



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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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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- ‘Expert’s expert’: Salceda upbeat on Yulo-Loyzaga as DENR chief
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- [OPINION] Empower youth to act on climate change
- More extreme El Niño, La Niña events could drive global warming, study finds
- [EDITORIAL] Go solar, not nuclear
- DOF chief backs single-use plastics bill
- PH to strengthen technological and economic cooperation with ASEAN and Italy
- Maynilad program gears up for its 1 millionth tree this year
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- State-of-the-art vehicle boosts C. Luzon's rescue capabilities
- Over 1K Pampanga farmers benefit from DSWD's resiliency program
- Plastic bag ban creates new opportunities in Tanzania
- Philippines remains among world’s top geothermal producers
- ACEN extends P1.14 billion loan for Cagayan solar JV project
- LIMA Estate to turn into next-gen, smart econ center
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- Alternergy eyes P2.1 billion from IPO
- DENR-EMB to install trash traps in polluted rivers
- Mining firms eager to work with next environment head
- More firms offering sustainable bonds
- New DENR chief urged to stop reclamation, side with biodiversity
- Marcos picks Toni Yulo-Loyzaga to lead DENR
- Lotilla seen as right man for the job
- ACEN gets highest rating for planned green bond issue
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- Rising fuel prices? 5 brands share sustainability practices to save money, energy
- Philippines, US reaffirm commitment on supply chains, climate crisis
- Raslag expects P215 million income for power plant
- Party-list group files ‘10 power bills’
- French envoy: Russia’s war with Ukraine threatens rules-based order in Indo-Pacific
- ACEN Executives ok Php10 fixed-rate green bonds
- 8 new RE projects endorsed for SIS
- Environmental and Health Leaders Line Up Priority Issues for PBBM’s First SONA
- Bill vs single-use plastics filed in Senate
- Alternergy files for P2.2-billion IPO
- Threat to Japan’s sushi? Fatty fish may foreshadow climate change

- Clean energy advocates call for speedy rehabilitation of Mindanao's hydropower plants
- Solar-powered recycling vessel Circular Explorer arrives in the Philippines
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CCC in the News

- *"MWSS and partners pledge to plant 1.7-M trees in 2022"* By Jonathan L. Mayuga
- *"Low-Carbon Transportation System Itataguyod ng CCC, DOTr, At Transport Groups"*
- *"Legarda files bill regulating single-use plastics"* By Hana Bordey
- *"PRC spearheads reforestation activity at La Mesa Watershed Reservation"* By Charie Mae F. Abarca
- *"Climate body leads coastal clean-up"* By Kristina Maralit
- *"Low-carbon transport initiative backed"* By Franco Jose C. Baroña
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- *"CCC, DOTr, transport groups vow to accelerate transition to low-carbon and sustainable transport sector"*
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Happy Reading!
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ABS-CBN NEWS

[DOE urged to rethink nuclear energy push](#)

By Katrina Domingo

The Department of Energy (DOE) should reconsider President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s push to include nuclear power in the Philippines' energy mix as its upkeep can be more costly than operating existing power plants, a think tank said on Saturday.

[Sachet prices likely to go up due to proposed tax on single-use plastics](#)

By Jekki Pascual

Imposing taxes on single-use plastics is seen as "indirectly taxing the poor" since it could increase the costs of products sold in sachets, which are usually purchased by those in the lower economic class, a group said Friday.

[Group wants firms to cut plastic production under EPR bill](#)

An environmental group said Friday that they want provisions for reducing plastic production included in the extended producer's responsibility (EPR) bill.

[Legarda wants human rights, climate change, agriculture taught in schools](#)

By Sherrie Ann Torres

Filipino students should learn about their fundamental rights, the impact of food wastage, agriculture, and entrepreneurial skills, among others, Sen. Loren Legarda said on Wednesday.

BUSINESS MIRROR

[ERC sets hearing on Meralco capex](#)

By Lenie Lectura

The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) will hear next month a petition of the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) to approve its P2.34-billion capital expenditure (capex) program for its expansion projects that would be implemented together with the relocation of its facilities affected by government projects.

[JVs in green data centers and renewable energy](#)

By Joseph Gamboa

San Francisco, USA—Contrary to anecdotal evidence that the rise of remote work and so-called “Zoom towns” have rendered this city and its surrounding region irrelevant, the San Francisco Bay Area is still the center of the tech world.

BUSINESS WORLD

[RE company Alternergy files for P2.18-B IPO](#)

Power company Alternergy Holdings Corp. recently filed an application for an initial public offering (IPO) with the Securities and Exchange Commission to raise up to P2.18 billion, which will be used in part for its renewable energy (RE) projects.

[Disaster management treaties database launched to strengthen Philippines' international partnerships](#)

By Alyssa Nicole O. Tan

The Department of Foreign Affairs on Thursday launched a database of foreign agreements and treaties on disaster management that the Philippines is party to, a tool that is intended to help strengthen linkages towards resilience amid the global climate crisis.

