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More and more, the international art scene is taking notice of and giving importance to climate change. Apart from mounting full shows about climate change — the MCAD last year mounted the group show "Adaptation: A Reconnected Earth" of which Filipino artist Derek Tumala participated — museums the world over have also started appointing a curator for climate, as the case of Sainsbury Centre, which became the first UK museum to appoint a curator for climate when it designated Filipino curator Ken Paranada to the role.

While climate change and the environment have yet to claim the spotlight at Art Fair Philippines, a growing number of booths and galleries have started to shine a light on the important topic, which is really about time.

In 2023, Planet Earth crossed the 1.5C of warming, which is the limit set in the 2015 Paris Agreement. Everybody must do their part, including the art scene.

At Art Fair, the galleries and booths talking about climate change manage to do so with beautiful and refined pieces. Some bring with them direct messages about the urgency of the climate crisis, while others offer opportunities for contemplation and reflection on how we got here.

Below are a few that caught our eye:

Be a Tree, Art Fair Projects, 7th floor

The interactive display asks participants to "do a little dance and become a tree." Created by Spanish artist Eugenio Ampudia, the display asks Art Fair visitors to imagine themselves as a tree and dance in front of the camera, which results in a multiple-exposure image resembling a tree canopy.

With hopes of dissolving the divide between nature and humans, Be A Tree is motivated by the idea of the Biocene, which reevaluates the role of humans on earth. Just like a

tree, the grass, the ocean and the bees, humans are interdependent beings that rely on others to live.

In the Art Fair website, Ampudia shared his hope: "Ultimately, I would like to create a forest with all the citizens that will participate in the action in the Philippines, that will demonstrate society's interest in resolving the climate crisis."

A Warm Orange Colored Liquid. Ayala Tower One, Fountain Area

Right at the entrance of Ayala Triangle Gardens stands the latest work of Derek Tumala: An imposing gigantic orange ball made with recycled pulp paper and metal structure.

It is the artist's attempt at recreating the sun while also harnessing its power: The structure runs on solar energy, and according to Tumala, the electricity generated throughout its duration has the capacity to power the average Filipino household for a month. Doesn't that make you think of solar energy as something that is utterly doable?

"As the climate crisis rages on, we find ourselves becoming more experimental with the ways that we view sustainable development in the long run," Tumala said on Instagram.

Nunu Fine Art, 5th floor

Among the artists featured in Taiwanese gallery Nunu Fine Art's booth is Ana Teresa Barboza, a Peruvian multidisciplinary artist whose quietly intricate textile art nudges us to take a thoughtful look at our environment.

From investigating her relationship with native plants after experiencing the dry forest of northern Peru to expressing "the inwardness of all beings in nature," Barboza uses local traditional weaving, natural dyes, and local materials that all reflect her territorial approach and deep connection to Peru.

If Trees Could Talk

At Art Fair Philippines, The Center for Art, New Ventures, and Sustainable Development (Canvas) introduces the first If Trees Could Talk international Art Biennale, something of a culmination after previously mounting three If Trees Could Talk group exhibits.

Works of participating artists like Elmer Borlongan, Geraldine Javier, Leeroy New, and Mark Salvatus to name a few, are displayed at Canvas' booth at the fair, which should tell you the aim of the If Trees Could Talk biennale: To spark reflection and dialogue on environmental issues especially climate change through art.

Also on display is a shelf of postcards that Canvas had received after issuing a global call last year to write and visualize an imagine conversation between yourself and trees. The prompt — If Trees Could Talk — should get your imaginations going.

The Biennale will open at 9:30am on Saturday, February 24 in Batangas and will run until June 24, 2024. Read more about it [here](#).

Art Fair Philippines runs until Sunday, February 18. Read about the Singapore-based Filipino architect who rediscovered painting in the pandemic and is now exhibiting at Art Fair.

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Lopez-led First Gen opened the tilt, dubbed "Code Green for Campuses," as a way of encouraging students to contribute to the campaign against adverse climate change—a problem being aggravated by the continued buildup in the atmosphere of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping greenhouse gases.

The competition challenges the students to submit solutions and ideas in response to the following problem statement: "Given climate change, schools and universities are encouraged to look for ways to limit their carbon footprint. With this in mind, what innovative solutions and programs can you develop to manage, if not limit, your school's current carbon footprint?"

First Gen vice president and head of corporate communications Ricky Carandang said that the school whose team submits the best solution or idea of decarbonization will win a P1-million prize in the form of an innovation fund for use as seed capital to bring to life the winning proposal.

