



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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- Enhanced operational efficiency helps avert the carbon crisis

- Importance of partnerships in SMEs for sustainability
- SPNEC stock rights offering gets SEC approval
- Colossal error, not repaired
- 30-yr infra plan pushed to spur economic growth
- ESG to impact data centers
- USAid gives grant to waste collector in QC
- [OPINION] Coal is still big business for PH banks
- Heat waves will happen more often until 2060s – UN
- P2-B solar project in Naga approved
- Saraventures launches plant enhancer
- UK temperature hits 40 C as heat records fall
- Western Europe broils in wildfire-causing heat wave
- Batanes gets boost from earth advocates
- Monolithic Dome is the structure of the future
- Sustainable HRM: Evolving for the right reasons
- URC sets higher goals
- [OPINION] Achieving the SDGs in extraordinary times
- Forest blazes rage in scorching SWEurope
- G20 heads agree to act on food insecurity
- ASEAN Companies Get Serious About Climate Change, but Room for Improvement
- 10 steps to keep cool during a heatwave, according to a ✨'Filipino tropical baby'✨
- Amid rising pressure, Indonesia's sea-based communities adapt to change
- Innovators For The Planet: UPLB And Nestlé PH Name First Set Of IdeaNation Champions
- P4.9-M facility to help reduce plastic wastes
- Murals in Iloilo amplify urgent action against climate change
- Biden announces new climate change actions but holds an emergency declaration in reserve
- Heat risk and young athletes – rising temperatures lead to lawsuits and environmental injustice
- New US envoy to PH assures Marcos on defense, clean energy
- DA program seeks to boost sustainable ruminant production
- Bongbong Marcos urged: Keep your green energy, windmill promises
- BIZ BUZZ: Climate-proof 'Parqal'
- Nueva Ecija hydropower facility taps P660-M funding from DBP
- Yulo-Loyzaga vows to combat climate change, protect indigenous species
- CEMEX Philippines heralds sustainability, nation-building in new cement line
- SEC OKs P3.3-B rights offering of Solar Philippines' subsidiary
- Another renewable energy firm tosses hat into IPO ring
- Bongbong Marcos urged: Take bolder steps to expand access to renewable energy
- Citicore pumps IPO funds into solar venture with Ayala
- Dozens of sea turtles stabbed to death off Japan island
- [OPINION] Educate the poor on responsible disposal of 'tingi,' plastics
- US Senate Democrats urge Biden to declare climate emergency
- Climate change extreme weather costs Germany billions of euros a year–study
- Marcos economic team vows to uphold green agenda

- DENR welcomes nomination of Loyzaga
- Increasingly hawkish central bank assumes 'firefighter' stance
- 'Build, Build, Build' continues: Building more for better lives
- Oceana lauds local protection calls for Panaon Island
- 1.7K Novo Ecijanos get jobs from DSWD's cash-for-work program
- Boosting renewables amid high fuel prices under Marcos admin
- Solon pushes for rehabilitation of Agus-Pulangi power plants
- Marcos tackles environmental protection efforts with DENR chief
- Recovery work for 'Odette'-hit Filipinos continues: UN
- SMC unit to help boost QC's trash-to-cashback program
- PBBM swears in Yulo-Loyzaga as DENR chief
- Philippines looking into bamboo's economic potential
- World Bank: Southeast Asia needs stronger rules on plastic value chain
- [OPINION] PBBM's SONA: Roadmap to recovery
- AC Energy changes name to ACEN Corp
- Meralco among world's most environmentally responsible firms
- Spectrum powers up PLDT centers in Visayas
- DENR chief Yulo-Loyzaga stresses need for democratic leadership, science-based governance
- DBP lends P2.6 billion for hydro project
- DENR urged to protect Verde Island Passage from gas projects
- Philippines' 1st solar-powered 'Circular Explorer' launched to clean up Manila Bay
- Marcos urged to safeguard marine protected areas from plastic pollution
- Philippines at risk of food, energy volatility
- Senate to probe Metro Manila flood projects
- Government to pursue more RE sources
- Olivarez sets green agenda for Parañaque
- Plastic is Now Part of Us: Time to act against plastic pollution
- E-buses to ply Danao City roads soon
- Use idle military lots for renewable energy projects — SAGIP party-list
- Groups call on Marcos Jr to fulfill RE promises
- DOE issues circular on Renewable Energy Market
- Alternergy unit secures Php600M DBP funding for 4.6MW hydro project
- PH to accelerate transition to Clean Energy
- ACEN advances Php1.139B loan for Cagayan solar project
- Atin Ang Pilipinas: Panawagan ng mga sektor sa administrasyong Marcos
- Climate change makes banana, seaweed farming hard for women in Palawan
- After US' rocky past with Marcoses, new envoy vows 'deep, enduring' bond
- Extreme weather is Earth's 'chorus of anguish,' Pope says
- Great expectations: Can DOE chief Popo Lotilla avert an energy crisis?
- [OPINION] On losing your home, livelihood, and more due to the climate crisis
- [OPINION] Will our hopes be addressed in Marcos' 1st SONA?
- Environment chief Loyzaga wants consultative, science-based DENR
- US Senate Democrats urge Biden to declare climate emergency
- In Argentina's trash cans, less waste reflects ravages of inflation
- UN and humanitarian partners support 1M Odette-affected persons in last six months; recovery work continues till end of 2022
- Philippine regulators clear USD-36m solar project in Luzon
- Shell, Philippine partner to build 1 GW renewable energy capacity

- How a plastics ban turned Siquijor into a zero-waste island in the Philippines
- Peña: Ocean Conservancy apologizes
- Eco groups launch photo exhibit, zero waste bazaar for #PlasticFreeJuly
- Philippines identified as 'outperformer' in the geothermal power market
- Strength overseas: UBC Filipino student groups' advocacy following typhoon, public health crises
- U.S. Grains Council, Mariano Marcos State University Partner to Promote Biofuels in the Philippines
- USAID and Partners Award Business Grant to Woman Waste Collector
- Bishop, green groups oppose LNG power plant RONO
- More solar power plants eyed in Negros Occ
- Biden eyes climate emergency declaration as Democrats demand swift action
- Biden holds off — for now — on climate emergency declaration
- Article misrepresents science on Pacific islands climate threat
- 72 Award Recipients Champions ESG For A Sustainable World At The Asia Responsible Enterprise Awards 2022
- Cuenco: Battling the plastic bottle
- Editorial: Suggesting sustainable transportation
- Corporates in Southeast Asia Take Climate Change Seriously
- Citicore strengthens Cebu foothold, enters RE deal with leading water solutions company
- [OPINION] How Preventing Unwanted Pregnancies Can Help in Climate Fight

CCC in the News

- *"PHL, Germany collaborating on climate policy"* By Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson
- *"CCC joins 'Climate Policy for 2050' learning exchange program with int'l climate experts"*
- *"CCC: Managing Climate Risks Key to Building Resilience"*
- *"Climate Change chief participates in 'Climate Policy for 2050' Learning Exchange Program with world climate experts"* By Ernie Reyes
- *"Managing risks key to climate resilience"* By Kristina Maralit
- *"Govt acts to stop clam shell poaching"* By Kristina Maralit

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AMRO

[Quarterly Update of the ASEAN+3 Regional Economic Outlook \(AREO\) – July 2022](#)

In this July 2022 quarterly update, AMRO shaves down its short-term growth forecast for the ASEAN+3 region to reflect the impact of the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China and stronger headwinds arising from the war in Ukraine and tighter global financial conditions.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BLOG

[Flash Flood Forecasting and Early Warning Saves Lives and Combats Poverty](#)

By Rabindra P. Osti, Sun Dongya, John Porter

Effective risk management for flash flood disasters is now achievable, thanks to 21st century technological advances in communication technology, spatial data analysis, and weather prediction.