[Legislators consider new tax, privatization bills](#)

By Diego Gabriel C. Robles and Alyssa Nicole O. Tan

Members of Congress are exploring untapped sources of potential funds, ranging from taxes on digital transactions, single-use plastics, and carbon emissions as signaled by economic managers, as well as privatizing government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and public land.

[ACEN files P30-B debt securities with SEC](#)

AC Energy Corp. (ACEN) has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) the shelf-registration of debt securities worth up to P30 billion, of which the P10-billion first tranche will be offered as ASEAN green fixed-rate bonds.

[Allergies on the rise due to climate change](#)

Climate change has increased the incidence of skin and respiratory allergies, according to allergologists at a July 10 event organized by the Philippine Society of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (PSAAI).

[The five challenges to Philippine competitiveness](#)

Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development (IMD) recently announced that the Philippines improved four spots in its 2022 World Competitiveness Yearbook.

CNN PHILIPPINES

[Researchers just gave developing nations a scientific basis for legal action against US, China for climate damages](#)

By Ella Nilsen

Researchers in a new study have put actual dollar figures on economic harm caused by the countries most responsible for the climate crisis, and the ground-breaking data could serve as a starting point for legal action against the world's wealthiest nations.

[Investors optimistic about Bongbong Marcos presidency, but want policy 'specifics' during SONA](#)

Local and foreign investors are optimistic about the new administration of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. and his cabinet secretaries, but said they look forward to details that would put his policy pronouncements into action.

GMA NEWS

[PCCI sees up to 8% GDP growth in second half of 2022](#)

By Victoria Tulad

Despite current market woes, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) sees a growth in the country's gross domestic product by 6% to 6.5% within the second half of the year.

GULF NEWS

[Mega K-Pop concert set in 50,000-seater Philippine Arena](#)

An environment-themed “mega” K-pop concert is set to storm the 50,000-seating capacity Philippine Arena later this 2022 to raise awareness about ways to combat climate change, according to promoters.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

[Holcim launches Circular Explorer in Manila Bay](#)

Holcim and One Earth One Ocean launched recently the Circular Explorer in Manila to be part of cleaning coastal areas in the Philippines.

[LIMA first estate to get BERDE](#)

LIMA Estate obtained BERDE-district five-star certification, the first industrial estate in the country to receive the accreditation.

[McDonald’s PH now on strawless lids nationwide](#)

Quick service restaurant giant McDonald’s Philippines announced the transition of all of its stores across the Philippines to strawless lids.

[SAGIP lawmakers want lower electricity cost](#)

By Wendell Vigilia

SAGIP party-list lawmakers have filed 10 energy-related bills aimed at bringing down the cost of electricity in the country, including a measure which seeks to limit the cap for system loss from 9.5 percent to 1 percent.

MANILA BULLETIN

[DOE sees transport causing dramatic spike in PH carbon emissions](#)

by Myrna M. Velasco

While the government is pushing for massive-scale green technology installations in the power industry, the Department of Energy (DOE) indicated that the main segment that will trigger radical spike in the country’s carbon emissions will be the transport sector.

[DENR optimistic of positive changes under Yulo-Loyzaga’s leadership](#)

By Jel Santos

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has expressed optimism that the leadership of its incoming Secretary Ma. Antonia “Toni” Yulo-Loyzaga will lead to a more resilient country.

[Solon to PBBM: Protect Sierra Madre, Luzon from floods](#)

By Raymund Antonio

Rizal 4th District Rep. Fidel Nograles introduced a bill to Congress to establish the Sierra Madre Development Authority (SMDA) that would protect and conserve the 500-kilometer-long mountain range that protects Luzon from typhoons.

[Holcim's Circular Explorer boosts its sustainability story](#)

by Philip Cu Unjieng

As a global leader in the manufacture of building materials, it may not be easy, on the surface, to appreciate the sustainability initiatives of a company like Swiss giant Holcim. But to its credit, Holcim does take sustainability, and its corporate responsibility to building a better future now, very seriously.

[An ancient grain from Visayan folklore: the nutritional value of kabog millet of Cebu and the race to save it from extinction](#)

By Joan Oñate Narciso

The Philippines is rich in biodiversity. Many plant species are endemic to the country and are consumed as staple foods. An example of an ancient crop from the Philippines is the kabog millet, found in Catmon, Cebu.

[JICA to bring 'best of Japan' in Pasig City's community-building projects](#)

by Khriscielle Yalao

The Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Philippines assured the Pasig City local government of its commitment to aid the city in its development by bringing the "best of Japan" in several community-building projects.

[Top K-Pop group to hold concert in Manila?](#)

By Annalyn S. Jusay

Soon-to-launch streaming service AQ Prime, in collaboration with its Korean partners, vowed to bring in a top K-Pop group to hold a concert in the Philippines before the end of the year or early next year.

[ACEN advances P1.14-B financing for 200MW Cagayan solar project](#)

By Myrna M. Velasco

With a greenlight from its board of directors, Ayala-led ACEN Corporation has agreed to advance P1.139 billion loan to its partner firm Natures Renewable Energy Development Corporation (NAREDCO), a wholly owned subsidiary of Filipino-led CleanTech Global Renewables Inc., to start construction of the 200-megawatt Lal-lo solar farm project in Cagayan province.

