



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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ABS-CBN NEWS

'Fruits, veggies better for planet but chips have low environmental impact'

By: Agence France-Presse

Washington- Eating fruits and vegetables is better for the planet than eating meat and cheese, but a new study by scientists showed chips and sugary drinks also have a very low environmental impact.

DOST optimistic technology will improve in PH regions

By: Jasmine Romero

The Department of Science and Technology is optimistic that technology and innovation in various areas of the country will improve after the Provincial Science and Technology Office Act lapsed into law last month.

ASIAN JOURNAL

NaFFAA Leaders Receive International Recognition In Geneva For Piloting 'FilAmAlerts' Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — To address the growing impact of natural and manmade disasters exacerbated by the effects of climate change, the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) has piloted a program to coordinate Filipino diaspora groups across the United States. The program, FilAm Alerts, is an effort to streamline and efficiently coordinate resources and relief programs for the benefit of the Philippines.

BBC NEWS

Panama Canal grapples with climate change threat

Global warming and changing weather patterns are affecting the water supply for one of the world's most important waterways, the Panama Canal, as well as access to drinking water for millions of Panamanians, reports journalist Grace Livingstone from Panama City.

BIG NEWS NETWORK

Philstar.com zooms in on PH lack of attention to green recovery

Cheers to Philstar.com's two-part report on the country's lack of attention to the climate crisis amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Written by Ramon Royandoyan and edited by Ian Cigaral, the report was published on August 8 and 9.

BUSINESS MIRROR

'The Sacrifice Zone': Myanmar bears cost of green energy

By: Dake Kang, Victoria Milko, and Lori Hinnant

In the wake of rare earth element mining, an AP investigation has found environmental destruction, the theft of land from villagers and the funneling of money to brutal militias with links to Myanmar's secretive military government.

BUSINESS WORLD

Gov't told to help quicken adoption of electric vehicles

By Kyle Aristophere T. Atienza

The government should help fast-track the adoption of electric vehicles (EV) in the Philippines by offering subsidies and tax breaks to users, analysts said at the weekend.

The Jagna Baywalk Mangrove Belt and Mayor Joseph Rañola

By Raul V. Fabella

Jagna is a port town located 63 kms east of Tagbilaran, Bohol, or 76.3 km from the newly constructed Panglao International Airport. It faces the Bohol Sea to the south, facing Mindanao, and is otherwise surrounded by mountains of lush green forest. A town in a great hurry in the last decade, it has attracted a McDonald's fastfood restaurant, a 7-Eleven 24-hour convenience store, a mall and supermarket of the Bohol Quality chain, a brand-new Jagna Food Court, newly concreted side-roads, and end-to-end solar street lighting. The latter means that the "grid down episodes" common in Bohol no longer mean night darkness for Jagna-anons.

ADB commits to supporting PHL climate, infra efforts

By: Diego Robles

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has expressed its support for the Philippines' efforts on climate mitigation, expanding employment, and developing infrastructure, the Department of Finance (DoF) said.

Moving and going 'forward faster'

Top experts share their insights on how the Philippines and businesses can speed up the country's economic recovery, grow further, and build a more inclusive and sustainable future for all

More than half of human infectious diseases can be worsened by climate change

By: Tristan McKenzie, Camilo Mora, and Hannah von Hammerstein

Climate change can exacerbate a full 58% of the infectious diseases that humans come in contact with worldwide, from common waterborne viruses to deadly diseases like plague, our new research shows.

Climate emergency declaration awaited from national gov't

By: Kyle Atienza

The government must declare a climate emergency to wield extraordinary powers that will facilitate a shift to renewable energy, which analysts and economists said will address prevailing problems like the unreliable food supply and the Philippines' vulnerability to calamities.

PHL lining up US support for climate, health, digitalization

By Diego Gabriel C. Robles

The Philippines discussed potential support from the US for its climate finance, health, and tax system digitalization efforts, the Department of Finance (DoF) said.

CNN PHILIPPINES

A disastrous megaflood is coming to California, experts say, and it could be the most expensive natural disaster in history

By Payton Major, Judson Jones and Brandon Miller

Many Californians fear the "Big One," but it might not be what you think. It's not an earthquake. And it isn't the mega drought. It's actually the exact opposite. A megaflood.

