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Meanwhile, the President also assured the US business executives that his government is working on issues that have been brought up by foreign investors, including the price, reliability, and supply of energy as well as the ease of doing business.

He also underscored some of the government's steps on digitalizing the country's economy, including bringing micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) "into the system of digital marketing."

Marcos also noted the need to retrain and reskill Filipino workers to easily adapt to new technologies.

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The club was first proposed by Nobel Prize winner William Nordhaus as a way of getting countries to voluntarily set high targets for curbing climate change and then require trading partners to meet those same standards. Such moves are opposed by major emerging economies like China, the world’s biggest emitter of greenhouse gas.

“We’re very pleased to join the climate club because we are ambitious and we also see that this isn’t just the right thing to do by the environment, but this is also the right thing to do by jobs and by our economy,” Albanese said at a news conference in Berlin after meeting German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who made the idea a key pillar of his G7 presidency last year.

“One thing we can do is to cooperate and learn off each other, because you can’t address climate change as just a national issue. It has to be by definition, a global response,” Albanese said.

Albanese’s government committed last year to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 43 percent by the end of the decade — almost double the previous target. In March, Parliament passed a law requiring Australia’s biggest greenhouse gas polluters reduce their emissions or pay for carbon credits.

Other countries that have joined the climate club include Argentina, Chile, Denmark, Indonesia, Colombia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Singapore and Uruguay.

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During the 80th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), Philippine maritime and diplomatic representatives “emphasized the imperative of addressing seafarers’ interests in the strategy,” with Philippine Ambassador to the United Kingdom Teodoro L. Locsin Jr. stressing that seafarers play a “crucial role” in achieving decarbonization objectives in the global shipping industry.

According to the Marina, the Philippines has welcomed the adoption of the 2023 IMO Strategy on GHG Reduction from Ships “as a clear demonstration of the organization’s commitment to combating climate change.”

“Notably, Item 3 in the MEPC resolution, which endorses the revised strategy, acknowledges the significance of addressing the human element and the impact on seafarers and other maritime professionals in ensuring a safe implementation of the strategy,” Marina said.

The strategy emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to regulating safety in ships utilizing zero or near-zero GHG emission technologies, fuels, and energy sources.

It also underscores the “importance of assessing the strategy’s effects on seafarers and other maritime professionals.”

By including the concerns of seafarers into the strategy, the IMO shall “evaluate its instruments, guidance, and training standards to facilitate an equitable transition.”

In addition, the Marina said, the Philippine delegation expressed its support for setting the ambitious goal of reaching net-zero GHG emissions from international shipping by 2050.

The delegation also emphasized the importance of scaling up and enhancing programs and partnerships for technical assistance and capacity building.

“These initiatives would particularly benefit developing countries, least developed countries, and small-island developing states in their transition towards sustainable shipping practices,” the Marina said.

The delegation likewise sought stronger collaborations with other nations and industry stakeholders to achieve decarbonization goals.

As part of the capacity-building efforts to support the implementation of the revised strategy, the IMO may develop a training and skills program for seafarers focused on reducing GHG emissions from ships. This program could be funded through initiatives such as the Integrated Technical Cooperation Program (ITCP) and GHG Technical Cooperation Trust Fund, as well as other programs sponsored by member states.

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Japan is planning to release 1.3 million tons of treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the Pacific Ocean, which covers more than one-third of the planet.

The power plant's regulators, and even the government of Japan, say that the release will not cause any harm to the world's oceans, but fisherfolk and activists from different countries surrounding the Pacific, including the Philippines, say otherwise.

In this B-Side episode, Gregg Yan, founder and executive director of the environmental group Best Alternatives, discusses with BusinessWorld reporter Beatriz Marie D. Cruz why Japan's planned release of treated water from its nuclear power plants should matter to Filipinos.

He said that the move would put at risk "the livelihoods not just of the 17 countries that fish in the Pacific Ocean but essentially of all the countries on earth."

