



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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FROM: INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Happy Monday! Take a peek and learn from last week's news articles, opinion pieces and latest developments on environment and climate change-related issues. Enjoy this **News At A Glance** from your IKM Division!

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- PetroEnergy unit secures DOE, DENR approvals for solar projects
- US trains DENR, BFAR in underwater crime scene investigation, law enforcement
- Climate activists stage protest at British Grand Prix
- Tax perk guidelines for RE developers set
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- From a rock grew a park: How Masungi became the benchmark for conservation areas
- How athleisure, fast fashion are contributing to microplastic pollution
- [OPINION] Who will be the next DENR Secretary?
- [OPINION] How franchises like fast-food chains can help fight climate change
- Vatican joins UN treaty on climate change
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- 'Reduce, remove and repair' - the 3 Rs needed to fight climate change

CCC in the News

- *"For a stronger national climate resiliency, Philippines to seek broader, results-oriented partnerships"*
- *"Multilateral partnership boosts efforts for carbon neutral PH through reforestation initiatives"*

- *“UN lauds Marcos for environment efforts”* by Kristina Maralit

Happy Reading!
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ABS-CBN NEWS

[Marcos urged to halt, review controversial infra projects](#)

By Anjo Bagaoisan

A Philippine environmental advocate on Saturday urged President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to issue a moratorium on several controversial infrastructure projects that are said to have affected or will affect local environments and residents.

[Manila Observatory to acquire super computer to boost weather forecast systems](#)

Anti-poverty organization Oxfam Pilipinas has said that it is supporting Manila Observatory, the oldest scientific research institution in the Philippines, in obtaining a high-performance computer for its weather forecasting system.

[Oceana welcomes Marcos' veto of Bulacan economic zone bill](#)

An environmental group on Monday welcomed President Ferdinand Marcos Jr's veto of a bill proposing the creation of a special economic zone in Bulacan.

BUSINESS MIRROR

[Saving the world from plastics](#)

By Jonathan L. Mayuga

In celebration of the International Plastic Bag Free Day on July 3, the group BAN Toxics (BT) organized an event at Frisco Market in Quezon City to raise public awareness on the plastic crisis in the Philippines.

[GEAP wind power projects near completion—ACEN](#)

AC Energy Corp. (ACEN), the Ayala Group's listed energy platform, is expecting its P17-billion wind power projects that were included in the first green energy auction will be completed soon.

[Climate change is making flooding worse: 3 reasons the world is seeing more record-breaking deluges](#)

By the Associated Press and Frances Davenport, Colorado State University

Heavy rain combined with melting snow can be a destructive combination.

[ADB: green recovery to create 30.1 million jobs in Southeast Asia](#)

By Cai Ordinario

Promoting a green recovery will create 30.1 million jobs in Southeast Asia by 2030, according to a study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

[\[OPINION\] ECB test of bank climate risk deals softer blow than feared](#)

By Nicholas Comfort And Steven Arons

Europe's landmark test of banks' resilience to global warming was far softer than many lenders had expected, according to people familiar with the matter.

[DTI courts Italy minerals supply market for EV battery production](#)

By Andrea E. San Juan

The Philippines is aiming to be Italy's strategic partner in supplying critical minerals needed for the Italian electric vehicles (EV) and battery production sector, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

[UNDP, DILG reinforce LOCAL, community-level disaster, climate resilience](#)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Philippines and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) marked an important milestone in their partnership with an initiative to strengthen the disaster and climate resilience of targeted local governments in the next six years.

[\[OPINION\] Passenger jeepney: King of the road no more](#)

By Manny F. Dooc

Once, they were immortalized in the popular ditty, "Manila, Manila." And who could forget the iconic lines composed by the legendary Hotdog band, "Mga jeepney mong nagliliparan, mga babae mong naggagandahan..." sang by both the "masa" and the elite; the young and the old. It's the most beloved song, which makes every Filipino abroad feel homesick every time he or she hears it on the airwaves. Passenger jeepneys are the cheapest form of public transportation available to ordinary commuters. It's only recently that the transport authorities have increased their minimum fare by P1 due to the dramatic surge of the price of diesel. Still, jeepneys remain the most affordable means of public transport compared to buses, taxis, MRT/LRT, or even tricycles. But it seems that the jeepneys' popularity and dominance among our public commuters are under serious threat.