[Legarda renews call to combat plastic use](#)

by Mario Casayuran

Senator Loren Legarda has refiled her bill that seeks to phase out single-use plastics and mandate extended producers' responsibility schemes from businesses and companies, reiterating her call to address the growing plastic pollution and waste in the country.

[ACEN's Green Bonds get triple-A rating](#)

by James A. Loyola

The planned P10-billion maiden Peso Green Bond offering of AC Energy Corporation (ACEN) has been given the highest PRS Aaa issue credit rating with a Stable Outlook by Philippine Rating Services Corporation (PhilRatings).

[Business pushes 24 priority bills](#)

By Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

Business groups have identified 24 priority legislative measures that President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. should certify as urgent for the immediate passage by the 19th Congress to achieve the goals of economic recovery and ensure sustainable long term growth for the country.

[Eleventh Hour: Murals demand urgent and decisive climate actions in COP27](#)

By Climate Reality Project Philippines

The Climate Reality Project Philippines is joining a growing chorus of voices asking “When” and demanding “Now” from world leaders meeting during the 27th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

[Vulnerable Pacific islands call for ‘urgent, immediate’ action on climate](#)

By Agence-France-Presse

Suva, Fiji — Vulnerable Pacific islands demanded “urgent, immediate” global action on climate change Thursday, while stressing a commitment to democracy and the “rules-based” international order in the face of growing Chinese regional influence.

[Clean source, lesser cost: DOST official assures going nuclear beneficial to PH](#)

By Dhel Nazario

The top official of the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (DOST-PNRI) believes that nuclear power could offer the country with the cleanest source of baseload power at a lesser cost.

[LPA, ‘habagat’ to still bring rains over several Luzon areas](#)

By Ellalyn De Vera-Ruiz

The low pressure area (LPA) and the southwest monsoon will continue to bring rains over several areas in Luzon in the next 24 hours, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said on Wednesday, July 13.

[ACEN to debut P10-B peso green bond issuance](#)

By Myrna M. Velasco

Ayala-led ACEN Corporation will issue P10 billion worth of peso-denominated green bonds to bankroll three of its solar projects.

[BSP to issue 3rd phase of sustainable finance rules](#)

By Lee C. Chipongian

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on Tuesday, July 12, announced that it will issue the third phase of sustainable finance regulations next month, signalling a “wider adoption” of sustainability principles in the domestic financial system.

[DBP approves Dupinga Mini Hydro’s P660M loan](#)

by Emmie V. Abadilla

In line with its thrust to support new and renewable energy sources, the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) approved a P660-million loan to develop the 4.6 megawatt (MW) Dupinga Mini Hydropower project in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija.

[RASLAG sees higher revenue growth](#)

by Myrna M. Velasco

Listed firm RASLAG Corporation (ASLAG) is eyeing to fetch higher revenues this year with the commercial operation of its 18.01-megawatt Raslag-3 solar farm project in Pampanga.

[Coal as solution to power crisis in Mindoro proposed](#)

By Jerry Alcayde

Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro — Former Oriental Mindoro Congressman Rodolfo G. Valencia has proposed the use of coal as the most practical and economically-viable solution to end the power crisis in Mindoro island.

[Phivolcs lowers Taal Volcano’s alert status to Level 1](#)

By Ellalyn De Vera-Ruiz

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) on Monday, July 11, lowered Taal Volcano’s alert status from Level 2 to Level 1.

MANILA STANDARD

[AboitizPower eyes Albay binary plant](#)

By Alena Mae S. Flores

Aboitiz Power Corp. plans to build a binary plant in Tiwi, Albay to expand its renewable energy portfolio in the next decade.

[Vulnerable Pacific islands push for ‘immediate’ action on climate](#)

By AFP

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[Alternergy eyes P2.18-b public offering in November](#)

By Jenniffer B. Austria

Alternergy Holdings Corp., a renewable energy company headed by former Energy Secretary Vince Perez, plans to raise P2.18 billion from an initial public offering in November this year.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Help stop the extinction of a million species](#)

By Fr. Shay Cullen

We have to change, the world has to change, the humans that are controlling the oil, gas and coal industries and power plants have to change. They are the root cause of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that is causing the planet to overheat. Immediate evidence of this is the heat waves at present that are overwhelming parts of the world.

[\[OPINION\] A seven-point agenda for the first Marcos SONA](#)

By Ricardo Saludo

Before the headline topic, one last plug for coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) remedies amid the silence of authorities regarding proven lifesavers like Pfizer's Paxlovid, which reduced risk of serious or fatal illness by 89 percent in clinical trials amid the deadly Delta surge last year.

[Meet an emerging young climate activist](#)

By Ludwig Federigan

One fine Sunday afternoon, I sat down with Brian Jason de los Santos for an afternoon chat. Brian has been very active in serving a number of youth-led organizations and is now putting all of his energy to climate activism.

