



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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ABS-CBN NEWS

Solution to rising expenses

Everyone must make an effort to live a sustainable life.

Enrique Razon's Prime Infra inks deal to acquire Malampaya operator

Enrique Razon's Prime Infra said it signed a share purchase agreement for its acquisition of Malampaya gas field operator MEXP Holdings Pte Ltd (MEXP) from a subsidiary of Dennis Uy's Udenna Corp.

Demand for climate information growing, says PAGASA

By Jasmin Romeo

The demand for climate information is expected to increase as the country finds ways to deal with the effects of climate change, state weather bureau PAGASA said Wednesday.

Marcos says to prioritize use of renewable energy to address climate change

By Rose Carmelle Lacuata

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said Monday his administration will prioritize the use of renewable energy sources to cushion the impacts of climate change in the Philippines.

TRANSCRIPT: President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s first SONA

President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. has vowed to support the agriculture sector, make healthcare accessible to Filipinos nationwide, and to make Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) mandatory in Senior High School.

ARAB NEWS

'Friend to all, enemy to none': Marcos vows to safeguard Philippine territory in national address

By Ellie Aben

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Monday vowed to safeguard Philippine territory against foreign powers while also promising that the country would continue to be a “friend to all,” in his first address to the nation as its new leader.

BUSINESS MIRROR

Net Zero IdeaNation: Youth embrace role to address climate change concerns

By Rizal Raoul Reyes

The woke generation will have an important role to play in the fight against climate change.

SM Offices: Forging a sustainable business environment in PHL

SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (SM Prime), one of the largest integrated property developers in Southeast Asia, has the biggest footprint of mall space in the Philippines, along with a vast portfolio of residences, offices, leisure resorts, hotels, and convention centers.

US government to plant 1 billion trees as climate change kills forests

Billings, Mont.—The Biden administration on Monday said the government will plant more than 1 billion trees across millions of acres of burned and dead woodlands in the US West, as officials struggle to counter the increasing toll on the nation’s forests from wildfires, insects and other manifestations of climate change.

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.

BUSINESS STANDARD

Filatex India to acquire stake in renewable energy company

For sourcing captive power and reduce carbon footprint Filatex India announced that under Gujarat’s Hybrid Wind-Solar Power Policy 2018, the company has signed PPA and SHA on 27 July 2022 with FP Crysta Energy and FPEL Sunrise respectively, 100% subsidiaries of Fourth Partner Energy, to procure renewable energy from their hybrid wind-solar open access power project as a captive consumer.

BUSINESS WORLD

As food security issues weigh on the Philippines: Here is where fisheries management might be headed

By Edwina D. Garchitorena and Caterina Maria Po

Fisheries are a vital source of nutrition, jobs, and community well-being for millions of Filipinos — and yet they are increasingly at risk from climate change, overfishing and data-poor management structures. To enhance community well-being and improve the lives of fishers and those involved in the industry, we must take steps to build greater resilience into the way we manage this vital national resource.

As gov't scrambles to achieve food security, it mustn't forget about climate change

By Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson

Climate change is expected to reduce agricultural productivity and disrupt food availability if the government does not integrate mitigation measures in future policy, analysts said.

Huawei offers green solutions to banking sector

Huawei expects Philippine regulators to step up green finance efforts by setting industry guidelines on power consumption and encouraging green investments.

Sustainable cities to require private sector investment, DENR says

By Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson

Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Y. Loyzaga said private sector investment will be required to make cities more sustainable and climate-resilient.

State of the world, state of the nation

By Bienvenido S. Oplas, Jr.

This paper will expand my hypothesis that I mentioned last week — that Europe and North America will deindustrialize in the short- to medium-term and many companies there will migrate to Asia. The Philippines should prepare for this.

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.

CHINA DAILY

SE Asia on the hunt for green-shift funds

By Prime Sarmiento and Yang Han

Southeast Asian countries are tapping the international credit markets to raise funds to help put their economies on a low-carbon path as the threat of climate change becomes more urgent in the region.

