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George Sison



AND SO IT IS

YOUR mantra for the week:
"I can't change the world but I can change myself for the better."

EARLY on, I said 2016 is the Year of Miracles and I have been asked about the essence of a miracle and the power behind it. Is it really God?

If we go by John 1:1 in the Bible, when the evangelist wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," the answer would be yes because the Word, strictly by definition, is an idea and God, being the Universal Mind, creates miracles through ideas.

One idea can heal an incurable disease. It is said that there is no such thing as incurable, because incurable, to my mind, means the cure just hasn't been found yet.

One idea can also rebuild an entire life. The idea of IAMISM has led to many transformed lives by the correct usage of the "I Am." The name of God, according to the biblical phrase in Exodus 3:14, is "I AM THAT I AM"—and the God within that I speak of is the I Am within each one of us.

Try saying, as a mantra, "I am a winner"—instead of "I am a sinner"—and you will find that "I am a winner" can create a miracle in your life. ("I am a sinner" can attract negative situations because of your inherent belief that a sinner must be punished.)

One idea can make billions of dollars, as Bill Gates did via Microsoft. Locally, Mang Inasal's simple idea of serving unlimited rice took off, catching the attention of Jollibee which bought Mang Inasal for P5 billion.

So, if you desire to have a miracle in your life, all that is necessary is one idea, if you are open to new ideas, they will come and find you. It could come from a book, a conversation, a meditation,

an intuition and, most importantly, from that Still Small Voice within that is pushing you to take action on a desire or the expression of a talent and ability. Listen well.

Salute to P-Noy

P-Noy's administration ends in four days. As we say adieu to his six-year term, I salute him for moving the country to investment grade and for signing into law the Reproductive Health bill.

He is the only President who dared go against the Church even with the threat of excommunication.

I hail P-Noy and thank him for all his other achievements that his critics refuse to acknowledge. I sincerely believe that if he were given another term, the inclusive growth that people are looking for in the economy would have been obtained.

Again, it is the good fortune of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte to inherit a flourishing economy—in a country now referred to by many as the "rising tiger" of Asia.

Ninoy Aquino, wherever he is, must be smiling his big smile and saying to himself, "I am glad my son has ended the major difficulties that I predicted would face the next few presidents after Ferdinand Marcos."

I do not care how much I am trolled by P-Noy's critics, but I will stand by my observations, and would like to

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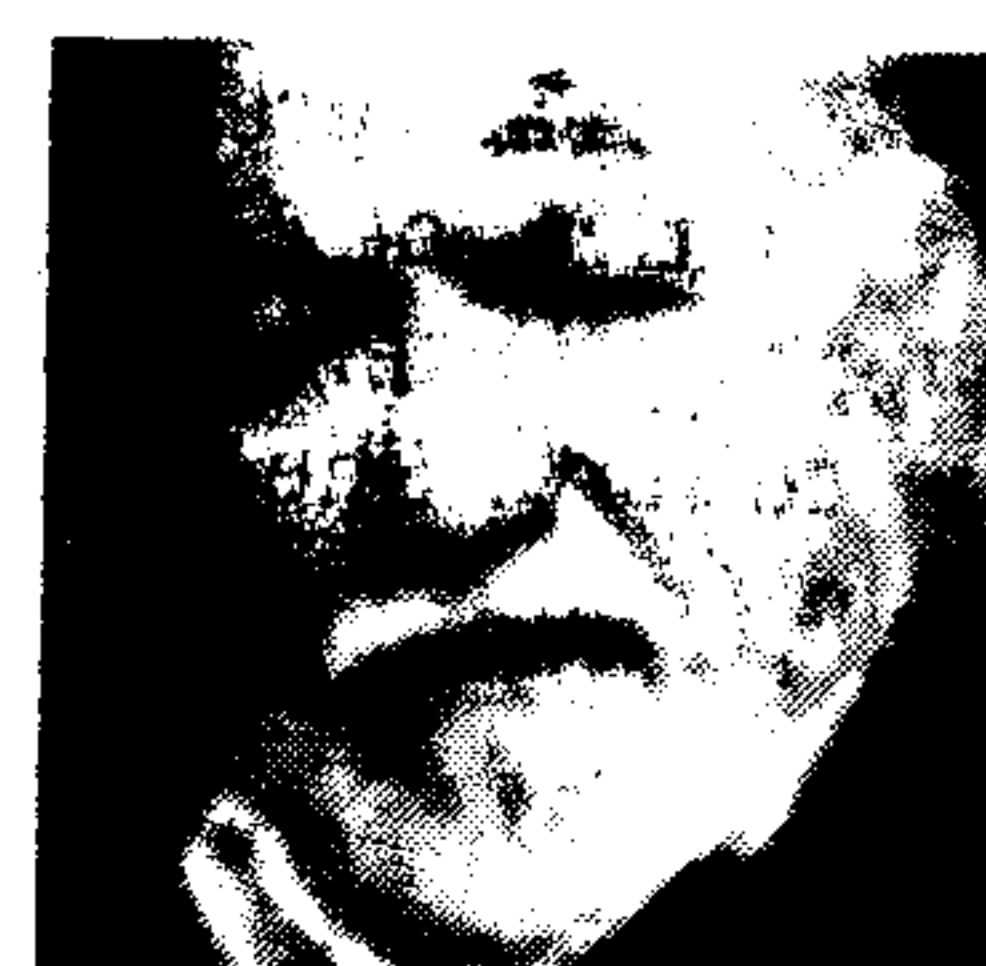
PRESIDENT Aquino



PRESIDENT-ELECT
Rodrigo Duterte



GINA Lopez



NESTOR Mata

commend P-Noy for a job well done and for doing his parents proud.

Thank you, Mr. President. Enjoy the rest of your life and may the God within you guide you to your highest good and greatest joy.

Surprising Allan

Gemini artist Ivi Avellana-Cosio surprised her devoted husband, another Gemini artist, Allan Cosio, with a birthday get-together at the Avellana Gallery in the Henry Hotel compound in Pasay. It was so secretly done that Allan was more amazed than surprised—as a buffet of sumptuous food greeted him in the terrace and guests milled around in the garden enjoying the full moon.

Allan and his friends sang their hearts out, accompanied on the piano by Jude Areopagita—showing that Allan could carry a tune, in addition to his ability to act onstage. It was at the Tambuli Playhouse where I first met him.

Among his guests were Bibay Nolasco, Tony Bondoc, party-hopping socialite Marivic Vazquez, the now-seldom seen PR practitioner Joan Orendain, and another well-known painter, Ramon Diaz.

My own surprise that evening was to see and hear baritone journalist Nestor Mata still belting it out at age 90. Nestor was the lone survivor in the plane crash that killed President Ramon Magsaysay on March 17, 1957; Nestor was rescued by farmers who lived nearby and was transported to Cebu City which took 18 hours of travel while enduring second- and third-degree burns all over his body.

Upon arrival in the hospital, like a true-blue journalist, he dispatched through a nurse a special report that began with, "President Magsaysay is dead."

Being the only survivor of a plane crash must be some form of omen that guarantees longevity, a healthy body, a clear mind and a voice that still booms with enthusiasm. Cheers to you, Nestor!

Ishmael's classic

On Wednesday, June 29, 3 p.m., National Artist for Film Ishmael Bernal's first film, "Pagdating sa Dulo," produced by Frankesa Films of which I was chair, will have its world premiere at Cinematheque Centre Manila.

This movie was the biggest box-office flop in film history but still remains one of the top 10 best Filipino films of the industry.

I donated it to the Film Development Council of the Philippines with the reassurance that it shall be preserved for posterity in the best possible way. For 44 years, I managed to keep the film in mint condition so that today it could be subtitled and digitally restored.

The film stars Rita Gomez, Vic Vargas, Elvira Manahan and Eddie Garcia and is now a Bernal classic. I am so proud of it.

For further information, please call World Premieres Film Festival Philippines at 256-8331 loc. 116.

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Thrilling news

One of the most thrilling news this week is Gina Lopez's acceptance of her ap-

pointment as Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Her lifetime advocacy has just expanded beyond her fondest dreams. She is now in a position to implement projects that would have been difficult to achieve without the approval of government.

This turn of events must be a result of her environmental advocacy and G-Stuff Stores which, according to her spokesperson Wilbur Hernandez, was inspired by the concept of the G-spot. It is really amazing what can happen when you hit the G-spot—for it can really open doors to a lot of excitement, swing wide the portals of passion and push-button gates of attainment.

Notice that on the political level today, the same thing is happening—exciting doors are opening, people are getting impassioned and are in a rush for attainment.

Also, Gina's appointment as DENR head is underscoring the fusion between the de Buena Familia and Binuenas na Familia.

Above all, when the appointing council is reputedly an expert in the G-spot, then all RESOURCES become natural and all is well in the environment!

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Babe's Eye View

By BABE ROMUALDEZ

Countdown for the new government

With only four more days left in the countdown for the new government to take its place, there are mixed feelings about the thought of Rodrigo Roa Duterte as the country's new president. A few are anxious, some are walking on needles, still others are plotting and finding ways to ingratiate themselves with the president-elect.



The prevailing atmosphere all over the country however is one of hope and anticipation, with most everyone wishing the new administration success in making meaningful changes for the better. In the international scene, or at least from the conversations I had with several ambassadors, there is optimism. They are pleased with their meetings with the president-elect, and see continuing good relations with the Philippines.

The main players are the United States, Great Britain, Canada, EU (minus the UK), Japan, China and Australia. Clearly, our relationship with these nations is extremely important as it also impacts several issues that affect the Asia Pacific region, the most important of which is our security. While president-elect Duterte's recent comments have been controversial – for instance, asking US Ambassador Philip Goldberg, "Are you with us or are you not with us?" – friends say it was Duterte's way to get the US to affirm its commitment as "iron clad" when it comes to protecting this country in case of an attack. This was after all underscored in the 1952 Mutual Defense Treaty between the Philippines and the US.

Actually, a visiting Japanese official had intimated to President Duterte that he should not dismiss the United States' important role in keeping the balance of power in the region. The president-elect fully recognizes that since he appointed former Army major general Delfin Lorenzana as Defense Secretary. Lorenzana has strong connections in the US, having served as military attaché and as Special Presidential Representative for Veterans Affairs in Washington under Gloria Arroyo and Noyonoy Aquino.

Foreign Secretary Jun Yasay is fast-tracking his learning curve to rise up to the challenge of maintaining relations with our top ally the US while balancing the situation with China which is trying to solicit support for its illegal occupation of disputed territories in the South China Sea.

While there have been some criticism over Duterte's dealings with the media – prompting him to say he will no longer give interviews – there continues to be a high level of interest on Duterte and his appointees, with some describing his official family as a "rainbow Cabinet" whose composition comes from "the left, the right and the center." Overall, majority of Filipinos welcome his appointments and even see some as excellent choices, foremost of which is Finance Secretary Sonny Dominguez whom the business community sees as the stabilizing factor. Then there is Transportation Secretary Art Tugade who is faced with the gargantuan task of untangling the traffic mess in Metro Manila which he said has "bastardized" the quality of life for Filipinos, with economic losses now estimated at P3 billion daily. His role will define the new government's political will in making the changes people have been waiting for.

Other notable appointments include Budget Secretary Ben Diokno whose reputation with the academe is outstanding. Diokno, who was the Budget chief of Joseph Estrada, got the nod of many when he said a big chunk of the estimated P3.5 trillion 2017 budget will go to public infrastructure in rural areas where most unemployed people are located. The business sector also hailed the appointment of Go Negosyo executive director Ramon Lopez as Trade Secretary, knowing his work in promoting micro, small and medium enterprises will help spur economic growth.