[AboitizPower to build binary geothermal plant](#)

By Leander C. Domingo

Aboitiz Power Corp. (AboitizPower) is growing its renewable energy (RE) portfolio with plans to build a binary geothermal plant in Tiwi, Albay province, according to the company's corporate branding and communication (CBC) unit.

[PH seen as major geothermal market](#)

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

The Philippines is expected to become the world's fourth-largest market for total installed geothermal power capacity by 2031, an international research group said.

[JG Summit boosts sustainability efforts](#)

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

JG Summit Holdings Inc. strengthened its efforts toward a more sustainable future by adopting a holistic approach to achieving long-term business success in addressing environmental concerns and societal needs.

[Strategies for sustainable CSR](#)

By Dafort Villaseran

With the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) planning to make sustainability reporting mandatory for publicly listed corporations in the country starting 2023, companies would be strategic to practice publishing reports and stepping up efforts on corporate social responsibility (CSR) if they have not been doing so already.

[\[OPINION\] The world is burning; we need a renewable revolution](#)

By Inter Press Service

United Nations: Nero was famously accused of fiddling while Rome burned. Today, some leaders are doing worse. They are throwing fuel on the fire. Literally.

[BSP releases third phase of sustainability rules](#)

By Mayvelin U. Caraballo

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said it continues to be making progress in the area of sustainable finance by releasing the third phase of regulations aimed at promoting the broader adoption of sustainability principles in the domestic financial system.

[\[EDITORIAL\] Greening the economic recovery](#)

A Recent study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) argues that a green recovery from the economic downturn of the Covid-19 pandemic is crucial to the well-being of Southeast Asia, particularly the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar. As the Philippines moves further from the ill effects, literally and figuratively, of the pandemic, and at this particular moment when a new administration is just beginning its work, we believe the ADB's recommendation should be one of the cornerstones of national policy moving forward.

[New rules clarify incentives under the 2008 RE Act](#)

By Euney Marie Mata-Perez

Finally, last June 30, 2022, nearly 14 years since the passage of Republic Act (RA) 9513, or the "Renewable Energy (RE) Act of 2008," the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued Revenue Regulation (RR) 7-2022, entitled Tax Incentives Under the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, which provides long-awaited policies and guidelines for the availment of tax incentives under the law.

[Marcos names Yulo-Loyzaga DENR chief](#)

By Kristina Maralit

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on Tuesday nominated Ma. Antonia "Toni" Yulo-Loyzaga as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

[China's shadow looms over Pacific summit](#)

By Agence France-Presse

Suva, Fiji: The rivalry between the United States and China and divisions over regional leadership threatened to overshadow a landmark summit of Pacific island leaders that got underway in the Fijian capital Suva on Tuesday.

[DHL, Hapag Lloyd use advanced biofuel to decarbonize shipping](#)

By Yashika F. Torib

DHL Global Forwarding and Hapag-Lloyd signed an agreement for the use of advanced biofuels to decarbonize container shipping and logistics.

[Holcim Group launches 'Circular Explorer'](#)

One of the world's biggest construction companies, the Holcim group has reaffirmed its corporate commitment to reduce plastic waste in the ocean with the launch recently of "Circular Explorer," a recycling catamaran built specifically to recover 4 tons of floating plastics along the Manila Bay Area daily.

[Meralco joins inter-agency cleanup drive along Pasig River](#)

To commemorate the International Day of Biological Diversity, the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) recently participated in a special inter-agency cleanup activity in Estero de Provisor, organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (PRCMO).

[\[EDITORIAL\] Pending EPR Law undermines environmental goals](#)

If President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. does not move to veto Senate Bill (SB) 2425, the "Practice of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) on Plastic Packaging Waste" bill, it will lapse into law. Allowing this to happen will result in the continued, virtually unchecked production of plastic and other waste, and deal a severe and possibly irreparable setback to the Philippines' environmental management objectives.

[\[OPINION\] The antidote to climate anxiety](#)

By Daphne Oseña-Paez

One of the biggest issues facing the world is climate change. Despite all the climate action programs by high-profile celebrities and powerful governments, many youths feel overwhelmed with anxiety thinking about the impending doom of an environmental catastrophe. Just yesterday, Unicef posted an illustration with the graphic "Dealing with climate anxiety? Take time out from climate news. It's okay to put your mental health first."

[Toward the renewable energy transition](#)

By Mhycke Gallego

In April 2021, the Philippines committed to a 75-percent reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from its 2020 numbers as part of the Paris Agreement. It also aimed to increase renewable energy (RE) usage to 35 percent to enable this goal.

[DBP earmarks P660M for mini hydro plant](#)

By Jerry M. Hernandez

The Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) has earmarked funding support for the development of a 4.6-megawatt Dupinga Mini Hydropower project in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija amounting to P660 million.

[Marcos names Lotilla Energy secretary](#)

By Kristina Maralit

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. named Raphael Perpetuo Lotilla as secretary of the Department of Energy (DoE), Malacañang said Monday.