CNN PHILIPPINES

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LIVE interview of Senator Loren Legarda with CNN Senior Anchor Pinky Webb. SLL emphasized the importance of "build right at first sight" than build back better.

ENSIA

Across the Globe, Those Harmed by Climate Change are Turning to Courts

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in 2013, a group of organizations and individuals in the country and elsewhere petitioned the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines to investigate whether fossil fuel companies violate or threaten to violate human rights by contributing to climate change. At least 6,300 people died in the storm, and 29,000 were injured.

GMA NEWS

Pinay scholar in Japan to map seagrass in the Philippines to aid conservation, climate change resilience

A Filipina scholar in Japan who recently completed her PhD studies will soon be mapping seagrasses in the Philippines using remote sensing technology.

Razon's firm acquiring Malampaya operator from Dennis Uy

By Ted Cordero

Ports and casino tycoon Enrique Razon Jr.'s plan to take over control of the Malampaya gas-to-power project is now taking shape after his company acquired Davao-based tycoon Dennis Uy's Malampaya Energy XP Pte. Ltd.

Marcos backs creation of Department of Disaster Resilience

By Anna Felicia Bajo and Hana Bordey

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. said Wednesday that he is supportive of a proposed measure that would create the Department on Disaster Resilience, following the strong earthquake that hit northern Luzon this morning.

HEALTH POLICY WATCH

UN General Assembly Approves Resolution Recognizing Right to Healthy Environment

By: Elaine Ruth Fletcher

UNGA decision comes on the heels of an about-face by coal-promoting US Senator Joe Manchin, to support the inclusion of a climate mitigation package as part of President

Joe Biden's flagship domestic spending package, potentially enabling its passage after months of deadlock.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

Affected areas assured of prompt assistance

By: Jocelyn Montemayor

President Marcos Jr. yesterday assured Luzon residents affected by the magnitude 7 earthquake of immediate assistance, as he said he will soon visit Abra, the quake's epicenter, and other areas to personally check the situation on the ground.

MANILA BULLETIN

New law introduces concept of circular economy to address plastic packaging waste

In a day, how many times does an average consumer use a product that comes from a sachet or a plastic wrapper? Food, beverage, cookies, cooking ingredients, shampoo, liquid soap come in sachets. Numerous personal items are packaged in plastic –razor, hair brush, cosmetics, hygiene care products, towels, socks. Plus candies and fruits too. The list is long.

Acer's Make Your Green Mark sustainability campaign urges everyone to preserve and care for our planet

The annual Acer Day celebration is back and will feature a special line-up of performances, sales promotions, rewards, and activities for everyone to enjoy! This year's theme, 'Make Your Green Mark', highlights Acer's care for the environment by reigniting its passion for sustainability practices and serves as a reminder for the collective efforts needed in making a "green mark."

Palawan a model island for green energy, eco-industrial park dev't – DOST-MIMAROPA

By Dhel Nazario

The Province of Palawan was promoted as a model island for green energy and eco-industrial park development in a recently-conducted forum organized by the Department of Science and Technology – MIMAROPA (DOST-MIMAROPA).

Insular Life invests P1 B in Ayala's coal plant retirement

By Myrna M. Velasco

Insular Life (InLife) has inked an agreement with a subsidiary of ACEN Corporation for P1.0 billion worth of investment in the preferred shares of South Luzon Thermal Energy Corporation (SLTEC), the corporate vehicle of the Ayala group that is retiring its coal plant via the energy transition financing (ETF) mechanism.

These students from UPLB are making a name

By Jessica Pag-iwayan

From plastic free packaging to renewable energy inventions, these students proved that they are true innovators for the planet.