AUTO EVOLUTION

[Circular Explorer Is a Solar-Powered Floating Science Lab That Also Cleans the Ocean](#)

The entire world acknowledges the unprecedented levels of plastic waste suffocating the ocean, with a shocking statistic claiming that if nothing is done, plastic will outweigh fish in the oceans by 2050. The best chance of preventing that is a large-scale implementation of circular living, focused on the reduction of both waste and consumption.

AUTOINDUSTRIYA

[Isuzu PH is powering up with solar energy](#)

By Travis Monsod

The move from petrol to electric is what the global and local auto industries are aiming to do. But when it comes to sustainability for the workplace, the aim is to go renewable.

[Isuzu PH sees cleaner and greener future as it turns 25](#)

By Marcus De Guzman

One of the biggest automotive brands in the country has just celebrated its silver anniversary. After first setting up in the country way back in 1997, Isuzu Philippines Corporation (IPC) officially commemorated its 25th anniversary in the country.

BUSINESS MIRROR

[DOE bares details of winning green energy auction bidders](#)

By Lenie Lectura

THE Department of Energy (DOE) has released over the weekend the bid details of the winning bidders that participated in the country's first green energy auction (GEA) held last month.

[LGUs push passage of policy on national single-use plastic](#)

Local government units (LGUs), through ordinances, are pushing for a national law that will comprehensively and effectively address single-use plastics, advocates said during a recent joint webcast by Cebu Technological University and The Climate Reality Project Philippines.

[UK weather turmoil spurs calls to adapt to climate change](#)

By Danica Kirka & Jill Lawless / The Associated Press

London—Britain’s record-breaking heat wave has spurred calls for the government to speed up efforts to adapt to a changing climate, especially after wildfires created the busiest day for London firefighters since bombs rained down on the city during World War II.

[Asean countries, including PHL, urged anew to ditch coal, switch to renewables](#)

By Lenie Lectura

An environmental non-profit think tank has reported that the Philippines has emerged as the only country in the region that has registered a 42 percent jump in CO2 emission from coal power generation since the signing of the 2016 Paris Agreement.

[Decades of progress in combatting global poverty now reversed—UN](#)

By Edith M. Lederer

United Nations—The head of the UN body promoting development is warning that the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and the war in Ukraine have led to “an unprecedented reversal” of decades of progress in combatting global poverty and hunger and ensuring quality education for children everywhere.

[SPNEC stock rights offer gets nod](#)

By VG Cabuag

Listed Solar Philippine Nueva Ecija Corp. (SPNEC) on Wednesday said it secured the green light from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for its planned stock rights offering (SRO).

[PLDT: Visayas facility goes solar](#)

By Lenie Lectura

Telco giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) said Monday its biggest solar rooftop facility in the Visayas has been energized.

[Group pushes ‘ecolabelling’ to cut plastic litter in oceans](#)

By Rizal Raoul Reyes

An environmental protection group has warned on the disastrous impact of plastic sachets in the environment, notably in the country’s marine resources.

[Vivant Foundation to expand RELY project](#)

By Lenie Lectura

The foundation arm of Cebu-based Vivant Corp. announced plans to expand its Renewable Energy for Livelihood and Youth (RELY) project in Coron, Palawan following the success of the project in three off-grid areas.

[Unlocking impactful change](#)

As we reach climate tipping points and global temperatures rise, consumers are looking to the businesses they interact with for help to do the right thing. The changing regulatory environment is also forcing hands. Investments are being made in decarbonization and offsetting emissions, in circular business models and sustainable and ethical supply chains.

BUSINESS WORLD

[DENR's Loyzaga promises priority action on climate change measures](#)

Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Y. Loyzaga said action to address the climate crisis will be one of the department's areas of focus during her term.

[Data center demand prompts call for ESG planning — JLL survey](#)

Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) planning should be prioritized as data center investments in the Philippines and across the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region are expected to grow due to surging demand, according to a report by real estate consultant JLL.

[Alternergy project secures P600-M funding from DBP](#)

Renewable energy company Alternergy Holdings Corp. said a mini hydropower project it is co-developing has received approval for P600-million funding support from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP).

[Citicore secures 1-MW contract with JE Hydro and Bio Energy](#)

Citicore Renewable Energy Co. (CREC) secured a 1-megawatt long-term power supply contract with water management solutions provider JE Hydro and Bio Energy Corp. (JEHBEC).

[URC aims to cut water, energy use in sustainability goals](#)

Universal Robina Corp. (URC) said that it is looking at reducing its energy and water usage and is promoting responsible sourcing of key ingredients for its products.

[PHL touts capital markets route to finance greening of economy](#)

Finance Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno said that the government intends to make its economy greener in part using resources raised by its sustainable financing program.

CBS NEWS

[Heat waves are hitting around the globe. Scientists say climate change is making them more frequent](#)

By Allison Elyse Gualtieri, Alex Sundby

As much of the nation swelters under temperatures that have canceled outdoor sports, sparked wildfires and taxed the infrastructure keeping people cool, experts warn that heat waves will only get more common.

CNN PHILIPPINES

[China endures summer of extreme weather as record rainfall and scorching heat wave cause havoc](#)

By Nectar Gan

Hong Kong — Towns and farmlands inundated by floods, homes and roads buried by landslides, crops withering under scorching heat, hazmat-suited Covid workers collapsing from heatstroke.

[Biden calls climate change a 'clear and present danger' as he tries to find ways to take action](#)

By Kevin Liptak

President Joe Biden escalated his warnings about climate change Wednesday, calling it a "clear and present danger" as he previewed a slate of executive actions meant to combat a crisis whose effects are bearing down on a wide swath of the country.

[Investment body OKs Villar firm's ₱2-B solar power plant project in Naga](#)

Business tycoon Manny Villar's group has secured the approval of the Board of Investments (BOI) for a ₱2-billion solar power plant project in Naga, Camarines Sur.

[Quezon City, San Miguel Corporation to work together on trash-to-cashback program](#)

Quezon City's program to recycle trash is getting a boost from San Miguel Corporation (SMC) in a bid to ease the burden on landfills.

[Australia's environment is 'poor and deteriorating' says damning new report](#)

By Hilary Whiteman

As Europe sweltered in the summer heat, Australians took stock of a new report that revealed just how much the country's environment has deteriorated in the last five years.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

[Diokno to G20: PH to be a world leader in climate action](#)

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno said that President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. will continue pursuing a whole-of-nation approach in mitigating climate risks, as the Philippines commits to be at the forefront of global climate action.

