

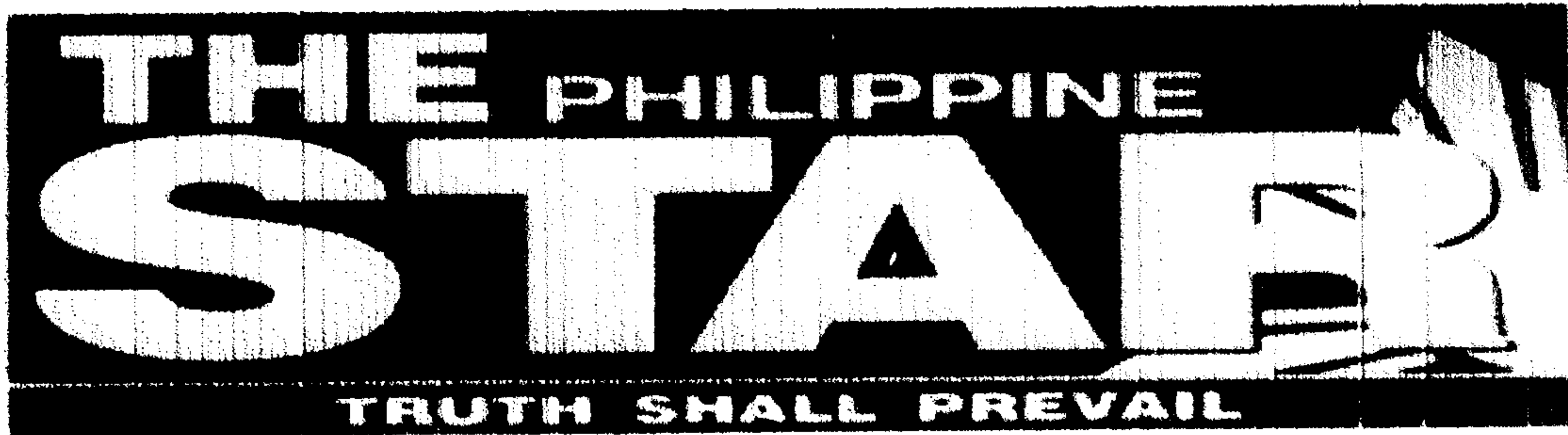
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### DENR donates desks to Batangas schools

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has donated at least 500 desks out of illegally cut logs to schools in San Juan, Batangas.

Reynulfo Juan, DENR-Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) director, said the desks were manufactured by the provincial and community environment and natural resources offices in Laguna using 15,000 board feet of seized hot logs.

"The donation is in line with DENR Secretary Ramon Paje's directive to utilize available confiscated timber without claimants and court

cases to be manufactured into school desks for distribution to recipient schools as identified by the Department of Education (DepEd)," Juan said.

Paje ordered the donation of seized illegal logs to the DepEd for the construction of school buildings and to make chairs, desks and related facilities. The order is also part of the government's intensified drive against illegal logging.

Eleazar Alaira, Laguna provincial environment and natural resources officer, said the confiscated lumber were cut using a state-of-the-art equipment at the impounding area of the DENR in Los Baños, Laguna.

"The donation of the chairs is on time. The chairs will be used by incoming senior high school students," San Juan Mayor Rodolfo Manalo said.

— Rhodina Villanueva

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## Duterte wants military man to head DENR

By **ROCKY NAZARENO**

**D**AVAO CITY – The offer to fill in nominees to head the social welfare and the agriculture department stands. But incoming president Rodrigo Duterte changed his mind to offer the post of environment secretary to the Communist Party of the Philippines-National Democratic Front (CPP-NDF).

“We have a very serious problem in mining. We have to use the military. (That’s why) I withdrew the offer from Agcaoili,” Duterte explained.

“Mainit ako sa mining. Oligarchs destroyed the land. Sinirnila yung lupa tapos they stop. Papayamanin lang yung taga labas, then Filipinos will be left with the spoils of the land,” he added.

Earlier, Duterte said he can concede four government agencies to the CPP-NDF. These are the labor, social welfare, agrarian reform, and environment and natural resources departments.

He had earlier picked former Justice Secretary Silvestre Bello III, the current IBAP (Barangay Ang Paunlarin) party-list representative, to head the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) whom sources said was nominated by the NDF.

Bello was a government peace negotiator in peace talks with communist rebels.

Duterte disclosed in his midnight press briefing Thursday that NDF spokesman Fidel Agcaoili submitted the names of 10 nominees – four of them women from the University of the Philippines for consideration.



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# Reds name 2 ex-solons, ex-UP prof for Cabinet

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JUDY TAGUIWALO



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By Tarra Quismundo

DAVAO CITY—Presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte is considering appointing four women to his Cabinet who will be drawn from what he called an “impressive” list of 10 nominees submitted by the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP).

“The Left has given an impressive list of people who have the talent. I am inclined to give in,” Duterte told reporters in a midnight news conference in Davao City on Thursday.

Of the 10 people on the NDFP list, Duterte said four were women. He did not release their names, as “if it does not push through, it might embarrass them.”

A source told the INQUIRER that former University of the Philippines professor Judy Taguiwalo was on the list, as well as former Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano, Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate and former Solicitor General Silvestre Bello III.

The source said Zarate backed out, adding he would be replaced on the list by former Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño.

Casiño served in the House of Representatives from 2007 to 2013. He advocated the lowering of prices of electricity, oil and water as well as regulation in the price of education, healthcare, mobile communications, tolls and other utilities and services.

He was the principal author

of four laws: the Public Attorneys Act of 2007 (Republic Act [RA] No. 9406), which strengthened the Public Attorneys Office and expanded its free legal services to poor litigants; the Tax Relief Act of 2009 (RA 9504), which exempted minimum wage earners from withholding taxes; the Rent Control Act of 2009 (RA 9653), which put a cap on rent for low-income earners, and the Anti-Torture Act of 2009 (RA 9745), which penalized torture.

Casiño ran for a Senate seat in 2013 but lost because he could “not overcome the obstacles of traditional, patronage politics.”

### Already in

Duterte has already appointed Bello as his labor secretary.

Bello served as solicitor general during the Ramos administration, from September 1996 to February 1998 and again on June 9-30, 1998.

He was also appointed secretary of justice in July 1990. Prior to that, he was ex-officio commissioner of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board and director of the Dangerous Drugs Board.

Bello is a known human rights lawyer in Davao. He was among those who helped defend former priest and rebel Leoncio “Jun” Evasco, who became Duterte’s city administrator.

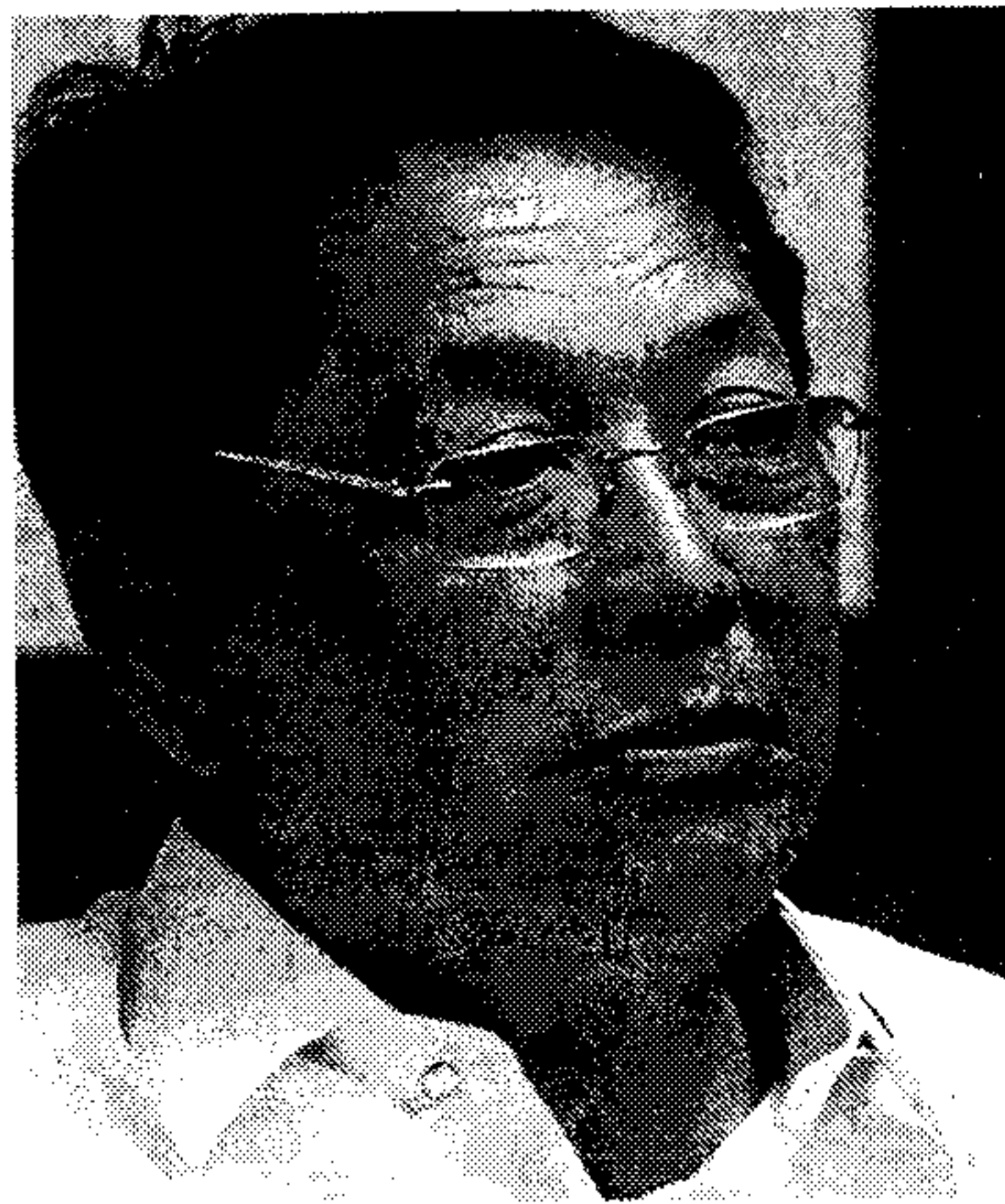
### Farmers’ defender

Mariano is the national chair of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas. He previously served as the group’s first secretary general, in 1985-1990, and vice chair, in 1990-1993.

He was elected chair of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), serving from 1998 to 2004. He served one term as representative of the Anakpawis party-list group in the House, from 2004-2007.

Mariano was part of the “Batasan 5,” which included fellow militant lawmakers Satur Ocampo, Casiño and Joel Virador of Bayan Muna, and Liza Maza of Gabriela.

They were among 16 people



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charged with plotting to overthrow the Arroyo administration.

In May 2006, the five lawmakers, who claimed to be victims of political persecution, appealed to be placed under the protective custody of the House to evade warrantless arrest following then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s declaration of a state of national emergency under Proclamation No. 1017, ostensibly to crush threats from both the extreme Left and the extreme Right.

### Political prisoner

Taguiwalo is a retired professor at the Women and Development Studies Department in the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

She heads the Women’s Committee of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers, a national organization of teaching and non-teaching staff. She is also an officer of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development.