The appointment of Paulyn Ubial for the Health portfolio was also met with resounding approval by the health sector because they know her as a public health expert with more than two decades experience with the DOH. Likewise with DSWD Secretary Judy Taguiwalo, a UP professor known for her work on social welfare and advocacy for the rights of women.

The most controversial appointment however seems to be that of Gina Lopez as Environment Secretary. Gina is a good friend and I have always been supportive of her clean air advocacy. ABS-CBN's Bantay Kalikasan is a testament to Gina's work in getting rid of air pollution in the country. As DENR Secretary, I really hope she will boost the strict implementation of the Clean Air Act to improve the quality of air especially in Metro Manila.



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Confident for the new government

It is however in the mining industry where a lot of anxiety and contention is being aired over her appointment, but I am optimistic that she will consider the importance of mining, an industry that is vital to the economy. If many mining countries like Canada have been successful in extracting mineral resources in a safe and responsible manner – surely we can do the same with companies adhering to responsible mining practices.

While there are certain areas that Gina strongly believes should be free from mining like Palawan for example – and perhaps she is right – there are also other areas that are suited for mining. Hopefully, she will “look at the forest and not the trees” and recognize the important contribution of responsible mining as opposed to the rapacious destruction wrought by illegal small-scale miners.

While it is hard to predict an out-of-the-box thinker as Rody Duterte, we have to look at the situation in a positive light, seeing the glass as half full rather than half empty. For the next six years, all hopes will be riding on a man who won with a large majority hankering for a better quality of life.

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Gina Lopez at the DENR: Conflicts, questions, answers

I DO not doubt that Gina Lopez has her heart in the right place.

But this is not all that we need in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). This position is not merely about taking a strong stand against mining—and doing eco-tourism projects to prove that there are other ways of earning from the environment. It's not merely about promising to clean the Pasig River—no matter the settlements that live off it. It's not just about putting out money for the La Mesa Watershed Reservation.

If this is all we're looking at, then Lopez does not qualify for this job. Her family's business interests just make things worse.

Conflicts of interest

According to its website, the Lopez Group of Companies has interests in broadcasting, cable TV, power generation and distribution, telecommunications, banking, and property development. Its hands are dipped in nation's basic needs and services such as electricity and water, oil and manufacturing, all of which impinge upon and impact the environment.

It is clear Lopez cannot even do a Mark Villar, he who promised that the Villar Group would not engage in any government project while he is Public Works Secretary. Her family is just too politically embroiled she would have a hard time proving that her family will not gain from her position in the Duterte Cabinet.



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As chairperson of the ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. (AFI), Lopez herself is in fact complicit in the environmental impacts of her family's businesses.

We might think there are no impacts of course. You forget that with a cultural empire like ABS-CBN, even information can be controlled in favor of one of the most powerful oligarchies in the country.

In the news: cases

In 2013, Lopez herself got embroiled in two controversies for her "environmental" work.

A Commission on Audit Report (COA) for the years 2004 to 2009 revealed that the AFI had unilaterally decided to get another 15 percent over its 30 percent share in the La Mesa Eco-Park's net income. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) states: 40 percent to MWSS, 30 percent to the Quezon City government, and 30 percent to the AFI (*Business World*, 17 Nov 2014).

Another COA report alleged that instead of "removing rubbish," the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC), headed by Lopez, had "created more junk ... bungling its P17.7-million cleanup of Metro Manila's biggest waterway. COA said that millions of pesos worth of recycling equipment had been rendered junk because the PRRC had only one working materials recovery facility (MRF) out of the 10 recycling centers it committed to build over the last four years (*Inquirer.net*, 3 July 2013).

In 2010, the residents of Bangkal, in Makati, were put at risk by a leak in one of the Lopezes' pipelines. "The Supreme Court issued a Writ of *Kalikasan* and temporary environmental protection order (TEPO) [ordering] FPIC to "cease and desist from operating the pipeline" (*Philstar.com*, 20 June 2010).

In 2001, the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) reported that the newly-built Powerplant Mall at the Lopezes' Rockwell development buried a "deadly pond of toxic waste that had been produced by the 40-year-old, 130-megawatt thermal power once operated by the Lopez-owned Manila Electric Company."

The report alleges: "10 minutes' drive from this newest playground of the rich is Barangay San Joaquin in Pasig City, ... entombed in reinforced concrete underneath a parking area the size of four basketball courts, [there are] 4,300 cubic meters of soil and 14 cubic meters of liquids contaminated with cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which had been used for Rockwell's power plant transformers" (PCIJ website, ©2001). Experts say there is no guarantee that this won't leak out through the soil and cement at some point.

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Lopez's 'straight' answers

These cases seem few and far between, but even Lopez would agree that environmental problems have long-term effects.

For example: in Jan. 2016 the Makati City government declared three barangays still at risk from the Lopez's 2010 pipeline leak. Dr. Carlo Arcilla, director of the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS) of

the University of the Philippines "warned that returning residents of the condominium in Barangay Bangkal remain in danger of contracting lung cancer due to benzene contamination and the polluted groundwater caused by the leakage in 2010, [with] roughly 400,000 liters of leaked petroleum products remain underground, contaminating the soil and water beneath Bangkal" (*The Standard*, 2 Jan. 2016).

In 2012, forced to respond to this issue, Lopez said "her family was currently spending hundreds of millions of pesos to fix the unfortunate accident" (Rappler.com, 3 Mar 2012).

It is this attitude about money that is in Lopez's responses to the COA reports on the La Mesa Watershed project and the PRRC.

In 2013, speaking on ABS-CBN, she said about the MWSS allegations on La Mesa funds: "They have everything, I don't get anything for me. It all goes to their land. We've put in P300 million over and above on government property, without asking anything back in return. ... The only thing I ask is 15 percent because how can you run an organization, an enterprise if you don't have admin cost? ... 15 percent, that's like peanuts. We do the auditing. We do the finance. We do the HR. 15 percent admin fee? I mean, that's really inexpensive" (18 July 2013).

About bungling the P17.7 million clean-up of the PRRC: "We've shifted several key positions in top management. I felt that we could have done a better job. But you know, I'm not even paid for this. Not one peso. I'm the chairperson. I'm not supposed to be running operations but never mind because I'm the chair, I'll take full responsibility" (18 July 2013).

This attitude is alarming because for someone who speaks of volunteering for the environment, she sure keeps pointing out how much money she (and her family) have put out, and how she's doing this for free. Asked about money, the tendency is to be defensive.

In 2014, after columnist Butch del Castillo asked her questions about the COA report on La Mesa, she replied: "Why don't you look at the bigger picture—we're saving a lot of people from poverty and trying to make the air you breathe a lot cleaner, but you insist on nitpicking! Who hired you to ask me these questions? The mining companies?"

No, not at all the response we expect from anyone involved in environmental work. And certainly not from a government official.

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3 bishops laud 'simple' Duterte

PRESIDENT-ELECT Rodrigo R. Duterte got compliments from at least three Catholic bishops on Wednesday, when they described him as a simple person.

In a radio interview, Bishop Honesto Ongtioco of Cubao particularly lauded Duterte's frugal inauguration at the Macalañan Palace when he takes oath as president on June 30.

"I am happy about the simple inauguration. We need to be simple even in our way of life," Ongtioco told Radio Veritas. According to him, simplicity is one of the characters needed by a great leader. "Simplicity is an important value that we have to promote," he added. Bishops Antonio Maralit of Boac, Marinduque, and Pedro Arigo of Puerto Princesa, Palawan, said Duterte's simplicity offers a good example to Filipinos and fosters solidarity with the poor. Duterte's transition team earlier said the inauguration would be just short and simple, with only around 600 invited guests.

Breaking several inauguration traditions, it will be held at the Palace's Rizal ceremonial hall instead of the Quirino Grandstand, to avoid causing traffic jams or inconvenience to ordinary people.

Priest pins high hopes on Lopez as DENR chief

A CATHOLIC priest known for his advocacy against irresponsible mining and climate

change is hopeful there will be a stronger focus on the environment under Gina Lopez's leadership. Fr. Edwin Gariguez, executive secretary of Caritas Philippines, said he is more optimistic how the next administration will perform in protecting the country's natural resources.

"By appointing Gina Lopez, the incoming President [Rodrigo Duterte] clearly articulated the policy shift to sustainable green agenda," said Gariguez, who received this year's "environmental hero" award from the Jesuit-run Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City.

The priest said the appointment is a welcome development, considering that the incoming Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) secretary is among the "champions" in caring for the earth. "That is truly the mandate of the DENR and not to promote mining in our ecologically threatened ecosystems," said Gariguez, who was also among the recipients of the GAIA Awards at the Earth Day Jam 2016 in Manila.

He also expects a stronger collaboration not just between the government and the Church, but also with the civil-society organizations in opposing "environmentally destructive projects" and in "pursuing the agenda for climate justice." Lopez on Tuesday accepted Duterte's offer to head the DENR. **CBCPNews**

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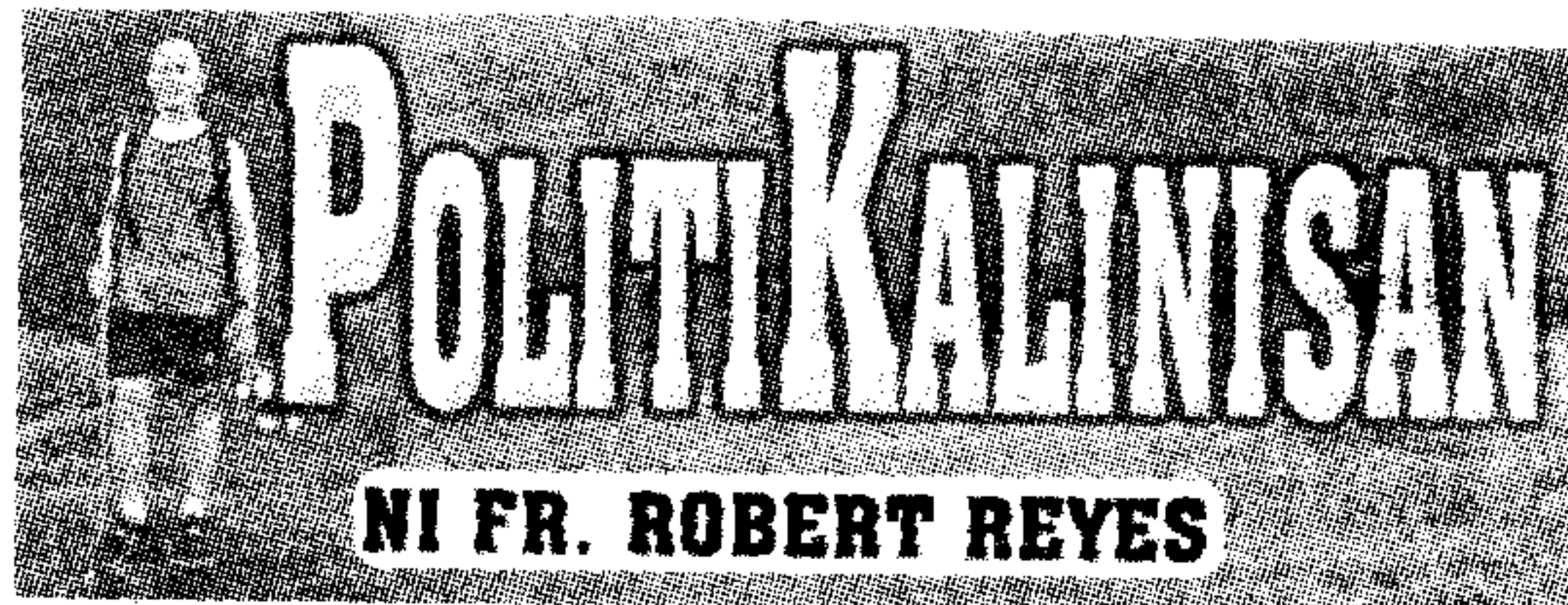
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PAPALITAN ni Gina Lopez si Ramon Paje bilang Kalihim ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources o DENR. Ito ang kagustuhan ni bagong Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte. Ilang linggo na ring nagpupulong ang ilang mga maka-kalikasang grupo at indibidwal na naghahangad maparating sa bagong pangulo ang kanilang mga kaalaman, kaisipan at mga agam-agam hinggil sa kapaligiran at kalikasan. Ang bunga nang sunud-sunod na pulong ay ang pagkabuo ng Citizens Environment Network o CEN.