The Arctic is warming four times faster than the rest of the planet, new research shows

By Rachel Ramirez

As sea ice vanishes, Greenland melts and wildfires scorch the planet's northernmost forests, new research confirms what scientists are sounding alarms about: the Arctic has warmed much faster than the rest of the world in the past several decades.

Billionaires are funding a massive treasure hunt in Greenland as ice vanishes

By: Rene Marsh

Some of the world's richest men are funding a massive treasure hunt, complete with helicopters and transmitters, on the west coast of Greenland.

Many Americans still don't think climate change is coming for them

By: Zachary Wolf

While parts of his state have been ravaged by deluge this summer, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is pretty sure most Americans don't really care about the climate crisis.

DAILY TRIBUNE

K-12 upgrade focuses on environment

By: Neil Alcober

The Department of Education (DepEd) said yesterday it will support a basic education curriculum that aims to produce climate literate students guided by teachers who are conscious of environmental issues.

ENVIRO NEWS NIGERIA

UNECA chief seeks increased, urgent funding to mitigate climate change in Africa

Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Vera Songwe, has called for urgent and increased funding to mitigate the impact of climate change in Africa.

FOX NEWS

Biden decries 'heartbreaking' Kentucky flood devastation, links it to climate change

By: Kelly Laco

President Biden described the "heartbreaking" devastation in Kentucky in a trip to survey damage from floods that have killed nearly two dozen people, suggesting the natural disaster was related to climate change.

GMA NEWS

Quezon City launches climate action program

The local government of Quezon City on Thursday launched a new environmental program to take urgent action in addressing the climate crisis.

Even modest climate change imperils northern forests — study

By Patrick Galey

PARIS, France - Even relatively moderate heating and rainfall loss could dramatically alter the make-up of Earth's northern forests, risking their biodiversity rich ecosystems and undermining their ability to store planet-warming carbon pollution, researchers said Wednesday.

After 'historic' US climate bill, scientists urge global action

By: Patrick Galey

Paris — Scientists on Monday welcomed the passing of US President Joe Biden's "historic" climate bill while calling for other major emitters—namely the European Union—to follow suit and implement ambitious plans to slash emissions.

GMA, Nestlé Philippines partner for environmental advocacy

By Jon Viktor D. Cabuenas

GMA Network Inc. on Monday inked an agreement with Nestlé Philippines for a joint campaign on climate change, covering awareness initiatives across the country given its vulnerability to such risks.

THE KOREA TIMES

Korea urged to take preemptive steps to deal with climate change-induced disasters

By: Lee Hyo-jin

After Seoul and its surrounding areas were battered by record-breaking downpours over the last two days, experts are calling for preemptive mitigation and prevention efforts, warning that the country may witness more extreme weather events caused by climate change.

MANILA BULLETIN

EMB hails law making firms responsible for plastic packaging

By Jel Santos

The enactment of the Republic Act (RA) 11898 or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022, which seeks to make companies responsible for their plastic packaging, was lauded by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

CHR welcomes UN's resolution on clean, healthy, sustainable environment as universal human right

By: Czarina Nicole Ong Ki

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) welcomed the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) which recognized a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a universal human right.

ELEVENTH HOUR: One generation in a vanishing world

By Climate Reality Project Philippines

Do I make a difference? Does what I do even matter in the kind of world we live in today? Reading the news nowadays can feel like an endless scroll of grief—of health emergencies, calamities, impunity-fueled violence, corruption, and all-around chaos. All the while, the Earth hurtles toward its thresholds.

QC gov't launches climate crisis action plan

By: Aaron Homer Dioquino

The Quezon City government, in collaboration with the C40 Cities, has launched a new environmental initiative that will address the climate crisis in the city.

PH asserts position on South China Sea at ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting

By: Joseph Pedrajas

The Philippines is committed to address concerns related to the South China Sea with its Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) neighbors and other countries from outside the bloc as it asserted again its position over the disputed waters.

Satellite Internet safeguards lives and businesses from natural disasters

Living in Barangay Santa Ines in Tanay, Rizal Province, Mylene Ramos is no stranger to floods. Surrounded by lush, mountainous, agricultural land at the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountain, the town is also home to two large rivers. When a river floods, the

locals are cut off from the nearby town, making it difficult to secure essential food and supplies; and halting trade for the locals who produce ginger and honey, as well as raise animals.