[\[OPINION\] What does it mean to be lost and damaged?](#)

By John Leo Algo

As July is National Disaster Resilience Month, there has never been a better time to ask ourselves what does it mean to be lost? What does it mean to be damaged?

[Filinvest REIT wins big at Real Estate Asia Awards](#)

The publicly listed real estate investment trust (REIT) arm of Filinvest Land recently bagged two major awards — the Office Development of the Year-Philippines Award and the REIT Initiative of the Year-Philippines Award — at the recently held Real Estate Asia Awards 2022.

[What future for a world of 8B people?](#)

By John Wilmoth

United Nations: What does a young girl from Juba, in South Sudan, an eight-year-old boy living in the slums of Mumbai, in India, a young mother from the south of Lima, in Peru, and an 83-year-old man enjoying retirement in the suburbs of Stockholm, in Sweden, have in common?

[SM Prime expands sustainability portfolio](#)

By Aaron Ronquillo

Following the success of its trailblazing efforts and building resilient malls, SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SM Prime) expands its environment-friendly and socially conscious office portfolio.

[Electric vehicles in the mainstream](#)

By Ira Panganiban

First it was Petron, followed by Meralco, then SM, and now comes Shell. These four companies have started to incorporate electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in their establishments to promote the use of electric cars in the country.

MONGABAY

[Study: Climate impacts to disproportionately hurt tropical fishers, farmers](#)

By Basten Gokkon

Jakarta — Coastal communities in the tropics that rely heavily on both agriculture and fisheries are most vulnerable to the losses caused by high global carbon emissions, a new study says.

OPEN GOV ASIA

[Philippine Education Apps for Disaster Preparedness](#)

By Yen Ocampo

The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Information System (DRRMIS), an efficient information management and communication system that will improve the safety measures of all schools in the nation, was formally launched by the Department of Education (DepEd) in the Philippines.

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[Plastic Bag Ban Creates New Opportunities In Tanzania](#)

The blanket ban on plastic bags Tanzania introduced three years ago has unleashed a huge market potential for eco-friendly paper bags, creating new opportunities for local traders who reap bigger profits.

PANAY NEWS

[Murals in Iloilo amplify urgent action against climate change](#)

Iloilo City – Murals were unveiled here on July 15 to demand decisive and transformative actions from world leaders meeting this November during the 27th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[DOE needs chief pushing for renewable energy – groups](#)

By Jigger J. Jerusalem

Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, Philippines — The Department of Energy (DOE) should be headed by someone committed to advancing renewable energy, the National Coalition of Filipino Consumers (NCFC) and the Power for People Coalition (P4P) urged President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Saturday.

[Busan, South Korea gearing up for World Expo 2030 bid, focuses on emerging technologies](#)

By Gabriel Pabico Lalu

The port city of Busan in South Korea is gearing up for its bid to host the World Expo 2030, promising to put emphasis on new technologies and smart airports and seaports.

[\[OPINION\] ‘Tingi’/sachet nation](#)

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

Inquirer banner story headline last Sunday: “Tax on plastics, online sales gets new push.” Part of the blurb below the headline said that “to boost [government] revenue, Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno says the new administration plans to tax all online transactions, which can raise P13.2 billion annually, and earn another P1 billion from an excise on single-use plastics.”

[Legarda refiles bill against single-use plastics](#)

Senator Loren Legarda has refiled a bill that aims to eliminate single-use plastics and improve responsibility schemes for companies and businesses to address the growing plastic pollution crisis in the country.

[Benjamin Diokno cold to more tax cuts under “TRAMM” proposal](#)

By Ben O. de Vera

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s chief economic manager and tax-collector is cold to the proposal of a party-list group to further cut income taxes.

[Another renewable energy firm tosses hat into IPO ring](#)

By Tyrone Jasper C. Piad

Alternergy Holdings Corp., founded by former Energy Secretary Vicente Perez, eyes to raise as much as P2.2 billion from an initial public offering (IPO) to fund its renewable energy projects.

[DFA launches database on foreign agreements on disaster risk management](#)

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) launched Thursday a database on foreign agreements and treaties related to disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM), to which the Philippines is a party.

[Cynthia Villar files priority bills on agriculture, environment, MSMEs](#)

By Beatrice Pinlac

Senator Cynthia Villar has filed her priority bills for the 19th Congress, with most of them centered on spurring the country’s agricultural growth, conserving the environment, and empowering Filipino entrepreneurs.

[‘Expert’s expert’: Salceda upbeat on Yulo-Loyzaga as DENR chief](#)

By Gabriel Pabico Lalu

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda said on Wednesday he was “very pleased” and “inspired” by the nomination of Ma. Antonia “Toni” Yulo-Loyzaga as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

[Climate change advocate picked as next DENR chief](#)

By Nestor Corrales

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Tuesday nominated climate change advocate Ma. Antonia “Toni” Yulo Loyzaga as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

[\[OPINION\] Empower youth to act on climate change](#)

By Ira Dominique Guerrero

When I came to think of my life in those days, considering my youth then, I am surprised how I stood it all,” Gregoria “Oriang” de Jesus, the nation’s ultimate Lakambini and Katipunera, wrote in her autobiography.