Carandang said at least 52 teams from 29 schools, including the country's top universities and colleges, registered as participants in the Code Green for Campuses competition during a recent virtual launch hosted by actor and motivational speaker RJ Ledesma.

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The government is stepping up efforts to address air pollution in the Philippines to reduce risks to human health and combat climate change.

Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Maria Anton Yulo-Loyzaga is leading the initiative through the launch of an Asian collaborative research monitoring mission. The job aims to contribute to a better understanding and management of air pollution, which ultimately protects the health and well-being of the populations of the participating countries.

Air pollution is a major global issue that poses significant risks to human health, leading to chronic heart and lung diseases, lung cancer, stroke and respiratory infections.

“Furthermore, it contributes to the climate crisis and hastens global warming. With the world in need of cleaner air, governments are now working to prioritize preventing air pollution as an essential solution to one of the most pressing environmental problems in the world,” Loyzaga said.

“By utilizing the data and knowledge provided by this mission, we can enhance our air quality monitoring systems, develop evidence-based policies, and implement effective measures to improve public health and combat climate change,” she said.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources cited the importance of international cooperation in addressing air pollution during the recent media launch of the Airborne and Satellite Investigation of Asian Air Quality (ASIA-AQ) in Clark, Pampanga.

The ASIA-AQ project, led by the United States’ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is an international collaborative research initiative with South Korea’s National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER), University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Thailand’s Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), and the Philippines’ DENR, Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA), Manila Observatory and the University of the Philippines.

Loyzaga said the project would enhance air quality monitoring through access to advanced air quality monitoring techniques, including satellite data, ground-based observations and atmospheric modeling tools.

Improved monitoring capabilities will result to accurate and comprehensive assessment of air pollution that will help the local government executives implement interventions to address air pollution hotspots.

By participating in the collaboration, the Philippines can also learn from the experiences of the other countries in the region and contribute its expertise, leading to more efficient and comprehensive air quality management approaches.

Loyzaga added the project can help policymakers and government agencies gain access to advanced research findings and analyses, enabling evidence-based policy-making and targeted interventions. This can lead to the strengthening of air quality regulations, the implementation of effective emission control measures, and the development of sustainable strategies for improving air quality in the country.

Five engineers and air quality specialists from the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) joined top NASA scientists on board the scientific research flights from February 11 to 15.

The ASIA-AQ project in the Philippines is under the joint understanding of the DENR and NASA, represented by Loyzaga and Gilbert R. Kirkham, respectively.

“To complement the project, DENR will also be enhancing its air quality instrumentation network this year, made possible by the 2024 national budget and by partnerships with development partners,” Loyzaga said.

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Senator Sherwin Gatchalian emphasized on Saturday the critical need to bolster the capacity of local governments in heeding the challenges of climate change adaptation amid persistent disasters such as floods and landslides.

“It is imperative that we empower local government units not only in providing relief assistance but also in enhancing their capabilities to respond to calamities and construct resilient infrastructures to mitigate the impact of climate change,” said Gatchalian, who was at the provincial capitol in this town to distribute at least 3,800 sacks of rice to flood victims in 10 out of the 13 towns and one city of Agusan del Sur.

The well-milled rice, allocated for flood victims in the province, was provided by the senator’s office in collaboration with the city government of Valenzuela, forming part of a total of 12,800 sacks of rice distributed to those affected by floods and landslides that included numerous towns of Davao de Oro and Davao Oriental.

The senator underscored that a crucial aspect of addressing climate change involves the relocation of communities situated in hazard-prone areas, citing the tragic landslide on Feb. 6 in the village of Masara in Maco, Davao de Oro.

Gatchalian said this was the reason for his advocacy of identifying safe relocation sites, including those within forest lands, which would be converted into alienable and disposable lands.

Acknowledging the pressing need for action, Gatchalian learned from Vice Gov. Samuel Tortor that about 90,000 hectares of forest lands in the province were occupied by municipal halls, government buildings, and village communities.

“I will collaborate with the provincial government of Agusan del Sur to propose a legislative bill for the conversion of these forest lands into alienable and disposable lands,” the senator said.

Responding to the relief support of the senator who was with Valenzuela city councilor Niña Lopez, San Francisco Mayor Grace Carmel Paredes-Bravo said their generosity and compassion has lightened the burden of the local government officials of Agusan del Sur.

“ In our lives, there are people who are with us in good times and bad times. But we remember more of the people who are with us during bad times,” remarked Paredes-Bravo.

