

DENR urges lawmakers to legislate wetland protection

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu has urged lawmakers to acknowledge the importance of wetlands to combat climate change by having a legislation for the protection of one of the Earth's most valuable ecosystems.

"There has been no single Philippine legislation that advances wetland conservation and its wise use. While there are already existing laws that contain provisions directly or indirectly promoting wetland conservation, not one deal specifically on wetlands," Cimatu said following the culmination of two DENR-led events on the conservation of peatlands.

"If legislated, the national law on wetland will serve as the mother law for all wetlands in the country

including peatlands. This will address the gray areas on our existing policies relevant to wetlands conservation," Cimatu said.

Currently, there are two existing bills for wetland protection and conservation: a substitute bill titled, "An Act Institutionalizing the National Wetlands Conservation Policy"; and House Bill 7206 or the proposed National Peatland and Peatland Resources Act.

The substitute bill to HB Numbers 3460 and HB 8925 filed by Representatives Mujiv Hataman, Amihilda Sangcopan, Luis Raymond "LRay" Villafuerte Jr., Elpidio Barzaga Jr., and Eric Go Yap, was recently approved at the committee level in the House of Representatives.

HB 7206, on the other hand, was authored by

Cavite 2nd District Rep. Strike Revilla and 25 other legislators.

The substitute bill, to be known as the National Wetlands Conservation Act, will apply to the protection and conservation of all types of wetlands in the Philippines, including inland wetlands such as rivers, lakes, marshes and swamps, coastal and marine, and human-made wetlands.

In the case of human-made wetlands, the proposed legislation will apply to those with high biodiversity value, critical wildlife habitat, and are part of the migratory routes of birds and fishes.

In November 2020, the DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau

(BMB) partnered with PLDT-Smart in raising awareness on the Caimpugan Peatland in the Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary. The Philippines also hosted the 6th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP) last June.

A peatland is a type of wetland whose peat soils consist of carbon-rich dead and decaying plant matter. If kept wet, a peatland can store twice as much carbon as all the world's forests combined. DENR Undersecretary for Special Concerns and concurrent BMB Director Edilberto Leonardo said that the public's role in raising awareness for the protection and conservation of wetlands including peatlands is crucial

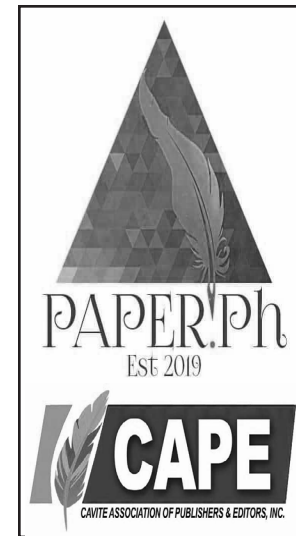
for the immediate legislation of the existing bills.

"Raising public awareness on both the importance and the threats related to the peatland and wetland ecosystems could be enhanced by gaining public support for the passage of the wetland and peatland bills and intensify the efforts for lobbying," Leonardo said.

The wetlands, he said, are one of the most productive habitats on earth which provide various direct and indirect benefits critical for human survival such as a source of drinking water, food, shelter, and livelihood activities. It also plays an important role in disaster risk reduction such as flood control," he added.

"If our legislators would see and know how strongly the public supports these bills, they will realize how important the passage of these bills are into national laws," Leonardo pointed out.

Leonardo said the public can show their support for the legislation of wetland-related bills by "using their social media platforms and joining public discussions so that they can attest on how these wetlands benefit us when maintained healthy and used wisely." "They can even send petitions or letters of support to their district representatives and local government units to conserve these critical ecosystems," he said. Source: DENR



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Cavite looks forward to new retarding basins for anti-flood measures

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is optimistic that the construction of retarding basins will make flood hazard area in Cavite more resilient during rainy season and swift changes of global weather.

DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar expressed confidence that the Flood Risk Management Project for Imus River is the most viable solution to mitigate damage on areas vulnerable to flooding in Imus and Bacoor, Cavite.