[More extreme El Niño, La Niña events could drive global warming, study finds](#)

By The Straits Times

Singapore — At the bottom of the world is the wild Southern Ocean, where huge seas are whipped up by westerly winds with names such as the Roaring Forties and the Furious Fifties.

[\[EDITORIAL\] Go solar, not nuclear](#)

Between the end of this year and Dec. 25, 2025, an additional 2,000 megawatts (MW) of clean or renewable energy (RE) will be added to the country’s power mix. This will come from the successful auction conducted by the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Green Energy Auction Program (GEAP) just before the change in government last month. The DOE offered 1,260 MW for solar, 380 MW for wind, 130 MW for hydro, and 230 MW for biomass. The Energy Regulatory Commission earlier set the GEAP price ceilings for solar at P3.6779 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), wind at P6.0584, biomass at P5.0797, and run-of-river hydro at P5.4913. The interest is there among investors. The auction attracted 24 qualified bidders, eight each for solar and wind, seven for hydro, and one for biomass.

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION ENERGY

[DOF chief backs single-use plastics bill](#)

By Alice Sicat

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno expressed his support for the passage of a bill that would either regulate or tax the consumption of single-use plastics for the country to be able to contribute to the global movement to reduce pollution and adopt more sustainable practices.

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

By DTI

Makati City -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.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

[Maynilad program gears up for its 1 millionth tree this year](#)

The Maynilad Water Services Inc. and other MVP Group of Companies recently launched the Plant for Life's Road to One Million Trees Planted with 90,000 trees committed for 2022 at the Million Tree Nursery and Eco-Learning Center at La Mesa Watershed, Quezon City.

[DENR-EMB to install 268 trash traps in most polluted rivers](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) will install 268 trash traps in tributaries leading to Pasig, Tullahan, Meycauayan, and Pampanga Rivers, determined to be among the most polluted rivers and major contributors to Manila Bay.

[State-of-the-art vehicle boosts C. Luzon's rescue capabilities](#)

By Zorayda Tecson

City of San Fernando, Pampanga – The Department of Science and Technology-Region 3 (DOST-Central Luzon) has boosted the disaster rescue and relief capabilities of poor and vulnerable communities in the region through the adoption of locally developed disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) technology.

[Over 1K Pampanga farmers benefit from DSWD's resiliency program](#)

By Zorayda Tecson

City Of San Fernando, Pampanga – Some 1,060 farmers in this province have benefited from the program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) that helps communities deal with the impacts of climate change.

[Plastic bag ban creates new opportunities in Tanzania](#)

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania – The blanket ban on plastic bags Tanzania introduced three years ago has unleashed a huge market potential for eco-friendly paper bags, creating new opportunities for local traders who reap bigger profits.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[Philippines remains among world's top geothermal producers](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

The Philippines is expected to remain among the world's largest markets for total installed geothermal power capacity over the next decade, but its position of being the third biggest could slip with limited capacity seen coming online.

[ACEN extends P1.14 billion loan for Cagayan solar JV project](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

A loan and security agreement has been executed among the parties undertaking a 200-megawatt direct current (MWdc) solar farm project in Cagayan.

[LIMA Estate to turn into next-gen, smart econ center](#)

By Iris Gonzales

Aboitiz InfraCapital (AIC), the infrastructure arm of the Aboitiz Group, is set to transform the 794-hectare LIMA Estate into a smart, next-generation, and future-ready economic center to draw more business and green development into the Lipa-Malvar industrial corridor.

[Marcos urged to veto extended producer responsibility bill](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

Environmental groups called on President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to veto the proposed legislation on extended producer responsibility (EPR) in waste management, saying it will not fully address the plastic pollution problem in the Philippines.

[\[COMMENTARY\] Alternergy Holdings files for P2.1-billion IPO in November](#)

By Merkado Barkada

Alternergy Holdings [ALTER 1.48 pre-SEC] has filed with the SEC to sell up to 1,281,430,000 primary shares, and up to 192,220,000 secondary shares (as part of an over-allotment option), to raise approximately P2.1 billion through an IPO that ALTER plans to list in late November. ALTER is a holding company that “holds a portfolio of investee companies” (subsidiaries) that are engaged in renewable energy projects related to “wind, solar, hydro, floating solar and battery storage power.” According to ALTER, it has 67 MW of operating assets in wind and solar, plus 62 MW of hydro and solar projects that have “reached financial close”. ALTER says that its entire project pipeline has over 1.2 GW of gross capacity.

[Alternergy eyes P2.1 billion from IPO](#)

By Iris Gonzales

Alternergy, a renewable energy company chaired by former energy secretary Vince Perez, is embarking on an initial public offering worth up to P2.1 billion.

[DENR-EMB to install trash traps in polluted rivers](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

The environment department’s Environmental Management Bureau said Thursday it will install 268 trash traps in tributaries leading to the Pasig, Tullahan, Meycauayan, and Pampanga rivers, which are considered to be among the country’s most polluted.