BUSINESS WORLD

[Diokno signals Finance dep't studying carbon tax feasibility](#)

Finance Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno said his department is considering a carbon tax, and is currently working out whether such a measure is practicable.

[Pilipinas Shell offers EV charging, carbon offset program](#)

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. launched Thursday its electric vehicle (EV) charging service in the country that it described as the first of its kind on local expressways.

[ADB says green recovery critical for Philippines amid climate challenges](#)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said the Philippines must ensure that its recovery is sufficiently green in light of the challenges posed by climate change and declining biodiversity.

[Converge says investors demand climate-related information](#)

Listed fiber internet service provider Converge ICT Solutions, Inc. said it is working to increase transparency in sustainability reporting, as more investors seek climate-related information.

[A quest for reaching bigger targets](#)

By Adrian Paul B. Conoza

With the worsening global issue of climate change and, in turn, the rising call to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide, the energy sector is further pushed to expand the share of renewable and cleaner sources like biomass, solar, wind, geothermal, ocean energy, hydropower in the grid.

CHANNEL NEWS ASIA

[Sierra Madre range has been protecting Manila from the forces of nature, but how long can it continue?](#)

Under the misty canopies and alongside the meandering rivers of the Sierra Madre, the Dumagat people have always had simple dreams.

[Commentary: Franchises like fast food chains could lead fight against climate change](#)

PERTH: KFC Singapore recently announced that it had paired up with local foodware company Tria to introduce what they claim is the world's first closed-loop recycling for single-use packaging. Over the next six months, dine-in packaging and food waste in its Northpoint City store will be turned into compost.

CNN PHILIPPINES

[Biden administration takes key step in controversial Alaska oil drilling project, angering environmental groups](#)

By Ella Nilsen

The Biden administration has taken a key step forward on a controversial proposed oil drilling project in Alaska's North Slope, angering climate advocates who say the project would release tons of emissions and doom the President's climate goals.

[Govt. eyeing tax on digital transactions, single-use plastics](#)

The administration plans to tax digital transactions and single-use plastics as part of efforts to shore up revenues, the Finance chief said on Friday.

[Sydney is flooded, again, as climate crisis becomes new normal for Australia's most populous state](#)

By Hilary Whiteman

On a fine day, locals arrive on boats that motor up the Hawkesbury River in New South Wales to dine on the back deck of the Paradise Café.

DAVAO TODAY

[A step away from fossil fuels, group says about Agus-Pulangi hydropower plant rehab](#)

by Jigger J. Jerusalem

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, Philippines — The proposed rehabilitation of the Agus-Pulangi hydropower plant complex (APHPC) was met with enthusiasm from environmental advocates and power consumers in Mindanao.

['Green wish list' raised by envi groups for Marcos Jr.](#)

by Jigger J. Jerusalem

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, Philippines — A “green wish list” prepared by leaders of various environmental, health and justice organizations identified key environment issues that they want President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to prioritize in his administration.

EIN PRESSWIRE

[UNHRC adopts Việt Nam-initiated resolution on human rights, climate change](#)

GENEVA — A resolution on human rights and climate change drafted by Việt Nam in coordination with Bangladesh and the Philippines has been adopted at the 50th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

EURASIA REVIEW

[Researchers Warn About Climate Change Effects On Fisheries And Agriculture In Tropical Coastal Communities](#)

A new study recently published in the journal Nature Communications has warned of the effects of climate change on fishing and agriculture in tropical coastal communities, which are highly dependent on these economic activities to sustain their economies.

GMA NEWS

[Diokno wants tax on single-use plastics, online transactions](#)

By Ted Cordero

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s chief economic manager, Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno, is looking into recommending the passage of legislation to tax single-use plastics and digital transactions.

[CHR welcomes DND statement on human rights, wants stop to 'endless cycle of violence'](#)

By Sundy Locus

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) has called for an end to the “endless cycle of violence” in the country amid the recent bombings in Mindanao.