Mabigat ang usaping kapaligiran at kalikasan. Hindi pa dumarating ang Bagyong Yolanda sa Pilipinas ay nagsimula na ang pandaigdigang pag-uusap hinggil sa Global Warming at Climate Change. Pinaigting pa ito ng libro ni Al Gore, "An Inconvenient Truth." Kaya nang tamaan ni 'Yolanda' ang malaking bahagi ng Kabisayaan, ganu'n na lang ang katu-gunan ng buong mundo sa trahedya. Subalit, bahagi lamang ito nang higit na malaking trahedya ng Global Warming at Climate Change: Ang pandaigdigang pagtangkilik sa langis at ang sari-saring indus-



Nawa ay hatid na ng bagong administrasyon ang kaayusan ng kalikasan at kapaligiran

triyang nagpapatindi ng init ng kapaligiran at ng basurang lumalason sa lahat ng bahagi ng kapaligiran.

Tao ang pinagmulan nang patuloy na pag-init ng mundo na siyang pinagmulan ng pagbabago ng klima. Patuloy na tumataas ang temperatura ng mundo at hindi ito kusang nang-yayari. Bunga ito ng sari-saring mali at abusadong nakapipinsalang gawain ng tao. Tingnan natin ang ilan dito:

- Pagkakalat ng basura sa lupa; tubig; hangin at sa lahat ng bahagi ng kapaligiran.

- Pag-uuling, pagka-kaingin, pagmimina't pagpuputol ng mga puno sa mga burol at kabundukan.

- Walang prenong pangingisda't paninira ng karagatan, paghuhukay sa karagatan para sa langis at

sa mga produktong petrolyo tulad ng krudo at gasolina.

- Pananakop sa ating karagatan ng China at ang banta ng giyera.

- Pagtatayo't pagpaparami ng mga mall, ang mga temple ng konsumerismo.

- Pagbili-pagkonsumo ng sari-saring lason (kargado ng chemicals at mga sangkap na hindi nakatutulong sa kalusugan); lasong pagkain (junk food); lasong damit, laruan (may mga chemical tulad ng lead atbp); lasong palabas (junk entertainment); lasong balita (hindi balanse, hindi totoo) at huwag kalilimutan ang lasong politika.

- Pagpapatakbo ng mga paaralan sa mundo ng murang paggawa, mundo ng globalisasyon; mundo ng maraming Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).

- Pagpapalaganap ng kapaligirang marahas: Extrajudicial killings at ang banta ng pagbabalik ng bitay.

Ito ang malawak na kabuluhan ng kapaligiran. Hindi lang ang pisikal, materyal o panlabas na kapaligiran kundi ang 'di basta-bastang epekto ng mga sari-saring lason sa katawan, isipan, damdamin na kumokondisyon sa pagpapasya, pagkilos at pakikitungo sa iba at sa kalikasan ng tao.

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Saving eagles, protecting forests

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Conclusion

Increasing population

AS part of its ongoing conservation program, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) continues to monitor and record sightings of the Philippine Eagle.

"Sightings of the eagle increase as we expand the areas we are monitoring. We would like to think that the population, too, is increasing, because of the increase in reported sightings as we expand our coverage," said DENR-BMB Director Theresa Mundita S. Lim. Hunting for food and trophy, and the fragmentation of natural forest, she said, remain as the biggest threats to all wildlife.

"If forested areas are disturbed by human activities, such as agriculture or mining, the eagles are

forced to leave and find other areas where they can find food. As they fly in other areas to find a suitable habitat, they are exposed to risks of being shot by hunters or captured," she said.

From 2010 to 2015, the DENR has recorded sightings of Philippine Eagle, including nests in various parts of Mindanao, Luzon and the Visayas, particularly in Samar and Leyte. From 2010 to 2013, there were only 29 recorded sightings but in 2014 sightings of the Philippine eagle increased to 40. In 2015 the DENR-BMB record-

ed a total of 47 sightings. The reports came from the DENR's partners, such as the Haribon Foundation and Regional Eagle Watch Teams, which are tasked to monitor and record sightings of the Philippine Eagle.

The bulk of the Philippine Eagle population, Lim said, is in Mindanao, particularly in Northern Mindanao, where increased sightings of the rare eagle, including nests outside declared protected areas, had been recently observed.

Captive breeding

BESIDES breeding in the wild, protecting the eagles and their nests, efforts to conserve the Philippine Eagle are also anchored on a captive-breeding program.

The Philippines boast of a successful captive-breeding program. The Philippine Eagle Foundation, a not-for-profit non-governmental organization, in partnership with the DENR, had produced a total of 27 eagles bred in captivity since 1991.

The eggs were produced either through natural pairing or cooperative artificial insemination. Three of the eagles have been successfully released into the wild. However, the DENR's record showed that two of them had died,

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while another was recaptured.

"Kabayan," the first bred in captivity, was released on April 22, 2004, at the Philippine National Oil Geothermal Reservation within the Mount Apo National Park in Kidapawan City.

Kabayan accidentally died of electrocution on January 8, 2005.

Another eagle, "Hineleban" was released on October 29, 2009, at the Mount Kitanglad Range Natural Park in Sumilao, Bukidnon. It was believed to have been killed on November 30, 2009, after the radio transmitter stopped transmitting a signal.

What is believed to be the remains of the eagle were discovered on January 15, 2010, in Barangay Lupiagan in Bukidnon.

The third eagle, Chick No. 23, was recaptured and is undergoing rehabilitation. Kikko Kalabud, communication officer of the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF), said the group is currently monitoring two eagles that the foundation released—one in Bukidnon and the other one in Apayao. So far, he said, the eagles are doing well. Five of the eagles released into the wild were killed by hunters, Kalabud said.

Currently, the PEF has in its custody a total of 35 eagles, including

those that were bred in captivity. Only seven eagles are exhibited at the Philippine Eagle Center in Davao City for educational purposes. "The rest are kept in enclosures in isolation to minimize human interaction," he said.

A continuing program

LIM said the DENR-BMB's information, education and communication campaign is a continuing program.

The celebration of the Philippine Eagle Week, she said, highlights the importance of saving the Philippine Eagle, which also means saving the forest from destruction. The DENR, Lim said, is expanding its partnership with various institutions.

The DENR-BMB kicked off the celebration of the Philippine Eagle Week from June 4 to 10 with a partnership with the Enchanted Kingdom, which will soon highlight the Philippine Eagle in one of its many attractions.

The partnership, Lim said, aims to further strengthen public awareness on the significant role of the Philippine Eagle in the forests, its importance as a national symbol, and the unique heritage the future generations must enjoy and help protect. The DENR-BMB is also pushing

for its proposed adopt-a-wildlife scheme. "Right now, we are hoping to partner with the Energy Development Corp. for the adoption of the Philippine Eagle," she said.

Conservation efforts to prevent the Philippine Eagle from being extinct face the same old problems.

While there are laws that impose severe punishment for violators of environmental laws, the poor enforcement of these laws is failing to stop the rapid loss of biodiversity.

The massive destruction of ecosystems, illegal-wildlife trade and in the case of the Philippine Eagle—hunting is still strongly felt.

The killing of a Philippine Eagle is punishable by imprisonment of between six and 12 years, and/or a fine ranging from P100,000 to P1 million, as stipulated in Republic Act 9147, or the wildlife protection and conservation law.

Many of those who commit the crime, however, remain unpunished, as cases remain unsolved.

Lim said there is really a need to teach every Filipino the real value of the country's rich biodiversity, particularly its unique wildlife, like the Philippine Eagle, before it is too late. After all, Lim said, biodiversity loss is everybody's loss.

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■ Barbour's seahorse (*Hippocampus barbouri*)

These animals, fishes are more than dads

BY SABINA HALIM and BEA KIRSTEIN MANALAYSAY
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WHILE most countries dedicate a day for the dads, the fathers, the papas, and whichever term of endearment they call their main male figures; it looks like fatherhood is not just for humans but for the rulers of the Philippine forests and reefs as well.

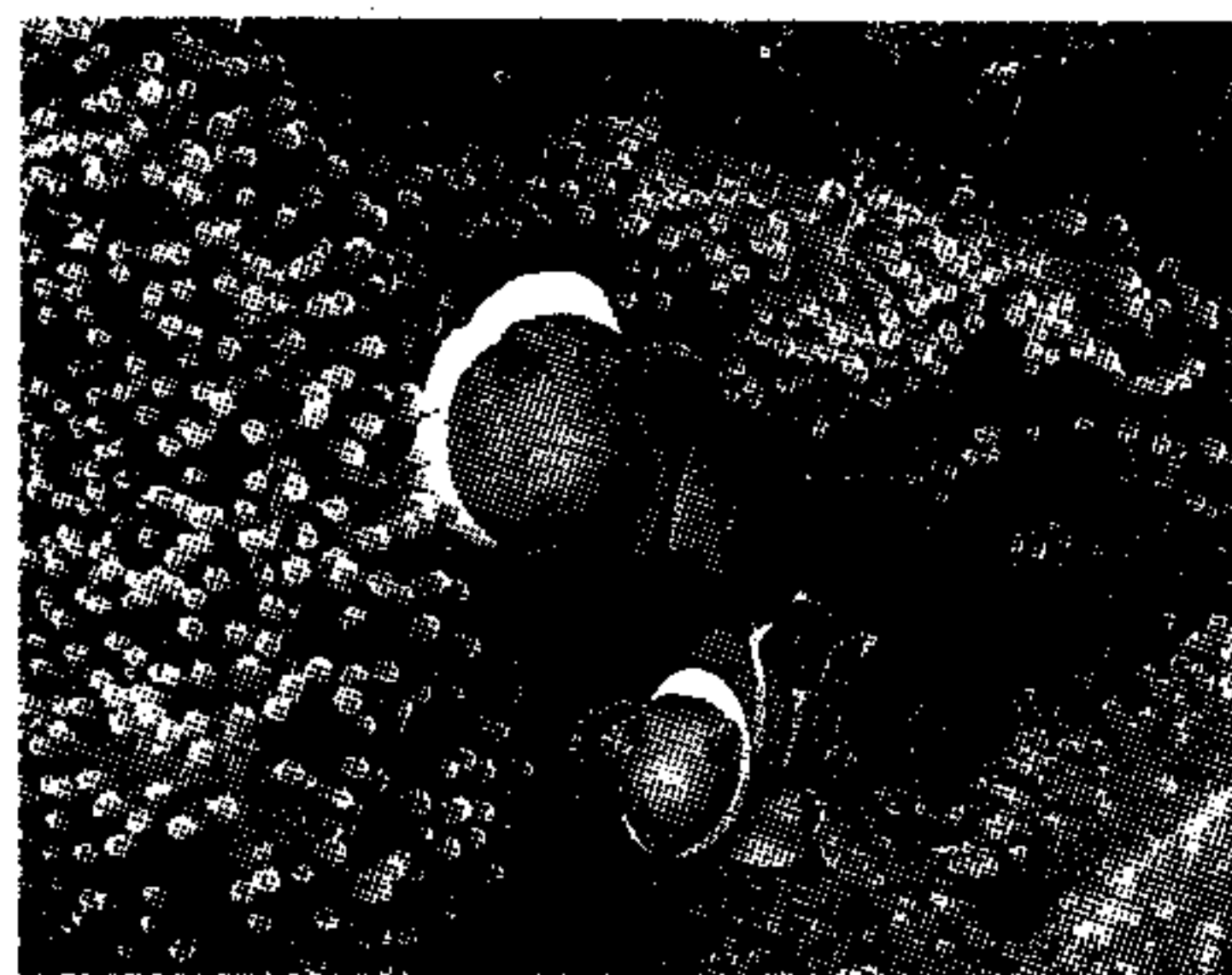
Here are six fathers proving that, not only male humans are capable of being tagged as "Best Dad Ever."