Mr. Yan said that 70% of the world's fish catch comes from the Pacific Ocean.

"So much life thrives here, from small fish like anchovies to large and economically valuable fish like tuna, which have spawned multi-billion-dollar industries," he added, noting that the release of treated water into the Pacific could harm fisheries in the region.

Fukushima plant operator Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) has said that the water will continuously be filtered until radionuclides, except tritium, are removed.

Recognizing that it will be difficult to eliminate entirely, TEPCO said that tritium will be diluted in seawater at least a hundred times for its concentration to fall below Japanese regulatory standards.

"A few years ago, the Japanese were already caught not telling the full truth about what's actually in the wastewater from their nuclear plants," Mr. Yan said, referring to a 2018 statement from TEPCO acknowledging that more than half of the treated water in the power plant was contaminated with dangerous radioactive elements. Previously, they claimed that the water only contained tritium.

Mr. Yan noted that any radioactive elements are cancerous and could damage smaller aquatic creatures like coral or fish larvae.

He said the best solution for nuclear byproducts is to bury them—out of sight, out of mind.

Mr. Yan also mentioned that the Pacific Ocean “has enough problems on its own,” citing huge amounts of plastic waste settled in the northern part of the ocean called The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It is believed to be double the size of Texas or three times the size of France.

According to Mr. Yan, the Pacific Ocean is also facing issues such as climate change and overfishing.

Mr. Yan called on the public to be more concerned about environmental issues and their effects on their lives and the next generation.

“A lot of this environmental news matters to you. It will directly affect your lives,” he said.

This podcast episode was recorded remotely on June 22, 2023.

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Japan's southwestern island of Kyushu saw torrential rains unleash landslides, prompting authorities in parts of Fukuoka and Oita prefectures to issue the highest-level warning for heavy rain.

A 77-year-old woman in Fukuoka Prefecture was killed when a landslide hit her home at night. In Saga Prefecture, three people were reported as missing after a landslide hit two homes, public broadcaster NHK reported.

The heavy downpour also forced suspension of the Shinkansen bullet train's service that runs between western Hiroshima and Fukuoka.

Japan on alert for floods and landslides

Japan's Meteorological Agency (JMA) has urged people to leave their homes and take shelter as the heavy rains could unleash floods and more landslides across the Fukuoka and Oita regions.

Non-mandatory orders were issued for evacuation in parts of Fukuoka, Oita and adjoining prefectures.

"A special heavy rain warning has been issued for municipalities in Fukuoka Prefecture. This is the heaviest rain ever experienced" in the region, Satoshi Sugimoto of the JMA said.

Kyushu prepares for disaster

It is expected that northern regions in Kyushu will receive additional rainfall of up to 200 millimeters (7.87 inches) in the next 24 hours, Sugimoto said.

"There is a very high possibility that some kind of disaster has already occurred... The situation is such that lives are in danger and safety must be secured," he added.

A taskforce has been constituted to oversee and coordinate the appropriate disaster response, according to the prime minister's office.

Japan is currently witnessing its annual rainy season wherein it often sees heavy rainfall that sometimes leads to floods and landslides.

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Imus City, Cavite, Calabarzon and planted 40 palawan cherry seedlings on the street between Eco Village and City Hall. The members, who took advantage of the holiday, teamed up with each other and dug the ground at regular intervals, planted seedlings, and watered them.

An ASEZ WAO official said, "A tree absorbs 2.5 tons of carbon dioxide and releases 1.8 tons of oxygen annually, producing oxygen that seven adults can intake for a year," and further mentioned that "the members joined hands to create forests in the community to provide a cleaner atmosphere for the local resident."

Ronald De Castro, the Assistant Head of City Environment and Natural Resources Office in Imus City, visited the site and showed support saying, "Thank you for joining the greening program of the city. I hope you can still be part of our next tree planting program." Jastin Kenji Abarrientos, 20 years old from Las Piñas, who diligently planted seedlings conveyed his sense of accomplishment saying, "I am very happy to participate in this tree planting activity that helps in reducing greenhouse gases." Athea Ecal, 20 years old from Las Piñas, encouraged the working young adult saying, "Let us plant trees. Being involved in this kind of event is fulfilling. Planting even one tree contributes in the reduction of pollution and global warming.