[Philippines, ASEAN must tap solar, wind to meet rising electricity demand — report](#)

By Jhesset O. Enano

Countries in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, must ramp up solar and wind capacities to meet the rising demand for electricity and avert more carbon emissions from the power sector, according to a new report.

[Spain, Portugal dryness 'unprecedented' in 1,200 years](#)

By Kelly Macnamara

Paris, France - Parts of Portugal and Spain are the driest they have been in a thousand years due to an atmospheric high-pressure system driven by climate change, according to research published Monday, warning of severe implications for wine and olive production.

IHS MARKIT

[Are Southeast Asian power systems ready for the rise of renewables?](#)

Like most countries in the world, Southeast Asia's economies have made their own nationally determined contributions commitments during the UN climate conferences, most recently updated in 2021 during the Glasgow negotiations. During the Glasgow climate conference in 2021, most Southeast Asian countries announced their new climate targets, with net-zero targets to be achieved between 2050 and 2065. The new targets are more aggressive than before and will require an accelerated energy transition to be achieved. Currently, governments in Southeast Asia have plans to add more than 250 GW of solar and wind capacity over the next two decades, and this will likely be increased further when their power development plans are updated in the coming years.

KHMER TIMES

[Cambodia congratulates newly-elected President Marcos Jr](#)

By Ben Sokhean

Cambodia vowed to work closely with newly sworn-in President of the Philippines Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr as the two countries discussed more cooperation in the fields of agriculture, food safety, nutrition, energy security, commerce and climate change.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

[DOF open to carbon tax](#)

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno is open to the possibility of imposing carbon tax as one of the ways to address climate-related issues.

MANILA BULLETIN

[\[OPINION\] Shinzo Abe: Japan's longest-serving prime minister and friend of the Philippines; reviving the 'Trillion Trees Program'](#)

By Former Speaker Of The House Jose C. De Venecia Jr.

We were at the Manila Polo Club with our son Joey, brother Roberto, and our old family friend Seiichi Wada, a successful Japanese business leader, when we were told about the shooting of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

[Aboitiz recasts competitive playing fields](#)

by Myrna M. Velasco

Businesses worldwide are all pacing for a very fragile post-pandemic recovery and they're in that crossover while competitive playing fields of corporates are also undergoing tectonic shifts.

[Back-to-back La Nina seems likely to continue for the third year](#)

La Niña is a weather system associated with above-average rainfall in western Pacific countries such as the Philippines. It leads to flooding in lowland farm areas which then results in damaged crops or delayed planting seasons.

[Converge supports TCFD, moves for more transparency in sustainability reporting](#)

By Jonathan Castillo

Converge is pledging to support the international Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), to prepare for climate-related risks and, on a larger scale, mitigate its impact on the environment. Converge has joined over 3,100 companies globally in supporting disclosing climate-related risks and opportunities, in an effort to do its part in strengthening the stability of the financial system.

[Shell expands mobility offers to include EV charging stations, carbon offset program](#)

By Inigo Rocas

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation announced the launch of the first Nature-based Solutions (NBS) Carbon Offset Service for drivers in the country, and Shell Recharge, the company's first high-powered electric vehicle (EV) charging service in the Philippines, and the first of its kind on Philippine expressways.

[**ELEVENTH HOUR: Youth-led, community-based climate actions**](#)

By Climate Reality Project Philippines

Climate change is not fair. It is unjust. Those who contribute the least to this problem suffer the most from its impacts. Case in point: young people whose contributions to climate change are almost negligible but are living through intense typhoons, extreme temperatures, and other climate impacts. That is the reality we're facing and the reality we need to change.

[**\[OPINION\] Disaster resilience is a united effort**](#)

Do many people still have a “go bag” survival kit tucked near the front door? Years ago, a government information campaign successfully convinced many to have a “go bag” just in case one needed to evacuate one’s house at a moment’s notice due to a natural disaster.

[**DOF wants to accelerate mining revival**](#)

By Chino S. Leyco

The Department of Finance (DOF) said on Wednesday, July 6, that the government wants to accelerate the revival of the local mining industry to support the country’s economic recovery.

[**Italy blames climate change for glacier collapse, 7 dead**](#)

By Agence-France-Presse

Canazei, Italy – Italy’s prime minister on Monday linked the collapse of the country’s biggest Alpine glacier to climate change, as hopes faded of finding further survivors from a disaster that killed at least seven people.