[DOF is project owner, loan borrower in P16.7-B rehab of Agus- Pulangi power plants](#)

The Department of Finance (DOF) is now finetuning a proposed arrangement with the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) and National Power Corp. (NPC) on the funding rollout and implementation of the estimated P16.71-billion rehabilitation projects for the decades-old facilities in the Agus-Pulangi Hydropower Plant Complex (APHPC) in Mindanao.

[DOF: PH to post highest growth in ASEAN+3 in 2022](#)

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno is confident that the economy will continue to expand this year, consistent with analyst consensus that projects the Philippines to post the highest growth rate in the ASEAN+3 region (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus Japan, China, and South Korea) despite challenging global economic conditions.

THE ECONOMIST

[ESG, three letters that won't save the planet](#)

Environmental, social and governance investing is often well-meaning but it is deeply flawed. The industry is a mess and needs to be ruthlessly streamlined.

FARM PROGRESS

[Philippines lowers tariffs on U.S. ag products](#)

By Jacqui Fatka

Tariff reductions and further opportunities to expand trade with Philippines was accomplished following a USDA trade mission to the eighth-largest market for U.S. agricultural goods, according to Foreign Agricultural Service Administrator Daniel Whitley.

GLOBAL FINANCE MAGAZINE

[Sustainable Finance Awards 2022](#)

By Andrew Singer

Sustainable debt continued its rapid ascent last year, with volumes (loans and bonds) exceeding \$1.6 trillion—double 2020's totals—according to BloombergNEF. Green bonds alone surpassed \$600 billion.

GMA NEWS

[Pacific islands ask international court to rule on climate](#)

Suva, Fiji — Climate-threatened Pacific islands called on Monday for the International Court of Justice to rule on countries' legal duties to stop climate change, a move designed to ratchet up pressure on polluting nations.

THE GUARDIAN

[Humanity faces 'collective suicide' over climate crisis, warns UN chief](#)

By Fiona Harvey

Wildfires and heatwaves wreaking havoc across swathes of the globe show humanity facing “collective suicide”, the UN secretary general has warned, as governments around the world scramble to protect people from the impacts of extreme heat.

GULF NEWS

[Nuclear power: Should the Philippines go for smaller modular reactors?](#)

The Philippines is currently considering modular nuclear power plants, known as small modular reactors (SMRs). The country’s 2.2 percent annual population growth and power-hungry industrial and manufacturing sectors present both a challenge — and opportunity — to find a long-term solution to its over-reliance on coal-fired power plant.

JOURNAL

[BAN Toxics calls President Marcos Jr. to address plastic, toxic, and waste pollution in the PH](#)

Toxic and waste watchdog group BAN Toxics urges President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to address the country’s crisis on plastic, toxic, and waste, and ban single-use plastics in time for his upcoming State of the Nation Address on July 25.

[DBP bankrolls Kiangnan Mini Hydro Project in Ifugao](#)

State-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) is extending up to Php2.6 billion funding facility to Kiangnan Mini Hydro Corporation (KMHC) for the development of the Asin-Hungduan and Ibulao1 Mini Hydropower Projects (the “Kiangnan Project”) located in Kiangnan, Ifugao, a top official said.

LX NEWS

[TikTok Wants You to Make ‘Ecobricks’ From Plastic Trash. Should You?](#)

By Joe Brandt

On TikTok, creators are shoving granola bar wrappers and plastic wrap into Simply Lemonade and 2-liter soda bottles, packing in hundreds of flimsy bits of plastic waste until it’s as dense as a brick.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

[Green living starts at home](#)

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, ACE Hardware already offered various sustainable home solutions products such as LED lights, energy-saving appliances, water-saving fixtures, lead-free paint and other biodegradable items, including environment-friendly cleaning chemicals.

[Solar vehicle named best idea for climate change initiative](#)

By Edison Joseph Gonzales

Sinag, a modified electric tricycle designed specifically for delivery services, has emerged as the first Nestlé Philippines Net Zero IdeaNation grand winner.

[SPNEC stock rights offer approved](#)

By Ruelle Castro

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has approved Solar Philippine Nueva Ecija Corp.'s (SPNEC) stock rights offer (SRO), exempting the fund raising from filing registration requirements under the Securities Regulation Code.

[Full reversal in climate change](#)

If the presentation of Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno before the G20 is any indication, the Philippines will go all out in pursuing the world's climate change policy, in cooperation with other nations in the Asian region.

[Raslag completes solar project in Pampanga](#)

Listed renewable energy developer Raslag Corp. said its third power plant went online this month after receiving approval from the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines.

[Faustino wants protection of PH territory intensified](#)

By Victor Reyes

Department of National Defense officer-in-charge Jose Faustino Jr. yesterday unveiled his 10-point agenda, including intensified efforts to protect Philippine territory and sovereignty.

MANILA BULLETIN

[Odette, six months on](#)

By Carol RH Malasig

As most of Western Europe grapples with a heatwave, the Philippines remembers yet another typhoon that ravaged our islands. While they are not really identical phenomena, as one brings extreme warmth while the other one carries an excess of rain and destructive winds, both are symptoms of a planet that just keeps getting warmer and warmer. Living in a tropical country, Filipinos are used to typhoons but that doesn't mean we're ready for them to get stronger, more damaging, especially as an average of 20 typhoons visit the Philippines every year.

[DOST-I LGUs provide funding for iSTART programs for various communities](#)

By Dhel Nazario

Five local government units (LGUs) in Pangasinan provided funding to the programs of the Innovation, Science and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-Based Development (iSTART) under Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region I.

[DBP bankrolls P2.6-B Ifugao mini hydro project](#)

by Emmie V. Abadilla

The Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) is funding Kiangnan Mini Hydro Corporation (KMHC)'s P2.6-billion consolidation of three river systems into two renewable power projects in Ifugao.

[Isuzu Philippines celebrates 25th inaugural anniversary with Road to Progress vision](#)

By Inigo Roces

Isuzu Philippines Corporation (IPC) celebrated its 25th inaugural anniversary by announcing the company's new "Road To Progress" vision.

[Isuzu PH realigns business processes](#)

By Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

Isuzu Philippines Corporation (IPC) celebrated its 25 years of successful operations in the country and vowed to realign its business processes into a new perspective focusing on environment, social and government aspects.

[ELEVENTH HOUR: Creating a community of practice for plastic regulation and zero-waste solutions](#)

By Climate Reality Project Philippines

Plastic pollution is causing irreparable damage to ecosystems, affecting human health, and contributing to the climate crisis. However, due to how ingrained plastics, especially single-use plastics, are into our economic activities, phasing them out will be an arduous challenge.

[PH needs to address sustainability of data centers – study](#)

By Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

The Philippines, one of the major destinations for data center investments, should address concerns of greenhouse emissions as operators in this sector are prioritizing sustainability among other factors in deciding where to locate their investments and to ensure continued investments in this new asset class, a new study suggests.

[BOI approves P2-B solar power plant project](#)

By Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

The Board of Investments (BOI) has approved the application for registration of PAVI Green Renewable Energy, Inc. for its P2-billion new solar power project in Naga that will augment the energy supply of the Luzon grid, which is experiencing tight supply amid increasing demand.