Taguiwalo was also the founding national president of All-UP Academic Employees Union, the union of rank-and-file faculty and nonteaching academic personnel of UP.

She was a political prisoner during the martial law period and spent over three years in various prisons in the country for resisting the Marcos dictatorship.

### Peace talks

“I have submitted the documents to a screening committee. The reason why I am talking to them is, I was once upon a time left of center,” said



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Duterte, who is offering Cabinet positions in his incoming administration to communist rebels as a confidence-building measure for resuming peace talks with the NDFP.

Peace talks with the NDFP has been largely stalled during the Aquino administration.

Among the positions in Duterte's Cabinet that remain unfilled are the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Agrarian Reform, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Defense.

### Mining problem

Duterte earlier said that he was opening the environment post to nominees of the NDFP. On Wednesday, however, he said he was taking back his offer because he now wanted a military man who could use force to regulate the mining industry.

"Initially, I said DENR is for the Left, but I forgot we've got a very serious problem in mining," Duterte said. "The oligarchs are really abusing the land. They will destroy the

land, and they will stop only if they get billions."

He said that if necessary, he would use the military to shut down mining operations.

The INQUIRER source said the NDFP had nominated Zarate for the environment post, but replaced him with Casiño after he backed out.

But with Duterte's preference for a military man for the environment post, Casiño may be considered for another position.

Duterte said he was open to offering more positions not just to progressive groups but also to top communist leaders if the peace process made progress.

"If we can talk smoothly, and Joma (Communist Party of the Philippines founder Jose Maria Sison) will come home in July, I am ready to give all (communist) leaders positions," he said.

At one of the presidential debates during the campaign, Duterte said he might appoint a woman to the tourism portfolio, "or finance if she's really smart."

But the finance job went to

Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez, who was appointed last week.

### One woman, so far

So far, Duterte has selected only one woman, former Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo, to join his Cabinet. She will head state-run Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor).

Duterte has also appointed his classmates Vitaliano Aguirre as justice secretary and Arthur Tugade as transportation and communication secretary.

He has chosen former Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Perfecto Yasay Jr. as his foreign secretary and former North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel "Manny" Piñol as his agriculture secretary.

Duterte has appointed lawyer Salvador Medialdea as his executive secretary and lawyer Salvador Panelo as presidential spokesperson.

He has also appointed Las Piñas Rep. Mark Villar as his public works secretary, Jesus Dureza as presidential adviser on the peace process, former Manila International Airport

Authority chief Alfonso Cusi as energy secretary and economist Ernesto Pernia as head of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Duterte has tapped Jose Calida, a former justice undersecretary, as his solicitor general, and former military chief Hermogenes Esperon Jr. as his national security adviser.

Duterte said he would meet with his Cabinet in Davao next week.

"I'll be meeting them all as a group for the first time. I want a Cabinet that is not hostile to each other," he said.

Duterte said he wanted his Cabinet officials to "work and give the people their money's worth."

He said he wanted to make his six years as President a "reconciliatory reign."

"By the time I step down as President, there will be no Left, no Right, Moro or Christian, so we can build the nation in peace," he said.

*With reports from Aries Joseph Hegina, Inquirer.net; Inquirer Research; and Karlos Manlupig, Inquirer Mindanao*



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**NOCTURNAL CREATURE** Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, the next President of the Philippines, holds another midnight press conference on Wednesday at Royal Mandaya Hotel. The press conference stretched to the wee hours of Thursday. JEOFFREY MAITEM/INQUIRER MINDANAO



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## **NDFP gives list of Cabinet nominees**

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It will be recalled that the incoming President has earlier given the Left a free hand in choosing nominees for Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Department of Labor and Employment.

But Duterte said that he has second thoughts if he will give the DENR to the Left in the wake of a "very serious" problem with mining.

"The only way to continue with mining is to use the military," he said.

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Duterte has named only one woman so far in his male dominated Cabinet -- former Immigration Chief Andrea Domingo -- for the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (Pagcor).

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**Fred M. Lobo**

**I**PINANAWAGAN ni incoming President Rodrigo Duterte ang kapayapaan sa bansa, pinakiusapan ang mga rebeldeng grupo at maging ang mga tao sa pulitika na magkaayos na.

Hinimok ni Duterte ang mga tagapamuno ng Communist movement na bumalik na sa bansa at makiisa sa usaping pangkapayapaan kasama ang gobyerno. Ganoon din sa Muslim at iba pang rebeldeng grupo.

Isulong natin ang kapayapaan kung sino o kung anong lahi mayroon ang isang indibiduwal, mungkahi niya.

"You must come here. We must be talking to each other," panawagan ni Duterte sa Communist leaders lalo na iyong mga nakabase sa Netherlands.

Inulit din ng nakaambang pangulo ang kanyang imbitasyon kay Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) founding chairman Jose Ma. Sison, kasalukuyang nasa Utrecht, na bumalik na sa Pilipinas.

"If Sison wants to talk and join the government, he could," pangako ni Duterte.

Sinabi rin ni Duterte na kung ang mga leader ng CPP at ng National Democratic Front (NDF) ay umuwi ng Pilipinas at "would be willing to talk peace, peace will come to the land.

"I suppose we can work together to have a peaceful nation. Yan ang habol ko (That's what I'm after)," apela ni Duterte.

Kamakailan lamang, inanunsyo ni Duterte na payag siyang palayain ang mga political prisoner bilang tanda ng kabutihang loob sa CPP-NDF, kung saan, kasama ang kanilang military arm na New People's Army (NPA), ay naging katuwang ng gobyerno sa loob ng mahigit apat na dekada.

Tuldukan na natin ang ilang dekadang puno ng paghihirap, mungkahi ng President-elect.

Inalok din ni Duterte ang ilang key agency ng gobyerno gaya ng Departments of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), at Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Maaari silang direktang makiisa sa pamamahala, pahayag niya sa Communist leaders.

Pinuri na ni Sison ang sinabi ni Duterte ngunit tinanggihan niya ang kahit anong posisyon sa gobyerno.

Pumayag naman ang Muslim rebel group na makipagtulungan sa administrasyong Duterte kaugnay sa problema sa Mindanao.

Okay, pag-usapan natin ang pangkapayapaan, brother, anila.



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## Rody: Good men are costly

By John Paolo Bencito

*DAVAO CITY—Joking that some of the people that he wanted to appoint to his Cabinet were a “little greedy,” President-in-waiting Rodrigo Duterte admitted on Thursday having difficulty filling his Cabinet because of the low-pay of government officials.*

“I’ve been scouting for guys to work in government for the last two weeks. They are young men whom I want to pull from the private sector. The problem is, and I hope they won’t get mad, they’re a little greedy: they immediately ask about the salary,” he said, half in jest.

But Duterte said he understood their concerns because his favored candidates are top executives in top corporations and are at the stage in their lives when they have to send children to expensive colleges and maintain higher-level lifestyles.

On the other hand, Duterte said he was impressed by the list of nominees that the communist National Democratic Front of the Philippines submitted through ranking NDF official Fidel Agcaoili on Wednesday.

“The Left gave me a very impressive list of people who have the talent,” Duterte said. “I really do not know if they’d be willing,” he said.

“I am inclined to give in. If we can talk smoothly and Jose Maria Sison would come home in July, I’m ready to give more of them positions in government,” he said, adding that he expected Sison to return to the country in July.

He declined to name the NDF nominees, except to say that they numbered less than 10 and four of them were women.

Agcaoili earlier told *The Standard* the NDF nominated three people for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Social Welfare and Development and Department of Agrarian Reform and several others for lower positions.

But sources in leftist circles claim that among those recommended by the NDF panel are former Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano for DAR, Bayan Muna Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate for the DENR, and University of the Philippines professor and Faculty Regent Judy Taguiwalo for the DSWD.

For the interior and defense portfolios, Duterte said he wanted military men who are mature and forward thinking. “I’m still balancing. It has to be somebody not prone to dynamics,” he said.



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## Groups ask Duterte to also stop wildlife trafficking

By **Maricar Cinco**  
*Inquirer Southern Luzon*

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna—Wildlife conservationists are challenging presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to include in his war on crime the illegal trade in wildlife, as the underground market continues to threaten endemic Philippine species.

According to Philippine Center for Terrestrial and Aquatic Research (PCTAR), the multibillion-dollar black market continues to flourish globally, with the Philippines becoming a major player particularly in the trade of amphibians and reptiles.

The United States, for instance, exports nine to 11 million specimens of the red-eared slider, a species of turtle, and also serves as a major consumer along with Germany, Japan and China.

"I am keeping my hopes up, especially for the new President, that he will address wildlife issues and (other environmentally) destructive meth-

ods (of business)," said Emerson Sy of PCTAR.

Sy presented the findings of his five-year study on the trade of amphibians and reptiles in a forum organized by the Museum of Natural History-University of the Philippines Los Baños, on Wednesday.

"The problems 10 to 15 years ago are the same because wildlife crimes are not being taken seriously," he said.

### Protectors

He said there were some cases where Philippine authorities themselves were involved in the illegal activity, while private breeders and zoological parks played a part in wildlife laundering.

The Philippines in 2001 passed into law the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act (Republic Act No. 9147) that penalizes the illegal possession, collection or

trade of wildlife.

In the Philippines, Sy said Metro Manila remained the center of the illegal trade, although the provinces of Cebu and Davao had also become major hubs. He said specimens were transported from Mati City in Davao Oriental province, passing through ports in Davao City and Cagayan de Oro City before reaching pet

centers in Manila, Pasay and Pasig Cities.

The illegally traded wildlife were usually used in folk or traditional medicine or as food, fashion or home decors, Sy said.