[**Pinoy millennials, GenZs more optimistic than global peers – study**](#)

By Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

Millennials and the next generation Gen Z Filipinos are more optimistic about their country’s economic and sociopolitical future than their global peers, despite feeling more anxious and stressed out largely due to personal finances and mental health concerns compared to their foreign peers, survey results showed.

[**Lapid files measure seeking climate-resilient PH agri, four others as priority bills**](#)

By Hannah Torregoza

Senator Manuel “Lito” Lapid is seeking to enhance the resiliency and adaptability of Filipino farmers to climate change and equipping them for climate-sensitive decision-making and providing access to localized weather and climate information.

[**Preventing Benquet forest fires, promoting watershed resilience through DOST-PCAARRD's greenbelt project**](#)

By Dhel Nazario

The Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCAARRD) is

currently a project that protects watersheds against forest fires through the establishment of greenbelt with the use of the plant Maguey.

MANILA STANDARD

[Diokno backs bill regulating plastics](#)

by Julito G. Rada

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno is seeking the expanded role of local government units in the fight against climate change as he backs the passage of a bill that will either regulate or tax the consumption of single-use plastics.

[Law backs Masbate 'biotic' area](#)

by Macon Ramos-Araneta

Senator Cynthia A. Villar said the Tugbo Natural Biotic Area (TNBA), found in the Municipality of Mobo, Masbate City, is now among the country's Protected Areas (PAs) under Republic Act (RA) 11806.

[Pi Energy signs cooperation agreement with uHoo to integrate energy and anti-indoor pollution services](#)

by Alena Mae S. Flores

Pi Energy Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Philippine Holdings Corp., reached a cooperation agreement with uHoo, a climate technology company, to integrate energy and anti-indoor pollution services.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Is government paying enough attention to risk?](#)

By Ricardo Saludo

The assassination of former prime minister Shinzo Abe, Japan's longest-serving leader, just made the above headline so very relevant and urgent. Plainly, if the killing of a stringently secured leader by a lone murderer wielding a homemade shotgun could happen in one of the most clockwork-disciplined and gun-controlled countries, that risk is surely even greater everywhere else.

[Disaster core group to discuss good practices](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

As the country is vulnerable to the effects of climate-related disasters while still experiencing the global pandemic, the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) need to prepare for the disruptions caused by these events.

[Shell, EPI supports Philippine Energy Plan](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

Shell Overseas Investments B.V. (Shell) declared it has established a joint venture with Emerging Power Inc. (EPI) to support the Department of Energy's (DoE) latest Philippine Energy Plan.

[Harnessing solar power to pump water](#)

Solar power is a key element in tackling the climate crisis and end our reliance on energy from fossil fuels.

[Transparency in sustainability reporting](#)

Leading fiber broadband operator Converge ICT Solutions Inc. (PSE:CNVRG) is pledging to support the international Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) to prepare for climate-related risks and, on a larger scale, mitigate its impact on the environment.

[Diokno open to carbon tax](#)

By Mayvelin U. Caraballo

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno is open to the idea of imposing a carbon tax in the country.

[Shell to roll out EV charging stations](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. launched on Thursday its Shell Recharge, the company's first high-powered electric vehicle (EV) charging service in the Philippines and the nature-based solutions (NBS) carbon offset service for motorists.

[Solar-powered catamaran to help clean plastic waste](#)

By Gerald Ignacio

Holcim Philippines, in partnership with One Earth One Ocean, launched on Thursday the Circular Explorer, a 100-percent solar-powered catamaran designed to collect up to 4 tons of plastic waste from coastal areas.

[Diokno: PH to continue food imports](#)

By Mayvelin U. Caraball

In order to combat the rising consumer prices, the government will continue to import more essential goods and ensure increased agricultural output, Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno said.

[Kalinga bats for renewable energy](#)

By Dexter A. See

Tabuk City, Kalinga: Gov. James Edubba has announced that the province will become the bastion of renewable energy not only in the Cordillera Administrative Region but also in Northern Luzon once the available sources of renewable power are developed as a possible alternative to the existing sources of energy currently dependent on coal.