Razon acquires operating stake in Malampaya

By Myrna M. Velasco

Prime Exploration Pte. Ltd., a subsidiary of Razon-led Prime Infrastructure Capital Inc. (Prime Infra), announced its acquisition from Udenna Corporation of businessman Dennis Uy the 45 percent operating stake in the depleting Malampaya gas field asset.

OCD official pushes massive flood control projects on Panay Island

By Tara Yap

Iloilo City – An official of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) has said that massive flood control projects are needed in three major river systems on Panay Island to curb perennial flooding.

Climate change, health challenges to shape next 20 years: Australian report

By Xinhua

Canberra, Australia — Australia’s national science agency has identified a list of global megatrends that will shape the next 20 years.

Heed call of science in response to pandemic, climate crisis - Legarda

By Mario Casayuran

Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda on Tuesday, July 26 called for unity toward resilience as the country’s priority strategy in its response to the pandemic and the climate crisis.

DND, AFP back PBBM’s priority bills concerning nat’l security

By Martin Sadongdong

The Department of National Defense (DND) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) expressed support to the proposed legislations of President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. which would affect the security sector.

Zubiri favors nuclear energy program

By Mario Casayuran

Senate President Juan Miguel “Migz” Zubiri said on Tuesday, July 26 that his mind has opened up to the possibility of agreeing to a nuclear energy program for the Philippines.

China swelters under record heat

By Agence-France-Presse

Beijing, China — Cities across China were on red alert for heatwaves on Monday, as tens of millions of people were warned to stay indoors and record temperatures strained energy supply. Swathes of the planet have been hit by extreme and deadly heatwaves in recent months, from Western Europe in July to India in March to April.

President's energy plan includes nuclear power plants, renewables

By Argyll Cyrus Geducos

As he recognized that the country's demand for energy far exceeds its reliable supply, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. presented measures to increase the Philippines' energy production, and this includes revisiting the construction of nuclear power plants.

MANILA STANDARD

Razon takes 45% Malampaya stake

By Alena Mae S. Flores

Prime Exploration Pte. Ltd., a subsidiary of Prime Infrastructure Capital Inc., formally acquired the 45-percent stake owned by a unit of Udenna Corp. in the Malampaya gas project off northwest Palawan.

Tackling solid waste: Nestlé PH turns over materials recovery facility in Lipa City

The growing solid waste management (SWM) problem in the Philippines can be attributed to factors such as improper waste disposal, inefficient waste collection, and the lack of disposal and recycling facilities in many cities and municipalities.

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.

THE MANILA TIMES

Disaster Resilience Dept pushed

By Javier Joe Ismael

Following the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit Northern Luzon, Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go renewed his call for the passage of his twin measures establishing the Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR).

Bong Go renews call for passage of DDR bill

By Javier Joe Ismael

Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go on Thursday, July 28, renewed his call for the creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR) to ensure quicker response and a more proactive and holistic approach to preparing for calamities and other natural disasters.

Bong Go seeks resilient houses for homeless

Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go pushed his priority bills which aim to provide more resilient, affordable and decent houses to disadvantaged Filipinos across the country.

Producer Responsibility Act lapses into law

By Javier Joe Ismael

The Extended Producers' Responsibility (EPR) Act has lapsed into law, Sen. Cynthia Villar said on Tuesday.

DoE lays down plan for PH energy supply

By Eireene Jairee Gomez

The Department of Energy (DoE) on Tuesday revealed some of its major plans that the Marcos administration will need to realize to ensure sufficient, reliable and affordable energy supply in the Philippines.

Firefighters battle wildfire as heat advisories up

By Agence France-Presse

Midpines, California: Firefighters were battling California's largest wildfire of the summer on Monday (Tuesday in Manila), a blaze near the famed Yosemite National Park that has forced thousands of people to evacuate, officials said.

Marcos hopes to pass Land Use Act

By Kristina Maralit

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. is hoping he can do what his predecessor fell short of doing — convince Congress to pass the long-stalled Land Use Act.