Agusan del Sur endured severe flooding due to continuous heavy rainfall, prompting Gov. Santiago Cane, Jr. to declare a state of calamity on Jan. 31.

In his briefing before President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. during the latter’s visit in Agusan del Sur on Friday, Cane said 53 percent or 392,947 residents of the province population were affected by the floods.

He reported that the total estimated amount of damage to properties, infrastructure, and agriculture was P2,295,983,284.

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Renewable energy is soon expected to outpace natural gas in terms of generation as investments in solar and wind capacities are projected to become more aggressive in the coming years, according to an international think tank.

BMI, a unit of the Fitch Group, on Friday said nonhydropower renewables will contribute 23.7 percent of the total electricity production globally by 2028, surpassing natural gas, which is expected to represent 21.9 percent.

“This trend is anticipated in the Asian region as well,” BMI said in a report. “Despite an increase in the share of natural gas-fired power in total electricity generation throughout the decade, nonhydropower renewables are projected to exceed natural gas in output due to aggressive investment in solar and wind capacities.”

In the Philippines, for example, the government is looking at natural gas, a fossil fuel that emits nearly as much carbon dioxide as coal, as a transition fuel in the shift toward renewable energy.

However, local developers are also leaning toward renewable energy technology, such as solar, wind and hydropower.

Natural gas now 18.8% of PH energy capacity

August 2023 data from the Department of Energy show that natural gas accounted for 18.8 percent of the country’s installed capacity versus the renewable energy share of 22 percent. Coal still accounts for nearly 50 percent.

This year, the International Energy Agency (IEA) projected global gas demand to grow by 2.5 percent due to colder temperatures and easing prices.

But IEA also warned that gas supply would again be tight in 2024 on the back of a “limited increase” in global output.

According to BMI, coal generation per capita is also projected to decline globally by 20 percent by 2032.

This reflects a “significant shift in power output patterns driven by environmental concerns and the adoption of alternative energy sources,” it added.

Coal in Asia’s energy mix

However, Asia is still expected to be the top consumer of coal in the next eight years.

“While there is a concerted effort to increase gas-fired power generation, the existing infrastructure and the current economic benefits derived from coal mean that it (coal) will remain a significant player in Asia’s power mix,” BMI said.

In an earlier report, BMI noted that Asian emerging markets, including the Philippines, will continue to drive gas-to-power demand until 2033 as power sectors are seen to remain “carbon intensive.”

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will soon have a research and development hub for forestry and agriculture as well as for fisheries and marine resources in Cagayan Valley.

Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga personally led the ground-breaking for the new provincial environment office in Cagayan at the Regional Government Center in Tuguegarao City, where the hub will be established.

Loyzaga said the facility is part of the department's goal to set up a green and blue initiatives hub in the different parts of the country.

DENR's green and blue economy refers to programs developed and initiated in the fisheries and marine sectors and the agriculture and forestry sectors.

She said that aside from the research and development initiatives to be conducted in the hub, strategies to address climate change mitigation and adaptation are also incorporated as one of its functions.

"This is one of the six hubs to be established nationwide and this hub is the first marine scientific site in the country," the secretary said.

The project was funded through the initiative of Cagayan 3rd district Representative Joseph 'Jojo' Lara with an initial cost of P11 million.

Aside from its function as a hub facility, it will also serve as a multifunctional space accommodating offices, conference rooms, and communal areas for collaborative work for PENRO Cagayan personnel, its partners, and other stakeholders.

Lara, in his message, said that the fulfillment of the project is a way of giving back the chances given to him to serve the public.

"I have been helping government agencies to build their respective offices because I believe that by providing a conducive workplace to our employees, they will perform and function better as public servants" Lara added.

Regional Executive Director Gwendolyn C. Bambalan expressed her gratitude to the offices of Representative Lara and Secretary Loyzaga for their support in establishing the facility, which she said, was a dream come true to DENR Cagayan employees.

“This is another place where we can display our commitment towards ethical stewardship for the environment and a place where we can demonstrate loyalty to our mandates,”

The construction has officially commenced and is expected to be completed within the year.

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“China is in the best position to lead Asian developing countries’ rapid and equitable shift towards 100 percent renewable energy,” said Lidy Nacpil, coordinator of the Asian Peoples’ Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD).

In a statement, Nacpil and her allied organizations called on China “to swiftly translate all of its recent pronouncements into concrete actions to support the renewable energy transition in developing countries.” Nacpil added.