We have high hopes that this project will re-

duced flood risk to local homes and businesses, said Secretary Villar. According to DPWH Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations Emil K. Sadain, the construction of two (2) reservoir projects namely Imus and Bacoor Retard-

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RESBAKUNA BUS, MULING UMARANGKADA SA IMUS

Sa pagbabalik ng Resbakuna Bus sa Imus nitong mga nakaraang araw ay nailapit ang bakuna kontra COVID-19 sa mga Imuseño sa Primarosa Subdivision ng Brgy. Buhay na Tubig at Summerpointe Subdivision ng Brgy. Pasong Buaya 2.

Pinasalaman ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi ang Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter, Rotary Club of Imus, at Inner Wheel Club of Imus para sa kanilang pakikipagtulungan sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus upang matagumpay na maihatid ang programa sa mga Imuseño.

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Tuklas Lunas Herbal Anti-Dengue capsules nears completion

The Tuklas Lunas aims to determine the dengue fever showing no efficacy and safety of an warning signs. program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) remains in full swing as one of its projects is set for completion soon.

The clinical trial, which costs nearly PHP 12 million and is being implemented by Pharmalytics Corporation, is funded by the DOST through the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD).

The randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study—which is being conducted in Cavite—

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection that is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. It is a common and potentially serious illness that is most common in tropical and subtropical regions. (Turn to page 3)

DENR Sec. Cimatu lauded by Pres. Duterte

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu has received compliments for his commitment to protect the environment during President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's "Talk to the People" on August 26.

During the event, (Turn to page 2)

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PUWEDE NA BANG BAKUNAHAN KONTRA COVID-19 ANG MGA BATA?

NO. Given the limited vaccine supply, the vaccination of individuals 17 years old and below is NOT YET allowed to give priority to the most vulnerable groups. If all household members who are living with children are fully vaccinated, we lower the chances of spreading COVID-19 to children, too.

Source: Department of Health



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President Duterte also thanked Cimatu for his contribution to the country, particularly his efforts to rehabilitate Boracay Island and Manila Bay.

"In not so many words, talagang industrious ka. Typical of a military upbringing. Salamat sa contribution mo sa bayan natin," said the President.

"For so many years you had every chance to do it (clean up Manila Bay), was there anybody willing to take the problem by its horn? Si Cimatu lang, magpasalamat tayo," the President said as he addressed the critics of the "dolomite beach" in Manila Bay.

President Duterte also commended Cimatu for his eagerness to address the Manila Bay pollution.

In the meeting, Cimatu reported on the major programs of the DENR under the Duterte administration particularly the Boracay Island Rehabilitation, Manila Bay Rehabilitation, and the Task Force Build Back Better.

In 2018, President Duterte issued Executive Order (EO) No. 53 creating the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force and Proclamation No. 475 mandating the closure of Boracay for six months after the Chief Executive dubbed Boracay as a "cesspool."

Cimatu cited that after the Boracay rehabilitation, the water quality of Boracay was down to 50 most probable number/100 mL (mpn/100mL), making it fit for swimming and other contact recreation activities.

On October 26, 2018,

Boracay was re-opened to the public, which according to Cimatu, strengthened tourism and generated employment.

The island also gained international recognition after its rehabilitation.

Conde Nast Traveler, recognized as one of the most distinguished and trusted authorities on lifestyle travel, named Boracay as "the best island in Asia" and one of the 30 best islands in the world for 2019.

After the Boracay rehabilitation, President Duterte issued Administrative Order No. 16 creating the Manila Bay Task Force in compliance with the Supreme Court mandamus to clean up, rehabilitate, and preserve Manila Bay, and restore and maintain

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The construction of Imus Retarding Basin has a detention pond area of about 35 hectares while Bacoor Retarding Basin has two (2) temporary storage pond or basin connected by sluiceway for a total area of 9 hectares to contain floodwaters during a storm event and reduce the peak volume of flood flow at Imus River and Bacoor River, added Undersecretary Sadain.

Retarding basins are being constructed to temporarily store most, if not all, of the rainwater runoff during very high rain-

fall, to absorb and contain flooding in periods of high rain and later release at regulated flow rate.