The future is now

By Ambassador Carlos Salinas

How are we doing in the way of dealing with the climate crisis? If we think that picking up where we left off before the Covid-19 pandemic turned our world upside down, think again. British economist James Meadway recently wrote an article in The Guardian that warned against the mistake of planning on the assumption that things would return to normal.

IHC commits to sustainability

By Ed Paolo Salting

Real estate developer Imperial Homes Corp. (IHC) has made significant innovations in the home and development sector as it launched the 50,000-square-meter Via Verde Trece Martires development in Cavite, which is targeted for completion in 2025.

Thousands evacuate as California wildfire grows

By Agence France-Presse

Midpines, California: A fierce wildfire in California expanded on Sunday (Monday in Manila), burning several thousand acres and forcing evacuations as tens of millions of Americans sweltered through the scorching heat.

[OPINION] We're on the cusp of the most catastrophic food crisis in 50 years: Where is the global response?

By IPS

Berlin/Terni, Italy: A growing mountain of data and analysis points to an unprecedented global crisis in the making, due to the convergence of "Four Cs" (conflict, Covid, climate and costs).

Baguio eyes flood warning system

By Gaby B. Keith

Baguio City: The Summer Capital's push to establish its own smart flood early warning, information and mitigation system that was initiated in August 2020 is ongoing, said Antonette Anaban, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) head.

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.

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.

Marcos to lay down food security plan

By Catherine S. Valente

To head off a looming agriculture and food crisis, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has ordered "strategic agriculture measures" implemented immediately.

SMC packaging unit to help boost QC LGU trash-to-cashback program

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

The EPR Law takes on the Philippines' plastic problem

By Ma. Celina Añonuev and Bonar Laureto

Barring any last-minute hiccups, the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022 should have lapsed into law by now, which means companies are now responsible for the plastic packaging they use to protect, transport and sell their products.

UN mounts awareness exhibit to mark sixth month of Typhoon Odette

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, in support of the government-led response, have provided life-saving assistance to over a million people.

US heat wave soars as California wildfire rages

By Agence France-Presse

Los Angeles, California: Tens of millions of Americans already baking in a scorching heat wave braced Saturday (Sunday in Manila) for record-setting temperatures to climb while a major fire ravaged part of California.

MINDANAO TIMES

Mindanao biz sector pushes for 12-point agenda for BBM admin

By: Carmelito Franciso

AS President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. addresses the country today to outline his programs in the next six years during the state-of-the-nation address, the business sector in Mindanao has also called on him to implement key initiatives.

MONGABAY

A clean and healthy environment is a human right, U.N. resolution declares

By Elizabeth Claire Alberts

This week, member states of the U.N. General Assembly — the highest UN body that wields considerable influence over its member states — adopted a historic resolution: the recognition that it's a universal human right to live in a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Mountain melt shuts classic Alpine routes

By Agence France-Presse

Geneva — Little snow cover and glaciers melting at an alarming rate amid Europe's sweltering heatwaves have put some of the most classic Alpine hiking routes off-limits.

'Agroecology' helps farmers cushion climate impact

By Mariejo S. Ramos

For years, volunteers of a social agricultural enterprise have witnessed farmers spend months toiling the field only for extreme rain to wash away their crops in an instant, leaving them with nothing to harvest and, often, nothing to eat.

'Wala usik': Bacolod restaurants, cafes aim for zero waste

By Mariejo S. Ramos

Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines — Working at a cruise ship was an eye opener for Laverne Traifalgar, who now runs a restaurant in this provincial capital of Negros Occidental.

Renewable energy trading scheme launched

By Jordeene B. Lagare

The Philippines launched a renewable energy market (REM), which would pave the way for increasing the utilization of renewable energy and transition to cleaner sources of electricity.

Ayala's ACEN inks deal for Ilocos wind farm

ACEN Corp., the energy platform of Ayala Corp., signed an accord for the development of its 70-megawatt (MW) wind farm in Ilocos Norte.