[Mining firms eager to work with next environment head](#)

By Danessa Rivera

The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP), whose members consist of large-scale metallic minerals development companies, welcomed the nomination of Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga as the next secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

[More firms offering sustainable bonds](#)

By Lawrence Agcaoili

More Philippine companies are issuing sustainable bonds as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) continues to foster wider adoption of sustainability principles in the domestic financial system.

[**New DENR chief urged to stop reclamation, side with biodiversity**](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

Groups called on Toni Yulo-Loyzaga, the new secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, to address the threats and destruction brought by energy and extractive industries, and development projects.

[**Marcos picks Toni Yulo-Loyzaga to lead DENR**](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. picked disaster resilience expert Ma. Antonia 'Toni' Yulo-Loyzaga to lead the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

[**Lotilla seen as right man for the job**](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

President Marcos' pick as energy chief, Raphael Lotilla, is seen as the right man for the job amid various challenges facing the power sector, top officials of two listed companies where he sits as an independent director said.

[**ACEN gets highest rating for planned green bond issue**](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

ACEN Corp. has obtained the highest credit rating from local debt watcher Philippine Rating Services Corp. (PhilRatings) for its proposed debut peso green bond issue of up to P10 billion.

[**Never underestimate inflation**](#)

By Andrew J. Masigan

It was worrying that President Bongbong Marcos was unaware of (or was in denial of) our current inflation situation. At this point, rising inflation and its toxic effects should be front and center of his concerns.

[**Rising fuel prices? 5 brands share sustainability practices to save money, energy**](#)

By Deni Rose M. Afinidad-Bernardo, Kathleen A. Llemit

Gasoline prices are at an all-time high, and this has a domino effect on the cost of electricity and commodities, so budget-savvy companies are turning to cheaper (and greener) forms of resources.

[**Philippines, US reaffirm commitment on supply chains, climate crisis**](#)

By Cecille Suerte Felipe

Officials of the Philippines and the United States have reaffirmed their countries' commitment to jointly reinforce supply chains and address the climate crisis.

[Raslag expects P215 million income for power plant](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

Raslag Corp., the renewable energy platform of the Nepomuceno Group, expects to generate around P214.5 million in revenues in the first two years of operations of its newly energized solar power plant in Pampanga.

[Party-list group files ‘10 power bills’](#)

By Delon Porcalla

Returning Rep. Rodante Marcoleta and his party-list group Social Amelioration and Genuine Intervention on Poverty (SAGIP) have filed before the House of Representatives what they dubbed as “10 power bills” that will help lighten the burden of Filipinos.

POLITIKO

[French envoy: Russia’s war with Ukraine threatens rules-based order in Indo-Pacific](#)

By Roy C. Mabasa

Relationship between France and the Philippines is at the heart of the Indo-Pacific strategy, which is to maintain the prevalence and the values of freedom and the rule of law.

POWER PHILIPPINES

[ACEN Executives ok Php10 fixed-rate green bonds](#)

The executive committee of Ayala-led ACEN has approved the offer and issuance of up to Php 10 billion in fixed-rate green bonds with a five-year tenor.

[8 new RE projects endorsed for SIS](#)

Eight new renewable energy projects were endorsed by the Department of Energy (DOE) to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) to conduct a system impact study (SIS) in June.

PRESSENZA

[Environmental and Health Leaders Line Up Priority Issues for PBBM’s First SONA](#)

Civil society leaders have identified priority issues that they would like President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. to enunciate during his first State of the Nation Address (SONA), including policies and strategies that will advance climate action and justice, zero waste, food security, and human and ecological health.

PTV NEWS

[Bill vs single-use plastics filed in Senate](#)

Senator Loren Legarda has filed a bill to phase out single-use plastics and to share the responsibility with business owners in reducing plastic pollution.

RAPPLER

[Alternergy files for P2.2-billion IPO](#)

By Ralf Rivas

Renewable energy company Alternergy Holdings Corporation is seeking to raise as much as P2.2 billion through an initial public offering (IPO).

[Threat to Japan's sushi? Fatty fish may foreshadow climate change](#)

By Reuters

Nakatosa, Japan – For half a century, Takeo Nakajo has been catching katsuo, or skipjack tuna – indispensable in Japanese cuisine whether eaten raw, dried, or used as a base for the broth.

[Clean energy advocates call for speedy rehabilitation of Mindanao's hydropower plants](#)

By Bobby Lagsa

Cagayan De Oro City, Philippines – Groups advocating the use of clean and renewable energy called on the Marcos administration to start the rehabilitation of Mindanao's primary generator of hydroelectric power, and reduce the South's dependence on coal-fired power plants.

[Solar-powered recycling vessel Circular Explorer arrives in the Philippines](#)

The Circular Explorer, a solar-powered sea vessel designed to collect trash from the ocean, has arrived in Manila, with a formal launch held on Thursday, July 7.

SUN STAR

[AboitizPower set to build binary geothermal plant in Albay](#)

Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower) is strengthening its bid to grow its RE portfolio in the next decade with plans to build a binary plant in Tiwi, Albay.

