamaraw from Extinction" was produced by a talented team of storytellers led by writer Cefine Murillo and director Mark Ace Gatdula. JETIRO LACDAN



## SEARCA, ASEAN renew ties with agri biodiversity

By Brenda Jocson

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna—The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity have agreed to continue cooperating on programs that will mainstream biodiversity in agriculture.

In a memorandum of understanding signed on November 4, 2019, the two international organizations agree to carry on their collaboration to pursue their common objective of building capacities of the ASEAN Member States in biodiversity conservation as it relates to agriculture and food.

Signatories to the MOU were Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio, SEARCA Director, and Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim, ACB Executive Director.

SEARCA and ACB will jointly undertake projects and activities covering thematic areas on agriculture and biodiversity, along with capacity enhancement activities and information exchange and awareness campaigns.

The collaboration includes capacity building activities, information exchange and awareness campaigns, and project development and implementation on sustainable agriculture and biodiversity.

Dr. Gregorio said a healthy natural resource base as a prerequisite for sustainable agricultural and rural development is emphasized under SEARCA's new five-year strategic plan.

"Mainstreaming is important because of the inextricable connection between agriculture and biodiversity. Together, our organizations can work to strike the balance between the two," Dr. Lim said.



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## Metro Manila's water crisis

**M**etro Manila is facing a water crisis. That is something that cannot be denied or glossed over by the authorities. A crisis demands quick response but here we are almost at the end of the year and we do not glimpse even a hint of urgency on the part of authorities.

Congress has deemed it wise to propose the creation of a Department of Water in lieu of some 32 government agencies managing our water resources. While hindsight is always 20/20, we must laud our solons for realizing the need for a central authority for water. But whether such an agency needs to be elevated to department level, obviously to be headed by a Cabinet-rank secretary, is subject to debate. I am sure no one in Congress believes that by adding another layer of bureaucracy, water will appear miraculously from dry taps.

Several years back, the private water concessionaires warned about a looming water crisis in Metro Manila unless new water sources are developed. One also sensed some frustration with government regulators who appeared to be in no hurry to act on their proposals.

The warning, obviously, was not heeded. Early this year, Mandaluyong and several cities were hit by a severe water shortage. It was only then – when media aired images of irate residents lining up in the ungodly hours of the morning just to get rationed water – that the authorities realized the gravity of the water problem. The knee-jerk response, however, was to threaten a government takeover of the water concessions.

We learned from media reports that even the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), the government's chief water regulator, had proposed the drafting of a comprehensive water security plan in July, 2011. That was around the time the concessionaires were already raising the alarm over the dwindling water supply and the need for additional sources. And just last week, the MWSS repeated its proposal during a Cabinet meeting. It was not clear if the Cabinet agreed to the proposal.

Undeniably, the water crisis can be traced to government inaction. And this not solely the present administration's fault. Blame must be shared with previous administrations which failed to see the necessity of Metro Manila's long-term

water security.

When the present administration rolled out the list of major infrastructure projects under its "Build, Build, Build" program, several observers noticed the omission of water supply project from the list. This is perplexing, since under the concession agreement terms, producing raw water is a government obligation. The metropolis has been expanding and groaning every year from the rapid rise in economic activity and population. Ensuring adequate water supply – a basic human need – should have been first and foremost in its list of priorities.

With the crisis now in our midst, authorities are rushing the Kaliwa Dam project. But it will not be ready for the next few years, even if the government invokes emergency powers, so the search continues for stop-gap measures to augment Metro Manila's water volume. There are proposals to treat the water from Laguna Lake, although the cost would be higher, considering the lake's pollution levels. Some quarters are asking government to consider imposing measures to curb wastage. In the past, proposals have been made to limit or regulate the use of water by car wash establishments and golf clubs. Water rationing is already being resorted to by the concessionaires whenever the supply volume goes down.

The last thing we need, however, is for government to make good on its threat to take over the operations of the concessionaires. Let the private sector lead, with government providing what it needs. Government may use emergency powers to cut through the red tape that has been the main cause of delays. But do not invoke it to control water distribution.

Compared to the private sector, government has not been really recognized for efficiency. That is a painful fact. Government also lacks the core expertise needed for water management. More importantly, the problem is not the management of the concessionaires. The problem is water supply which government is obligated to provide.

A government takeover will not produce a single drop of water.



### GOVERNANCE MATTERS

JEJOMAR C. BINAY  
FORMER VICE PRESIDENT



## Think hard, and think again

**M**uch welcome is the news that the Armed Forces, after prodding from senators, is open to reconsidering the deal that allows a China-backed telco to install communication equipment and facilities in Philippine military camps. Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said he's taken note of the senators' concerns and will look again into the agreement.