1. Barbour's seahorse (*Hippocampus barbouri*)

While it is common knowledge to have mothers undergo the labors of pregnancy, when it comes to the seahorses, it is the males who carry their babies.

Much similar to how humans become a couple, the reproduction of seahorses begin with daily interaction. Two seahorses dance, intertwine their tails, and swim together. Eventually, they engage to a "courtship dance" which may last for eight hours, and will end when the female deposits her eggs to the male. Male seahorses have a pouch that can carry as many as 2000 eggs at a time.

Many scientists think that the dance is meant to synchronize the movements preparing both for the transfer of the eggs. However, the highlight of a seahorse's pregnancy of 10-25 days is how the fathers regulate the salinity of the water in its pouch to prepare their babies once they swim into the "real waters."



■ Clown Anemonefish (*Amphiprion ocellaris*)

2. Clown Anemonefish (*Amphiprion ocellaris*)

Now before you get back on the nostalgia of Marlin's adventure to find Nemo in "Finding Nemo," let us honor the fact that all clown fishes are born male but develop female reproductive organs when needed. Male clown fishes can change into female once a female clownfish in the school dies. However, this is irreversible. Female clown fishes lay their eggs on a flat surface, close to the sea anemone which they inhabit, and can lay hundred to thousands of eggs at one time depending on the species.

They may not travel the East Australian Current (EAC), or battle three sharks all the way to Sydney in the movie, but a male clownfish will guard and protect these eggs until they hatch for over a week, much similar to how father instincts include protection of their family as number one priority.

3. Pheasant-tailed Jacana

If there is a "Single Dad" award in a drama called "Ten Dads and the Mom that Got Away," maybe it is perfect for the breeding season of this species. A female may mate up to 10 male Pheasant-tailed Jacanas, in which each will raise its own brood. Instead of the mothers doing the incubating, it is the dad's duty as well. A female visits each male, delivering six to eight clutches of four eggs – for a total of 24-36 eggs a year.

While the words "cautious" are often associated with mothers with regards to their children, the Pheasant-tailed Jacana fathers, prove that it is always the case for every parent regardless of gender. These birds are careful in preening their feathers, especially the breast part for it to be quite dry, ready and warm. They will spread their legs, scoop its eggs, hugging these delicate ones with its wings and pressing them gently against its breast.

This cuddling and nuzzling does not

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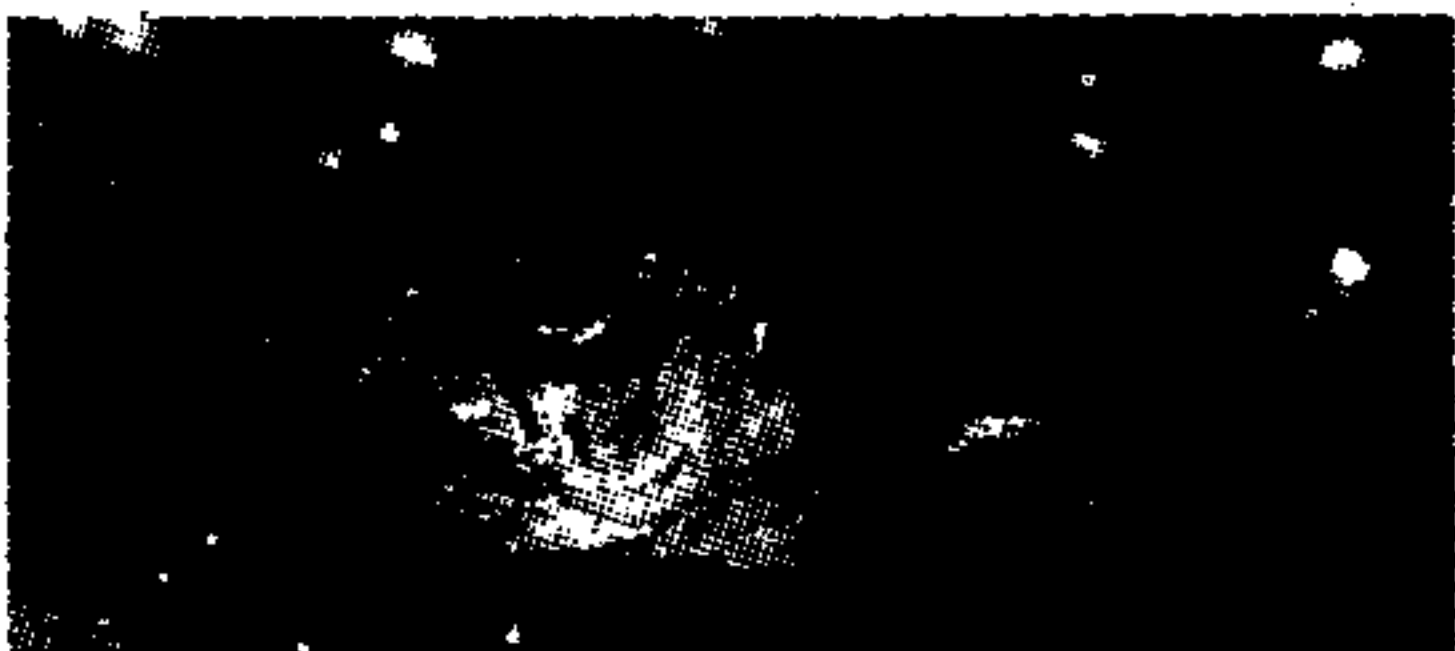
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end even when the eggs hatch. Two to three times in an hour, the father gathers his chicks, and broods them under his abdomen or wings. Indeed, sometimes a hug is what one needs.



■ Ring-tailed Cardinal Fish
(*Ostorhinchus aureus*)

4. Ring-tailed Cardinal Fish (*Ostorhinchus aureus*)

They say that a way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and a way through his stomach is through the mouth. In the case of the Ring-Tailed Cardinal Fish, the male takes care of the eggs and breeds them in its mouth.

The mother releases a cloud of eggs next to the male Cardinal fish. Being the responsible father that he is, this Cardinal fish takes all of it in his mouth to protect his children. Once in a while, it will open its mouth to clean, rotate and aerate the eggs. Fatherhood is not all about leading and protecting, after all "sacrifice" may be the most fitting for this species. Since for weeks, this dad will not eat until the babies hatch.

5. Rufous-headed Hornbill (*Rhabdotorrhinus waldeni*)

The males of this critically-endangered species sure are one of the bravest dads out there in the wild. Hornbills are fond of creating their nests on large tree cavities. For protection, the mother and the chicks are almost wholly sealed inside the hole, with mud and saliva to block the entrance.

This mom and dad pair is considered to be really protective and territorial, and are aggressive in defending their nest and territory. However much like a soldier defending its country, while its family is well-protected and hidden, the father is the front liner. His duty is to find food for its family to survive.

6. Philippine Frogmouth (*Batrachostomus septimus*)

Moms often take care of the house, while the father works in the day, and the nights are usually the time to rest. This is however not the case for Philippine Frogmouths.

This wide-beaked nocturnal birds prepare their nest made from their own downy feathers, on horizontal branches. But what makes these pair of birds unique is that, during the day it is actually the father's job to incubate the eggs. Females are to replace them at night.

Fathers continue to be a "pillar of the home," and this transcends not only for humans but in the animal kingdom as well.

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'Save Coral Triangle – Stop Ocean Pollution'

BY HARIBON FOUNDATION

AS we celebrate Ocean's Month, we would like to highlight one of the world's most diverse ecosystems, home to tens of thousands of marine species, the coral reefs.

Coral Triangle Day was also recently celebrated last June 9, 2016, by various conservation organizations around the world. Celebrating it with the theme, "Save Coral Triangle – Stop Plastic Pollution," it aimed to spread awareness of the detrimental effect of plastics in our marine waters.

However, what is the Coral triangle?

The Coral Triangle is a region known to have the highest concentration of fish and coral species in the world. It is where 76 percent of the world's known coral species, 37 percent of all known reef fish species and 33 percent of the world's coral reefs are found. It is approximately 6,000 square kilometres encompassing six different countries including the Philippine archipelago, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands.

The Philippines, as part of the Coral Triangle, is also considered to be the global epicenter of marine biodiversity, having high species diversity of fish and corals. However, it is also known to be the most threatened due to man-made activities such as overfishing, destructive fishing practices, coastal development and ocean pollution.



■ Photo taken at Honda Bay, Palawan through the Darwin Initiative Project 19-020
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Ocean Pollution as one of the threats

Ocean pollution is becoming a major threat faced by our marine ecosystems. According to a study released by the Ocean Conservancy and McKinsey Center for Business and Environment in 2015, eight million tons of plastic waste is dumped into the ocean every year, and the Philippines is one of the five countries that contribute to 60% of the total plastic waste entering the ocean.

Plastics stuck in the ocean floor may have possibly landed on hard corals which may inhibit their growth and reproduction. If corals don't grow and reproduce, this can mean fewer habi-

tats and shelter for many marine organisms, no more natural protection of our coastlines from the damaging effects of wave action and tropical storms, and lesser source of nitrogen and other essential nutrients for marine food chains. Less fish means less food and income source.

Plastics are also mistakenly ingested by many marine species like sea turtles that consume this instead of jelly fishes. Microplastics, small plastic particles in the environment that are generally smaller than one millimeter that come from a variety of sources including cosmetics, clothing, and other industrial processes, are also being eaten by both corals and marine life which pose a threat to their survival because they get poisoned overtime and/or die prematurely.

Surveys of hard coral cover from 2008 to 2014 show that only 4 percent of Philippine coral reefs are in excellent condition. Other studies also revealed that areas with poor coral cover have increased through time. Fish species are also said to be locally depleted and/or extinct in some part of the Philippines such as the bumphead parrotfish and the humphead wrasse, according to a study done by Haribon Foundation and Newcastle University UK. This shows that the Philippine coral reefs have been subjected to habitat degradation and ocean pollution throughout the years with impacts on the survival of marine species.