War on plastic waste makes headway in Negros

By Mariejo S. Ramos

Bacolod City—It is easy to spot Lilian Gordoncillo's cafe, with its paintings of waves and whales on bright blue walls that catch the eyes of passersby.

Dying in an earthquake: Experts say it's not just the tremor

By: Cristina Eloisa Baclig.

Manila, Philippines—Earthquakes—which can result in ground shaking, soil liquefaction, landslides, fissures, avalanches, fires, tsunamis, and other destruction—have caused 750,000 deaths globally from 1998 to 2017, according to World Health Organization (WHO).

[OPINION] Going nuclear: A sensible and practical option for the Philippines

By Moira G. Gallaga

Energy is a vital resource of any country. Just as the human body needs the energy to function and get things done, it is essential in the functioning and growth of the country's economy. Its reliability, accessibility, and sufficiency can have direct effects on one's quality of life.

7.0 Luzon earthquake: 5 dead, 1,200 structures damaged

VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur, Philippines — Norman Aba, his two cousins and a 10-year-old niece were at the topmost floor of the Bantay Watchtower built from stone outside of this city when the 431-year-old structure swayed slowly and then wobbled violently on Wednesday morning.

Worker dies, 6 others hurt as earthquake shakes roadside hill in Kalinga

By: Villamor Visaya Jr.

Tabuk City, Kalinga—A man died and six others were injured when the magnitude 7 earthquake struck while they were placing wire mesh over a hillside area along a road in Balbalan town, Kalinga province, on Wednesday (July 27) morning.

Energy projects must respect IP rights, gov't told

Tabuk City, Kalinga, Philippines — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s plan to push for renewable energy projects to fill the gap in the country's energy demand should not be at the peril of the environment and indigenous peoples (IPs), according to an Apayao province-based organization, Kabugao Youth.

Groups see 'mixed signals' in Bongbong Marcos' renewable energy push

By Cristina Eloisa Baclig

An environmental group on Monday (July 25) called out President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. for giving "mixed signals" in highlighting the administration's plans to use nuclear and fossil power alongside renewable energy in the country during his first State of the Nation Address (Sona).

We are drowning in plastic, and we need to catch up fast

By: Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos

Just last month, Canada took a huge leap and issued a ban on the manufacture and import of six categories of single-use plastics by the end of the year. Likewise, California recently enacted the boldest plastic source reduction policy requiring a steep reduction in the amount of single-use plastic packaging produced in the state by 2032.

Meet the team carrying out Marcos' marching orders

Grand visions, broad marching orders, major policy shifts — expect these and more as President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. delivers his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) today, Monday July 25.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

Blinken to meet with Marcos in Manila next week

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is scheduled to meet with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and the latter's foreign affairs chief during his visit to Manila from August 5 to 6.

PBBM emphasizes need for 'disaster-proof' planning

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has emphasized the importance of "disaster-proof" planning of communities, after a magnitude 7 earthquake rocked Abra and nearby provinces in northern Luzon on July 27.

357 killed as monsoon rains continue to batter Pakistan

Islamabad – At least 357 people were killed and over 400 were injured as heavy monsoon rains continued to batter Pakistan for more than five weeks now, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said Thursday.

Creation of disaster resilience dep't pushed after Abra quake

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

Several lawmakers in the House of Representatives on Thursday emphasized the need for the immediate passage of a measure seeking to establish a Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR) to manage the country's disaster preparedness, response, and rehabilitation efforts.

Flash floods displace 100 families in Koronadal

By: Roel Osano

Koronadal City – At least 100 families were evacuated to safer grounds when a flash floods caused by a heavy downpour submerged five exterior barangays in this city on Wednesday evening.

Volunteer groups vow to sustain mangrove planting in NegOr

By Mary Judaline Partlow

Dumaguete City – An alliance of volunteer groups in Negros Oriental has committed to planting thousands of mangrove trees yearly and relentlessly to protect the province's shorelines and support global efforts against climate change.