He should, and very carefully—because that deal was first of all signed in his absence. On Sept. 11, while Lorenzana was away on an official trip overseas, the AFP signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with the Mindanao Islamic Telephone Co. (Mislattel) to build its cell sites and communication facilities inside the AFP's strategic camps.

Mislattel, since renamed Dito Telecommunity, is a consortium composed of Davao City businessman Dennis Uy's Udenna Corp. and Chelsea Logistics and Infrastructure Holdings Corp., and China Telecom, a China state-owned company, with a 40-percent stake in the venture. The consortium, led by the fast-rising business tycoon and presidential friend, made a big splash as the country's forthcoming third telco to break the Globe-Smart duopoly in the telecommunications industry.

But Dito's bid immediately raised red flags amid concerns that such vital telco infrastructure could be used by the Chinese government for espionage, and seriously compromise national security and the privacy of the Filipino public. The fears were heightened with the news that the consortium's plan was not only to "co-locate" its communications facilities in the existing lines, towers and facilities of the two Philippine telcos, but also to install its facilities within Philippine military camps.

The AFP-Dito MoA tries to sweeten the deal with the proviso that payment for the use of military facilities will be made "by providing [Communications, Electronics, and Information Systems] equipment, upgrade, services and training to the AFP," in effect helping upgrade the military's technology and resources. But might the eventual widespread use of Chinese technology result, in fact, to further exposing the country's national security to foreign surveillance and interference?

This is no idle worry. China's aggression in claiming and occupying Philippine territories in the West Philippine Sea and undermining Philippine interests give all indication that it will do all it can, including deploying new-generation technology, to claim superior security advantage. The fact that Chinese technology companies are, under Chinese law, beholden to China's opaque and authoritarian national-security apparatus has caused many countries to take a hard look at such arrangements that may pose a risk to their own interests.

The military's own risk analysis acknowledged that the AFP's fixed communication system linking all its camps and bases around the country was "susceptible to electronic eavesdropping and interception," according to Sen. Francis Pangilinan. The analysis further stated that equipment to intercept signals are readily and cheaply available. "In other words, you can really intercept," Pangilinan said. He also pointed out that China's counterespionage and national intelligence laws mandate "any organization or citizen to support, assist and cooperate with state intelligence work."

Sen. Ralph Recto, for his part, noted that aside from the information security danger posed by the AFP-Dito deal, the country's power infrastructure is also at risk because another China-owned company, State Grid Corp. of China, now owns 40 percent of the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines. "Right now, the entire power (system) of the Philippines is run by the Chinese," Recto warned. And with all the equipment operations systems written in Chinese, "They (China) can turn it off remotely."

Apart from telco and power, China also bagged the contract for the P18.7-billion Kaliwa Dam project that will provide additional water supply for Metro Manila. Despite objections from many sectors, President Duterte has vowed that he would use "extraordinary powers" to see the Kaliwa deal push through.

Has any other government given this much unprecedented access to its vital telco, power and water infrastructure to another country, much less to one that is a rival claimant for critical territory and resources? The Senate is right to insist on a thorough and transparent review of such agreements with Beijing, and Lorenzana must likewise do all he can to subject them to the greatest scrutiny. "We're not thinking twice. We're thinking thrice, four times," he was quoted as saying, after the Nov. 13 Senate hearing on the AFP-Dito deal. Aye, Sir—think more, think hard, and think again.





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**SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION**

**WEEKLY ENVIRONMENT WATCH**  
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San Miguel Corporation's Limay CFB (Circulating Fluidized Bed) power plant undergoes daily emission testing. Average results for the week show its emissions are way below Department of Environment and Natural Resources and World Bank limits.

Parameter	SMC Result	World Bank Limit	DENR Limit
Sulfur Oxide	150 PPM	700 PPM	245 PPM
Nitrogen Oxide	73 PPM	365 PPM	487 PPM
Carbon Monoxide	13 PPM	400 PPM	400 PPM
Particulate Matter (Dust)	1 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>	50.0 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>	150.0 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>





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SINUSUBAYBAYAN natin ang mga kontrobersya ukol sa droga na pinagmumulan ng iritasyon maging sa dalawang pinuno ng ahensyang pangunahing lumalaban sa salot, ang Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs.

Sina ex-General Aaron Aquino at Vice President Leni Robredo ang mga pinuno ng ICAD.

Nariryan din ang kontrobersya na umabot sa Malakanyang ang mga kaduda-duda umanong mga pinaggagawa ni Robredo.

### GIYERA VS SHABU, HEROIN

Ipinahayag ng bansang Tsina na pinangunahan na nito ang giyera laban sa shabu at heroin sa anim na bansa: ang Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia at Tsina mismo.