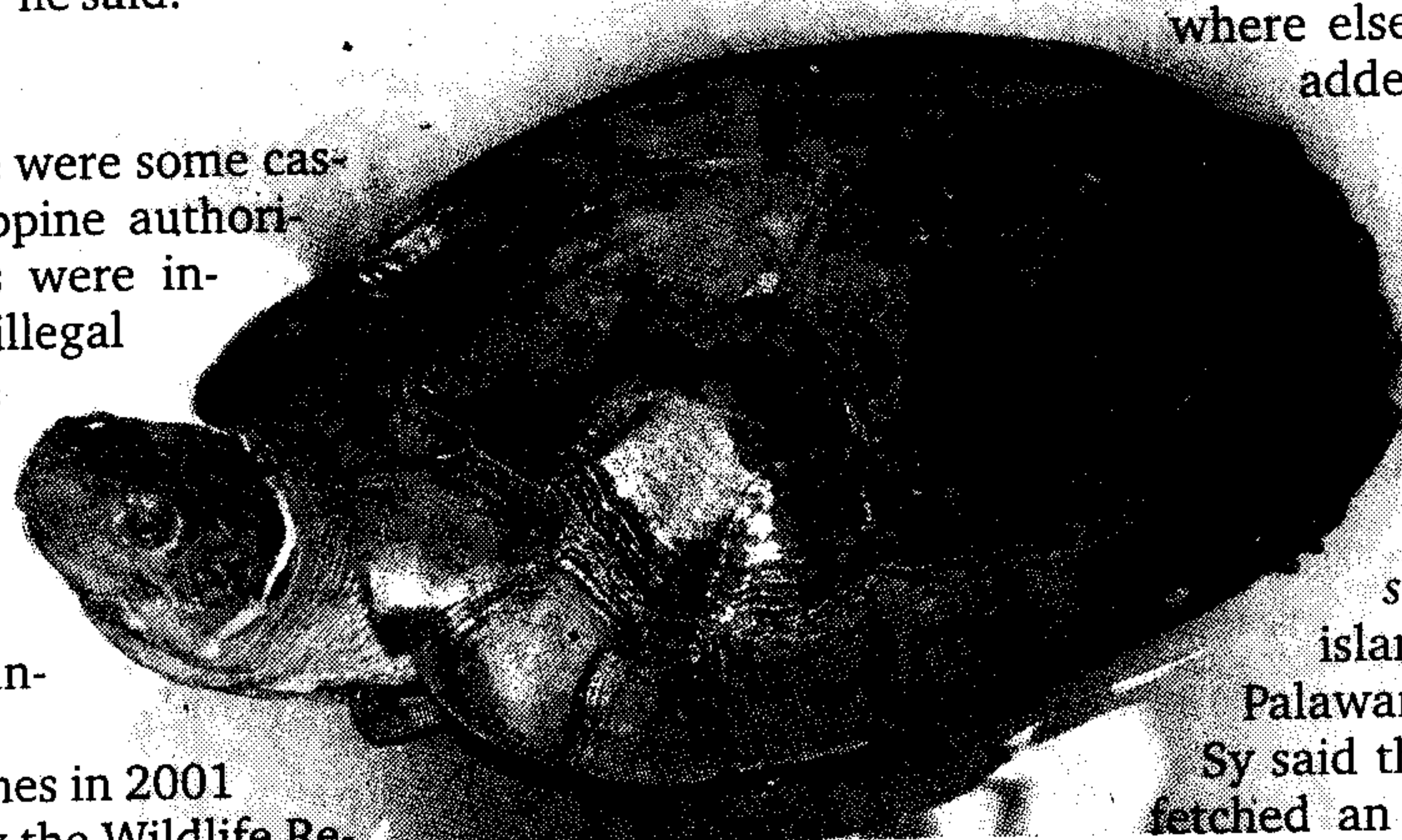
"It is very alarming, especially [trade in] endemic species," Sy said.

"These are our national treasures. When they become extinct, you cannot find them anywhere else in the world," he added.

### Palawan turtle

The PCTAR is paying close attention to Philippine freshwater turtles (*Siebenrockiella leytensis*), endemic to Palawan island province.

Sy said the freshwater turtle fetched an international price of \$360 in Hong Kong to as high as \$1,000-\$2,100 in Germany and \$2,500 to \$4,500 in the United States.



**THE ONLY turtle endemic to the Philippines is in danger of being wiped out because of the illegal wildlife trade.**

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Poaching of Philippine forest turtles was first reported in 2004 and continues to this date. The turtle is listed as "critically endangered" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

In June 2015, at least 3,900 freshwater turtles were recovered from a warehouse in Bataraza town in Palawan, the biggest haul of wildlife in recent years.

Aside from tortoise, the Philippine pet trade also includes lizards, snakes and crocodiles.

"In the Philippines, native (species) are cheaper, with prices ranging from P50 per specimen to a few thousand (pesos), than the exotic, with prices ranging from P1,000 to hundreds of thousands," Sy said.

The Philippines is also involved in the importation of the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and the ploughshare tortoise (*Astrochelys yniphora*, also known as angonoka tortoise). Both are endemic to Madagascar and are listed as critically endangered.



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#### Letter of praise for Edsa 'greeners'

PEOPLE ARE so quick to write letters of complaint but so slow to write letters of praise, such that I feel it is only fitting to commend the persons responsible for keeping the middle island divider along Edsa—from the Boni Serrano bus stop to Main Avenue to Cubao through Quezon Avenue—green with plants and shrubs. I especially like the multicolored flowers along the Edsa island fronting the building of Public Safety Savings and Loan Association and Main Avenue. The underpass plants are also commendable. It is a delight to pass by this stretch of green island divider every day.

It would also be nice to enjoy the green trees along the fence fronting the Armed Forces of the Philippines camp between gates 2 and 4. I can appreciate the sidewalk improvements being undertaken—and the beautiful art murals! Congratulations!—and I hope that the replacement of the missing fallen trees destroyed in the last typhoon be continued to keep the AFP camp side delightfully green.

I shall continue to enjoy my ride along Edsa, taking in the "green" divider islands from Boni Serrano to Quezon Avenue, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of this green piece of landscape along Edsa.

—MARIETTA P. MARTINEZ,  
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## P-Nov orders sweeping review of PH's energy policy

Gov't aims to cut down country's dependence on coal

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE AQUINO administration has ordered a review of the country's energy policy, which may see the Philippines moving away from carbon-intensive coal power generation.

In a statement, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) said President Aquino signed Commission Resolution No. 2016-001, which mandated the agency to lead an "urgent and comprehensive" review of the government's energy policy within the next six months.

CCC was told to do "a national policy review and framework development on energy, through a whole-of-nation approach, in accordance with a low carbon development pathway and national goals and targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development."

CCC, with the help of other concerned government agencies, was also ordered to set a clear government policy on coal-fired power plants, the biggest source of man-made carbon emissions, accounting for about 35 percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The resolution also ordered the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Economic Development Authority (Neda) to harmonize policies and regulations on new and existing coal-fired power plants and assess their impact on the environment, as well as include low-carbon development and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the formulation of all national and local development plans.

CCC vice chair and Secretary Emmanuel de Guzman said this transition was supported by existing laws such as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) of 2011 and the Renewable Energy Law of 2008.

Aquino, who chairs the CCC, signed the resolution last May 18. De Guzman and commissioners Frances Veronica



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Victorino and Noel Antonio Gaerlan also signed the resolution.

"We are happy President Aquino signed the resolution, which is a major step to steer the country away from coal and accelerate the transition to clean, renewable energy that is consistent with our efforts to fight climate change and pursue the development of a green economy," De Guzman said.

The CCC resolution affirmed the government's resolve to create a low carbon development pathway in accordance with the country's commitment under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its intended nationally determined contribution (INDC), he said. INDCs indicate the climate actions a pledging country intends to take.

In October 2015, the Philippines submitted during the Conference of

the Parties to the UNFCCC its INDC, whereby it pledged to reduce its GHG emissions by 70 percent by 2030, subject to support provided by developed countries. The reductions will come from the energy, transport, waste, forestry and industry sectors.

As a member of the UNFCCC, the Philippines supported the adoption of the global climate accord reached in Paris, France, in December last year. Upon the recommendation of the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, President Aquino, through Environment Secretary Ramon Paje, signed the Paris Agreement in New York last month.

The Philippines also supported the adoption of the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk

Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, both of which advocate for a balance between economic growth and environmental protection toward building a resilient future.

"Philippine climate ambition is predicated on changing our energy pathways that ensure we send the

right policy signals to the investment community and generate jobs for the modern economy," De Guzman said.

He said an urgent review of the government's energy policy was necessary given the growing number of new coal power plants in the country and the global demand for drastic GHG emission reductions in order to achieve the primary goal of the new global climate deal reached in Paris last year, which is to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.



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### Rody apologizes to Trudeau for Canadian's beheading

INCOMING president Rodrigo Duterte has apologized to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for the beheading of a Canadian by the terrorist group Abu Sayyaf last month, saying he would try to make sure "nothing like this" happens again.

Duterte said Trudeau called him up last Tuesday to congratulate him for his victory in the May 9 elections and told him: "Please accept my apologies for the incident that resulted to the killing of your national. We will try to see to it that nothing like

this will happen again."

Canadian John Ridsdel, a former mining executive, was beheaded by the Abu Sayyad in Jolo on April 25, which Trudeau at the time called "an act of cold-blooded murder."

Another Canadian, a Norwegian and a Filipino woman are still being held captive by the al Qaeda-linked militants eight months after they were abducted in an upscale resort near Davao City, where Duterte has

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Duterte also said he received a list from the Communist Party of the Philippines last Tuesday containing 10 nominees for Cabinet positions.

He described the nominees as "very impressive," mostly graduates from the University of the Philippines, and includes four women.

Duterte had earlier offered the Social Welfare and Development, Agrarian Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, and Labor to leftists.

Duterte said he is considering appointing a military man as DENR secretary to alleviate problems on mining.

"The only way we can deal with the mining people is to use the military," he said.

Duterte added that Salvador Panelo's ap-

pointment as Palace spokesman is temporary. Panelo's appointment has been criticized by media because he is the lawyer of the Ampatuan family, the primary accused in the Maguindanao massacre in November 2009.

So far, Duterte has filled the Department of Energy (Alfonso Cusi), Solicitor General (Jose Calida), PAGCOR (Andrea Domingo), OPAPP (Jesus Dureza), labor and employment (Silvestre Bello III), National Security Council (Hermogenes Esperon Jr.), DPWH (Rep. Mark Villar), agriculture (Manny Pinol), foreign affairs (Perfecto Yasay Jr.), finance (Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III), transportation (Arthur Tugade), secretary to the Cabinet (Leoncio Evasco Jr.), and executive secretary (Salvador Medialdea).

— With Evan Orias





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### **Nakumpiskang troso, naging upuan sa paaralan**

Naglabob ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 4A CALABARZON ng 500 upuan para sa mga pampublikong paaralan sa San Juan, Batangas.

Nilagdaan nina DENR Calabarzon Regional Director Reynulfo A. Juan at San Juan Batangas Mayor Rodolfo Manalo ang Deed of Donation ng mga silya sa isang simpleng seremonya.

Ang mga upuan ay ginawa mula sa 15,000 board feet ng mga nakumpiskang troso ng Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices sa Laguna.

"The donation is in line with DENR Secretary Ramon JP Paje's directive to utilize 'available confiscated timber without claimants and court cases' to be manufactured into school desks for distribution to recipient schools as identified by the Department of Education in the municipality," wika ni Juan.

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### **Kumpiskadong troso ginawang school desk**

Napakinabangan ng pamahalaan ang mga nakumpiskang mga troso matapos itong gawing mga school desk at i-donate sa mga pampublikong

paaralan sa bansa na inasahang magagamit ng mga mag-aaral ngayong nalalapit na pasukan.

Ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 4A Calabarzon, nagkaloob sila ng may 500 school desk para magamit ng mga public schools sa San Juan, Batangas.

Ang donasyon ay ginawa sa isang simpleng okasyon sa pagitan nina DENR Calabarzon Regional Director Reynulfo A. Juan at San Juan, Batangas Mayor Rodolfo Manalo nang lumagda sa isang "deed of donation" para sa mga silya.

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Prayoridad umano ng ahensiya ang paggawa ng mga gamit eskuwela sa mga paaralan mula sa mga

nakukumpiskang troso sa rehiyon.

Sinabi naman ni Laguna DENR Officer Eleazar Alaira na ang kahoy na ginamit sa paggawa ng mga upuan ay pawang mga quality-processed,

milled gamit ang Wood Mizer Mobile Sawmill mula sa Forest Products Research and Development Institute ng Department of Science and Technology (FPRDI-DOST). (Angie dela Cruz)



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## Zambales slams watershed mining

BY PATRICK ROXAS CORRESPONDENT

**S**ANTA CRUZ, Zambales: Restive residents of a remote village in this town put up a road block to stop a mining company from conducting mining activities within the virgin forest which is the source of water supply to their community.