What can we do?

With the Philippine coral reefs supporting around 20 percent of total marine fisheries production and fish and fishery products providing 11.7 percent of the total Filipino food consumption, the degradation of our coral reefs poses a threat to the livelihood of 5 to 6 million Filipinos. It is therefore warranted that Philippine coral reefs should be conserved and protected.

There are a number of solutions which can be done to address this issue. One of which is the significant reduction of plastic waste. We therefore call for the public to reduce the use of plastics and encourage others to do the same. Let's practice the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. These are some simple and real concrete actions that if we work together, we can make a big difference in protecting our coral reefs from the threat of plastic pollution.

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RARE BREED This new orchid named "Dendrobium lydiae" was taken in Bukidnon. Five new orchid species have been discovered in increasingly denuded Philippine mountains, highlighting the need to protect forests in one of the world's most biologically diverse countries, conservatives said on Friday. AFP

New orchid species found in rebel areas

FIVE new orchid species in the country have been discovered in remote mountains in the country, protected from poaching because of an insurgency in the region, conservationists said on Friday.

The species are found only in

Mindanao and have eluded those cataloguing plant life for 200 years, expert Miguel David de Leon told Agence France-Presse (AFP).

Poaching of wild orchids mostly by locals is rampant in the Philippines, with some

communities illegally harvesting them without permits for export or to sell them along roads.

But Mindanao is among the country's areas wracked by one of Asia's longest-running insur-

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gencies, whereby communist guerrillas retain support among the poor in the farming and mountainous communities.

"The insurgency problem helps prevent poachers or would-be orchid hunters from entering the forests," said De Leon, a plant and wildlife conservationist who found the species while trekking the mountains of Bukidnon province.

Isolated areas

"These areas are very isolated. The terrain is treacherous, accessible only by foot and occasionally, a motorcycle or horse," he added.

The finds, first published in the German *OrchideenJournal* this year, include a dazzling yellow bloom flecked with brown spots.

"It is one of the most attractive among members of the genus," De Leon said.

"(The) other species are red or purple but this really stands out because it's the brightest shade of yellow," said De Leon. Australian taxonomist Jim Cootes and Filipino research associate Mark Arcebal Naive named their most vivid find *Epicriantes aquinoi*, to honor outgoing President Aquino whose family uses the color yellow in political rallies.

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"The mountains throughout the archipelago need to be preserved," he added.

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NEW BLOOM Miguel David de Leon shared this photo of *Dendrobium Carmindae*.

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When will you plant a tree?

I AM so happy to finally be part of Haribon. It does not take much. Go to www.haribon.org.ph It's not just about saving the eagle or Har-ing Ibon. It's about going green.

Many years ago, my friends and I started a movement called "Live Green." We were all marketing people so it was not surprising that we got into printing T-shirts, umbrellas and bumper stickers with the logo designed by one of us, Emil Sanchez. The members were our employees and consultants and we just wanted to start going green. The year was 2007.

Fast forward to 2016 and now there is more consciousness about saving biodiversity, greening buildings and yes, planting trees.

Planting trees

We started back in 2005 when then Amadeo, Cavite Mayor OJ Ambagan began a program called Adopt a farm. We adopted a three-hectare farm in Pangil, Amadeo and planted it to coffee and peanuts, bananas and papaya. we also planted Barako trees and saved the other indigenous trees found in the property. Oddly, there was a tall tree called Antipolo....but yes, we were in Cavite.



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Saving electricity

In 2007 as we promoted Live Green we started buying power switches, turned off the TV pilot light, and promoted solar chargers for cell phones, too. Today, technology has given us even more ways to cut power use- inverter air cons, LED lights and solar chargers for electric fans.

Using less

The other way to help save the planet is to use less of everything. We now have to fight an uphill battle towards fast fashion (clothes that do not last very long and end up in the landfills) which goes against buying less clothes. We use less paper because we now take notes using a smartphone (honestly though, I love writing on paper). Thanks to Millenials who have no paper notebooks, everything is written in space.

No styrofoam and plastic

There is significant increase in the use of biodegradable packaging. Though we can use plastic straws, we use paper straws in our café. We use old magazines and make them paper bags.

Using air con fans

Green Man Matthias Gelber suggested the use of aircon for just an hour before sleeping then reverting back to the fan mode. MrGelber also does not use shampoo sachets in hotels, but brings his own liquid shampoo or body wash. He also advises room temperature pegged at about 24 degrees versus 18 degrees at which temperature people start wearing jackets and shawls.

Using daylight

How many times do we go to conferences where the curtains are closed and all the lights are on even during a daytime session? In the lecture room, MrGelber asks that natural daylight be used.

Using water

How many of us are guilty of

buying bottles of water when we can bring our own flask of lemon water or regular filtered tap water?

We need not be "tree huggers," or promote tree planting to be green although that helps. What we really need to do is do it at home and in our office, not to show off but to adopt the greener lifestyle.

If we think of planting trees, it has to be of the native variety not Mahogany or Gemelina. These varieties destroy biodiversity, I was told. If you cannot or have not planted trees, at least do something at home. Start to go green even when no one's looking.

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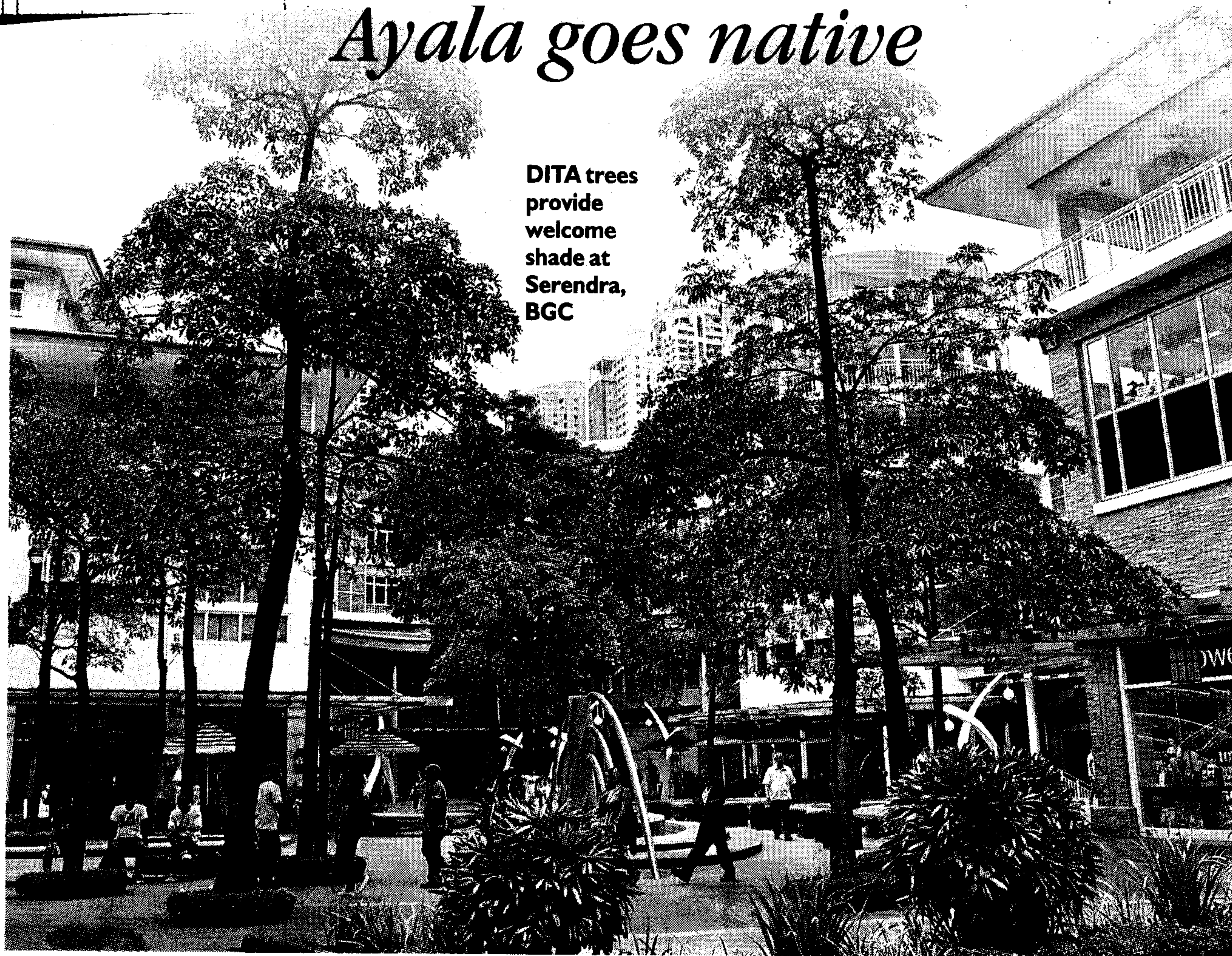
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Ayala goes native



DITA trees provide welcome shade at Serendra, BGC

URBAN landscapes are a community's shared resource. They enhance surroundings and offer a wide range of social and health benefits. Often overlooked, however, is how the type of trees and plants used in landscaping shapes a property's impact and contribution to urban biodiversity and sustainability.

Through the years, Ayala Land has deepened its understanding of native plants and recognizes the importance of landscaping with the right plant or tree species in its developments.

Employing a scientific approach to sustainability, Ayala Land uses indigenous plants for its developments and continuously works with experts in Philippine native plants.

"In addition to providing an aesthetically pleasing landscape, our approach is also based on scientific findings on what will best keep the ecosystem balanced, which is the key to sustainability," said Gilbert Berba, Ayala Land Planning Group Head of Operations.

To share its distinctive approach to sustainability, Ayala Land, through Ayala Malls, launched Lov'em Blooms to showcase 20 Philippine

orchid species and five ornamental plants across its various shopping malls nationwide.

"Showcasing the Philippines' native flora is one way of sharing with our countrymen our natural heritage even in an urban setting. At the end of the day, we want people to live in a place that promotes a healthy lifestyle through sustainable green living," added Berba.

About 60 to 80 percent of the trees planted in new large-scale Ayala Land developments are native. To date, the company has planted more than 60,000 native trees in Nuvali, Ayala Land's flagship eco-community in Laguna. Thousands more are planted in other developments.

Ayala Land has been landscaping with native plants and has been an active partner of the Philippine Native Plants Conservation Society (PNPCSI) in activities that advocate the use of native plants such as tree walks held in Ayala Malls.

It has also been working with Filipino landscape architects and scientists to continuously determine the best native species that will work in urban landscapes.

To ensure a sustainable supply, it has established native plant nurseries in its communities.

"We hope our approach transforms people's views about Philippine plants and urban landscapes that are truly appropriate for our geography and climate, and are therefore more resilient. Native plants also create a natural habitat for birds, butterflies and most especially, provide a refreshing environment where we can live healthy, thus, live well," Berba said.

Among the company's initial plant palette, made up of 75 indigenous tree species from 38 plant families, are the beautiful and sturdy Dita (*Alstonia scholaris*), the hardy Bitag (*Calophyllum blancoi*), the stately Bagras (*Eucalyptus deglupta*) and the striking Siar (*Peltophorum pterocarpum*).

Ayala Land also identifies native trees that grow naturally in new developments and recommends that these should be used by landscapers and designers as much as possible.

This way, Philippine native species are given the necessary attention to make sure that these will thrive for many years and benefit more generations.