Nakakonsentra ang giyera sa Goldeng Triangle Syndicate na nakabase sa mga bansang Thailand, Laos at Myanmar na tinatawag na Golden Triangle.

Para buo ang giyera, kasama na rin ang mga bansang Vietnam at Cambodia.

Ang mga bansang China, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia at Vietnam ay dinaraan ng Mekong River na siyang pinagtatayuan naman ng mga negosyong nagmumula sa droga na shabu at heroin.

Casino, hotel, restaurant at iba pa.

Name it, you have it mula sa nasa 61 bilyong dolyar na halaga ng droga mula sa Golden Triangle na nagsang-sanga sa maraming bansa sa Asya, kasama na ang mahal kong Pinas.

### MGA SINDIKATO

Marami umanong sindikato ng droga sa mga bansang nabanggit, lalo na sa Golden Triangle.

At isa sa pinakamalaking sindikato umano ang Sam Gor na pinamunuan ng isang Tsino na si Tse Chi Lop na ipinanganak sa China ngunit isa nang Canadian citizen.

Ang Golden Triangle syndicates ang nagpapadala ng bulto-bultong shabu sa iba't ibang bansa at ang isang tatak ng Sam Gor ni Tse Chi



## ULTIMATUM NI BENNY ANTIPORDA

### GIYERA SA DROGA UMUUSOK KAY ROBREDO

Lop ay nakalagay sa tea bags na may mga tatak Chinese kahit galing pa sa Golden Triangle.

Nitong huli, nasakote ng Thailand ang 156 kilo ng shabu.

Ang 36 kilo ay nakalagay sa loob ng bakal na tubo ng treadmills o yung ginagamit sa ehersisyo para sa pagtakbo sa loob ng mga fitness center o bahay habang ang 122 kilo ay sa mga carton.

Ipadadala sana ang mga ito sa Japan.

### MAGAGALING

Kung paano nadiskubre ng mga taga-Thailand ang mga shabu sa mga tubo ng treadmill ay sila lang ang nakaalam ngunit nakatulong na rin ang intelligence sources mula sa China.

Dahil dito, naalaala ng ULTIMATUM na napalustan na rin tayo sa mga pier sa Maynila ng malalaking bulto ng shabu na nakalagay sa gamit ng paggawa ng diaryo at magnetic lifter.

Pero siyempre, may mga maniobra gaya ng pagkorap sa ilang tauhan ng Customs Bureau para hindi na daraan sa x-ray o mahigpitha inspeksyon ang mga ito hanggang sa makalabas sa mga pier patungo noon sa Valenzuela at Cavite.

Anak ng tokwa, napakagagaling talagang gumawa ng remedyo ang mga druglord.

Kasama sa mga napalulusot nila sa Pinas ang mga shabu na may nakalagay sa Chinese-marked tea bags.

### PRECURSOR CHEMICALS

Pero dapat na malamang talagang gumagawa ang mga sindikatang Golden Triangle ng shabu at heroin gamit ang sarili nilang mga kemikal na kung wala ang mga ito ay walang mabubuong shabu o heroin.

Kasabwat ng mga ito ang ilang Tsino rin na nakatira sa mga boundary malapit sa mga bansang

Golden Triangle ang paggawa ng mga precursor chemicals kung tawagin.

Pati mga druglord sa India ay kasama rin sa supplier ng mga precursor chemical.

At alam ba ninyo ang isang nagpapatunay nito?

Ang United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes.

### UMUUSOK

Gusto ng pamahalaang Duterte na mapabilis ang kalutasan sa problema sa droga.

Kaya naman, iniupo ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte si Robredo bilang kasangga o co-chair ni Aquino sa ICAD.

Pero hindi maganda ang pasimula ng lahat dahil kung ano-ano lang ang lumalabas sa buong bansa ni Robredo.

Makaraang maki-pagpulong, halimbawa, sa mga opisyal ng US Embassy at taga-UNODC, pinagbintangan agad ang mga Tsino na siyang pangunahing source ng mga droga sa Pinas.

Eh iba ang sinasabi ng UNODC dahil lumalabas na ang Golden Triangle Syndicates ang may gawa ng paglaganap ng droga.

Kaya ganoon na lang ang pagpapasinungaling ni Aaron sa bintang ni Robredo.

### NAGBABAGA

Hindi na lang umuusok kundi nagbabaga ang kontrobersya dahil pumapalag na rin mismo ang Palasyo.

Unang nagsabi ang Palasyo na hindi antas ng gabinete ang posisyon ni Robredo.

Sinundan ito ng pahayag na hindi na iimbibitahan si Robredo sa mga pulong ng gabinete.

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