[Alternergy secures DBP financing for hydro project](#)

By Myrna M. Velasco

Pioneering Filipino-led renewable energy firm Alternergy has secured P600-million credit facility from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to bankroll its 4.6-megawatt Dupinga mini- hydropower project in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija.

[SEC approves SPNEC's P3.3-B stock rights offer](#)

By James A. Loyola

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has approved the planned P3.3 billion stock rights offering (SRO) of Solar Philippine Nueva Ecija Corporation (SPNEC), by confirming that the transaction is exempt from registration requirements.

[\[OPINION\] A department devoted to disaster management](#)

By Rikki Mathay

It is frustrating when we see how the Philippines is oftentimes depicted in international media as impoverished, with some local movies released through international outlets highlighting the shanties, for instance. But as these issues may merely be sensationalized for ratings purposes, it is a fact that our country is one of the world's most disaster-prone areas in the world. Blame it on our natural geography as the Philippines is located along the boundary of major tectonic plates and at the center of a typhoon belt making our islands prone to floods, landslides, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and droughts.

[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.

[Watershed-based land use planning and management in the Philippines](#)

By Vina Medenilla

The security of the environment and human lives are interdependent on watersheds. It gives us access to clean water and safeguards the survival and habitats of all living things from the land to the sea.

[Diokno: PH to lead global climate action](#)

By Chino S. Leyco

The Marcos administration will continue pursuing a whole-of-nation approach in mitigating climate risks, committing the Philippines to be at the forefront of global climate action, the Department of Finance (DOF) said.

[Marcos to DA execs: Come up with farm-to-market road master plan](#)

By Jel Santos

To promote food security and empower rural communities, President and Agriculture Secretary Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. on Monday, July 18, directed the agriculture department to come up with a farm-to-market road (FMR) masterplan that will serve as a guide for the government.

MANILA STANDARD

[DOE auction program leads to competitive renewable rates](#)

by Alena Mae S. Flores

The Department of Energy said the Green Energy Auction Program generated competitive rates especially for wind capacities that will redound to the benefit of consumers.

[SMC to complete 31 battery storage projects next year](#)

By Jenniffer B. Austria

Conglomerate San Miguel Corp. expects to complete 31 battery energy storage systems with a combined capacity of 1,000 megawatts by 2023, a top executive said Monday.

[Alternergy eyes 1,245-MW output in next five years](#)

By Alena Mae S. Flores

Renewable energy company Alternergy Holdings Corp. led by former Energy secretary Vicente Pérez Jr. plans to develop 1,245 megawatts of additional wind, solar and run-of-river hydropower projects in the next five years.

[\[OPINION\] The best energy-environment tandem in our history](#)

By Tony La Viña

I welcome the Marcos appointments of Raphael Perpetuo Lotilla (we call him Popo) and Ma. Antonia, Toni to us in Manila Observatory, Yulo-Loyzaga as Energy and Environment Secretaries.

[\[OPINION\] A well-deserved honor](#)

By Melandrew Velasco

This year the Philippines and France are celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations. Formal diplomatic ties were established with the signing of a Treaty of Amity by then Philippine Vice President and concurrent Foreign Secretary Elpidio Quirino and then French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault on June 26, 1947 in Paris.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Rehabilitate Agus-Pulangi for energy security – Duterte](#)

By Moises Cruz

DAVAO City First District Rep. Paolo Duterte urged the Marcos Jr. administration on Friday to make the Agus-Pulangi hydropower complex a top priority if it hopes to make the Philippines a "global leader" in addressing climate change while also providing Mindanao with a safe and dependable energy source.

[DMHC welcomes P600-M DBP funding](#)

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

DUPINGA Mini Hydro Corp. (DMHC) welcomed the P600-million funding support from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for its 4.6 MW Dupinga Mini Hydropower Project in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija.

[US Grains Council inks deal with MMSU](#)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to help the Philippines "reduce" its dependence on imported petroleum products by developing its biofuels industry.

[Asia energy event to be held in PH](#)

Global Zero Carbon Partnership and Escom Events will hold the World Clean Energy Conference Philippine Edition 2022 on August 31 to Sept. 1, 2022 in partnership with the Department of Energy (DoE).

[Enhanced operational efficiency helps avert the carbon crisis](#)

By Tony Maghirang

The impacts of climate change include rapidly melting glaciers, global temperature spikes, frequent flash floods, intensifying hurricanes and cyclones are among such events triggered by growing carbon emissions that could reach critical levels.

[Importance of partnerships in SMEs for sustainability](#)

By Anne Los Baños

THE benefits of partnerships are reaped not only by small and medium enterprises (SMEs) but also by larger organizations. When an SME is able to scale up and become more sustainable, opportunities for the larger organization such as expanding its market reach or building new capabilities arise. In other words, it's potentially a win-win situation for both parties involved. Large organizations do get a lot of benefits from partnerships, but for SMEs, they can be the key to success.

[SPNEC stock rights offering gets SEC approval](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has given its authority to proceed with the planned stock rights offering (SRO) of Solar Philippine Nueva Ecija Corp. (SPNEC) by confirming that the transaction is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Regulation Code.

[Colossal error, not repaired](#)

By Ma. Isabel Ongpin

It seems that our dear Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) persists in defending the indefensible which is the switch to polymer banknotes, dumping the abaca fiber that was the main material used to make our old currency.

[30-yr infra plan pushed to spur economic growth](#)

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

The Philippines needs to legislate a 30-year infrastructure plan that can be sustained despite the change of governments every six years.

[ESG to impact data centers](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

Jones Lang Lasalle Inc. (JLL) reported that 85 percent of data center managers in Asia Pacific believe that sustainability will significantly impact their operations and decision-making.

[USAid gives grant to waste collector in QC](#)

By Bernadette E. Tamayo

The United States Agency for International Development (USAid) awarded its "first" business expansion grant to a woman waste collector to help her start her own door-to-door waste collection livelihood.

[\[OPINION\] Coal is still big business for PH banks](#)

By Ben Kritz

When it comes to climate action on a large scale, most media and public attention is focused on the government level, but public policy is not really where things actually happen. This is particularly true of countries like the Philippines that champion privatization of key sectors to a fault; what the government says about aligning climate objectives with energy, transportation and infrastructure matters little compared to what the private sector is actually doing in those areas.

[Heat waves will happen more often until 2060s – UN](#)

By Agence France-Presse

Heat waves like the one stifling western Europe are becoming more frequent and the trend is set to continue until at least the 2060s, the United Nations said Tuesday (Wednesday in Manila).

[P2-B solar project in Naga approved](#)

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

The Board of Investments (BoI) has approved the application for registration of PAVI Green Renewable Energy Inc. for its P2-billion Naga Solar Power Plant Project in Naga City.

[Saraventures launches plant enhancer](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

Saraventures Trading Corp., with partner Zero Gravity Solutions, has launched in the Philippines its first product for strengthening plants: BAM-FX mineral solution.

[UK temperature hits 40 C as heat records fall](#)

By Agence France-Presse

London: A punishing heat wave fueling ferocious wildfires in Western Europe pushed temperatures in the United Kingdom to more than 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) for the first time on Tuesday as regional heat records tumbled elsewhere.