The barricading residents of Sitio Acoje in Barangay Lucapon South prevented the hauling trucks of Zambales Diversified Metals Corp. (ZDMC), from getting into the forest for its clearing operation.

"ZDMC is mining inside the virgin forest which we have taken care of for a long time," Acoje Residents Association chairman Ernesto Dapig said.

Dapig added that the watershed area was spared by Acoje Mining Corp. in the past being the source of clean water for the entire community and even the neighboring areas.

The barricade, which started on May 14, prevented the movement of ZDMC's hauling trucks but the cutting of trees continues inside

the virgin forest.

*"Napakalaki po ng problema dahil gusto nila minahin at alisin ang mga punong kahoy kaya nga po nandito kami at nanghaharang at hindi pinalalabas ang kanilang haulers, equipment pati ang diesel na ginagamit nila para mag-back hoe sa watershed, (They want to mine even the watershed and they are now cutting trees that's why we're here to block their hauling trucks, equipment and even the diesel which they will use in the back hoe operations inside the forest)," Dapig said.*

He said the people of Sitio Acoje are willing to put their lives on the line to stop the operations of ZDMC, a DMCI mining company.

The group also called on con-



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**ROAD BLOCK** Residents of Sitio Acoje, Barangay Lucapon South in Santa Cruz, Zambales prevent the hauling trucks and other equipment of Zambales Diversified Metals Corp from getting into the watershed area. PHOTO BY PATRICK ROXAS

cerned sectors for help to stop ZDMC from mining within the virgin forest.

The residents also lamented the fact that officials of Lucapon

South barangay and Santa Cruz town have not taken any move or even show up at the barricade site to check and act on the problem.

Dapig said he hopes their

problem will get the attention of the incoming administration of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte believing they could get justice for their plight.

Meanwhile, the Concerned Citizens of Sta. Cruz (CCOC), an anti-mining group headed by Benito Molino, said the destruction caused by mining operations in the town continues unabated.

"Before nickel mining started in 2007 around 2,000 hectares of farmland can be irrigated. This year it is down to 800 hectares and they continue to mine the remaining virgin forest," Molino said.

ZDMC is one of the mining companies operating in Santa Cruz. In January residents of Barangay Bayto here also barricaded the national highway that prevented ZDMC trucks from transporting nickel to a nearby port. The protesters were blaming the rampant mining operations in the town to have caused the destructive mud floods after Typhoon Lando struck in October last year.

The CCOC and residents of neighboring Infanta town in Pangasinan last week filed a Writ of Kalikasan case against the mining companies operating in Santa Cruz, the provincial and town officials of Zambales, as well as DENR officials.



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### SI GOVERNOR AMOR DELOSO NG ZAMBALES

**CONGRATULATIONS** sa iyong pagbabalik sa Kapitolyo ng Zambales, Governor Amor Deloso! At congratulations lalo na sa mga Zambalenyo na namulat bago lubusang mabura sa mapa ang mayaman na lalawigan ng Zambales.

Una kong nakilala si Governor DELOSO noong kasagsagan ng lahar na lumuwa sa bulkan dulot ng pagsabog ng Mt. Pinatubo. Natoka ako at ang aking grupo sa Zambales sa bisa ng itinatag naming OPLAN: CENTRAL LUZON sa bisa ng emergency programming ng Philippine Broadcasting Service – RADYO NG BAYAN (PBS-RNB).

Nagtayo kami ng sub-stations sa Lubao, Tarlac, Bulacan at Zambales. Ang bawat kasama sa PBS-RNB ay naatasan na tumira ng isang linggo para mag-ulat mismo sa lugar na malalang naapektuhan ng lahar. Kami ay nasa mismong lugar, sa paanan ng Mt. Pinatubo at bawat barangay na nilamon ng lahar.

Sa kapitolyo ng Zambales, hindi mo makikilala si Gov. DELOSO dahil katulad ng mga Zambalenyo na binasa ng malakas na ulan, nalubog sa lahar at pawang mga putikan, ganoon ang hitsura ni DELOSO. Wala siyang sinasayang na oras kaya kaysa interbyuhin, sumama kami sa bawat operasyon.

Matapos ang lahar, gumawa siya ng mga programa patungo sa kaunlaran ng kanyang lalawigan. Nagsumite siya ng mga proyekto sa Malacañan noon, isa ang pagbiyak ng bundok para gumawa ng lansangan mula Zambales hanggang Tarlac.

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Ang ganda ng proyekto pero dahil sa pulitika, natigil ito at isinantabi. May pumalit sa kanya ngunit binalewala ito sa kabila na ang unang makikinaabang sana ay ang mga Zambalenyo.

Mahal ni DELOSO ang Inang Kalikasan kaya nagsagawa siya ng ordinansa na mangangalaga dapat sa yaman ng Zambales. Pinakialaman muli ito ng pamahalaan at nagpista ang mga minero, mga dayuhan na unti-unting sumira sa ganda ng Zambales.

Sinundan pa ng kanyang kuwestiyunable na pagkatalo, ngayon ay maituturing na nawasak na ang mayamang lalawigan!

Ang masakit, may mga concerned citizen na nanawagan na itigil nang kagyat ang mapanirang paraan ng pagmimina ng mga Chinese mula sa China pero sa halip, lalo pang lumaki ang sakop nila at winasak.

Nagturuan ang DENR-MGB at LGU na may kasalanan pero malinaw, nagsabwatan ang mga punyeta! Malaking pondo halos kada linggo ang dumarating kapwa sa LJU at DENR-MGB. Natural, itatanggi nila ang kanilang kasakiman sa pera at pagbalewala sa Kalikasan. May umamin na bang kriminal sa kanilang sala?

**Ngayon, sa pagbabalik ni GOVERNOR AMOR DELOSO, nakakita tayo ng pag-asa, ng pagbabago para agad na ituwid ang mga kasalanan ng kanyang pinalitan at parusahan niya ang mga taga-DENR-MGB!**



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## Early exposure to traffic pollution may affect lungs later

INFANTS exposed to higher levels of vehicular air pollution more often have problems later on in the small airways near the edges of their lungs, according to a new study.

The finding that early life exposure to air pollutants affects the so-called peripheral airways, "has not been reported before," said lead author Dr. Erica S. Schultz of the Karolinska Institutet, Institute of Environmental Medicine in Stockholm, Sweden.

"The lungs and airways are exposed to different air pollutants throughout life, but as the lungs are not fully developed at birth, young children are considered to be particularly vulnerable to adverse effects," she said.

Because the effects are small, they may have little impact on healthy people living in areas with little pollution, Schultz and her coauthors write.

But the findings may be relevant in areas with high pollution levels and for people with respiratory conditions.

The researchers studied roughly 2,400 children recruited between 1994 and 1996 in Sweden for whom they had data on air pollution exposure as infants and lung function as teens. In particular, they studied the "resistance" in the teen's peripheral airways, or how hard it is to get air through those passages.

The researchers focused on nitrogen oxides in vehicle exhaust and particulate matter from road erosion. They used records of road traffic, meteorological conditions and topography to model pollution levels at residential and school addresses for the kids

in the first year of life and for the year prior to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

As infant exposure to nitrogen oxides increased by 10 micrograms per cubic meter, teen airway resistance also increased. The association was strongest for boys and for those with asthma at age 16.

Pollution exposure at ages 15 and 16 was not related to lung function, however.

The authors reported in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* that particulate matter did not have a significant relationship with airway resistance.

"An increasing amount of studies demonstrate the importance of airway periphery for lung health," Schultz told Reuters Health by e-mail. "What's concerning is that the effect from first year of life seem to be long-lasting although we yet don't know the full clinical implication of this effect."

Most teens would not feel any symptoms of their reduced lung function as the effect was small, she said.

Stockholm has relatively low air pollution levels, she said. For more polluted cities, the effects may be greater and cause conditions like asthma, heart attacks, strokes and early death.

"From this study, we cannot say that children with asthma or any other respiratory conditions will become worse from current exposure, even though that has been reported from several other studies," Schultz said.

But policy makers should take traffic air pollution levels into considerations when planning for housing, schools and day-care centers, she said. — **Reuters**



A MORNING motorcycle commuter shields his face with a handkerchief as he joins a heavy stream of vehicles during morning rush hour in New Delhi in this Oct. 21, 2015 photo. India's capital has the world's most polluted air with six times the amount of small particulate matter than what is considered safe.



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## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE

### 'Don't throw garbage into Tubbataha'

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The management office of the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park called on residents and visitors of Palawan to educate themselves against throwing garbage and other debris into the sea as they threaten its health.

The Tubbataha Management Office made the appeal Wednesday because they continue to collect garbage in the world-famous reefs and dive spot.

Angelique Songco of the TMO said despite incessant pleas to the public, they continue to collect marine wastes and debris in the Tubbataha Reefs that threaten the health of its corals and marine life.

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# 10 Chinese held for poaching

By RAYMUND F. ANTONIO

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The Chinese ship reportedly damaged MCS 3010 after it hit the astern of the PCG vessel.

While escaping, the two MCS at a speed of seven knots positioned themselves at both sides of the foreign vessel and trapped it.

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Lieutenant Jeffrey Collado, of MCS 3010, said there were two

other Chinese ships in the area, but they managed to escape.

"We followed the two ships. We were only able to get near them within five meters," Collado said.

The PCG officials said they are due to file a case against the arrested Chinese for poaching in the country's waters.

Upon inspection, Toribio said the foreign vessel was found carrying endangered black corals.

He said the Chinese could be held liable for violations of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

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## ‘Well-preserved Tubbataha Reefs key to food security’

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## Mt. Isarog guardians complete forest fire management course

By SARAH IMPERIAL

NAGA CITY – Thirty nine members of the Mount Isarog Guardians (MIGs) are now adequately trained and skilled to fight forest fires after completing the High Angle and Rescue Operation and Forest Fire Prevention Training course at the Metro Naga Water District (MNWD) Function Hall recently.

MIGs are local volunteers who serve as foot soldiers and the first line of defense in the protection of vast watershed areas in Bgy. Panicuason, Naga

City and Bgy. Del Rosario, Pili, Camarines Sur.

These two (2) watersheds are the main source of spring water of MNWD.

The objective of the training course was to introduce the basic forest fire protection and conservation principles and practices to MIG volunteers.

Basic firefighting principles, techniques and skills needed to combat forest fires were imparted to the MIG volunteers by Fire Officer 1 Aureo SJ Pomposo Jr. of the Bureau of Fire Protection.



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## Drought is over, start planting now, South Cotabato farmers told

**KORONADAL CITY —** With the long dry spell over, state weathermen yesterday urged farmers in South Cotabato to start planting as the rainy season begins.

"The good news is you can now start planting agricultural crops because the dry spell triggered by the El Niño phenomenon is over," weather forecaster Dante Ariola told DXOM-AM Radyo Bida.

Ariola, weather specialist of Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), said the rainy season is officially on in the archipelago.

The rains brought about by the onset of Southwest monsoon affecting the western seaboard have provided the much needed relief following a six-month dry spell in Mindanao.

"You have nothing to worry about the dry spell if you start planting this month," he advised farmers.

PAGASA has declared Wednesday that the dry season was over and rainy season officially begins.

Ariola said PAGASA has been expecting that in the next days there will be more rains not only in Mindanao but across the country.