Citing data, Nacpil said that China has already turned itself into the global leader in solar and wind energy as the top supplier of photovoltaic modules and wind turbines, accounting for 70 percent of the global market share in 2022.

“China can and should play a greater role in enabling other Asian countries to harness these abundant and affordable renewable energy resources and technologies at a scale and speed needed to prevent climate catastrophe,” she added.

On September 21, 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping told the United Nations General Assembly that “China will step up support for other developing countries in developing green and low-carbon energy, and will not build new coal-fired power projects abroad.”

During the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Summit in Beijing on October 18, 2023, President Xi also reaffirmed China's commitment to foster renewable energy development, while in the November 2023 APEC Summit, he also announced to establish a \$107 billion financing window dedicated to supporting clean energy projects in developing nations, according to APMDD.

The other Philippine-based civil society groups that joined APMDD’s call include the Sanlakas, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ), Oriang Women’s Movement, Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino (BMP), and Kilusan para sa Kabuhayan, Kalusugan, Kalikasan at Katiyakan sa Paninirahan (K4K).

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According to ISU, headed by its president Ricmar Aquino, this undertaking is part of the university's commitment "to strengthen collaboration and partnership between local and international higher education institutions (HEIs)."

The five ISU students are Jervic Macapallag, fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Student Regent from Cabagan Campus; Lex Cedric Aquino, third-year BS Psychology from Echague Campus; Ellen Joy Blas, fourth-year BS Fisheries from Echague Campus; Jord Denzel Gante, second year BS Entertainment and Multimedia Computing from Cauayan Campus; and John Mark Agustin, third year BS Secondary Education Major in Mathematics from San Mateo Campus.

Serving as their coach was ISU Director for Public Affairs and External Linkages Isagani Angeles Jr.

According to the ISU Public Affairs and External Linkages office, the university was one of the organizers during the first IP which took place in the Philippines in 2019.

"The event allowed students and teachers from the Philippine and Belgian institutions to collaborate on development-relevant topics which is a stepping stone towards more in-depth forms of sustainable cooperation with a wide range of academic topics," it said.

Starting in 2018, the IP was part of the Province of West Flanders' Synergy Program, a multi-stakeholder partnership that brought together 30 partners from the academia, local government, non-government organizations, cooperatives and people organizations both in the Philippines and West Flanders.

"The program aims to adapt to climate change through entrepreneurship in sustainable agriculture seeking mitigation benefits with sustainable agriculture, climate change and entrepreneurship as its main themes," ISU said, adding that the students sent to the IP attend master classes and workshops on the said themes.

The students also attend classes on data collection and analysis, interview techniques and data visualization.

"It is the goal of the program to support the students find solutions to 21st-century problems and challenges rooted in the local communities where the university belongs," ISU said.

Also joining ISU as the Philippines' representatives during this year's IP are delegates from the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, Saint Mary's University, and Nueva Vizcaya State University.

In this year's IP, there were 24 students from the Philippines and 24 students from Belgium who participated.

They come from various fields of study such as agriculture and biotechnology, business studies and marketing, technology, applied informatics, network economy and industrial product design to encourage interdisciplinarity.

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A coalition of climate advocates has called on the government to declare a state of climate emergency in Mindanao as floods, landslides and drought affect communities in the country's south.

"A declaration of climate emergency is the first step towards acknowledging the urgency of the climate crisis and placing front and center the people during the climate crisis," the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) said.

PMCJ, a coalition of environmental, faith-based, and people's organizations, released the statement following reports of water sources drying up in Tawi-Tawi and Bukidnon due to El Niño. Recent studies suggest that global warming may be leading to stronger El Niño events.

Heavy rain, meanwhile, has caused massive floods and landslides in Davao de Oro and Agusan del Sur, burying villages and killing dozens of residents.

PMCJ urged the local governments in Mindanao to strengthen the capacity of localities to deal with the impacts of climate change, provide adequate shelter to displaced communities, and review current disaster prevention and response programs.

Local governments should also limit carbon emissions in the local industries, craft a roadmap to bring renewable energy projects to rural communities, the coalition added.

"We implore the government to prioritize the welfare of Mindanaoans and the environment now," it said.

Groups have been asking the national government to declare a climate emergency in the Philippines, one of the nations most vulnerable to climate impacts.

The House of Representatives approved on final reading a bill declaring that the Philippines in a state of climate emergency in November 2023. However, counterpart bills in the Senate currently remain pending at the committee level.

The provincial government of Albay, as well as major cities such as Quezon City and Makati City, previously declared a state of climate emergency.