[Western Europe broils in wildfire-causing heat wave](#)

By Associated Press

La Teste-De-Buch, France: A heat wave broiling Europe spilled northward on Monday to the United Kingdom and fueled ferocious wildfires in Spain and France, which evacuated thousands of people and scrambled water-bombing planes and firefighters to battle flames in tinder-dry forests.

[Batanes gets boost from earth advocates](#)

By Vince Jacob Visaya

Tuguegarao City: The protection and preservation of the Batanes Protected Landscapes and Seascapes will be intensified with the action plans formulated by the environment and natural resources (ENR) ambassadors during the environmental youth camp recently held in Ivana town, the DENR said.

[Monolithic Dome is the structure of the future](#)

By Arlo Custodio

Monolithic (from the Greek words mono and lithic, which means "one stone") Domes are constructed following a method that requires a tough, inflatable airform, steel-reinforced concrete and a polyurethane foam insulation. Each of these ingredients is used in a technologically specific way.

[Sustainable HRM: Evolving for the right reasons](#)

By Hannibal George Marchan

Sustainability gained importance for companies due to government laws and regulations. Organizations also started to acknowledge their contributions to society and the environment.

[URC sets higher goals](#)

By Ed Paolo Salting

Food and beverage company Universal Robina Corp. (URC) declared in its sustainability report that it is setting even more ambitious goals for its human resources, operations, products and processes.

[\[OPINION\] Achieving the SDGs in extraordinary times](#)

By Inter Press Service

Bangkok: The start of the "Decade of Action" to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has also marked the start of an unprecedented period of overlapping crises.

[Forest blazes rage in scorching SWEurope](#)

By Agence France-Presse

La Teste-De-Buch, France: Southwest Europe endured a sixth day of a summer heat wave on Saturday (Sunday in Manila) that has triggered devastating forest fire as parts of the continent braced for new temperature records early next week.

[G20 heads agree to act on food insecurity](#)

By Xinhua News Agency

Jakarta: A two-day meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) of the Group of 20 (G20) ended on Saturday in Indonesia's Bali resort island, resulting in a consensus to consolidate collaboration and cooperation to tackle the mounting food security crisis and related challenges.

MARKET WATCH

[ASEAN Companies Get Serious About Climate Change, but Room for Improvement](#)

By Claire Lim and Fabiana Negrin Ochoa

As Southeast Asia's largest companies get more serious about climate change as sustainability requirements emerge across the region, those in countries with stricter reporting rules are taking the lead in disclosure, a new study showed.

MASHABLE

[10 steps to keep cool during a heatwave, according to a ✨'Filipino tropical baby'✨](#)

If you haven't kept up with the news lately, let's just say Europe is currently experiencing one of the most severe heatwaves to have ever hit the continent.

MONGABAY

[Amid rising pressure, Indonesia's sea-based communities adapt to change](#)

By Warief Djajanto Basorie and Mahmud Ichi

For decades, the nomadic Bajo people have crisscrossed the seas of Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia. But due to pollution, climate change, overfishing and other harmful practices, their way of life is under threat.

PAGE ONE

[Innovators For The Planet: UPLB And Nestlé PH Name First Set Of IdeaNation Champions](#)

Nestlé Philippines in partnership with the Department of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB) has launched the Net Zero IdeaNation, a program where ABME10 (Foundations of Entrepreneurship) students were challenged to ideate innovative business concepts and solutions centered on Nestlé Philippines' three net zero focus areas.

PANAY NEWS

[P4.9-M facility to help reduce plastic wastes](#)

SAN JOSE, Antique – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Antique provincial office turned over a P4.9-million shared service facility (SSF) to Sibalom town to be used for its alternative technology in managing plastic wastes.

[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 CANADIAN INQUIRER

[Biden announces new climate change actions but holds an emergency declaration in reserve](#)

By Daniel Farber, University of California, Berkeley and 'The Conversation

On July 20, 2022, President Joe Biden traveled to a former coal-burning power plant in Massachusetts that is being converted into a manufacturing site for offshore wind power equipment. Biden announced millions of dollars in funding for climate change measures, including upgrading infrastructure, weatherizing buildings and installing cooling in homes. He also touted job growth from clean energy production and pledged to use all of his executive power to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

[Heat risk and young athletes – rising temperatures lead to lawsuits and environmental injustice](#)

By Jessica R. Murfree, Texas A&M University, Natasha Brison, Texas A&M University and 'The Conversation

At least 50 high school football players in the U.S. have died from heat stroke after falling ill on the field in the past 25 years. And high school athletes in other sports are not immune from the risks – female cross-country athletes are twice as likely to suffer from heat-related illnesses as athletes in any other high school sport.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[New US envoy to PH assures Marcos on defense, clean energy](#)

By Marlon Ramos, Nestor Corrales

Newly designated US Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Loss Carlson on Friday assured President Marcos of Washington's continued support in safeguarding the country's territory, facilitating fresh investments and developing clean energy.

[DA program seeks to boost sustainable ruminant production](#)

The Department of Agriculture (DA) is seeking to boost sustainable ruminant production in different areas in the country through its Balik-Probinsya, Bagong Pag-Asa (BP2) Program.

Bongbong Marcos urged: Keep your green energy, windmill promises

By Gabriel Pabico Lalu

Environmental groups have reminded President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. of his campaign promise to switch the Philippines to renewable energy sources, a move he then said would lower electricity costs and boost the economy.

BIZ BUZZ: Climate-proof 'Pargal'

The first ever walkable, mixed-use development block in the Bay Area, the country's emerging gaming and entertainment area, is coming soon, courtesy of integrated construction and property development group D.M. Wenceslao and Associates Inc. (DMW).

Nueva Ecija hydropower facility taps P660-M funding from DBP

By Jordeene B. Lagare

The Dupinga run-of-river hydro project in Nueva Ecija got a funding boost from Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), enabling Dupinga Mini Hydro Corp. (DMHC) to complete the planned renewable energy facility in about two years.

Yulo-Loyzaga vows to combat climate change, protect indigenous species

By Zacarian Sarao

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Toni Yulo-Loyzaga vowed to fight climate change and preserve the country's indigenous species as she officially took office on Thursday.

CEMEX Philippines heralds sustainability, nation-building in new cement line

By Vaughn Alviar

CEMEX Philippines asserts its commitment to a better future through building a multibillion-peso new integrated cement line in its Solid Cement Plant in Antipolo City, Rizal.

SEC OKs P3.3-B rights offering of Solar Philippines' subsidiary

By Miguel R. Camus

Solar Philippines Nueva Ecija Corp. (SPNEC), led by businessman Leandro Leviste, obtained the go-ahead from the Securities and Exchange Commission to raise up to P3.3 billion via a stock rights offering to expand its renewable energy footprint.

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.

[Bongbong Marcos urged: Take bolder steps to expand access to renewable energy](#)

By Neil Arwin Mercado

An environmental advocacy group is urging incoming President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. to take bolder steps in the country’s shift to renewable energy.

[Citicore pumps IPO funds into solar venture with Ayala](#)

By Miguel R. Camus

Construction tycoon Edgar Saavedra’s Citicore Renewable Energy Corp. injected additional capital into a solar power venture with the Ayala Group’s AC Energy Corp. and other renewable energy projects for a total of P2.3 billion.