PAGASA officials said that the onset of the rainy season applies only to some areas, including the National Capital Region, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Bulacan, Bataan, Pampanga, Zambales, Tarlac, Palawan, Mindoro, Cavite and Batangas.

In Koronadal City, Cyrus Urbano, chair of the city disaster risk reduction and management council, urged the residents to help in the city's clean-up drive by clearing clogged drainage canals of garbage and non-biodegradable materials like plastics and cellophane.

In doing so, he said, floods during light to moderate rains can be avoided. (PNA)



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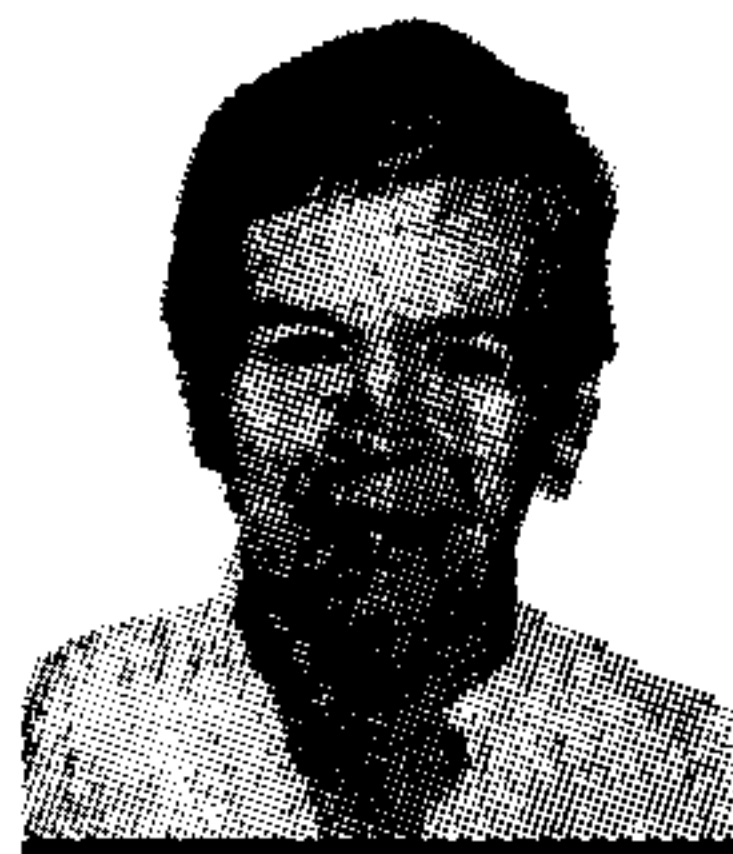
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## Coming to terms with Mother Earth

THE rains have arrived and none too soon. In fact, by all counts, wishes and current farm devastation, very late. Climate change is upon us and every ordinary climate event is skewed toward giving its worst effect. If it is summer heat, it is unusually hot, hotter than previous summers' experience of high temperature. It is also longer than normal, making it take on a devastating presence. This year, the unbearable heat commenced before the middle of March and went on to higher and higher levels all of April and most of May. The El Niño phenomenon that has come is one of the very worst El Niño events experienced within living memory. Now we are told that its opposite, La Niña, is not far behind, with warnings of intensive rains that surely will turn to floods, cause landslides, destroy crops. From one extreme to the other.

World meteorological information echoes what we are experiencing. Hotter temperatures, icebergs melting, oceans rising, coastal areas inundated. And more to come.

The number of earthquakes and their high intensity is ominous as



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we await the Big One in the Metro Manila area.

Of course we must be prepared and governments must be prepared. But it may not be enough given Nature vs. Humanity. Beyond that unequal battle, if people resist evacuation in time of danger from floods, typhoons, landslides, earthquakes and other calamity-type weather and Earth events, it may be more calamitous. If government, through community officials, is not firm and authoritative about where people may safely live and build with particular attention to building codes and safety measures, disaster may not spare us.

The world in general is aware and spreading the information about what to do and how to cope when these predicted events come upon us. Our government is in the loop. It has been conducting drills, giving

out information, suggesting coping mechanisms. We are part of the United Nations following preparedness information and instructions regarding the above possibilities.

Education, Science, Management and Organization will be much needed to meet what is coming in a positive and prepared way. Human dynamics will play a large role. Panic, anxiety, hysterics must be countered with leadership, calmness, compassion and knowledge. When all else is under siege, the essential humanity of each toward each should ideally come to fore.

I hope this is not wishful thinking. How often have we seen and heard, even experienced how fellow human beings sacrifice themselves for others, put those in need above themselves in fleeing disaster. Think of the Yolanda experience, the Ondoy devastation, the ships that have sunk, fire victims, earthquake victims, and remember the heroism they brought out in unexpected places among what seemed to be unexceptional people.

But perhaps now is not the time to think of future doom and be gloomy.

Let us welcome the rains as they cool the landscape and the temperatures. Let us hope they bring the best out of the earth. Let us wish that they keep their worst effects in check. But let us, too, be prepared.

Meanwhile, note how this summer with its length and heat has brought out the best in our flowering trees. Narras are still in bloom way past their February-March appearance. The flame trees are coloring the countryside with their fiery hue, standouts against the landscape of other trees and mountains. Cassias too are on show as well as banaba trees flaunting their lilac flowers. Then there is the golden shower, ordinarily a forgettable-looking tree, but when it presents its yellow chandeliers dripping in the sun, they take your breath away. Over in Baguio, the jacaranda trees are showing exceptionally profuse flowers too. I can also imagine the Palawan cherry trees that dot the plazas of Mindanao in full pink shades bloom as I have seen them in summers back.

We have to come to terms with Mother Earth. Love her, care for her, defend oneself against her, enjoy her.



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## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE

### LGUs told to explore ecotourism potential of PHL's protected areas

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA

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**A**N official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said local government units (LGUs) should explore the ecotourism potential of protected areas to help promote environmental protection and the conservation of the country's rich biological diversity.

Director Theresa Mundita Lim of the DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau said that LGUs will greatly benefit from potential revenues it can generate by helping the Protected Areas Management Board (PAMB) come up with viable projects that will highlight ecotourism attraction by protected areas.

There are 240 protected areas in various parts of the country and LGUs, under the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act sits as member of the PAMB.

"More than 200 protected areas are within the 78 areas identified by the Department of Tourism for ecotourism development. This is something we should focus on," Lim said.

The Philippines is one of the 17 so-called megadiverse countries in the world. It currently has eight of the 37 "best of the best" protected areas called Asean Heritage Parks.

"LGUs can enter into private-public partnerships for the development

of these protected areas," she said.

Protected area management is faced with the problem of fund lack or shortage. Maintenance of protected areas alone will require the hiring of protected area staff and *bantay gubat* or *bantay dagat*.

In some protected areas, LGUs are known to provide subsidy by hiring forest or marine-protection officers to prevent destructive human activities.

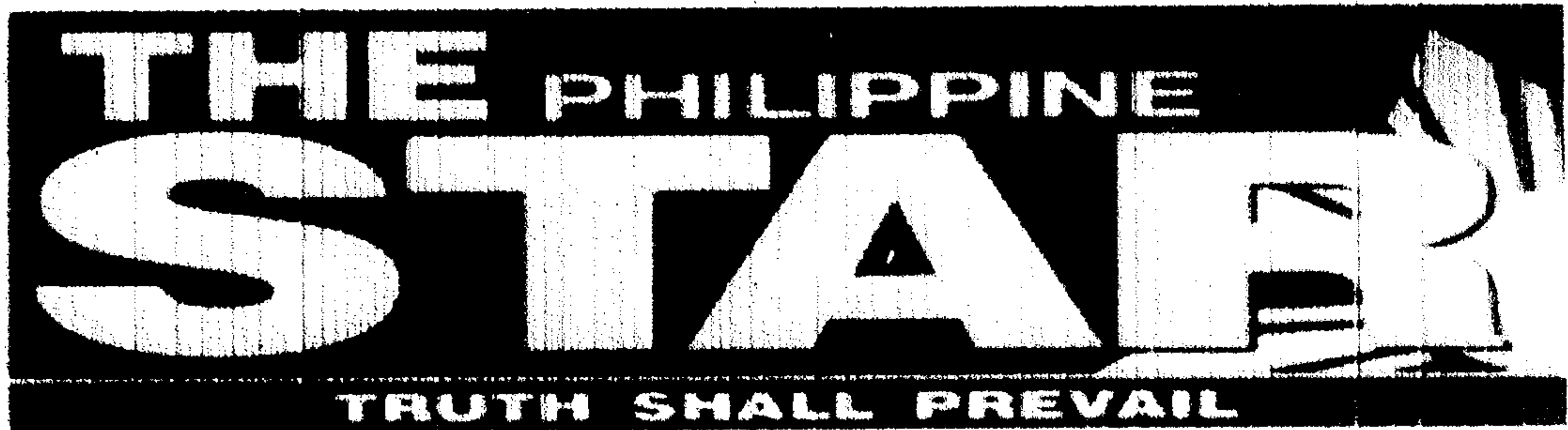
The management of protected areas, Lim admitted, is faced with the problem of mobilizing resources to boost the development of protected areas' "multiuse zone," an area designated for ecotourism activities, in which, LGUs can come in by integrating it into the city or municipal development plans.

However, Lim said the development of protected areas for ecotourism purposes should not compromise the integrity of the ecosystem, but rather boost its protection, through education, communication and information campaign.

"Information, education and communication is very important in environmental protection and biodiversity conservation. LGUs can realize the benefits of ecotourism," she said.

The DENR official said many of the country's protected areas remain undeveloped or underdeveloped which could help boost the local and national economy with the support of LGUs.





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## Cordillera pushes eco-tourism

Trekkers say that the day you watch the sun rise above the clouds atop Mt. Pulag, Luzon's highest peak, is the day you fall in love with the rest of the world.

The stunning vista of a new day rising at a unique vantage point from 2,922 meters above sea level has drawn thousands to the scenic Cordillera highlands that straddle the provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, and Nueva Vizcaya. Hundreds of thousands more are going to visit in the next days, weeks and months that the years ahead may prove extra challenging for the local communities to sustain.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has already implemented a limit of 500 trekkers a day to protect and preserve the trails that authorities now say are overused, but more needs to be done to make tourism in this part of the country more sustainable. The challenge is not only to address the many environmental issues that threaten the cultural and ecological diversity of the region but to make local communities benefit more from ecotourism.

According to the Cordillera Conservation Trust (CCT), the forests in the Cordillera mountains sustain the life of more than two million people. "In the most remote regions of the Philippine Cordillera, forests mean life for the villages that live within it. It is in these remote villages where the ecosystem is tied to human survival," said JP Alipio, CCT Executive Director.

For this, CCT has partnered with Globe Telecom to develop and integrate sustainable development strategies into the region's cultural and ecological fabric with the end goal of creating a #WonderfulPH. Globe and CCT believe that they can jointly develop solutions from local community ideas and by working with local organizations to increase household incomes, drive more tourists to the area in a sustainable way and help expand allied industries such as local food catering, massage and other services.