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La Niña: Many Bicol towns at risk

By Mar S. Arguelles
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LEGAZPI CITY—More than half of the number of towns in Bicol region are at greater risk of disasters and extended periods of rain brought by the La Niña phenomenon, according to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

MGB, in a report, warned people living in low-lying areas, near river channels and shores and on mountain slopes to take extra precaution and prepare for La Niña.

Arlene Dayao, MGB chief geologist, quoted an MGB report as saying in Bicol region, three cities and 19 towns were vulnerable to both floods and landslides.

These areas were marked as such in the MGB's geohazard mapping study.

In Sorsogon province, Sorsogon City and 20 towns were at risk of landslides. In Camarines Sur, 41 towns and Naga City were flood prone, according to the MGB study.

The MGB said at least 79 percent of local government units (LGUs) in the region were facing huge tasks in mitigating disasters especially with the

onset of La Niña.

In its geohazard mapping study, the MGB said areas that fell under the "high landslide susceptibility" classification should be declared by LGUs as "no dwelling zones."

The agency added that areas listed as moderately vulnerable to disasters could still be used as sites for commercial buildings provided the structures were subjected to detailed engineering and geological assessment.

According to the MGB, at risk of landslides were 50 towns and the city of Ligao in Albay and Sorsogon provinces.

At risk of flooding were 40 towns and the cities of Legazpi and Tabaco in Albay and Naga City in Camarines Sur province, according to the MGB.

The MGB report said all of Albay's three cities, as well as 14 of the province's 15 towns,

faced flooding and landslides.

In Albay, the flood-prone towns were identified as Bacacay, Camalig, Daraga, Guinobatan, Libon, Malilipot, Malinao, Manito, Oas, Rapu-Rapu, Sto. Domingo, Pio Duran, Polangui and Tiwi. Manito and the island town of Rapu-rapu were also landslide prone, the MGB said.

In Camarines Sur, aside from the city of Naga, 18 towns were prone to floods—Bao, Bato, Bombon, Bula, Cabusao, Calabanga, Camaligan, Canaman, Magarao, Del Gallego, Gainza, Lagonoy, Lupi, Milaor, Minalabac, Nabua, Pamplona and San Fernando. The towns of Goa, Libmanan, Presentacion, Sipocot and Tinambac were vulnerable to landslides while Buhi, Caramoan, Garchitorena and Sagnay are at risk of both calamities.

In Camarines Norte, the towns of Capalonga, Labo, Basud, Mercedes, Paracale, San Lorenzo Ruiz, San Vicente and Sta. Elena were prone to landslide. Mercedes, Capalonga, Basud and Paracale were also vulnerable to flooding like the towns of Talisay, Vinzons and Daet.

In Sorsogon, the towns facing landslide risks were Juban, Ma-

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gallanes, Matnog, Sta. Magdalena, Bulan and Sorsogon City. The towns of Juban, Bulan, Magallanes and Sta. Magdalena were also flood-prone like the towns of Barcelona, Bulusan, Donsol, Irosin, Pilar and Prieto Diaz.

All of the 11 towns of the island-province of Catanduanes were prone to landslides except its capital, Virac, which was prone to floods.

The towns of Viga, San Andres, Bato, Pandan and Panganiban were at risk of landslides and floods.

Masbate's gold mining town of Aroroy and the municipalities of Baleno, Mandaon, Milagros and Mobo were at risk of landslide while the town of Dimasalang was flood prone.

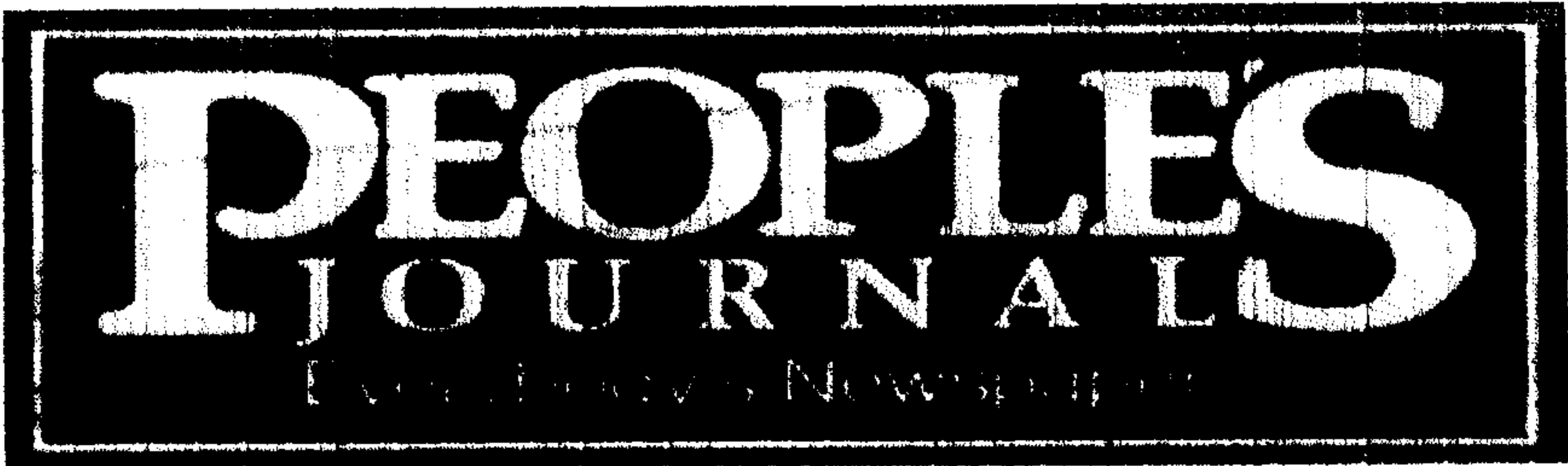
The MGB had distributed

copies of its geohazard maps to LGUs in Bicol. These included areas that had been identified as possible relocation sites.



HEAVY rain does not stop this child from running to his favorite ice cream vendor in Sto. Domingo town, Albay province, one of the areas tagged by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau as prone to flood when La Nina strikes.

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PH Arbor Day marked

SENATOR Cynthia Villar led the celebration of the Philippine Arbor Day at the Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat and Eco-Tourism Area (LPPCHEA).

By virtue of Proclamation No. 396 and 643, June 25 was declared as the Philippine Arbor Day. The active participation of all government agencies including government-owned or controlled corporations, private sector, schools, civil society and citizenry in tree planting activity was enjoined.

"The Arbor Day is a special occasion that reminds us of the importance of trees. Trees not only provide us with clean air, trees also protect us from the destruction of calamities. We should all be inspired

to take action and take part in greening the communities," Villar said.

Villar also reminded the public that Republic Act No. 10176 or the Arbor Act mandates citizens aged 12 years and above to plant one tree every year.

Activities such as tree planting, watering of plants, coastal clean-up, and nature exposure walk were held to mark the occasion at LPPCHEA in Manila Bay.

Villar partnered with Villar SIPAG (Social Institute for Poverty Alleviation and Governance), Department of Environment and Natural Resources - National Capital Region (DENR-NCR), Cavite Advocates for the Restoration of the Environment (CARE), Save Freedom Island Move-

ment, Alliance for Stewardship and Authentic Progress (ASAP), and Philippine Red Cross-Las Pinas Sub-Chapter.

The activity was also participated in by the Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maynilad, Greenpeace, and Barangay and Homeowners in Las Pinas.

LPPCHEA, a Ramsar-listed wetland of international importance, has 35 hectares of mangrove forest. There are at present 11 mangrove species growing in the area, including Bungalon, Bakauan Babae, Bakauan Bato (or Bangkau in Cebuano), Pototan, Kolasi, Pagatpat, Banalo, Tabigi, Saging-saging, Butabuta and Nilad.

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Clean and plant trees --- Ang paglahok sa paglilinis sa Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Eco-Tourism Area (LPPCHEA), isa sa ideneklarang wetland of International Importance, at ang pagtatanim ng puno ay magpaipagting sa public awareness sa kahalagahan ng mga puno sa environmental health at buhay ng sangkatauhan, ayon kay Sen. Cynthia A. Villar. Pinangunahan niya ang mga aktibidades sa pagdiriwang ng Philippine Arbor Day. Nakiisa sa mga aktibidades ang Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maynilad, Greenpeace, Barangay and Homeowners in Las Piñas, Villar SIPAG (Social Institute for Poverty Alleviation and Governance), Department of Environment and Natural Resources - National Capital Region (DENR-NCR), Cavite Advocates for the Restoration of the Environment (CARE).

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Pagtuunan ang kalikasan

ng tula sa karagatang Pasipiko na nagiging sanhi ng pag-init ng temperatura sa malaking bahagi ng mundo. Kung kaya apektado ng El Niño ang pananim sa mga bansang nasa bahagi ng Pasipiko kasama na ang bansa natin. Makararanas daw tayo ng tagtuyot na epekto sa malaking bahagi ng ating agrikultura ngayong taon.

Ngunit hindi pa dito natatapos. La Niña ang kasunod ng El Niño. Kabaligtaran ng El Niño ang epekto ng La Niña na magdudulot ng malalakas na pag-ulan sa atin. At sa bansang tulad natin, alam na alam natin ang epekto ng malakas na pag-ulan: baha, kalamidad, mahirap ding makabuhay ng pananim sa sektor ng agraryo. Apektado ang supply ng pagkain.

Nakakalungkot. Lagi na lamang ganoon. Napapansin ang kalikasan ng marami sa atin kapag mayroon na lamang "pinaka" sa mangyayaring phenomenon. Pero ang katotohanan ay hindi napapansin, na nakasalalay ang buhay natin, at

ang kinabukasan natin, sa kung ano ang kalagayan ng kalikasan. Hindi lamang pulitika, ekonomiya, sports, sining, at marami pang usaping hindi pangkalikasan. Ang totoo, lahat ng ito ay nakasalalay sa itatakbo ng kalikasan na dapat ay pagnilayan ng lahat.

Lahat tayo ay may ambag -- gaano man ito kaliit -- sa kung ano ang kalikasan ngayon at kung ano ito sa kinabukasan. Ang mga mauunlad na bansa ay may mabigat nang pagkilala, walang saysay ang kanilang kaunlaran kung hindi mapangangalagaan ang mundo. Walang saysay ang lahat ng nangyayari sa atin kung walang mangangalaga sa kalikasan natin, kung hindi tayo mismo ang mangangalaga sa kalikasan natin.

Huwag nating iasa sa pamahalaan lamang ang gawaing mangalaga sa ating kalikasan. Oo nga't may mga hakbang na pinapairal ang gobyerno pero ang higit na mahalaga ay ang ating sariling kusa gaano man

ito kaliit. Tamang segregation at pagtatapon ng basura natin halimbawa. O pagsunod sa patakaran ng Clean Air Act na huwag magsusunog ng kung anu-anong basura o gamit na wala nang pakinabang. O ang Clean Water Act na nagsasaad na huwag nating i-pollute ang ating katubigan.

Marami tayong magagawa. Bawasan o tigilan na ang paggamit ng plastik kahit na iyong simpleng sisidlan lamang ng ating pinamili sa palengke. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Kayang-kaya natin ito kung gagawin lang nating bahagi ng sistema sa bahay o opisina o sa paaralan kung estudyante ka.

Lubhang malaki ang epekto sa pamumuhay natin ang kung anumang gagawin natin sa kalikasan ngayon. Tulungan man ang kalikasan o, ang nakakatakot, patuloy tayong magsasawalang-bahala. Kalikasan naman ang pagtuunan at pahalagahan natin dahil dito nakasalalay ang lahat ng tungkol sa ating buhay sa mundo.