[\[OPINION\] Thank you, Mr. President, for valuing science](#)

By Glenn S. Banaguas

This is my official congratulatory message as a UN Sasakawa laureate and Asean science diplomat to President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. on the occasion of his inauguration as the 17th President of the Republic of the Philippines.

[Bong Go pushes creation of dept of disaster resilience](#)

By Javier Joe Ismael

Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go refiled in the 19th Congress his bill that aims to establish a Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR), a specialized agency that will help create disaster-resilient and safe communities.

[China endures record rains, extreme heat](#)

By Associated Press

Beijing: From the snowcapped peaks of Tibet to the tropical island of Hainan, China is sweltering under its worst heat wave in decades while rainfall hit records in June.

[PAVI Green to help energize Luzon grid](#)

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

PAVI Green Renewable Energy Inc. has secured a mandate from the Department of Energy (DoE) to contribute to the Philippines' renewable energy capacity through the DoE's Green Energy Auction Program.

[Seabed 2030 announces ocean data increases](#)

By Genivi Verdejo

The Seabed 2030 project, an international effort to chart the world's entire ocean floor, has increased the ocean data equating to the size of Europe.

[Sydney floods force thousands more to flee](#)

By Agence France-Presse

Sydney: Rain-swollen rivers spilled mud-brown waters across swathes of Sydney on Tuesday, swamping homes and roads while forcing thousands to flee.

[\[OPINION\] World leaders must look at the big picture to solve food crisis](#)

By Inter Press Service

Chicago: From the worst drought in four decades threatening famine across the Horn of Africa to extreme heat in South Asia, the war in Ukraine and the unequal pace of pandemic recovery, global food systems are under extraordinary pressure.

[BMW starts production of fully electric 7 Series](#)

The first series-produced vehicles of the new BMW 7 Series have finally rolled off the production lines. The BMW Group invested over €300 million to prepare the Dingolfing vehicle plant for production of the new 7 Series. For the first time, the BMW Group is piloting automated maneuvers within the production environment by just-made BMW 7 Series vehicles — and optimizing assembly and outbound logistics processes as a result.

[ECB unveils plan on pro-climate investments](#)

By Agence France-Presse

Frankfurt, Germany: The European Central Bank (ECB) on Monday unveiled plans to integrate climate change into its monetary policy in a bid to encourage eurozone businesses to pay more attention to their environmental impact.

[Thousands flee 'dangerous' Sydney floods](#)

By Agence France-Presse

Sydney: Rapidly rising rivers swamped swathes of rain-lashed Sydney on Monday, forcing thousands of people to flee "dangerous" floods as the city's largest dam spilled torrents of water.

[UNDP, DILG partner to strengthen climate resilience](#)

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Philippines marked an important milestone in their partnership for an initiative to strengthen the disaster and climate resilience of targeted local governments in the Philippines over the next six years.

[SteelAsia to use green technology](#)

SteelAsia Manufacturing Corp. will start operating the country's first industrial scale melt shop in 2024 using the latest green technology from Tenova.

NEW YORK TIMES

[Biodiversity Crisis Affects Billions Who Rely on Wild Species, Researchers Say](#)

By Elena Shao

Billions of people worldwide rely on some 50,000 wild species for food, energy, medicine and income, according to a sweeping new scientific report that concluded humans must make dramatic changes to hunting and other practices to address an accelerating biodiversity crisis.

NIKKEI ASIA

[ASEAN governments rush to issue green bonds](#)

By Dylan Loh and Francesca Regalado

Singapore/Bangkok -- Southeast Asian nations are aiming to increase green financing as the region, dotted with flood-prone low-lying areas vulnerable to weather disruptions and rising sea levels, grapples with the threat of climate change.

PANAY NEWS

[Farm Production](#)

A study of international advocacy group Oxfam warned that rice yield in the Philippines will drop from 50 percent to 70 percent because of climate change. It said rice-producing countries like the Philippines will be hardest hit by climate change, as a one percent rise in temperature will result in a 10 percent drop in rice production every year from hereon.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[Are these young employees showing signs of burnout?](#)

By Tyrone Jasper C. Piad

Leon Sanchez (not his real name), a 25-year-old civil engineer, is growing frustrated with his job at a local government unit.