"Through this collaboration, we



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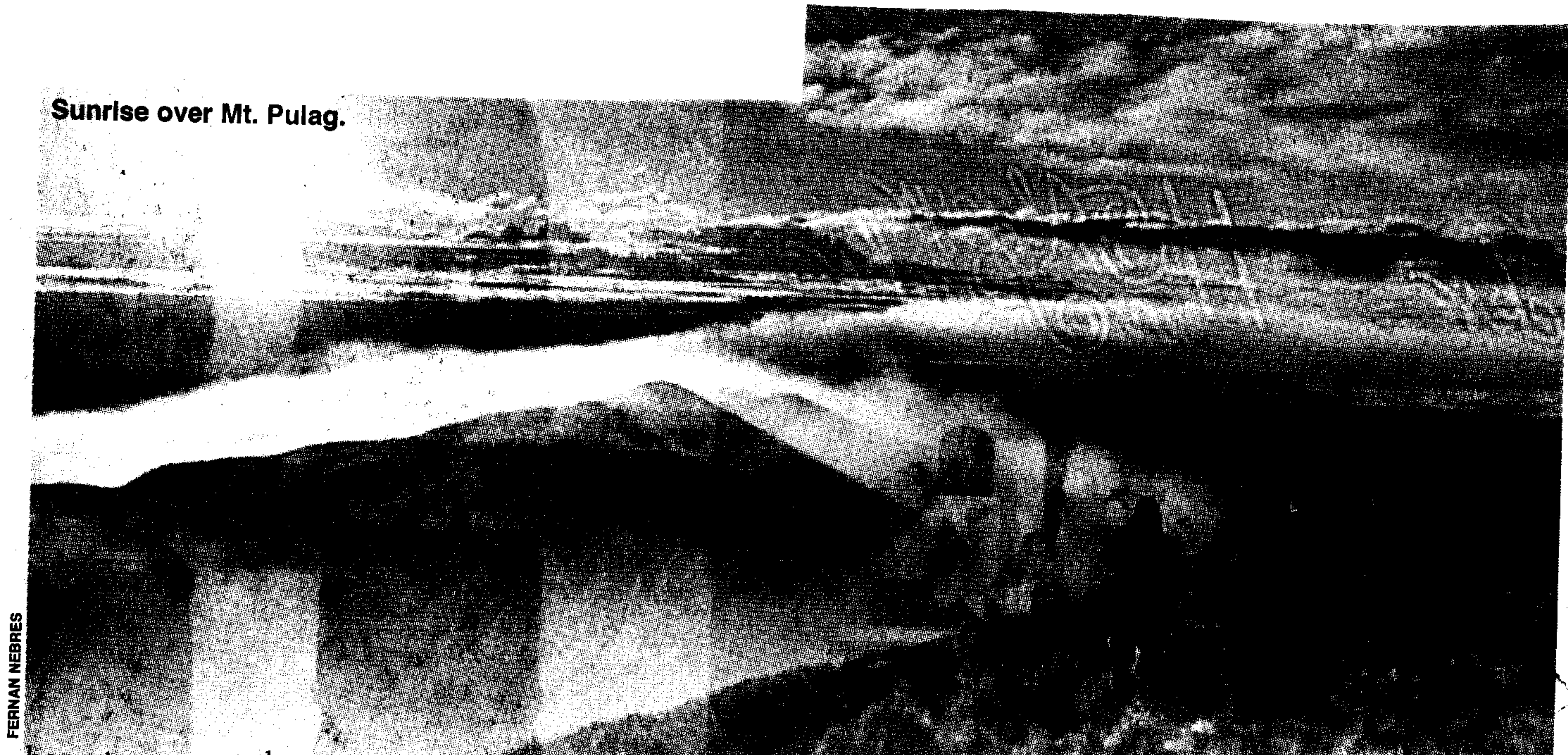
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Sunrise over Mt. Pulag.



hope to prevent the continuous loss of forest cover and watershed capacity of the Cordillera Mountains while at the same time, create economic opportunities for local communities such as the promotion of homestays and establishment of seedling nurseries. From these efforts, we expect to generate positive societal impact not only in the Cordilleras but in other parts of Luzon whose water supply is primarily sourced from the watersheds cradled by the forests of the Cordillera mountains," said Fernando Esguerra, Director of Globe Corporate Social Responsibility.

One of the components of the partnership is the Homestay Enterprises project, which aims to teach women from Babadak skills necessary to participate in the tourism economy, specifically how to host trekkers in their homes. There are currently 53 trained families under the program which was piloted last year. Instead of camping which usually brings a host of problems such as garbage disposal, trekkers can stay in the homes of these women in the villages, especially those whose houses are located along the trails: the Babadak or the Ambangeg Trail or the main trail going to Mt. Pulag, as well as the Akiki and Tawangan trails from Benguet and the Ambaguio trail from Nueva Vizcaya.

### Cordillera riding challenge

For the past six years, CCT and Globe have also been running The Cordillera Challenge, the premier mountain biking event in the Philippines, which has been providing jobs from the villages the route passes through from La Trinidad to Baguio.

The competition, which runs on a difficult course with elevations exceeding 1,500 to 2,000 meters above sea level, attracts over a thousand riders each year. As more bikers and tourists are lured into the biking routes, more people are discovering the Cordillera mountains, gaining new forest and environmental advocates each year.

CCT has actually already created six different routes which are now regular cycling routes for adventure cyclists around the country.

Proceeds from the rides help support various reforestation projects of the Cordillera mountains, including CCT's own Roots & Shoots Nursery Program which is now in its fifth year and held in collaboration with Globe and the Department of Education in Benguet province.

The project provides seedlings for replenishing the bald mountainsides and supporting community watersheds to prevent landslides in critical areas. It also includes an environmental educa-

tion component for children in schools where the nurseries are established, providing a possible livelihood source for the school and community.

Since the inception of the nurseries, CCT can already boast of numerous success stories across the region such as schools that now sell seedlings as part of their income generating program, to those whose seedlings are now grown and producing products like coffee. As a result, Alipio said they have started the Good Roast Coffee to market the produce from these communities. The Good Roast is a coffee subscription service to provide the best pure Arabica coffee from the region.

"We buy the coffee at fair trade prices and it is then hand selected and expertly roasted before being shipped to our subscribers. This is the product of all our work together with Globe from the very first Globe Cordillera Challenge," he said. Alipio added that The Good Roast not only provides income to the different schools which house the nurseries but also to the households in the area.

Ecotourism in the Cordilleras may still be in its infancy stage but the future remains bright as Globe and CCT together with the local communities take one sustainable step at a time towards a brighter future for the Cordilleras and its people.



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# Govt reviewing coal policy

By Alena Mae S. Flores

*THE Aquino administration asked the Climate Change Commission to set a national policy that will reduce the Philippines' dependence on coal plants and move toward a low-carbon future.*

The commission said in a statement President Benigno Aquino III set into motion an urgent and comprehensive review of the government's energy policy.

President Aquino signed Commission Resolution No. 2016-001 on May 18, which stated that the commission would lead key gov-

ernment agencies in facilitating within the next six months "a national policy review and framework development on energy, through a whole-of-nation approach, in accordance with a low-carbon development pathway and national goals and targets for climate change mitigation and adap-

tation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development."

The commission said the resolution was envisioned to set in place a clear government policy on coal-fired power plants, which were the biggest sources of man-made carbon emissions, accounting for about 35 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Coal accounts for about 30 percent of the power generation mix in the Philippines, but thousands of megawatts of additional capacity were in the pipeline to address the country's growing power demand.

Climate Change Commission Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman and commissioners Fran-

ces Veronica Victorino and Noel Antonio Gaerlan also signed the resolution.

"We are happy that President Aquino signed the resolution, which is a major step to steer the country away from coal and accelerate the transition to clean, renewable energy that is consistent with our efforts to fight climate change and pursue the development of a green economy," De Guzman said.

"It is the obligation of the government to act to save the people from climate change and not wait. The poor and the vulnerable stand to lose if we don't act with urgency," he said.

The resolution urged the En-

vironment and Energy Departments and the National Economic Development Authority to harmonize policies and regulations on new and existing coal-fired power plants and assess their impacts on the environment and include low-carbon development and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the formulation of all national and local development plans.

De Guzman said the review would pave the way for a swift transition to renewable energy, enhance energy efficiency and conservation and ensure clean, affordable and reliable energy for the entire country.



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# Aquino OKs energy-policy review to wean PHL from coal addiction

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA

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**T**HE Climate Change Commission (CCC) is set to lead a sweeping review of the country's energy policy to cut down the country's dependence on coal as fuel source, and prompt a shift toward a low-carbon development path.

President Aquino, who is also the chairman of the climate-change body, signed on May 18 Commission Resolution 2016-001, a move lauded by environmental and climate justice activists. The resolution designates the CCC to lead key government agencies in facilitating within the next six months the national policy review and framework development toward low-carbon pathway.

According to the CCC, the resolution is envisioned to set in place a clear government policy on coal-fired power plants, which are the biggest sources of man-made carbon emissions, accounting for about 35 percent of global greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions.

Aside from the President, CCC Vice Chairman Emmanuel de Guzman and commissioners Frances Veronica Victorino and Noel Antonio Gaerlan signed the resolution.

Under the resolution, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) are urged to harmonize policies and regulations on new and existing coal-fired power plants, and assess their impacts on the environment, as well as include low-carbon development and climate-change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the formulation of all national and local development plans.

According to de Guzman, the review will pave the way for a swift transition to renewable energy; enhance energy efficiency and conservation; and ensure clean, affordable

and reliable energy for the entire country.

The country currently has 19 operating coal-fired power plants, and 27 other projects have been approved and are now in various stages of development. With these projects having been completed, the share of coal in the country's energy mix is expected to further go up.

Around 70 percent of the DOE-approved projects that will go online in 2019 will be from coal, which would also mean that by 2021 the overall dependence on coal will be at 50 percent, as compared to 39 percent in 2016.

Ironically, six years after the passage of the renewable-energy (RE) law, the RE component in the overall power mix was 34 percent. Since then, RE share went down by 5 percent.

According to de Guzman, the expected transition, as hoped for in the signing of the CCC resolution, is supported by existing laws. These laws, such as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) of 2011 and the RE law of 2008, are both for environment-friendly, indigenous and low-cost sources of energy, according to pundits.

De Guzman added that the CCC resolution is an affirmation of the government's resolve to mainstream low-carbon development pathway, in accordance with the country's commitment under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its intended nationally determined contribution (INDC).

Meanwhile, the Center for Energy, Ecology and Development, led by its convener Gerry Arances, said the move is a welcome development and may, in fact, be a legacy of Mr. Aquino, whose six-year term will officially end on June 30.

"While it might be late, *dahil ang tagal nang demand ito*, we are still lauding this move by the President for heeding the call of communities and various sectors in finally leaving behind a legacy of

starting the shift to clean and renewable energy," Arances said.

Arances further challenged President Aquino to order the DOE and the DENR to halt all permitting processes and do the necessary review and corresponding interventions to upscale accessible, affordable and safe RE systems in the country.

In October last year, the Philippines submitted during the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC its INDC, promising to reduce the country's GHG emissions by 70 percent by 2030.

The INDC is subject to support provided by developed countries.

The reductions will come from the energy, transport, waste, forestry and industry sectors.

As a member of the UNFCCC, the Philippines supported the adoption of the global climate accord reached in Paris, France, in December last year. Last month in New York, President Aquino—through Environment Secretary Ramon JP Paje—signed the Paris Agreement in behalf of the Philippines, on the recommendation of the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

"Philippine climate ambition is predicated on changing our energy pathways that ensure we send the right policy signals to the investment community and generate jobs for the modern economy," de Guzman said.