In the Philippines, tree-planting activities have been carried out continuously for two years, contributing greatly in "greening" the local community. In April of this year, Mapawa Cugman in Cagayan De Oro, Mindanao planted 400 seedlings in liaison with the region's Ministry of Environment. Additionally, in November of last year, 500 seedlings were planted in Davao, Eastern Visayas and Western Visayas.

The young adults' love for Planet Earth and their effort to save the only home for humanity does not stop with 'Mother's Forest.' 'Blue Ocean', which is an activity to protect the marine ecosystem by purifying rivers and seas were also carried out at Lion's Beach, Mactan Channel Matina Aplaya Seaside, and around the Sta. Rosa River. The 'No More GPGP', a project to reduce plastic waste was held in the area of Pagadian Rotonda and Manila Beach. There was also the 'Green Earth' activity which was implemented to clean the streets and parks of Sta. Mesa, Divisoria and Recto.

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Moreover, the 'Green Workplace' project encourages workers to save water and electricity and practice frugality in their workplaces where they spend most of their time. The 12 Challenges, such as 'Using Public Transportation,' 'Riding a Bicycle,' 'Using a Handkerchief' are also a crucial part of the ASEZ WAO activities. Practicing the aforementioned challenges presented by ASEZ WAO can reduce 589kg of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to planting 93 trees.

ASEZ WAO contains the meaning, 'Save the Earth from A to Z, We Are One Family.' It was established with the purpose of allowing young adults, who are the leaders of the future to take initiative in preserving the environment of the Earth created by God as well as promoting peace and happiness for mankind. As a result, environmental talk concerts, meetings, and forums are being held not just within the Philippines, but also in Korea, the United States, and Peru to raise awareness of environmental protection globally.

For the sustainable development of mankind and the Earth, ASEZ WAO is consistently active in various areas such as—educational support, welfare promotion, emergency relief and cultural exchange. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they conducted the 'Heart to Heart Relay' and visited quarantine officials and medical staff in various countries in attempts to cheer them and express gratitude.

In carrying out all these volunteer service activities, ASEZ WAO has received the U.S. Presidential Award – Gold (Best Organization Award), Citation from the Mayor of Ahmednagar India, Resolution from the Mayor of Huancayo, Peru, as well as international environmental awards such as, the Green World Award and the Green Apple Award. In the Philippines, the volunteer group received a Citation from the

Senator, Letter of Appreciation from the Governor of Laguna, Letter of Appreciation from the President of the International Environmental Law Commission and the Mayor of Caloocan.

The Church of God, with which ASEZ WAO is affiliated, is a global religious organization with 3.5 million saints in more than 7,500 regions in 175 countries. According to the Bible's teachings, they believe in 'God the Father' and 'God the Mother', and celebrate the Passover of the New Covenant as it was kept by the Early Church, which Christ established 2,000 years ago for the salvation of mankind. The church has received more than 3,800 awards from governments and institutions around the world, including Korea, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Brazil for actively implementing numerous activities such as environmental protection, blood donation, and humanitarian activities to help underprivileged neighbors.

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Japanese weather officials on Monday issued the first heatstroke alert this year for Tokyo and nearby prefectures, urging people to stay indoors and avoid exercise as much as possible. Temperatures hit 35 C in Tokyo, with the heatstroke risk level in the "danger" zone -- the highest out of five categories -- for much of the day.

Heatstroke is especially risky for Japan's large elderly population, whose bodies are less able to naturally cool than younger people. More than half of the 3,000-plus people that were taken to hospital due to heatstroke in the seven days through July 2 were over 65 years old, according to preliminary government data.