[Creation of 'Department of Disaster Resilience' sought](#)

By Dennis Gutierrez

Lawmakers have filed a bill that seeks the creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR).

['Sooner than later': DOF eyes tax on single-use plastics, online purchases](#)

By Neil Arwin Mercado

The Department of Finance (DOF) is mulling taxing single-use plastics and online purchases, including subscriptions to streaming apps like Netflix.

[PH looking into carbon tax viability](#)

By Ben O. de Vera

The Philippines is looking into imposing carbon tax to fight climate change while raising funds for adaptation and resiliency projects.

[Why Australia is battling floods](#)

By Reuters

Melbourne — Torrential rain is lashing Australia's southeast coast, forcing thousands of people from their homes because of the danger of floods and landslides in a region battered by major flooding four times in the past 18 months.

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY

[PH to strengthen technological and economic cooperation with ASEAN and Italy](#)

On 6 July 2022, Trade Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual virtually attended the European House – Ambrosetti's hybrid session of the High-Level Dialogue on ASEAN-Italy Economic Relations in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Forum serves as a platform for ASEAN and Italy's economic ministers and senior officials to tackle critical issues centered on economy and technology. Specifically, it sheds a light on the macroeconomic outlook for ASEAN in the post-pandemic scenario, green technologies, and sustainable future.

[DENR partners with South Korea, Germany to boost PH marine litter management, peatland protection](#)

Quezon City -- The Philippines, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), has signed partnerships with the Republic of Korea and Germany to pursue development projects on marine litter management and peatlands conservation, respectively.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

[Marcos admin keen on importing small modular reactors from US](#)

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

The Marcos administration is looking at bringing in small modular reactors (SMR) being developed by the United States to the Philippines, a ranking official said.

[PH pioneers Holcim Circular Explorer to help in Manila Bay rehab](#)

By Kris Crismundo

The Philippines was chosen by cement manufacturer Holcim to launch its first Circular Explorer, a pioneering solar-powered catamaran designed to help in cleaning coastal areas in the country.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[Southeast Asia's lofty gas plans pose threats to waters rich with marine life](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico, Napat Wesshasartar, Do Thuy Trang, Hartatik

For 57-year-old Tom Buitizon, the Verde Island Passage is the lifeblood of small fisherfolk like him and of millions living in southern Luzon.

[Green recovery to bring in investments into Southeast Asia](#)

By Louella Desiderio

Pursuing a green recovery from the pandemic in Southeast Asian countries can generate \$172 billion worth of investment opportunities annually and create over 30 million jobs in the region by 2030, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said.

[Lawmakers file bill creating disaster resilience department](#)

By Shiela Crisostomo

With the Philippines highly vulnerable to calamities like tropical cyclones, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, administration lawmakers have filed a bill seeking the creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR).

[Government ramps up drive to attract EV makers](#)

By Catherine Talavera

The Philippines is wooing makers of electric vehicles from China, citing the passage of a law which moves for more government support for the industry.

[**PLDT to power its buildings with solar panels**](#)

By Danessa Rivera

Telco giant PLDT Inc. continues to ramp up its green and sustainability efforts by rolling out renewable energy facilities in 20 of its buildings.

[**Century Pacific rolls out plant-based tuna product**](#)

By Iris Gonzales

Century Pacific Food Inc. (CNPF), the Po family-led food and beverage company, has expanded its plant-based portfolio with the introduction of a fish-free tuna, a seafood alternative product.

[**Apo Reef Natural Park wins marine biodiversity award**](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

The Apo Reef Natural Park in Occidental Mindoro won the prestigious Blue Park Awards for exceptional marine wildlife conservation at the United Nations Ocean Conference.

[**Masbate's Tugbo Natural Biotic Area, home to wild birds, now a protected area**](#)

By Angelica Y. Yang

The Tugbo Natural Biotic Area (TNBA) in the Masbate province is now a protected area, according to Republic Act 11806 which lapsed into law early last month.

[**Marcos Jr. gets EU invite to visit Brussels in Belgium**](#)

By Kaycee Valmonte

After getting invited to Washington, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has also received an invitation from the European Union (EU) to visit Brussels in Belgium.