'Destructive activities worsen climate impacts'

PMCJ also called for tighter regulations on mining operations and probe mining operations in Brgy. Masara, a gold-mining village in Maco, Davao del Sur.

A massive landslide triggered by relentless downpour hit the area, killing at least 98 individuals. Nine people remained missing.

“Poor land management exacerbates climate impacts. Destructive economic activities like mining weakens our defenses against climate disasters,” PMCJ said.

Anti-mining coalition Alyansa Tigil Muna also said in an earlier statement that mineral extraction does not only contribute to climate change, but also worsens its impacts.

PMCJ noted that large-scale mining operations lead to widespread deforestation, which makes mountains more vulnerable to erosion.

“As global warming brings more frequent and heavier rains, landslides will happen more often,” it added.

Apex Mining Corp. said the landslide occurred outside the company’s mine operations area.

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The five-year partnership seeks to create climate adaptive infrastructure, educate future engineers, and empower local talent.

The collaboration aims to enhance the transportation networks' resilience to climate change.

DLSU's Gokongwei College of Engineering will work hand-in-hand with AnyWay Solutions to provide students with insights into the challenges and solutions for climate resilient infrastructure.

In a television interview, AnyWay Solutions CEO Zeevik Halber said the deal involves research studies on climate adaptive infrastructure.

"Transport infrastructure is the lifeline of people. It allows people to connect among themselves, to the services of the government, education, food security," Halber said.

Everything that AnyWay does starts with the road, thus, Halber explained, climate resiliency is a concept considered beyond the engineering aspects.

"Climate disturbances have no mercy on us and when it comes it hits us hard and the Philippines is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world with regard to climate change," he noted.

Build, Better, More needs more

He cited the massive infrastructure buildup under the previous administration leading up to the term of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

“As the country has invested a lot in transportation infrastructure, climate resiliency has taken a very wide perspective of the projects,” according to the AnyWay official.

He said the project with DLSU started during the pandemic when school officials asked AnyWay to participate in an online session which was when the university expressed interest in a technology that addresses soil stabilization.

The product enhances the engineering characteristics of road materials by including it on existing pavement.

“It opened the door to discussions but the pandemic came and things were on hold for a long time and eventually we struck this deal,” Halber said.

Through the agreement, the university will gain knowledge and experience on climate resiliency while its students will get a better understanding of what climate resiliency is all about, and the country will be better equipped against a harsh climate that gets worse every year.

“Engineering is an important factor in climate resiliency. We invest now but in the future, the projects will be better adapted to climate change,” Halber said.

He said the program seeks not only to enhance students’ capacity in the classroom but will give them on-the-job training, “as part of their capacity building,” by joining projects that AnyWay is involved in.

He said students can take their master’s degree or research overseas and get practical exposure by “putting their foot on the ground.”

AnyWay is involved in a few projects providing climate resilient designs for a few private entities and DLSU students can participate in the projects on site.

Solutions must be localized

“We had a few meetings with government entities, including the Climate Change Commission, and we emphasized the need to share our knowledge with local government units,” Halber said.

“I believe in localizing solutions; that’s what we have been doing in many other countries,” he added.

“You can come in with sophisticated technologies and engineers. Eventually, the knowledge and understanding of the local conditions is with the local people,” he pointed out.

Government needs to invest a lot of money which is usually obtained through huge loans.

“At the end of the day, the life of these projects usually begins after the contractor finishes building them and then it is left for the community to either enjoy or abuse them,” Halber said.

AnyWay’s aim to develop a sense of ownership among local communities and develop the capacity to participate in what is called asset management is part of the resiliency factor.

“In that way, they take care of the assets given to them by the government,” he said.

As this partnership unfolds over the next five years, a substantial impact on the country’s infrastructure resilience is expected.

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The Climate Change Commission has launched “SustainArt: From Scrap to Masterpiece — Building a Greener Future,” a junk-to-art exhibit promoting environmental sustainability at the Manila Hotel’s Art Gallery running for a month until 15 March.

CCC Commissioner Albert P. dela Cruz Sr. said the proceeds from the art exhibit would go towards the rehabilitation of the Pasig River, while underscoring the displays’ objective of going beyond aesthetic appreciation.

Dela Cruz said the exhibit serves the ends of environmental restoration and sustainability. He cited the need for Filipinos to be more aware of the need to preserve the environment, thus the recycling of scrap to become pieces of art.

“May this exhibit serve as a bridge to elevate the awareness of Filipinos regarding the environment. This is not just about art because our mission is to pave the way for a deeper understanding,” he said.

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