DOST backs BBM's stance on investing in sci-tech

By Ma. Cristina Arayata

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is supporting President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s stance on investing in science and technology to boost the country's disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts.

Renewable energy tops Marcos admin's climate change agenda

By: Ruth Abbey-Gita Carlos

Manila – President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on Monday pushed for the transition to renewable energy to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change on the country.

'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

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

Forging ahead: EU and the Philippines

By Luc Véron, notes from the EU delegation

With what he said on the Philippine economy last Monday in his first State of the Nation Address, President Marcos got off to a good start.

SM Offices: Forging a sustainable business environment in the Philippines

SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (SM Prime), one of the largest integrated property developers in Southeast Asia, has the biggest footprint of mall space in the Philippines, along with a vast portfolio of residences, offices, leisure resorts, hotels, and convention centers.

ACEN to start P6 billion wind farm in Ilocos Norte

By Richmond Mercurio

ACEN Corp. is ready to proceed with its next wind project following the signing of an agreement with Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Technology (SGRE) for the supply and installation of wind turbines.

Razon firm moves closer to acquiring

By Richmond Mercurio

Malampaya stake The infrastructure arm of tycoon Enrique Razon has moved forward with its plans to acquire ownership in the Malampaya deep-water gas-to-power project.

Communicating sustainability

By Ron F. Jabal

With stakeholders demanding more transparency and accountability from brands and businesses, it has become imperative for organizations to develop and implement strategic sustainability communication plans.

The next page for property: Recovery, growth and sustainability

By Danessa Rivera

The Philippine property sector is expected to recover significantly in the next two to three years.

Marcos SONA: A lot of talk on environment, not as much on its defenders

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

While climate change—an issue put on the back burner during the election campaign—was mentioned at least six times in the first State of the Nation Address of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., his speech was silent about the threats faced by Filipino climate advocates and environmental defenders.

Government identifies key challenges to renewable energy roadmap

By Richmond Mercurio

Key challenges will have to be addressed in order to boost the country's transition toward clean energy, according to the Department of Energy (DOE).

[OPINION] Marcos faces crucial nature, climate challenges

By Katherine Custodio

If the state of the Philippine environment was a movie, we could already see that the ending will be tragic. As President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has taken the helm, he now has the job of driving the government's effort to change that grim ending.

No moratorium on creation of new agencies – Zubiri

By Paolo Romero

There is no need to have a moratorium in Congress on creating new departments and agencies despite the thrust of the Marcos administration to rightsize the bureaucracy, Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri said yesterday.

[OPINION] PBBM's SONA: Roadmap to recovery

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.

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.

PHYS ORG

Unraveling the interconnections between air pollutants and climate change

By Anuradha Varanasi

In June 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines erupted for nine hours, ejecting volcanic ash, water vapor, and at least 15 to 20 million tons of noxious sulfur dioxide gas into the stratosphere. Within two hours, the gas transformed into tiny sulfate mists or aerosols that formed bright clouds. Those clouds spread across the entire Earth and persisted for a year, effectively reducing global temperatures by 0.4 to 0.5 degrees Celsius between 1992 and 1993. Once these cooling aerosols fell out of the stratosphere two years later, global temperatures rose again.

PINSENT MASONS

Philippines publishes national renewable energy programme to 2040

The Philippines' Department of Energy (DOE) has published its national renewable energy programme (NREP) for the period 2020 to 2040, setting out its goals of 35% renewable energy generation by 2030 and 50% by 2040.

POLITIKO

Villafuerte urges Marcos admin to tap \$45B IMF facility for 'green' programs

By Billy Begas

Camarines Sur Rep. LRay Villafuerte on Friday said the Marcos administration could tap the credit line offered by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to better deal with the worsening global climate crisis.

France, Philippines in talks for renewable energy cooperation

By Roy C. Mabasa

Discussions are underway between France and the new administration in the Philippines for possible cooperation in the area of renewable and nuclear energy, the top French diplomat in Manila said Tuesday.