Scorching heat has hit much of the world in recent days. Last week saw the hottest average global temperature ever recorded by the U.S. National Centers for Environmental Prediction and the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

In China, temperatures in Beijing rose to over 40 C two days in a row last week, prompting the government to issue a "red alert" for heat -- the highest in a three-tier warning system. While the capital is forecast to cool on Monday, northern parts of the nation are expecting temperatures to top 40 C, according to state news agency Xinhua.

Hot temperatures are threatening economic activity in the region. Officials in Beijing ordered employers to halt outdoor work, while the Japanese government is asking businesses to use less lighting in offices and facilities to save energy and avoid power shortages.

And the weather is not only dangerous in terms of heat. Intense rain hit western Japanese prefectures on Monday and emergency alerts have been issued. While the downpour is expected to weaken in a few days, officials warn that rain has loosened ground in the region, raising the risk of landslides and other disasters.

The shinkansen bullet train was briefly suspended between Hiroshima and Hakata stations, and Toyota Motor Corp. said it would suspend night-shift operations on Monday at three factories in Fukuoka. Nearly 7,000 households were without power as of early Monday, government spokesperson Hirokazu Matsuno told reporters.

Seasonal rain has also flooded southern parts of China, killing at least 15 in one city last week, according to Xinhua.

Scientists have warned that adaptation measures will be needed to combat risks stemming from intensified summer heat.

This year, parts of India have been hit by several rounds of punishing heat waves, while the return of El Niño has threatened farmers in Southeast Asia. In Vietnam, blackouts stemming from high temperatures that caused tight power supplies are hitting business operations in the country.

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“I’ve always been a great believer of bringing healthcare down to the grassroots level. Right now, there is a tendency for us to only go to the hospital when it is absolutely necessary ... So healthcare has become an important part of this administration efforts,” he added.

The President emphasized that the Philippines became “a victim of our own success” especially during the pandemic where a lot of world leaders have asked for the country’s help to deploy more Filipino nurses and medical practitioners abroad.

But he said the Department of Health (DOH) has plans on how to resolve the problem.

“Unfortunately, in terms of healthcare workers, we have become victims of our own success in that the Filipinos did really well during the pandemic. And so every leader I meet says ‘can we have more Filipino med techs, doctors, and nurses?’ So we’re having a shortage here,” President Marcos said.

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The President, however, emphasized that it is something that the government is working on.

“The ease of doing business is something that we can do immediately about because putting up power plants no matter what kind of power plants, there are six, seven years, lead time. So maybe with the new technologies maybe we can do better,” Marcos said.

“So that we are certainly working on. The distribution has improved. The distribution is a factor because there are parts of the Philippines where they have ... then there are certain areas where they do not, deficit. So that’s what we are hoping to attend to in the near term,” he added.

Digital infrastructure

In terms of the digital infrastructure, Marcos said the government has amended some laws to make investment more attractive in the Philippines especially on the digitalization of the country’s economy not only in the government but also in the private sector.

Marcos also talked about the government’s efforts to give importance to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

“We are trying to bring them into the system of digital marketing. So we put up an app for small business to be able to use,” Marcos said, referring to the “Paleng-QR Ph Plus Initiative” that aims to prop up economic activities in the Philippines.

“We have encouraged all of these private NGOs (non-governmental organizations) which have had an interest in promoting start-ups. We are trying to create an environment that will be friendly to start-ups because we know that start-ups have higher rate of failure than other traditional businesses. So we need to be able to adjust to that new way of doing things,” he added.

The President took pride on the country's booming business process outsourcing (BPO) industry as it continued its operations even during the trying times of the Covid-19 pandemic through the work-from-home scheme.

"It derives from the very clear understanding that many of the challenges that we face today the solutions lie in new technologies. And that's why the retraining and re-skilling of our people have become important because we have to get them into that line of work so that we have enough people to occupy that," Marcos said.

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Members of the BENS expressed their gratitude to the President as they recognized his excellent leadership in restoring the special and important alliance between the governments of the Philippines and the US.