'Habagat' still affecting Central, Southern Luzon; new LPA forms east of Mindanao

By Ellalyn De Vera-Ruiz

The southwest monsoon or “habagat” and a new low pressure area (LPA) may bring rains over some areas in Central and Southern Luzon, Caraga, and Davao Region in the next few hours, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said in its 11 a.m. weather advisory on Monday, Aug. 8.

Teves bill calls for new nuclear plant if BNPP can't be used anymore

By: Ellson Quismoro

If the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) can no longer function safely, then the Philippines must build a new nuclear plant.

MANILA STANDARD

Climate emergency exhibit showcases 28 international art agencies

World Weather Network, a community of creatives reporting on weather and climate, has launched an international online exhibition that features a constellation of 28 arts agencies from around the world.

THE MANILA TIMES

Inter-convention synergies: Ramsar, biodiversity and climate change

By Amado Tolentino Jr.

Although addressed separately in international law, the concept of wetlands per Ramsar Convention (mangroves, rivers, lakes, peatlands, rice paddies, fishponds, etc.); biodiversity (conservation of species of plants and animals for food security, availability, accessibility, affordability, among others); and climate change (global warming, sea level rise, droughts, heat waves, wildfires, floodings, outbreak of infectious diseases, among others) are interdependent, interacting with one another. Their interrelationship is manifest in the way wetland resources and services are affected by climate change and, in turn, by the fact that while climate change is a major threat to biodiversity, destruction of biodiversity contributes to climate change to a great extent.

Overseas Pinoy Scientist in China: A Disaster Risk Reduction 'Evangelist'

Dr. Glenn F. Fernandez, a 2021 Pamana ng Pilipino Presidential awardee, had personal reasons to specialize in the field of disaster mitigation and management.

More countries back arbitral award on SCS

By Bernadette E. Tamayo

The Philippines has informed fellow member-states in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) that there is a "growing list" of countries supporting the 2016 arbitral award in the South China Sea (SCS).

US to help PH tap clean energy

By: Bernadette Tamayo

The Philippines and the United States have agreed to collaborate in tapping clean energy, including nuclear power.

MIRAGE NEWS

UN officially recognised right to healthy environment. Here's what that means

The historic recent UN General Assembly (UNGA) resolution, recognising a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a universal human right, did not come out of the blue.

NATION WORLD NEWS

Siemens Gamesa to supply 70 MW of wind power to Philippines after renewable energy auction

As noted in a statement, Siemens Gamesa has entered into a new agreement with Essen Corporation for the supply of 14 units of SG 5.0-145 turbines in the Philippines.

ONE NEWS PH

UP Resilience Institute working with LGUs to improve climate change actions

UP Resilience Institute Director Prof. Mahar Lagmay says they are coordinating with various local governments to improve their climate change actions and disaster risk reduction management.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Makati to install solar panels in city public schools, gov't offices

By: Beatrice Pinlac

Public schools and local government offices in Makati City will soon be powered by solar panels, said Mayor Abby Binay.

How do we empower MSMEs to be resilient and sustainable?

Teddy Monroy, country representative for United Nations Industrial Development Organization, said this during the Inquirer Project Rebound's webinar on ensuring the resiliency and sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with their recovery. This was in reference to the COVID-19 crisis, which truly exposed how MSMEs, despite being "the lifeblood of the economy," is the sector "most vulnerable to both environmental and economic shocks."

[OPINION] Makati's climate leadership

It is tempting for jaded observers to think of Mayor Abby Binay's move last week to declare a "state of climate emergency" in Makati City as a gimmick to buttress her position at the top of the political hierarchy of one of the country's wealthiest local government units (LGUs) and premier business hub.

Romualdez assures Japan: PH policy reforms would improve business climate

By: Gabriel Pabico Lalu

Manila, Philippines — House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez has assured the Japanese ambassador to the Philippines that the policy reforms that the administration will institute are expected to improve the business climate in the country.

[OPINION] Extreme weather events and conflict (2)

By Rufa Cagoco-Guam

On April 15, 2015, the Group of Seven (G7), issued a declaration that highlighted its commitment to tackle "climate-related risks in states experiencing situations of fragility." An intergovernmental forum, the G7 consists of Canada, the United States, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom. The European Union (EU) participates in this forum as a "non-enumerated member."