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The meat of the matter

HERE'S SOMETHING to chew on: the crucial connection between meat production and climate change. Conscientious vegetarians have long raised a related issue, harping (correctly) on the massive amounts of grain and water needed to maintain commercial livestock farms, and the gas emissions generated in the production of beef, poultry and pork. Now the connection to global warming and climate change is made clearer in World Meat-Free Day, which was marked last June 13.

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The idea may sound blasphemous in this country of carnivores, but there's a wealth of information to back this unusual but urgent occasion. World Meat-Free Day began in the United Kingdom last year, the goal being to get people to lay off meat just for a day so they can see the impact of such an act on the environment. "The campaign aims to raise awareness of the benefits of eating less meat and demonstrate how it can result in fairer food systems and better results for our planet," per its website.

It isn't even about going vegetarian full-time, according to the conveners of World Meat-Free Day in the country, which include Bantay Kalikasan, Climate Reality Project Philippines, WWF Philippines, Luntiang Lunes, Slow Food Philippines, Nurturers of the Earth, and Miriam College. "There is no need to entirely give up meat. A 'less but better' approach to food choices and consumption can help save the environment."

The fact is that livestock production is the second leading contributor of noncarbon dioxide emissions, more than by any kind of transportation or industry in the world. What we eat may be killing us in a different way.

This is one of the realities repeatedly cited by Peta (or the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), which is active in the Philippines and Asia. (Peta members tried to mount a protest event during the Apec forum in Manila last November to focus attention on how the treatment of animals impacts climate change, but were headed off by police for lack of a permit. Through campaigner Ashley

Pruno, they expressed "shock" that the event was stopped: "All we were doing was advocating kindness and reminding Apec leaders that animal agriculture is a leading cause of climate change.")

And this is a problem with which the world is slowly coming to grips. A total of 171 countries signed the landmark Paris Agreement to reduce emissions to zero in the second half of the century. The Union of Concerned Scientists' director of climate research and analysis, Doug Boucher, writes in the UCS blog: "One encouraging part of the ongoing scientific discussion about how to achieve this ambitious goal is that we're finally starting to take seriously the impact of what people eat. Three recent studies show that it makes a big difference, to the climate as well as to our health. As I've written before—in this blog, in UCS reports and in the scientific journal *Nature Climate Change*—by far the biggest impact of diet on climate comes from eating high on the food chain by consuming lots of meat—but not just any meat. What really makes a difference is the amount of beef."

INQUIRER Science and Health's Tessa Salazar has been reporting on the issue, noting that Boucher is but one of many senior scientists who have confirmed the link between eating animals and climate change. "Livestock farming now accounts for the use of 70 percent of the global freshwater and 38 percent of the world's land-use conversion," Salazar writes. "Some 70 percent of the Amazon Rainforest, in fact, has already been cleared for grazing and feed crop production."

Giving up meat doesn't even have to be that difficult. At the Madrid Fusion last April, Salazar spoke with chefs Florabel Co-Yatco and Robby Goco about how delicious vegetarian dishes can sway even the most fervent meat eaters. "I have been thinking of becoming vegetarian myself," Goco said. "I promised myself that when I turn 50, I'm going to be vegan. I know that someday we're going to run out of meat."

Salazar further points out that Filipinos already go meat-free during the yearly commemoration of Holy Week. She adds: "Abstaining from meat 24/7, 365 may actually be a great idea for the planet and our health."

Indeed, Filipinos can make a lifestyle choice and be healthier for it; too, they can be compassionate toward the other animals in Creation—the cattle, swine and chickens that are, like humans, sensate beings that also know fear, anguish and suffering.

The big picture being, in using the "less but better" approach to meat consumption, we can each meet the urgency of pushing back global warming and climate change.

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Students learn climate adaptation in German school

The Philippines can take its cue from German institutions on how to effectively teach climate change adaptation and mitigation to young children.

Students at the Gustav Falke School, a state-run primary school in Berlin, learn climate adaptation and mitigation through hands-on projects.

Sabine Gryczke, school principal, believes that when children are educated on climate change, they can reduce the vulnerability of themselves and their

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communities to risk and contribute to sustainable development.

"The pupils here are kind of like pioneers. They bring back the lessons to practice at home," Gryczke told Filipino journalists who recently participated in the German government-sponsored climate policy study tour in Berlin and Hamburg.

A student said she knows that simple measures such as turning off lights in unused rooms would not only lower energy consumption but reduce emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) as well. Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are called greenhouse gases.

Some of the students' projects were houses for creatures threatened by climate change, including a bee hotel, and houses for birds and hedgehogs.

They also planted vine trees to provide cooling summer shade as well as insulation against heat loss in winter.

Climate curriculum

The climate change curriculum, developed by a group of teachers at the Gustav Falke School, was implemented in 2009.

Gryczke said the core climate change curriculum is taught to grade 5 and 6 students or 11- and 12-year-olds.

She said 120 of the school's 460 students are directly involved in climate change-related projects. Parents also participate in their children's projects.

Gryczke noted that most children at the school come from immigrant families.

Last year, a group of students of the Gustav Falke School won in the Berlin schools competition on environmental protection for their project, "Can a car ever be environmentally friendly?"

In the Philippines, the Department of Education (DepEd) is working to include climate change lessons in the basic education curriculum to better educate not only the students but also the public.

"Definitely, we will include climate change in the curriculum of our students and not only that, more concrete measures such as the construction of more typhoon-resistant schools will be instituted," outgoing Education Secretary Armin Luistro said in an earlier interview.

Public transport

In the city of Hamburg, another type of climate change mitigation curriculum is being taught to students.

The Hamburger Verkehrsverbund (HVV) or Hamburg Traffic Association – a consortium of private and public transport companies – teaches young students how to use public transportation safely and properly.

"Public transport is a contribution to efforts against climate change," said Christoph Unland of the HVV School Advisory Service.

He said an effective public transport system can reduce travel by private cars that emit carbon dioxide.

Greenhouse gas emissions across the European Union have fallen by almost a quarter since 1990, according to the latest data from the European Environment Agency (EEA).

The EEA said this was mostly due to a warm winter which reduced the need for heating, as well as an increase in renewables such as wind and solar power.

Last October, the Philippines pledged to reduce its GHG emissions by 70 percent by 2030, coming from the energy, transport, waste, forestry and industry sectors.

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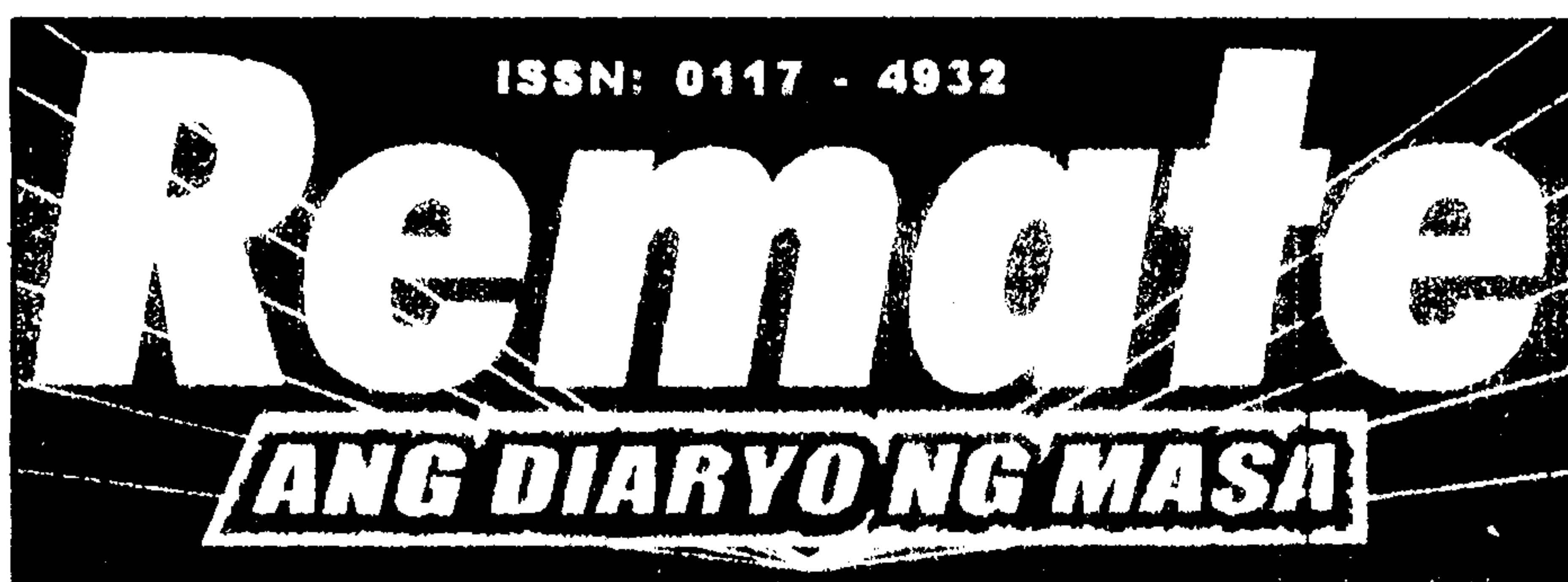
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Photo shows an insect hotel built by students of Gustav Falke School in Berlin for creatures threatened by climate change.

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Ex-DENR executive kinasuhan sa Sandigan

KINASUHAN ng Office of the Ombudsman ang dating mataas na opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources dahil sa umano'y hindi maipaliwanag na cash advances noong 1999 hanggang 2000.

Sa magkahiwalay na information sheets na ipinasa sa Sandiganbayan noong June 22, 2016, si dating DENR Undersecretary for International Commitment and Local Government Affairs Mario Roño, ay naharap sa kasong 2-bilang ng paglabag sa Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code.

Ito'y may kinalaman sa umano'y 'di maipaliwanag na cash advances na natanggap ni Roño 1999 at 2000 na umabot sa halagang P104,238.

Batay sa kasong isinampa kay Roño, tumanggap ang DENR ng tseke na may petsang December 2, 1999 na may halagang P25,000 at nakalagay na ang cash advance ay para sa kanyang official travel sa bansang China noong December 2 hanggang 3, ng nasabing taon.

Noong Mayo 25, 2000, tumanggap din si Roño ng cash advance check sa halagang P78,738 para sa kanyang official trip sa bansang Sweden noong May 29 hanggang 31, 2000.

Ayon sa Ombudsman, sa pamamagitan ng prosecutorial arm Office of the Special Prosecutor, sinasabing si Roño ay bigong maipaliwanag ang nasabing cash advances sa loob ng 60 days pagkatapos nitong dumating sa bansa at paglabag sa Commission on Audit Executive Order 248 Series of 1995 and COA Circular No. 96-004.MS

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PURO paghahabol ang ginagawa ng ating **PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT** sa dapat ay territorial water na pag-aari ng bansa pero hindi na magawa pang mabawi dahil natayuan na ng man made island ang **WEST PHILIPPINE SEA** at pag-aari na ngayon ng **CHINA** ang **SPRATLY** na mayroon na ngang airport at base ng **CHINESE MILITARY FORCE**... e ang lupang itinambak pala sa lugar na yan ay mula sa ating mga lupain.