[\[OPINION\] Plastic tax](#)

By Rox Peña

Plastic pollution is a global problem. Plastic is non-biodegradable and thus stays in the environment for a very long time. Millions of animals are killed by plastics every year, from birds to fish to other marine organisms. They get entangled with discarded fishing gears or starved to death when they eat plastic which they mistake for food.

[Organic Agriculture Program of Negros Occidental](#)

By Benedicto Sanchez

I was involved with the organic agriculture as the board vice chair of the Organik na Negros! Organic Producers and Retailers Association (Onopra). Based on the collective experience of upland farmers and the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in Negros Occidental and the Philippines, I got elected as Board chair of the Non-Timber Forest Products - Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP) Philippines and a member of its Asian counterpart. I also represented the Philippines in various conferences organized by the Mountain Partnership in Italy, Switzerland, France, Peru, Indonesia and Nepal.

WIRED

[The Climate Anxiety Discussion Has a Whiteness Problem](#)

Sarah Jaquette Ray has spent her career etching out an academic niche at the intersection of environmental issues and social justice. In the late 2010s, as concern around the climate crisis finally began to swell toward today's crescendo, Ray, a professor of environmental studies at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, turned her focus toward a relatively new phenomenon that had entered the discourse: climate anxiety—the “chronic fear of environmental doom.” As Ray began to write and talk about climate anxiety, she very quickly noticed that the people interested in her work shifted. “What happened? It got a lot whiter,” she says.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

[Plastic waste: Here's what it could look like by 2060](#)

Plastic waste is projected to triple by 2060, according to the latest forecasts by the OECD's Global Plastics Outlook, rising from 353 million tonnes of waste in 2019 to 1,014 million tonnes in the next four decades. Two thirds of this is expected to be made up of packaging, consumer products and textiles. Plastic waste from construction and transport will also be significant.

CCC in the News

BUSINESS MIRROR

[MWSS and partners pledge to plant 1.7-M trees in 2022](#)

By Jonathan L. Mayuga

The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and its partners in the Annual Million Trees Challenge (AMTC) have set the ball rolling for an ambitious plan to grow 10 million trees by 2030.

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[Low-Carbon Transportation System Itataguyod ng CCC, DOTr, At Transport Groups](#)

Nangako ang Climate Change Commission (CCC), Department of Transportation (DOTr), at iba't ibang transport groups na aapurahin nito ang paglilipat ng sektor ng transportasyon patungo sa low-carbon at sustainable development bilang bahagi ng

pagtupad ng commitment ng Pilipinas sa ilalim ng Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

GMA NEWS

[Legarda files bill regulating single-use plastics](#)

By Hana Bordey

Senator Loren Legarda has filed a bill regulating the manufacturing, importation and use of single-use products by providing penalties, levies and incentives for industries and consumers.

MANILA BULLETIN

[PRC spearheads reforestation activity at La Mesa Watershed Reservation](#)

By Charie Mae F. Abarca

As part of its goal to promote a healthier ecosystem through the rehabilitation of the environment, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) led a tree planting activity at the La Mesa Watershed Reservation in Quezon City.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Climate body leads coastal clean-up](#)

By Kristina Maralit

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) recently led a coastal clean-up in Agno, Pangasinan, as part of its compliance with a directive from President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. to remove the country from the list of contributors to ocean pollution.

[Low-carbon transport initiative backed](#)

By Franco Jose C. Baroña

Representatives of both the government and private sector have pledged support for the climate-responsive and low-carbon means of transportation initiative during the Climate and Transport Forum on June 29 in Pasig City, organized by the Climate Change Commission (CCC) and the Department of Transportation (DoTr).

[\[OPINION\] Insurance summit on climate change](#)

By Herminia Jacinto

The Insurance Institute for Asia and the Pacific and Insurance Philippines held their 2nd Virtual Summit on June 22 and 23, 2022 with the theme "Climate Change — The Role of the Insurance Industry and the Public Sector." Climate change may seem to be a jaded topic in various forums, especially those conducted by the insurance industry. On the contrary, the topic is always relevant as it affects our daily existence. Typhoons, floods, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are events that happen or may happen whether we like it or not.

MINDANAO DAILY NEWS

[CCC, DOTr, transport groups vow to accelerate transition to low-carbon and sustainable transport sector](#)

The Climate Change Commission (CCC), the Department of Transportation (DOTr), and various transport groups vowed to accelerate the transportation sector's transition towards low-carbon and sustainable development in pursuit of the country's commitments under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

RAPPLER

[What disaster resilience expert Toni Yulo-Loyzaga brings to DENR](#)

By Pia Ranada

Environment groups have expressed "cautious optimism" about President Ferdinand Maros Jr.'s nomination of Maria Antonia "Toni" Yulo-Loyzaga as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

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[CCC, DOTr, ilang transport group, isinulong ang low-carbon transportation system](#)

By Chona Yu

Nagkasundo ang Climate Change Commission (CCC), Department of Transportation (DOTr), at iba't ibang transport group sa pagsusulong sa low-carbon at sustainable development sa sektor ng transportasyon.

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