The project is based on a flood management master plan for Imus River prepared by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The on-going structural measure is also being funded by JICA under its Official Development Assistance (ODA) facility and implemented by DPWH-UPMO Flood Control Management Cluster (FCMC) headed by Project Director Ramon A. Ariola III. Undersecretary Sa-

dain together with UPMO FCMC Project Managers Aurelio C. Mendoza and Rogelio O. Ang checked on Friday, August 27, 2021 the progress of work for the putting up of pre-cast concrete blocks revetment wall at surrounding dike, overflow dike, drainage sluice, maintenance road, slope protection, and other project components.

To date, the P2.2 Billion project has physical accomplishment of about 85 percent, and is slated to be completed by this fourth quarter of 2021. Source: DPWH

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DPWH Turns Over New Hospital Facility in Davao City

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has provided additional hospital facility for patients of government-run Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) in Bajada, Davao City.

Secretary and Isolation Czar Mark A. Villar said that two (2) units of modular hospital with a total bed capacity of 44 were completed for the treatment of moderate to severe Covid-19 patients.

This new medical facility put up by the DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local/National Health Facility together with Regional Office 11 will help alleviate overcrowding of SPMC patients, added Secretary

Undersecretary Emil K. Sadain, head of DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local/National Health Facility, the two (2) new hospital building was turned-over for operation on Wednesday September 1, 2021 by DPWH Regional Office 11 Director Rey Peter B. Gille representing Secretary Villar to SPMC Medical Center Chief Dr. Ricardo B. Audan.

To support the response to pandemic, DPWH with its partner

contractor Nationstar Development Corporation fast-tracked the modular hospital facility that have airconditioned room with toilet and bath, ventilation system with high-efficiency particulate absorbing filters, standby generators, medical gas system, public address system and a nurse station, said Undersecretary Sadain.

The DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local/National Health Facility continues to address the threat of pandemic with the timely construction of

healthcare facilities that include modular hospitals, temporary treatment and monitoring or quarantine/ isolation facilities, and off-site dormitories for health workers.

To date, 758 healthcare facilities that include modular hospitals, site dormitories for health workers, and 51 off-site dormitories with 1,320 beds.

Source: DPWH

care facilities with a total capacity of 28,102 are operational nationwide.

Completed were 685 quarantine/isolation facilities with 26,329 beds, 22 modular hospitals with 453 beds, and 51 off-site dormitories with 1,320 beds.

Source: DPWH

Cimatu gets praise from PRRD for his environmental protection efforts

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President Duterte issued EO 120 creating the Task Force Build Back Better (TF BBB) co-chaired by Cimatu and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Mark Villar.

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tored threatened species.

Moreover, Cimatu highlighted that air quality in the country is within healthy and safe levels.

He added that DENR strengthened the Adopt-an-Estero/Water Body program to enforce the Clean Water Act, closed down all open dumpsites, and managed the healthcare waste.

On land management, Cimatu said that under the Duterte administration, patents are continuously granted to beneficiaries through the "Handog Titulo Program."

He also thanked President Duterte for the issuance of EO 130 as the mining industry is projected to help increase the fund source of the government.

On environmental law enforcement, Cimatu said the DENR is intensifying forest protection, anti-illegal logging operations, and enforcement against illegal wildlife trafficking despite the difficulty brought about by armed culprits.

Cimatu pointed out that the DENR's programs and projects are aligned with the President's priorities to build back better.

"Mr. President as you said... build back better, and for us build back better, build back greener, build back bluer for the water, and build back healthier," Cimatu said.

Source: DENR

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SPECIAL RISK ALLOWANCE PARA SA MGA PRIVATE HOSPITAL, IPINAMAHAGI NG IMUS LGU

Bilang suporta sa mga healthcare workers sa panahon ng pandemya, ipinamahagi ng Pamahalaang Panlungsod ng Imus ang Special Risk Allowance para sa mga pribadong ospital.

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Pinangunahan ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi ang programa, na aniya'y paraan ng lungsod para maipakita ang kanilang suporta sa mga itinuturing na makabagong bayani.