Ang dapat na ginawa ng **AQUINO ADMINISTRATION** ay ang inurirat ang mga opisyaes ng iba't ibang ahensiya na responsable sa naging pagbebenta ng mga lupa sa **CHINA** na ipinantambak sa ginawang man island na **SPRATLY**.., na ang dapat na nagbantay sa ganiyang aktibidades ay ang **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)**.., gayundin ang **PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD** dahil hinayaan na makapagbiyahe ang mga barko na naghahatid ng mga lupa sa ginawang isla ng **CHINA** sa bahagi ng **WEST PHILIPPINE SEA**.., o nagkutsabahan kaya ang naturang mga ahensiya kapalit ng malaking komisyon tapos ay kunwa nagpapakitang malasakit sa pagbawi kuno ng nasabing lugar.., e kasalanan din naman pala ng ating **PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT** dahil binigyan ng mga lupang ipinanambak ang **CHINA** sa lugar na pag-aari na nila?

Sa iba't ibang bahagi ng ating bansa kinuha ang mga lupang ginamit ng **CHINA** sa pagbubuo ng man made island.., na base sa iba't ibang mga pagbabalita, ang mga lupa ay mula sa **DAVAO ORIENTAL**, **DAVAO DEL NORTE**, **SURIGAO PROVINCE** at sa **ZAMBALES PROVINCE**...., na nagpipilit ngayon ang ating gobyerno na mabawi ang pinagtayuan ng isla ng **CHINA**.., e pakitang tao na lang ang ginagawa ng gobyerno para

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DAPAT KASUHAN SA PAGBEBENTA NG MGA LUPA SA CHINA!

masabing makabayan sila sa pagpupumilit na mabawi ang **WATER TERRITORIAL** na sinakop ng **CHINA**!

ANG DAPAT UNAHIN NG ATING GOBYERNO AY ANG BUSISIIN, SIYASATIN AT ALAMIN ANG LAHAT NG MGA OPISYAES NA NAGTAKSIL SA SAMBAYANAN SA PAMAMAGITAN NG PAGBEBENTA NG ATING MGA LUPA SA MGA DAYUHAN na ginamit sa pagpapatayo ng isla sa karagatang sakop dapat ng ating bansa.., pero hindi na magagawa dahil ang naturang lugar ay sinelyuhan na ng **CHINA MILITARY FORCE**!

Sa bagong administrasyon ni **INCOMING PRESIDENT RODRIGO 'DIGONG' DUTERTE** ay dapat na mapagtuunan ang isyung ito at papanagutin ang lahat ng mga opisyaes na responsable sa naging pagbebenta ng lupa sa **CHINA**.., kung saan ay magiging pangunahin ito ng ahensiyang hahawakan ni **MS. GINA LOPEZ** bilang **DENR SECRETARY**!

Dito masusubukan ngayon ang pagiging makabayan ng **DUTERTE ADMINISTRATION** sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay protekta sa ating mga likas na yaman; kung saan, lahat ng mga personalidad na nagsisilbing salot sa ating mga kalikasan ay dapat na masupil tulad sa matagal nang kampanya ni **INCOMING DENR SECRETARY LOPEZ** na pagpo-protekta sa lahat ng likas na kayamanan ng ating bansa.., yan e kung hindi 'kakainin' ng sistemang corrupt ang magiging panunungkulan ni **LOPEZ**?

Kung kayo po ay may suliranin o puna sa maling gawain ng ilan nating mga government officials o anumang reaksiyon lalo na sa mga nababatikos ng **ARYA** ay bukas po ang espasyo para sa inyong mga nais ipaabot.., mag-email lamang po sa aryakolum@yahoo.com

PINOY CONSUMERS NAGANTSO NG PPA

MAAAPEKTOHAN ang mga konsyumer na Filipino sa ginagawang pagharing ni Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) officer-in-charge at assistant general manager for operations Raul Santos na maging isang international port operator ang Manila North Harbor Port Inc. (MNHPI).

Ayon mismo sa ilang opisyal sa PPA, hindi mapapakinabangan ng publiko ang pagbaba ng presyo ng mga produkto at pati na ng pamasaha sa barko at bayad sa mga padala kung patuloy na ipipilit ni Santos na hadlangan ang pagpasok ng Manila North Harbor sa kompetisyon sa pier sa Maynila.

Kaugnay nito, iginigiti ng mga naturang PPA official na nararapat magkaroon ng isang masusing imbestigasyon sa loob ng kanilang ahensiya dahil sa mga pagdududang lumilitaw ngayon kaugnay ng naging biglaang hakbang ng kanilang OIC.

Anang mga source, kailangan mapasinungalangan ni Santos ang kanilang nalalaman na tumanggap ng halagang P10 milyon mula sa sinasabing "Big Boys ng Pier" para agad na 'barilin' ang isang sulat mula kay Customs Commissioner

Alberto Lina na naghahain ng mga paliwanag base sa batas kung bakit kailangan payagan ang operasyon ng Manila North Harbor.

"June 21 lang natanggap ni Santos ang letter ni Lina pero same day, may desisyon na agad siyang mag-isa. May limpak-limpak na motibasyon kasi si Santos kahit hindi legitimate ang decision," anila.

Sinabi ng mga kasamahan ni Santos, walang bisa at hindi makatatayo ang naging desisyon nito laban sa Manila North Harbor dahil isang collegial body ang PPA na nanggagaling ang kapangyarihan sa board nito na binubuo ng Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), at pribadong sektor.

Kailangan umanong upuan ng buong PPA board ang anumang malaking desisyon na gagawin nito lalo na't kung ang pambansang

interes ang nakataya tulad ng mga kapakanang maidudulot sa bansa kung papayagan ang Manila North Harbor na maging isang international port operator.

"Hindi lang sinagasaan ni Santos ang kapangyarihang ibinibigay ng batas sa maraming government agencies na kasali sa PPA board at parang pinalalabas din na mayroon siyang absolute power dahil ginawa niyang mag-isa ang desisyon at walang naging consultation.

Ginawa niya ito ngayong OIC pa lang siya. Ano pa kaya kung siya na ang general manager?" ayon sa mga source.

Paliwanag ng mga PPA official, nakaiwas sana sa bulilyaso si Santos kung kinonsulta niya ang PPA board at sinagot punto-por-punto ang maliliwanag na argumento ni Lina kung bakit kinakailangan payagan ang Manila North Harbor na hawakan ang mga foreign vessel at cargo.

Idinadag ng mga source na kailangan busisiin talaga ng mga awtoridad ang maling aksiyon ni Santos at nakahanda silang lumitaw at magpakilala anumang oras na tawagin sila upang magsiwalat ng kanilang nalalaman.

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Butuan City mayor, 2 pang opisyal kinasuhan sa Ombudsman

KINUMPIRMA ni Atty. Dennis Bacala na sinampahan ng kasong administratibo ng mga residente sa Brgy. Dulag sa lungsod si outgoing Mayor Ferdinand Amante Jr. pati na sina Butuan City Environment and Natural Resources (City ENRO) Engr. Alexander Alaan at Dulag Brgy. Captain Erlinda Rosales.

Ito ay kaugnay sa paglabag daw sa isang probisyon ng Akta Republika 9003 o mas kilalang Ecological Solid Waste Management of 2000 partikular sa segregation ng mga basura.

Inihayag ni Atty. Bacala na hindi sinunod ng lokal na pamahalaan ang una nang napagkasunduan na ilang buwan lang gagamitin ang open dump site sa kanilang barangay upang may mapagtapunan lang ng mga basura habang iniayos pa ang sa Brgy. Dumalagan sanitary landfill.

Ito'y habang ipinapatupad ng city government ang programang Ground Zero na siya umanong basehan para sa pagpapatupad din ng RA 9003 partikular ang segregation ng mga basura.

Ilang ulit na umanong binalewala ang panawagan ng mga residente na itigil na ang pagtatapon ng basura sa kanilang lugar dahil sa polusyong hatid nito sa kanilang kapaligiran.

Pati na sa hangin na hindi umano imposibleng magresulta sa pagkakasakit ng mga residente.

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UPAA awards Jimeno for public service

Lawyer Rita Linda Ventura Jimeno, a member of the board of directors and legal counsel of the UP Sigma Alpha Sorority Alumnae Association Inc., has been selected by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA) to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for public service.

The award was presented during the UP grand alumni homecoming held on June 25 at the Bahay ng Alumni in UP Diliman.

Jimeno has distinguished herself in advocacies for environmental protection, consumer rights and the amendments in the rules of court, which she proposed for speedy court proceedings.

Along with Gina Lopez, she led the fight against mining in Lobo, Batangas that would have damaged the Verde Island passage irreparably through her newspaper column and the pleadings she filed with the Sanggunian of Lobo.

When she was president of the Philippine Bar Association in 2004 to 2005,



Jimeno

she filed complaints against mayors of Metro Manila who were not complying with the Comprehensive Ecological Waste Management Law.

Jimeno is also being cited for the free legal aid that she has been giving to indigent clients for some 12 years during the time when she had a TV and radio program titled *Saklolo Abogado* in Radio Veritas, DZXL and IBC Channel 13.

Jimeno is a practicing lawyer and managing partner of the law offices of Jimeno, Cope and David.

She is the associate dean of the Centro Escolar School of Law where she also teaches and a professorial lecturer of the Philippine Judicial Academy. Her other achievement includes her being the first Filipino director of the International Criminal Bar, an association of international lawyers based in The Hague.

She is an arbitrator for the International Chamber of Commerce of the International Court of Arbitration.

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Maging handa sa pagtama ng lindol

GINANAP noong Miyerkules ang ikalawang Metro Manila earthquake drill na pinamunuan ng Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA). Pagsapit ng 9:00 ng umaga, sa pagtunog ng siren, sabay-sabay na idinaos ang drill. Matagumpay ang pagdaraos ng drill, ayon sa MMDA.

Unang ginanap ang shake drill noong nakaraang Hulyo 2015 na naging matagumpay. Nakiisa ang marami lalo na ang mga school, government offices, hospital at maraming iba pa. Layunin maihanda ang mamamayan sa biglang pagtama ng lindol. Ang pagpapanik sa oras ng mga kalamidad ang dahilan kaya maraming namamatay.

Ayon sa Philippine Institute on Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) walang makapipigil sa paggalaw ng West Valley fault. Pinakamagandang magagawa ay maging handa ang mamamayan, hindi lamang sa Metro Manila kundi sa maraming lugar sa bansa, Kailangan ang earthquake drill para maihanda ang mamamayan sa pagtama ng the "Big One".

Inilabas ng Phivolcs noong Mayo 2015 ang mga lugar na sakop ng faultline ganundin ang mga isruktura na nasa ibabaw nito. Ayon sa Phivolcs, ang faultline ay nagsisimula sa Montalban, Rizal at nagtatapos sa Carmona, Cavite. Kung tatama ang 7.2 na lindol sa nasasakop ng faultline maraming mamamatay. Noong 2013, nagbabala ang Phivolcs na kapag tumama sa Metro Manila ang 7.2 magnitude na lindol, 37,000 katao ang mamamatay at ang pinsala ay aabot sa P2.4 trillion. Natukoy ang West at East Valley Fault nang magsagawa ng pag-aaral ang Phivolcs katulong ang PAGASA, Mines and Geosciences Bureau sa tulong ng Australian government.

Narapat makiisa ang mamamayan sa ginagawang earthquake drill para maging handa. Narapat mamulat ang lahat sa kahalagahan ng paghahanda sa pagtama ng lindol. Bukod sa quake drill, magdaos din ng fire drill sapagkat kadalasang ang kasunod ng lindol ay sunog. Hindi ito dapat balewalain