[Dozens of sea turtles stabbed to death off Japan island](#)

By Agence France-Presse

Tokyo — A frustrated fisherman has confessed that he stabbed to death dozens of protected sea turtles on a southern Japanese island after they got caught in his fishing nets, local officials say.

[\[OPINION\] Educate the poor on responsible disposal of ‘tingi,’ plastics](#)

I read Ceres Doyo’s article “‘Tingi’/sachet nation” (Human Face, 7/15/22) with great interest as I believe this is a critical issue for the Philippines on many levels, (declaration of interest: I’m a foreigner living here).

[US Senate Democrats urge Biden to declare climate emergency](#)

By Reuters

Washington — Two U.S. Senate Democrats urged President Joe Biden on Monday to declare a climate emergency and use the Defense Production Act to ramp up production of a wide range of renewable energy products and systems including solar panels.

[Climate change extreme weather costs Germany billions of euros a year—study](#)

By Reuters

Berlin — Extreme heat, drought and floods caused by climate change cost Germany at least 6.6 billion euros (\$6.69 billion) in damages annually on average in the past two decades, a study showed on Monday, with some severe episodes pushing losses into the tens of billions.

[Marcos economic team vows to uphold green agenda](#)

By Ben O. de Vera

Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno has committed to keep climate change mitigation and adaptation at the forefront alongside economic growth under President Marcos' watch.

[DENR welcomes nomination of Loyzaga](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) welcomed the nomination of Ma. Antonia Yulo Loyzaga as its new secretary.

[Increasingly hawkish central bank assumes 'firefighter' stance](#)

By Ronnel W. Domingo

The Philippine economy, along with the rest of the world, is experiencing volatile times with problems that need sustained attention left and right.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

['Build, Build, Build' continues: Building more for better lives](#)

By Ferdinand Patinio

Early on the presidential campaign, then aspirant Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. vowed to expand the "Build, Build, Build" program, the government's ambitious infrastructure program.

[Oceana lauds local protection calls for Panaon Island](#)

By Sarwell Meniano

Tacloban City - Environmental group Oceana has welcomed the call of local governments in Panaon Island of Southern Leyte to designate through legislation their marine habitat and sanctuaries as one of the country's protected areas.

[1.7K Novo Ecijanos get jobs from DSWD's cash-for-work program](#)

By Zorayda Tecson

Over 1,700 indigents in Nueva Ecija have been employed for 10 days under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) program that helps communities address the effect of climate change.

[Boosting renewables amid high fuel prices under Marcos admin](#)

By Joann Villanueva and Wilnard Bacelonia

The renewable energy (RE) is expected to get a boost under the Marcos administration as it aims to tap available resources to ensure additional supply to benefit more households.

[Solon pushes for rehabilitation of Agus-Pulangi power plants](#)

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

A lawmaker on Friday said the rehabilitation of the Agus-Pulangi hydropower complex (APHPC) should be a top priority of the Marcos administration to ensure a clean and reliable energy source in Mindanao while fighting climate change.

[Marcos tackles environmental protection efforts with DENR chief](#)

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. on Wednesday met with Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga to discuss initiatives aimed at protecting the environment.

[Recovery work for 'Odette'-hit Filipinos continues: UN](#)

Six months after Typhoon Odette left a trail of devastation in 11 of the country's 17 regions, the United Nations (UN) and humanitarian partners in the Philippines, and in support of the government-led response, have provided life-saving assistance to over a million people.

[SMC unit to help boost QC's trash-to-cashback program](#)

San Miguel Corporation's (SMC) packaging unit San Miguel Yamamura Packaging Corp. has signed on to boost Quezon City's trash-to-cashback program to help divert garbage away from landfills and together with waste solutions and technology partners, is eyeing to expand the program to Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

[PBBM swears in Yulo-Loyzaga as DENR chief](#)

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

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

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[Philippines looking into bamboo's economic potential](#)

By Danessa Rivera

The Philippines is looking to tap the economic potential of pharmaceutical-industrial products based on bamboo varieties that grow in the rivers and volcanic areas of Cagayan Valley.

[World Bank: Southeast Asia needs stronger rules on plastic value chain](#)

By Louella Desiderio

Southeast Asian countries need to come up with stronger regulatory frameworks and innovative methods in the plastic value chain in order to reduce plastic waste, according to the World Bank.

[\[OPINION\] PBBM's SONA: Roadmap to recovery](#)

By Babe's Eye View from Washington D.C.

For more than a week now, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has been working on his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) that he will be delivering tomorrow. The President has been getting inputs from his Cabinet secretaries and from other segments of society, including the private business sector, to elucidate on the roadmap for the

next six years, not only for our economic recovery but to bring the Philippines towards a place that is “better than the one we lost before the pandemic,” as he had stressed in his inaugural address.

[AC Energy changes name to ACEN Corp](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

ACEN Corp. has secured the Securities and Exchange Commission’s approval to change its corporate name and make amendments to its primary and secondary purposes.

[Meralco among world’s most environmentally responsible firms](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

The Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) has committed to continue advancing its drive towards sustainability after being recognized as one of the most socially and environmentally responsible companies globally.

[Spectrum powers up PLDT centers in Visayas](#)

By Richmond Mercurio

Manila Electric Co. subsidiary Spectrum has further advanced PLDT’s push for sustainability as it completed the energization of solar facilities in five business centers of the telco giant in the Visayas.

[DENR chief Yulo-Loyzaga stresses need for democratic leadership, science-based governance](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

Climate and disaster resilience expert Toni Yulo-Loyzaga emphasized Thursday the need for science-based governance, and for consultation and collaboration with stakeholders as she assumed the leadership of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

[DBP lends P2.6 billion for hydro project](#)

By Louise Maureen Simeon

State-run Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) has extended a P2.6-billion loan financing for a hydropower project in Ifugao as part of efforts to shift to clean energy in the country.

[DENR urged to protect Verde Island Passage from gas projects](#)

Environmentalists called on the new leadership of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to protect the marine sanctuary Verde Island Passage and its surrounding areas from fossil gas projects.

[Philippines’ 1st solar-powered ‘Circular Explorer’ launched to clean up Manila Bay](#)

By Regina Adolfo

Cement manufacturing company Holcim, together with environment organization One Earth One Ocean, early this month launched Circular Explorer, the first solar-powered catamaran designed to preserve marine ecosystems.

[Marcos urged to safeguard marine protected areas from plastic pollution](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

An ocean advocacy organization called on President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to address plastic pollution and prevent the country's marine ecosystems from becoming rubbish dumps.

[Philippines at risk of food, energy volatility](#)

By Lawrence Agcaoili

The Philippines is one of the countries in Asia-Pacific highly vulnerable to volatile food and energy prices as the Russia-Ukraine war continues to disrupt the supply and raise the cost of agricultural products as well as fertilizers and other inputs, according to Moody's Investors Service.

[Senate to probe Metro Manila flood projects](#)

By Paolo Romero

The Senate will probe various flood control projects in Metro Manila in the wake of frequent flooding incidents in the country's capital and surrounding areas even after only a brief rainfall.

[Government to pursue more RE sources](#)

By Louise Maureen Simeon

The government has committed to fast track its transition toward clean energy by pursuing more renewable energy sources amid the worsening impact of climate change.