He said an urgent review of the government's energy policy is necessary given the growing number of new coal-power plants in the country and the global demand for drastic GHG emission reductions to achieve the primary goal of the new global climate deal reached in Paris last year, which is to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

"We must aim for nothing less than the transformation of the Philippine economy with a low carbon-energy development pathway," he added.



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## Aquino orders PH energy policy review

By ELLALYN B. DE VERA

President Aquino has directed the Climate Change Commission (CCC) to conduct an urgent and comprehensive review of the government's energy policy that will significantly cut down the country's dependence on coal and allow its transition to a low-carbon future.

Under the Commission Resolution No. 2016-001, which was signed by President Aquino last May 18, the CCC will lead key government agencies in facilitating within the next six months "a national policy review and framework development on energy, through a whole-of-nation approach, in accordance with a low-carbon development pathway and national goals and targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development."

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a clear government policy on coal-fired power plants, which are the biggest sources of man-made carbon emissions, accounting for about 35 percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Aside from the President, who chairs the CCC, Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman, vice chair, and Commissioners Frances Veronica Victorino and Noel Antonio Gaerlan signed the resolution.

"We are happy that President Aquino signed the resolution, which is a major step to steer the country away from coal and accelerate the transition to clean, renewable energy that is consistent with our efforts to fight climate change and pursue the development of a green economy," De Guzman said.

"It is the obligation of the government to act to save the people from climate change and not wait. The poor and the vulnerable stand to lose if we don't act with urgency," he added.

As stated, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Energy, and National Economic and Development Authority are urged to harmonize policies and regulations on new and existing coal-fired power plants and assess their impacts on the environment, as well as include low-carbon development and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the formulation of all national and local development plans.





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# San Miguel investing more in clean coal technology

By IRIS GONZALES

Diversified conglomerate San Miguel Corp. (SMC) is shunning coal-fired power plants and will instead continue to invest in "clean coal" technology, its top official said yesterday.

"We will continue to invest in clean coal. As long as it's clean technology, we are investing in that," SMC president and COO Ramon Ang said yesterday.

He said that investing in a clean coal fired power plant is more expensive at \$2 million per megawatt.

The so-called clean coal uses the circulating fluidized bed (CFB) technology that has the ability to achieve lower emission of pollutants.

By using this technology, up to 95 percent of pollutants will be absorbed before being emitted to the atmosphere.

As of the end of 2015, SMC's power subsidiary SMC Global Power controls 2,903 megawatts of combined contracted capacity. It currently accounts for 17 percent of the power supply of the national grid and a significant 22 percent share of the Luzon grid.

SMG Global Power's principal activity is the sale of power generated by power plants in the Philippines that are owned and operated by third party independent power producers.

It entered the industry in 2009 through the acquisition of independent power producer rights in privatization auctions conducted by the government.

The Lopez Group has taken a strong stance against the use of coal in the country.

"I'm certain that without having to look to fear, this country already has energy alternatives that do not mortgage the future of our children and the future of our planet," First Philippine Holdings chairman Federico Lopez said during the company's annual stockholders' meeting on Monday.

He said the Lopez Group will set an example and will not pioneer any coal-fired power plant.

"Today, let me state unequivocally and for the record that FPH and its subsidiaries will not build, develop or invest in any coal-fired power plant," he said.

He expressed hopes that regulators and other energy players will realise the urgency of moving toward a decarbonised economy.

At present, the Philippines has 17 operating coal plants and a additional 29 new coal plants will be only by 2020, based on the approvals issued by the Department of Energy.



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## Savvy squid, octopuses on rise despite warming oceans

MIAMI — The oceans are warming and coral reefs are dying, but octopuses, squids and cuttlefish appear to be thriving, with their numbers steadily rising over the past 60 years, researchers said Monday.

The findings, based on a global database of cephalopod catch rates devised by researchers at the University of Adelaide, were reported in the journal *Current Biology*.

“Our analysis showed that cephalopod abundance has increased since the 1950s, a result that was remarkably

consistent across three distinct groups,” said lead author Zoe Doubleday.

She said cephalopods may be benefiting from the changing environment because of their “unique set of biological traits, including rapid growth, short lifespans and flexible development.”

The study did not say how many more such creatures there are today than in the 1950s, or give any figures for the rate of increase.

However, the study said the rise in abundance was clear across the globe, based on samples from all the world’s major oceans.

Previous studies have also pointed to warming temperatures as a boon to cephalopods, which may have fewer predators as global fish stocks decline.

But researchers said more work is needed to uncover the factors at play, and the future implications.

The current project got started as an investigation into declining numbers of the

Giant Australian cuttlefish, said Doubleday.

“There has been a lot of concern over declining numbers of the iconic Giant Australian cuttlefish at the world-renowned



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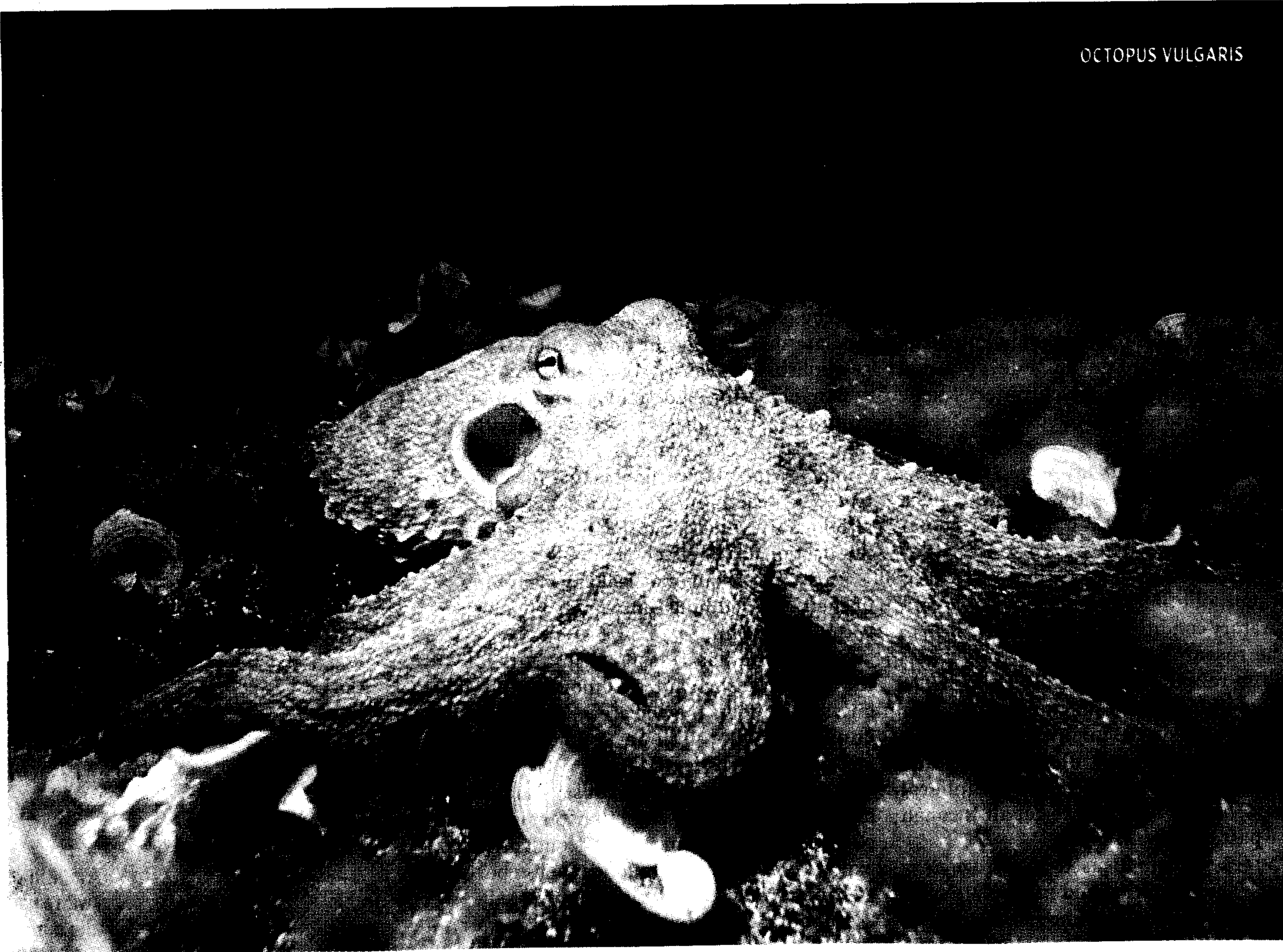
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breeding ground in South Australia's Spencer Gulf," she said.

"To determine if similar patterns were occurring elsewhere, we compiled this global-scale database," she added.

"Surprisingly, analysis revealed that cephalopods, as a whole, are in fact increasing; and since this study, cuttlefish numbers from this iconic population near Whyalla are luckily bouncing back." — **AFP**

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### Landslide, flood warnings raised

THE WEATHER bureau on Thursday warned Metro Manila and several provinces of possible flash floods and landslides as the southwest monsoon (*habagat*) affecting the western section of Luzon is expected to bring light to moderate rains.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) is also monitoring a low-pressure area (LPA) 710 kilometers west of Baguio City.

As of 11 a.m. Thursday, the LPA is still outside the Philippine

area of responsibility and has no direct effect to the country.

Rains brought by *habagat* are expected over the regions of Metro Manila, Mimaropa, Western Visayas and Zamboanga Peninsula, and the provinces of Pangasinan, Zambales, Bataan, Cavite and Batangas.

Pagasa on Tuesday declared the onset of the rainy season due to consecutive days of rainfall as the wind system affecting the country shifted from the easterlies to the southwest monsoon.

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# El Niño-hit farmers in Iloilo seek relief aid

Farmers affected by El Niño in Iloilo City have sought relief assistance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Chris Chavez, chairman of PAMANGGAS-Panay chapter of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, said they have not received food packs from the DSWD office in Western Visayas since October.

Chavez said farmers and fisherfolk have not benefitted from the P233.7-million El Niño fund of the provincial government.

The peasant group accused the DSWD of discrimination, noting that a person who earns at least P40 a day is not considered eligible for any government assistance.

"Thousands of farmers and fisherfolk in Iloilo and other provinces in Panay are affected by the drought. Calamity does not discriminate and farmers are among the most vulnerable to the effects of drought," Chavez said.

The dry spell has damaged more than P2 billion in agricultural crops in Western Visayas. Damage to rice fields in

By RHODINA VILLANUEVA

Iloilo alone hit P898 million.

The drought also affected major river systems in Western Visayas.

## Rice distribution

At least 198,760 peasant families in North Cotabato have benefitted from the rice distribution program of the provincial government since April.

Vergelita Guilaran, provincial social welfare officer, said 19,883 sacks of rice were distributed in 367 barangays in Kidapawan City and the towns of Arakan, Antipas, Matalam, Alamada, Aleosan, Carmen, Pigcawayan, Midsayap, Banisilan, Makilala and Pikit.

Guilaran said they would distribute 7,964 sacks of rice to 5,419 families in Kabacan, Magpet (14,601), President Roxas (9,216), Libungan (10,618), Tulunan (12,081) and Mlang (17,678) in the next five days.