"Kakaibang sakripisyo ang kanilang hinaharap araw-araw sa pagtupad nila sa kanilang mga tungkulin, kaya't sa abot ng ating makakaya ay patuloy rin tayong hahanap ng paraan para sila'y matulongan," ani Mayor Maliksi sa kanyang Facebook page.

P10.7B worth of Ayuda already distributed to qualified beneficiaries

Ipinahayag ng Kagawaran ng Interyor at Pamahalaang Lokal (DILG) na 95% o P10.7-bilyong ayuda o tulong pinansyal ang naipamahagi na ng mga pamahalaang lokal sa National Capital Region (NCR) sa mga kwalipikadong low-income na benepisyaryo hanggang Agosto 31, 2021.

Ayon kay Kalihim Eduardo M. Año ng DILG, 10,663,537 benepisyaryo

mula sa Metro Manila ang nakatanggap na ng tulong pinansyal bilang suporta sa kanila matapos isaialalim sa Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) ang rehiyon. Kinilala din niya ang mga pamahalaang lokal para sa kanilang mabilis na pamamahagi ng

ayuda at inaasahang mamimigay nila ang natitira pang pondo sa lalong madaling panahon. "Isang tagumpay sa gitna ng pandemya ng COVID-19 na naipamigay ng mga pamahalaang lokal sa Metro Manila ang tulong pinansyal sa ating

mga kababayan at ngayon nga ay 95% o P10.7-bilyon na ang naipamahagi," sabi ni Año.

Aniya, para sa mga hindi pa nakakukuha ng ayuda, maari nilang iproseso at idulog ang kanilang nakabinbin na claims sa LGU Grievance and Appeals Committee hanggang Setyembre 10, 2021 na siyang huling araw ng pamamahagi bago ibalik ang natirang pondo sa National Treasury.

"Pagbati sa ating mga pamahalaang lokal dahil sa kanilang mabilis na pamimigay ng ayudang maging sa gitna nang pagkalat ng Delta variant, habang patuloy na pinaiiral ang ating health protocols," dagdag niya.

May kabuuang tulong pinansyal ang inilaan ng nasyunal na pamahalaan na siyang nagbigay ng P1,000 sa bawat low-income na indibidwal hanggang sa pinakamataas na P4,000 ayuda para sa isang buong pamilya na appektado ng ECQ sa NCR mula Agosto 6-20, 2021.

Sinabi ni Año na anim na lungsod ng NCR kasama ang Manila, Calocan, Pasig, Malabon, Navotas, at Quezon City ang nakumpleto na ang pamamahagi ng ayuda sa 6,536,554 na benepisyaryo na may kabuuang halaga na P6.5-bilyon na tulong pinansyal.

"Binabati natin ang mga lungsod sa NCR na 100% na ang kanilang distribution rate dahil ibig sabihin lamang nito na nakarating na sa lahat ng mga nangangailangan nating kababayan ang tulong mula sa pamahalaan," aniya.

Idinagdag din niya tulad ng Kagawaran ng Kagalingang Panlipunan at Pag-unlad (DSWD) at ng Kagawaran ng Pamansang Tanggulan (DND) sa pagtulong sa pamamahagi ng ayuda "sa gitna ng matinding banta ng mas nakahahawang Delta variant." "Pinasasalaluyong na may porsyento ng pamamahagi na 99.52%, 98.85%, 96.61%, 95.61%, and 93.90%, ayon dito sa NCR. Lubha pong napakalakang sakripisyo ang inyong ibinibigay pero kapalit naman po nito ay milyon-milyong mga kababayan natin ang ating natulungan ngayong pandemya," ani Malaya. Source:DILG

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **SPS. EUGENIO RAMIREZ** who died intestate on February 11, 1993 at Dasmariñas, Cavite and **LOURDES A. RAMIREZ** who died intestate on June 22, 1991 at Dasmariñas, Cavite left two parcels of land covered by TCT-T-15401 and TCT-T-203691 is subject to Deed of Extrajudicial Partition with Waiver of Rights as per Doc. No. 238; Page No. 52; Book No. XXXIII Series of 1995 executed before Notary Public **ATTY. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA** of Dasmariñas, Cavite