[Olivarez sets green agenda for Parañaque](#)

The need for modernization is equally as important to make a city green and sustainable, Parañaque Mayor Eric Olivarez said yesterday.

[Plastic is Now Part of Us: Time to act against plastic pollution](#)

Microplastics, which are tiny particles less than 5mm, are everywhere including in our bodies. In 2018, they were first detected in human feces. In March 2022, they were also found in human lungs and blood. They enter our bodies through the food we eat, the water we drink, and even the air we breathe. As they accumulate over time, there is plenty of reason to worry about possible effects on our health.

POLITIKO

[E-buses to ply Danao City roads soon](#)

Amid high fuel prices, the Danao City Government in northern Cebu sees the need to transition some of the city's transportation system to electronic buses.

[Use idle military lots for renewable energy projects — SAGIP party-list](#)

Representatives of SAGIP party-list have jointly filed a measure seeking to authorize the use and development of idle real estate properties of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for renewable energy projects.

POWER PHILIPPINES

[Groups call on Marcos Jr to fulfill RE promises](#)

Environmental groups have called on Pres. Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos to fulfill his campaign promise to switch the country’s power source to renewable energy, which he claims to be an effective way to address high power costs in the country.

[DOE issues circular on Renewable Energy Market](#)

The Department of Energy (DOE) has declared the interim commercial operations (I-COP) of the renewable energy market (REM) as the venue for trading renewable energy certificates (RECs).

[Alternergy unit secures Php600M DBP funding for 4.6MW hydro project](#)

Alternergy Holdings Corp. through Dupinga Mini Hydro Corporation (DMHC) has secured Php 600 million funding from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to help develop its 4.6 megawatt (MW) mini-hydropower project in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija.

[PH to accelerate transition to Clean Energy](#)

The Philippine government is set to fast-track the transition toward clean energy through the development of renewable energy projects to help mitigate climate change.

[ACEN advances Php1.139B loan for Cagayan solar project](#)

Ayala-led ACEN will be advancing a Php1.139 billion loan to partner firm Natures Renewable Energy Development Corporation (NAREDCO) to kickstart the construction of the 200-megawatt (MW) Lal-lo solar farm in the Cagayan Province.

RAPPLER

[Atin Ang Pilipinas: Panawagan ng mga sektor sa administrasyong Marcos](#)

Hangad ng mahigit sa 150 organisasyon na kabilang sa #CourageON Coalition at #PHVote Coalition na marinig sa unang State of the Nation Address ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. ang 5 panawagan ng iba’t ibang sektor sa ilalim ng kampanyang #AtinAngPilipinas.

[Climate change makes banana, seaweed farming hard for women in Palawan](#)

By Keith Anthony Fabro

Palawan, Philippines — For 30 years, Melinda Gimotea has been farming seaweeds off the coast of Sitio Balintang in Palawan province’s southern town of Quezon.

[After US’ rocky past with Marcoses, new envoy vows ‘deep, enduring’ bond](#)

By Sofia Tomacruz

The United States’ new envoy to the Philippines, Ambassador MaryKay Carlson, met with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Friday, July 22, in a swift effort to bolster ties between the two longtime allies.

[Extreme weather is Earth’s ‘chorus of anguish,’ Pope says](#)

Vatican City – Pope Francis on Thursday called on world leaders to heed the Earth’s “chorus of cries of anguish” stemming from climate change, extreme weather, and loss of biodiversity.

[Great expectations: Can DOE chief Popo Lotilla avert an energy crisis?](#)

By Ralf Rivas

During the Gloria Macapagal Arroyo administration, then-energy secretary Raphael “Popo” Lotilla helped steer the Philippines through a crisis fueled by unprecedented oil price hikes.

[\[OPINION\] On losing your home, livelihood, and more due to the climate crisis](#)

By John Leo C. Algo

As July is National Disaster Resilience Month, it serves as a timely reminder that the climate crisis is arguably the biggest threat to the Philippines’s pursuit of sustainable development. Given its many impacts, decision-makers must identify which issues associated with it should be prioritized and how to best use available resources. Two such issues are internal displacement and loss and damage, problems that are linked with one another.

[\[OPINION\] Will our hopes be addressed in Marcos’ 1st SONA?](#)

By Tony La Viña, Bernardine De Belen

Amidst all of opportunities we can take advantage of under the new presidency, the question remains: what does the President, Marcos Jr., have in store for the Filipinos? According to Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman, the following are areas of focus for the President: agricultural and food security, climate change adaptation, economic recovery, improved health care and education, enhanced infrastructure projects, utilization of renewable energy sources, strengthened tourism and jobs creation, and sustainable development. However, just like his inauguration speech, this remains vague. What specific projects and actions from the government will lead us to the advancement of any of these? More importantly, how will Marcos’ plans address the people themselves, especially the poor and marginalized?

[Environment chief Loyzaga wants consultative, science-based DENR](#)

By Pia Ranada

In her first speech as the Marcos administration's environment secretary, Maria Antonia "Toni" Yulo-Loyzaga laid out the direction she wants the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to take under her watch.

[US Senate Democrats urge Biden to declare climate emergency](#)

By Reuters

Washington, DC, USA – Two US Senate Democrats urged President Joe Biden on Monday, July 18, to declare a climate emergency and use the Defense Production Act to ramp up production of a wide range of renewable energy products and systems including solar panels.

[In Argentina's trash cans, less waste reflects ravages of inflation](#)

By Reuters

Buenos Aires, Argentina – Joaquín Rodríguez makes his living collecting and recycling trash from the streets and dumpsters in the suburbs of Argentine capital Buenos Aires. But he has a problem: with inflation over 60%, people are throwing away less stuff.

RELIEFWEB

[UN and humanitarian partners support 1M Odette-affected persons in last six months; recovery work continues till end of 2022](#)

Six months after Typhoon Odette (international name: Rai) left a trail of devastation in 11 of the country's 17 regions, the United Nations (UN) and humanitarian partners in the Philippines, and in support of the Government-led response, have provided life-saving assistance to over a million people. Since April, following the announcement by the Government of the end of the response phase, the humanitarian community has since been supporting local governments to implement early recovery activities.

RENEWABLES NOW

[Philippine regulators clear USD-36m solar project in Luzon](#)

The Philippine Board of Investments (BOI) has given the green light to the construction of a PHP-2-billion (USD 35.6m/EUR 34.7m) solar park on the archipelago's largest island of Luzon, the government announced on Wednesday.

REUTERS

[Shell, Philippine partner to build 1 GW renewable energy capacity](#)

By Enrico Dela Cruz

Shell Overseas Investments B.V., a unit of Shell plc has signed an agreement with the Philippines' Emerging Power Inc for an initial 1 gigawatt renewable energy project tapping solar, the companies said on Friday.

SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

[How a plastics ban turned Siquijor into a zero-waste island in the Philippines](#)

By Geela Garcia

With 14.66 million tonnes of waste produced annually, the Philippines is Southeast Asia's fourth-largest solid waste producer. The nation is also the world's third-largest producer of marine plastic pollution.