## Regreening program

Meanwhile, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will

embark on a massive regreening program in Misamis Oriental to replace trees destroyed by forest and grass fires due to El Niño.

The drought has affected 325 hectares of forest areas, Aldrich Resma, Misamis Oriental community environment and natural resources officer, said yesterday.

Resma said forest areas in parts of Cagayan de Oro and the towns of Claveria and Opol were affected.

He said narra, mahogany, falcate, rubber, bamboo, rattan, *gmelina*, coconut and *rambutan* trees were among those destroyed in forest fires.

"Now is the right time to plant tree species because it's raining in our forest areas," he said, adding that the seedlings have been distributed to people's organizations that will assist the DENR in the regreening program.

Resma said they would plant falcate, rubber, cacao, coffee, timber and fruit trees in the affected areas.

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### Sufficient water supply for Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite assured

**P**RESIDENT Aquino assured residents of Metro Manila, Bulacan, Rizal and some parts of Cavite of adequate and uninterrupted supply of potable surface water, as he led on Thursday the unveiling of the P3.3-billion water transmission project at the Ipo dam here.

Accompanied by Bulacan Gov. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Country Director Richard Bolt and Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) administrator Gerry Esquivel, Mr. Aquino inspected the location of the tunnel after viewing the schematic diagram of the project.

Mr. Aquino said that the water-transmission project will improve the delivery of fresh mountain water to Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

He said that the project will ensure that there will be no more total disruption of service due to the decades old tunnel which will be rehabilitated and improved in conformity with modern standard and technology.

The project is expected to be finished by the year 2020.

*"Ang tubig ay bukal ng buhay at mahalagang matugunan natin ang pangangailangan ng ating mga boss. Ang atin pong solusyon ay ang pagtatayo ng panibagong tunnel system upang maisaayos ang ating pasilidad,"* Mr. Aquino said.

The project is funded through a loan from the ADB. It will allow further rehabilitation work on the raw water-transmission system and will ensure sustainable provision of water supply in the said areas.

Alvarado took the opportunity to thank Mr. Aquino for his initiatives to bring fresh surface-water supply to the homes of 3 million Bulakenyos through the Bulacan Bulk Water Supply Project.

He said that after almost 50 years of watching, their supply of fresh mountain water goes to Metro Manila, the people of Bulacan will now enjoy the bounty of their natural resources.

Alvarado said that Bulakenyos will no longer depend on underground supply of water.

For many years, the mountains of Bulacan have been providing 97 percent of the water needs of Metro Manila. **PNA**



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## Climate body to review gov't energy policy

By JANVIC MATEO and DELON PORCALLA

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) will lead a six-month comprehensive review of the government's national energy policy in a bid to cut down the country's dependence on coal.

President Aquino, as chairman of the commission, signed a resolution that will pave the way for the conduct of a national policy review and framework development on energy.

The review will be in accordance with a low carbon development pathway and national goals and targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

It is envisioned to set in place a clear government policy on coal-fired power plants, which are the biggest sources of man-made carbon emissions, according to a CCC statement released yesterday.

"We are happy that President Aquino signed the resolution, which is a major step to steer the country away from coal and accelerate the transi-

tion to clean, renewable energy that is consistent with our efforts to fight climate change and pursue the development of a green economy," CCC vice chairman and secretary Emmanuel de Guzman said.

"It is the obligation of the government to act to save the people from climate change and not wait. The poor and the vulnerable stand to lose if we don't act with urgency," he added.

De Guzman said the review will pave the way for a swift transition to renewable energy, enhance energy efficiency and conservation, and ensure clean, affordable and reliable energy for the entire country.

He said this is an affirmation of the government's resolve to mainstream low carbon development in accordance with the country's commitment under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its intended nationally determined contribution (INDC).

Last October, the Philippines submitted during the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC its INDC in

which the country pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent by 2030, subject to support provided by developed countries.

The resolution urged the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Energy and the National Economic and Development Authority to harmonize policies and regulations on new and existing coal-fired power plants and assess their impacts on the environment.

The agencies are also urged to include low-carbon development and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the formulation of all national and local development plans.

The CCC is chaired by the President and headed by three commissioners, one of whom will have a rank of Cabinet secretary and concurrently serve as vice chairperson of the agency.

The current commissioners – De Guzman, Frances Veronica Victorino and Noel Antonio Gaerlan – are serving fixed terms and will continue to serve under the administration of incoming president Rodrigo Duterte.

During his term, Aquino was criticized by various sectors following the approval of establishing more coal plants in the country.



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## China warns G-7: Don't meddle in sea dispute

**BELJING**—Chinese state media warned the Group of Seven (G-7) nations on Thursday not to “meddle” in South China Sea disputes, as Beijing finds itself increasing isolated over the territorial issue.

The commentary came as European Council President Donald Tusk said on the sidelines of the summit that the G-7 bloc should take a “clear and tough stance” on China’s contested maritime claims.

Beijing has angered several Southeast Asian neighbors by claiming almost all of the South China Sea and rapidly building reefs into artificial islands capable of hosting military planes.

China’s official Xinhua news agency published an article saying the G7—which excludes Beijing—“should mind its own business rather than pointing fingers at others.”

Xinhua accused Japan of “attempting to take advantage of its G-7 summit host status and draw more ‘allies and sympathizers’ to isolate China.”

Both Washington and Tokyo—which is locked in a separate dispute with Beijing over islands in the East China Sea—have warned China against stoking tensions in the contested waters. **AFP**



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## PH to assert claims over Spratlys, Sabah – Duterte

By **ROCKY NAZARENO**

DAVAO CITY – Incoming President Rodrigo Duterte turned his tough talk on China and Malaysia as he maintained that the Philippines would assert its claims over disputed territories in the West Philippine Sea and Sabah, respectively.

“Whether you want to believe it or not, that is beside the point. The point is, that is ours,” Duterte said in a press conference early Thursday.

He was referring to territories in the Spratly Islands in the West Philippine Sea, which were claimed by China when the Asian giant built artificial islands on reefs and shoals, then established structures.

China has been maintaining that the disputed areas fall within the “nine-dash line” which it

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asserts as its territory. But the Philippines has challenged this claim in the United Nations Arbitral Tribunal and said that China violated the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), on exclusive economic zones and territorial seas.

"It is a question that the (disputed territories) are well within the 200-kilometer exclusive economic zone of the country. You put something there that would obstruct or impede our movement in the exercise of that right, it's a violation of our rights and the law of the seas," Duterte asserted.

He said he had raised this issue with Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jianhua when the latter paid him a courtesy call here last week.

"I told (Zhao), whether you like it or not, that's ours. The least you can do since it is in the arbitration stage, you might want to allow our brother-fishermen (to fish in the area)," Duterte said.

Zhao had earlier said he was particularly struck when the incoming Philippine president raised the issue about the fishermen who have been seriously affected by the long-running dispute between the two countries which clearly "demonstrated his concern for the poor people."

Duterte's assertion that the international law of the seas should be followed in settling the dispute actually ran counter to what Zhao said was the incoming president's willingness to get into direct bilateral negotiations with China.

#### Sabah claim

Duterte likewise maintained that his administration "will stick to our

claim" on Sabah.

"We are allowing proprietary heirs to talk (with Malaysia). Since it is part of our claim, it will be there as our land," he said.

Meanwhile, President Aquino said the Scarborough Shoal is still part of the country's exclusive economic zone and remains free of any relocation work from China.

The President asserted the country's ownership of the Scarborough Shoal, locally known as Panatag Shoal or Bajo de Masinloc, as he fended off allegations he committed treason by losing the contested territory to China.

"It's a 120 nautical miles from Masinloc, Zambales. Therefore, clearly within the 200-mile exclusive economic zone," the President said in a media interview when asked if the Scarborough School was still ours.

"Wala namang ginagawang reclamation works ang China on Scarborough Shoal. Is it the red line? I think there are so many red lines," added Aquino, when asked if Chinas incursion into the area will be prevented by the combined forces of the Philippines and the United States.

Early this month, Duterte's allies filed treason and espionage charges against President Aquino and Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV for holding backchannel talk with China that supposedly only advanced the interest of Beijing. Shortly after the backdoor negotiations, the country supposedly lost control of Scarborough Shoal to China.

Duterte also demanded an explanation from the government "why we lost Scarborough Shoal," questioning

the backchannel talks undertaken by Trillanes in 2012.

Asked if the government ever committed treason over the maritime conflict, the President said he prefers to "hear the specifics of the charges" so he could respond appropriately.

The President, however, still defended the government's actions, including adherence to international law, in peacefully resolving the conflict with China.

He said Manila has taken the peaceful and rules-based approach instead of coercive or provocative action to resolve maritime dispute.

"Ano ba dapat ang ginawa natin diyan? Engage in hostilities? If we engage in hostilities there, can we win? O 'di obviously hindi. Pero even in that aspect, are we endangering lives unnecessarily?" said Aquino after the launch of the Balog-Balog Dam and Reservoir Phase 2 project in San Jose, Tarlac.

Apart from the pending arbitration case filed before a UN Tribunal, the President said the Philippines is "religiously adhering" to the Declaration of Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, as opposed to China that has continued its reclamation activities that increased tension in the disputed territory.

"We have demonstrated our complete adherence to international law, number one; number two, all the agreements that this country has entered into, even before my time, we have been scrupulously observing the same; and siguro 'yung underpins that we all believe that the great equalizer among nations, big and small, are these international laws that should be binding on everybody," he said. (With a report from Genalyn D. Kabiling)



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### Drugs and dung a bad mix for climate

PARIS — Scientists have discovered a potential threat to Earth's climate lurking in a dark and smelly place: the dung of cattle treated with antibiotics, a study said Wednesday.

Lab studies revealed that dung pats from animals given a common antibiotic gave off more than double the methane, a potent greenhouse gas, than those of non-treated cows, a team wrote in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*.

This highlights another danger of routinely using antibiotics on livestock, a practice which has already created a wave of drug resistance in humans.

"Antibiotics are extensively used in agriculture to promote growth and to treat or prevent livestock disease, yet they may have major consequences for human and environmental health," wrote the study authors.

"We provide the first demonstration that antibiotics can increase dung emissions of methane."

The team collected dung from 10 cows — five given a three-day course of a common broad-spectrum antibiotic called tetracycline, and five given none.

In decidedly unglamorous work, they divided the dung into smaller pats, which they placed in open buckets in the field along with a few empty ones, to measure and compare flows of

gases like carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.

Antibiotic treatment "consistently increased methane emissions," the authors found — by as much as 1.8 fold.

Agriculture is responsible for about a fifth of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Methane, which is about 20 times more efficient at trapping solar heat than the most prevalent greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, accounts for 40% of farming emissions.

It comes largely from belching cattle and rice cultivation.

The researchers speculated that antibiotics may change microbial activity within the cow gut. This suggested it may also be increasing methane emissions from belching, already known to be much higher than from dung.

Further studies were needed to quantify the contribution of agricultural antibiotic use to global warming, the team suggested.

The routine use of antibiotics in farmed animals in countries like the United States is blamed for contributing to the spread of drug resistance in humans — turning easily-treatable diseases into potential killers.

Bacteria which make humans and animals ill can develop resistance when medicines are administered unnecessarily, for too short a period or in too small a dose. — **AFP**