Pampanga showcases disaster preparedness

The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) of Pampanga highlighted its emergency preparedness in responding to disaster.

RAPPLER

Rich countries failed to meet their climate funding goal

Brussels, Belgium – Rich nations failed to meet a long-standing pledge to deliver \$100 billion to help poorer countries cope with climate change, the OECD said on Friday, July 29.

In Tañon Strait, fisherfolk are taking up the fight against plastic pollution

By Janssen Calvelo

Fisherfolk, one of the most marginalized groups in the Philippines, face a myriad of challenges, including decreasing fish yield, competition from commercial fishing, and extreme weather events.

Everything you need to know about the Philippines' Extended Producer Responsibility law

By Pia Ranada

The Philippines now has a law requiring large companies to recover the plastic packaging waste they produce, a bid by lawmakers and firms to address the country's reputation as a top plastic polluter.

The pros and cons of Marcos' nuclear energy dreams

By Ralf Rivas

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is eyeing nuclear energy and renewable technology to address the Philippines' energy crisis.

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:

RECYCLING PRODUCT NEWS

PCX Markets launches global platform for purchasing certified plastic credits

Singapore-based PCX Markets has launched an online platform for purchasing certified plastic credits from multiple providers.

REUTERS

US. Senate climate deal 'transformative', backers say

By: Timothy Gardner

Washington, July 27 (Reuters) - The nearly \$370 billion in climate and energy security measures in the budget reconciliation deal U.S. Senate Democrats struck on Wednesday were whittled down from previous versions of the bill, but highly praised by backers of clean energy.

THE STRAITS TIMES

US Secretary of State Blinken to meet new Philippine leader Marcos to strengthen alliance

Washington (AFP) - US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will travel next week to the Philippines to meet new President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, with Washington expecting a close alliance despite rights concerns.

SUN STAR

P150M road raising project to mitigate SCTEX flooding

By: Charlene Cayabyab

HE ongoing P150-million road raising project at a 640-meter stretch at the SCTEX Dinalupihan is now halfway through and expected to be completed within the third quarter of the year.

UN NEWS

UN General Assembly declares access to clean and healthy environment a universal human right

With 161 votes in favour, and eight abstentions*, the UN General Assembly adopted a historic resolution on Thursday, declaring access to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, a universal human right.

YAHOO! NEWS

PCX Markets launches first global platform to eliminate plastic pollution

Singapore-based PCX Markets has today launched the world's first online platform for purchasing certified plastic credits from multiple providers.

CCC in the News

BUSINESS MIRROR

Regional student filmmakers stand out in climate advocacy film fest

By Seymour B. Sanchez

Students from Visayas State University in Leyte and Philippine National University South Luzon in Quezon province led the winners of the Klima Film Festival, a competition that aims to spotlight the effects of climate change using short films written and produced by young Filipinos nationwide.

BUSINESS WORLD

[OPINION] Moving for a collective impact

By Ron F. Jabal

More and more companies are seeing a clear connection between social progress and business success. Not a day passes without hearing companies trumpet their triple-bottom approach to conducting business. These stories are being chronicled in sustainability reports that the Securities and Exchange Commission will reportedly mandate for all listed companies by 2023. Recent data shows that while this requirement is still on a comply or explain basis, the compliance rate among listed firms in the local bourse has been over 90% for the past two or three years. Indeed, local firms have gone a long way in implementing and chronicling their efforts to manage business impacts on people, profit, and the planet. Even without an expressed admission, companies are now fast becoming agents of social change.

MANILA TIMES

Bringing back the use of clean energy in Mindanao

In a report by the Department of Energy in 2021, 31 percent of the installed energy capacity of Mindanao came from renewable energy (RE) sources as of 2020. This was way lower than the 2011 data, where 65 percent of the total power generation mix in the island came from clean power.

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