SUN STAR

[Peña: Ocean Conservancy apologizes](#)

By Rox Peña

In September 2015, Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., United States, released a groundbreaking report claiming that the Philippines, China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam are the top five plastic polluters in the world. The report stated that “over half of land-based plastic-waste leakage” could be attributed to these five countries. Since then, the Philippines, which ranked third in that report, has been the subject of blame and ridicule.

[Eco groups launch photo exhibit, zero waste bazaar for #PlasticFreeJuly](#)

To celebrate #PlasticFreeJuly, Plastic-Free Pilipinas collaborators: EcoWaste Coalition, Greenpeace Philippines, Mother Earth Foundation, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, Health Care Without Harm together with Break Free from Plastic, Oceana Philippines International, and Megaworld Lifestyle Malls, launched on Monday, July 18, a photo exhibit and bazaar featuring art and eco-friendly stores to make plastic-free Pilipinas a reality.

THINK GEOENERGY

[Philippines identified as ‘outperformer’ in the geothermal power market](#)

By Carlo Cariaga

Financial information services company Fitch Solutions has included the Philippines among the countries that are considered “outperforming” in the geothermal sector. Fitch Solutions defines outperformers as geothermal power markets that have a significant capacity base installed and are expected to post substantial growth over the forecast period.

THE UBYSSEY

[Strength overseas: UBC Filipino student groups’ advocacy following typhoon, public health crises](#)

By Sophia Russo and Jasmine Cadeliña Manango

Typhoon Rai, also known as Super Typhoon Odette, wreaked havoc across the Philippines in December 2021, leaving the country and UBC's Filipino community grappling with disaster.

U.S. EMBASSY IN THE PHILIPPINES

[U.S. Grains Council, Mariano Marcos State University Partner to Promote Biofuels in the Philippines](#)

The U.S. Grains Council (USGC) and Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) signed on July 19 a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to facilitate the exchange of expert knowledge, technical information, and best practices related to the biofuels industry and policy development.

[USAID and Partners Award Business Grant to Woman Waste Collector](#)

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Clean Cities, Blue Ocean (CCBO) program and its Women in Waste's Economic Empowerment Activity, awarded its first business expansion grant to help a woman waste collector start her own door-to-door waste collection business.

VISAYAN DAILY STAR

[Bishop, green groups oppose LNG power plant RONO](#)

By Gilbert P. Bayoran

San Carlos Bishop Gerardo Alminaza and environmental groups are demanding the Negros Occidental Sangguniang Panlalawigan to revoke what they claimed "invalid and premature Resolution of Non-Objection (RONO), in connection to the planned construction of Reliance Energy Development Inc. (REDI)'s 300 MW Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) power plant, in San Carlos City, Negros Occidental."

[More solar power plants eyed in Negros Occ](#)

By Gilbert P. Bayoran

A solar power plant is being eyed for construction by the Aboitiz Power Corporation in Calatrava, Negros Occidental.

THE WASHINGTON POST

[Biden eyes climate emergency declaration as Democrats demand swift action](#)

By Tony Romm, Jeff Stein and Ashley Parker

President Biden is considering whether to declare a national climate emergency in the coming weeks, as he seeks to salvage his stalled environmental agenda and satisfy Democrats on Capitol Hill, who demanded on Tuesday a swift, aggressive response to global warming.

[Biden holds off — for now — on climate emergency declaration](#)

By Seung Min Kim, Chris Megerian and Matthew Daly

President Joe Biden will travel to Massachusetts on Wednesday to promote new efforts to combat climate change, although he will not declare an emergency that would unlock federal resources to deal with the issue despite increasing pressure from climate activists and Democratic lawmakers.

YAHOO! NEWS

[Article misrepresents science on Pacific islands climate threat](#)

By Aaishah Janif, Roland Lloyd Parry, AFP Australia

"The doomsday scenario for Pacific atoll nations has nothing to do with the climate," said the article published on Facebook by the conservative lobby group Advance Australia on July 18. It cited studies by geomorphologists -- experts who study landforms.

[72 Award Recipients Champions ESG For A Sustainable World At The Asia Responsible Enterprise Awards 2022](#)

Singapore -- The region's leading NGO Enterprise Asia is pleased to confer the Asia Responsible Enterprise Awards (AREA) 2022 to 72 outstanding award recipients for championing ESG to build a resilient world and a sustainable future for all.

[Cuenco: Battling the plastic bottle](#)

By Joanna Cuenco

One only has to look at the number of personal care items used in a day to become concerned about the volume of plastic waste that is being generated by every person. Although citizens and corporations are becoming more environmentally conscious, not many consumer goods or cosmetics companies have made a strong push to reduce plastic waste.

[Editorial: Suggesting sustainable transportation](#)

The Cebu City Government has been allocating close to 300,000 liters of gasoline annually for its more or less 1,300 vehicles. According to Councilor Nestor Archival Sr., the City has to spend around P400 million yearly not just for gasoline, but also for other needs to maintain the vehicles' good state such as lubricants.

[Corporates in Southeast Asia Take Climate Change Seriously](#)

Landmark research from Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School has, for the first time, shed light on how companies in the ASEAN region are addressing their obligations for climate-related reporting.

[Citicore strengthens Cebu foothold, enters RE deal with leading water solutions company](#)

Citicore Renewable Energy Company (CREC), through its retail supply arm, Citicore Energy Solutions Inc (CESI), secured 1MW long-term power supply contract with water management solutions provider JE Hydro and Bio Energy Corp. (Jehbec).

YALE ENVIRONMENT 360

[\[OPINION\] How Preventing Unwanted Pregnancies Can Help in Climate Fight](#)

By Robert N. Proctor and Londa Schiebinger

Every year, some 36 billion tons of anthropogenic carbon enter the atmosphere, mainly as a result of burning fossil fuels. With 8 billion people on Earth, this means that each human adds an average of 4.5 tons of carbon into the air annually. And wealthy people have a far bigger footprint than the poor — by a couple orders of magnitude.

CCC in the News

BUSINESS WORLD

[PHL, Germany collaborating on climate policy](#)

By Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson

The Philippines and Germany are collaborating to develop policies that will promote science-based climate planning, according to the Philippine Climate Change Commission (CCC).

THE DAILY GUARDIAN

[CCC joins 'Climate Policy for 2050' learning exchange program with int'l climate experts](#)

Upon the invitation of Germany's Foreign Federal Office and the Goethe Institut, Climate Change Commissioner Rachel Anne Herrera and seven other experts participated in the learning exchange program "Climate Policy for 2050" held in Berlin and Hamburg, Germany from 19 to 25 June 2022.

[CCC: Managing Climate Risks Key to Building Resilience](#)

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) underscored the importance of managing climate risks in order to build climate resilience, but urgent and drastic changes must be made to avert the worst of the climate crisis and limit global warming to 1.5° Celsius.

MAHARLIKA TV

[Climate Change chief participates in 'Climate Policy for 2050' Learning Exchange Program with world climate experts](#)

By Ernie Reyes

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THE MANILA TIMES

['Managing risks key to climate resilience'](#)

By Kristina Maralit

Managing climate risks is key to building climate resilience, thus urgent and drastic changes must be made to arrest the worsening climate crisis and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) said.

Govt acts to stop clam shell poaching

By Kristina Maralit

The Climate Change Commission will be working closely with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned government agencies to stop the poaching and illegal importation of giant clam shells.

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