CD-Aug. 23, 30 & Sep. 6, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **LEONARDO TORRENO NARIO** who died intestate on April 5, 2021 left a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-860917 is subject to Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Waiver of Rights as per Doc. No. 58; Page No. 13; Book No. 12 Series of 2021 executed before Notary Public **ATTY. FELIX S. SAYAGO** of Las Piñas City

CD- Sep. 6, 13 & 20, 2021

City Government of Bacoor

Patuloy ang pagsagawa ng ating CENRO River Warriors ng clearing operations sa mga waterways ng ating lungsod. Kamakailan ay pinagtuunan nila ng pansin ang mga trash net sa Barangay Salinas I. Paalala na magtapon ng basura sa tamang lugar.



Second edition of VINSET records 500k participants

Less than two weeks before the opening of School Year 2021-2022, the Department of Education (DepEd) trained around 500k teachers and personnel during the second edition of a week-long

Virtual In-Service Training (VINSET) launched on Monday.

For the first three

days, the second edition garnered 554,562 participants, surpassing the overall participation rate of the

first in-service training last March 2021 with 517,754 participants within five months.

"The opening of School Year 2021-2022 is fast approaching. As we prepare our plans and programs for the upcoming school year, we also want to prepare our teachers and school heads through these upskilling activities," Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

The second edition of the training focused on capacitating the teachers to use different online learning modalities, including DepEd Learning Management System, DepEd Commons, DepEd TV, and DepEd Radio.

To run until Friday, September 3, the week-long virtual training for public school teachers of-

fers guided programs and international skill certifications by Microsoft, Adobe, and Google.

Furthermore, the sessions can help educators maximize and handle the property and technology tools in delivering online education and ensure that the platforms will be child-friendly. The program will also assist the participants in utilizing emerging technology tools and applications to maximize the use of the cross-platform operating system. Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del B. Pascua positively noted during the opening day that the second VINSET reached more participants due to recent simulation distribution. "This is a testament of you, our public school teachers, your

passion, commitment, and dedication to your chosen profession, your advocacy to educate our nation's youth... Kaya nararapat lamang na bigyan kayo ng tamang suporta at serbisyo upang patuloy nating maihatid ang dekalidad na edukasyon sa ating mag-aaral," he said.

VINSET is jointly spearheaded by the Offices of the Undersecretary for Administration, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction, and Undersecretary for Field Operations, and is organized by the Information and Communications Technology Service.

"Finally, we are expected to be skillful in navigating the education technology so that we can create more interesting lessons for the children," Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Diosdado San Antonio said. Source: DepEd

City Government of Bacoor

Patuloy ang pagsagawa ng disinfection operations ng mga kawani ng CENRO. Maliban sa regular na disinfection sa mga vaccination hubs, nagtutungo din sila sa mga barangay tulad ng Maliksi III at Mambog IV.



Tuklas Lunas Herbal Anti-Dengue capsules nears completion

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to-borne infection whose incidence has been steadily increasing in tropical countries, particularly in the Philippines where it is considered as one of the top health problems.

Once proven safe and effective, the herbal capsule will be the first definitive treatment for dengue.

It could pave the way for use in cases showing warning signs and even in severe types.

On the economic side, farmers can benefit from cultivating any of the three medicinal plants, the increased demand for which may come from local pharmaceutical companies that could manufacture the treatment for



Anti-dengue capsules developed by **Pharmalytics Corporation** containing ingredients from locally available plants—tawa-tawa, banaba, and luya.

domestic and even overseas markets.

Interested parties may contact Dr. Josefino Alvero, president of Pharmalytics Corporation, through email at jralvero@yahoo.com.

The Tuklas Lunas program trial on herbal anti-dengue capsule is

one of the technologies and innovations that will be presented in the Big 21 in 2021 launch on 7 September 2021, 10:00AM, to be broadcast live at the DOST-Philippines Facebook page. (By Allyster A. Endozo, DOST-STII and photos from DOST-PCHRD)