[**PetroEnergy unit secures DOE, DENR approvals for solar projects**](#)

By Angelica Y. Yang

PetroEnergy Resources Corp. (PERC) said Tuesday that its renewable energy (RE) arm has secured approvals from the Energy and Environment departments to proceed with two new solar power projects in Pangasinan and Bohol.

[**US trains DENR, BFAR in underwater crime scene investigation, law enforcement**](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

The United States trained government partners in the Philippines in investigating underwater crime scene and enforcing laws, its embassy in Manila said Tuesday.

[**Climate activists stage protest at British Grand Prix**](#)

By Agence France-Presse

SILVERSTONE, United Kingdom — Climate activists invaded the circuit at Silverstone on Sunday shortly after the British Grand Prix was red-flagged following a multi-car crash at the start.

[Tax perk guidelines for RE developers set](#)

By Louise Maureen Simeon

Renewable energy (RE) developers can now avail of fiscal incentives, including income tax holiday and zero percent value-added tax (VAT) rate, as the government continues to push for clean energy amid worsening climate change.

RAPPLER

[LIST: Metro Manila mayors' top priorities under the Marcos administration](#)

By Dwight De Leon

The National Capital Region welcomed a new set of leaders the same day that the Philippines formalized the presidency of Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

[From a rock grew a park: How Masungi became the benchmark for conservation areas](#)

By Iya Gozum

RIZAL, Philippines – Ricardo Pajareto was following the scent of wisterias in a forest in Baras, Rizal, when it led him to a spot overlooking two limestone formations and Laguna de Bay.

[How athleisure, fast fashion are contributing to microplastic pollution](#)

By Pia Ranada

It's almost like you can't be stylish without that sporty element in your outfit.

SUN STAR PAMPANGA

[\[OPINION\] Who will be the next DENR Secretary?](#)

By Rox Peña

President Bongbong Marcos (PBBM) has been announcing members of his cabinet as they are appointed. I have been waiting for the next Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), but none has been chosen as of this writing. I asked some friends in the environment circle but they are clueless either.

TODAY

[\[OPINION\] How franchises like fast-food chains can help fight climate change](#)

KFC Singapore recently announced that it had paired up with local foodware company Tria to introduce what they claim is the world's first closed-loop recycling for single-use packaging. Over the next six months, dine-in packaging and food waste in its Northpoint City store will be turned into compost.

UNION OF CATHOLIC ASIAN NEWS

[Vatican joins UN treaty on climate change](#)

The Vatican is now a formal party to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and has declared it intends also to formally join the 2015 Paris Agreement.

[Church stands against nuclear power in the Philippines](#)

By Father Shay Cullen

Renewable generation must double in the next few years if we are to save the nation from an economic meltdown.

VIETNAM+

[UN Human Rights Council adopts Vietnam-initiated resolution on human rights, climate change](#)

Geneva – A resolution on human rights and climate change drafted by Vietnam in coordination with Bangladesh and the Philippines has been adopted at the 50th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

['Reduce, remove and repair' - the 3 Rs needed to fight climate change](#)

Hurting towards deeper climate shifts, unless we act now there is little chance of a manageable future for humanity. The possibility of maintaining an average global temperature rise below 1.5°C, and the implied manageability that brings, is increasingly difficult.

CCC in the News

GMA NEWS

[For a stronger national climate resiliency, Philippines to seek broader, results-oriented partnerships](#)

The Philippine Climate Change Commission (CCC) convened today "Strengthening Partnerships for Climate-Resilient Philippines," taking stock of existing climate change partnerships and determining ways to optimize these international partnerships for a more climate-resilient Philippines.

THE DAILY GUARDIAN

[Multilateral partnership boosts efforts for carbon neutral PH through reforestation initiatives](#)

The Climate Change Commission (CCC), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Society of Filipino Foresters Inc. (SFFI) established a partnership to boost efforts for a carbon neutral Philippines through science-based reforestation initiatives.

THE MANILA TIMES

UN lauds Marcos for environment efforts

By Kristina Maralit

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has been lauded by the United Nations Human Habitat for his innovative environmental efforts in his home province of Ilocos Norte.

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