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY

55th ASEAN theme underscores togetherness

By: Alice Sicat

This year's theme for the ASEAN's 55th Anniversary focuses on the spirit of "Togetherness", that as one community with a common will, the member states with collective endeavor will address and overcome challenges that are facing the region.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

DOE to focus on expanding indigenous energy sources

By: Kris Crismundo

Manila – Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Raphael Lotilla said on Tuesday the agency will focus on expanding and harnessing indigenous energy sources as its long-term strategy toward energy security.

House creates special committee on nuclear energy

Manila – The House of Representatives on Tuesday created a special committee that will be tasked to tackle policies and programs relating to the production, utilization, and conservation of nuclear energy.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

Hunger games

By Boo Chanco

This is a gut issue, literally, and our leaders are playing hunger games with it. This problem is threatening to escalate. Climate change, international politics, and our domestic failure in agriculture are not making things easier.

EDC tapped by Monde Nissin for RE supply

By Richmond Mercurio

The Monde Nissin group has tapped First Gen Corp. subsidiary Energy Development Corp. (EDC) for the supply of renewable energy.

Floods hit Metro Manila anew

By Marc Jayson Cayabyab

A heavy downpour flooded parts of Metro Manila on Monday night, four days after torrential rains caused floods and power outages in parts of Luzon including the capital region and the Visayas on Friday.

Parañaque to build disaster-resilient evacuation center

A disaster-resilient evacuation center will be constructed in Parañaque City to strengthen its emergency response and recovery efforts during emergencies and occurrence of strong typhoons, severe flooding and other disastrous events.

[OPINION] We should look to renewables immediately

By John Altomonte

As climate change-induced heat waves, energy crises and inflationary concerns sweep across the globe, the Philippines sits at a critical junction with a new administration at the helm. Navigating a complex energy transition is notoriously difficult, especially while having to balance the need to adapt to climate change simultaneously.

For recovery's sake, Philippines rescues 'dirty' companies from pandemic hole

By: Ramon Royandoyan

Teofilo Tredez, a 55-year-old environmentalist and forest ranger, has won an onslaught of cases defending the environment, including trespass to dwelling and grave oral defamation.

PHYS ORG

On the menu at a UK restaurant: carbon footprint

By: Valentine Graveleau

The menu at The Canteen in southwest England doesn't just let diners know how much a dish costs. They can also check its carbon footprint.

YAHOO! NEWS

Editorial: Solving the plastic problem

There is a disconnection between theory and practice, principles and experiences of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and management (CCA-DRRM).

Mandaue to deploy e-buses soon

By Honey I. Cotejo

Mandaue City will soon implement the use of electric buses following an ordinance approved by the Mandaue City Council that mandates using environment-friendly transport units to address the city's environmental problems.

THE VISAYAN DAILY STAR

[Opinion] Climate change and education

The Department of Education said it is eyeing a collaboration with experts to improve climate change education, particularly at the basic education level, in response to a new international study that urged people to start preparing for the possibility of a “climate endgame.”

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

Young people drive climate and water action

More than 1,000 youth leaders from Asia and the Pacific region gathered this week in the Philippines for an international conference co-sponsored by WMO to increase youth participation in addressing global water and climate challenges.

CCC in the News

BUSINESS WORLD

Building a more climate-resilient Philippines

By: Raymond Abrea

It's been three weeks since I arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I never thought I would have to experience heat waves to know how serious climate change is. It's not even on the list of courses I want to study at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS). But the discussion on climate change is part of our summer program, and it's quite intense.

THE MANILA TIMES

Climate change to be taught in schools

By: Kristina Maralit

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) on Monday hailed the Department of Education's (DepEd) move to integrate climate change into the basic education curriculum.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

DepEd aims to boost 'climate literacy'

By: Jane Bautista

As a new international study urged people to start preparing for the possibility of a “climate endgame,” the Department of Education (DepEd) said it was eyeing a collaboration with experts to improve climate change education, particularly at the basic education level.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

DepEd: Not right to declare laptop deal ‘anomalous’

By Janvic Mateo, Delon Porcalla

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) has welcomed the DepEd’s commitment to strengthen climate education in the country.

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