Members of the BENS who met with President Marcos were GardaWorld Federal Services president Pete Dordal; WinFertility president/chief executive officer (CEO) Roger Shedlin; Cavalry Asset Management managing partner/chief investment officer John Hurley; Arnold & Porter LLP senior partner Ramon Marks; and Pescador Resources president David McDonald.

SPG International president/CEO Steve Darnell; Crisis Response Company LLC president/CEO Robert Akin; Shield Capital co-founder/managing partner Raj Shah; BENS president/CEO Gen. Joseph Votel (ret.); and BENS vice president of programs Patrick Sweeney were also present during the meeting.

US Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson, Political Counselor Brett Blackshaw, Defense Attache Col. Edward Evans, First Secretary David Sequeira, and Plans & Policy chief of the Joint US Military Assistance Group Jonathan Wachtel likewise joined the meeting.

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Sa isang pahayag sinabi ni CCC Vice Chairperson at Executive Director Robert Borje patuloy na isinusulong nila ang itinutulak na magawa ng bansa ang mitigation, adaptation means of implementation and support. Ilan dito ang mga posibleng pag usapan at isulong sa gagawing 28th Conference of the Parties o COP28 ngayong taon.

Giniit ni Borje na ang importansya ng partnership sa technology development transfer, finance and investments, positive building at iba pang areas na maaring ma-explore lalo na ang communication at awareness sa research and development project.

Nasaad din ng CCC na ang partnerships sa bansang Dubai at iba pang UNFCCC parties na maaring maka contribute sa mas malakas na global cooperation para sa mas makabuluhan at transformative na climate action.

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According to an organization attached to the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the average daily air temperature on the planet's surface on July 3 was logged at 17.01°C. This surpassed the previous record at 16.92°C set on July 24 last year, according to data from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Prediction that goes back to 1979.

The Philippine Climate Change Commission said that observed temperatures in the Philippines has increased by 0.68°C over the past 65 years (1951 to 2015); warming at an average rate of 0.1°C per decade. This is expected to rise by as much as 0.9°C to 1.9°C (under RCP 4.5) and 1.2°C to 2.3°C (under RCP8.5) by mid-21st century.

With news of the rising temperatures that are breaking records, it is important to take care of the skin now more than ever.

Dermatologists have been emphasizing that among the effective ways of protecting the body's largest organ is by putting sunscreen all over the body.

Whether indoors or outdoors, it is important that the skin is shielded from the harmful effects of the sun's rays.

"The sun has three harmful rays: ultraviolet-A (UVA), ultraviolet-B (UVB), ultraviolet-C (UVC). During summer, we want to be protected from these harmful rays from the sun. UVA cause wrinkles and premature skin aging while UVB causes sunburn, sunspots, hyperpigmentation. So we want to be protected," Dr. Iza Encarnacion explained to Philstar.com.

UVC is the invisible ray that is blocked by the Earth's ozone layer in the atmosphere. According to the US Food and Drug administration, the only way that humans can be exposed to UVC radiation is through artificial sources like lamps or lasers.

The board-certified dermatologist stressed that wearing sunscreen and its reapplication throughout the day is key to protecting the skin.

Sunscreens have become more affordable and accessible these days, thanks to awareness campaigns and promos on e-commerce sites.

For one, Lazada recently held its first LazMall Super Category Day, which highlighted suncare products.

Popular and cult favorite brands, namely, Nivea, Neutrogena, Pond's, Anessa and Supergoop, were on sale by as much as 50% off.

For those who are on the lookout for a local option, local beauty brand QuickFX recently launched two brand new sunscreens — the QuickFX Vita Sunscreen and Super UV Sun Spray.

The Vita Sunscreen is formulated with SPF 50 PA+++, as well as Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Niacinamide, Avocado and Chamomile Extracts. The Super UV Sunspray also has SPF 50 PA+++ and is formulated with Vitamin E, Sunflower Oil, Niacinamide and Green Tea Extract.

While summer may be over, with a hot and humid country like the Philippines, it is always best to keep the skin protected from the sun's harmful rays all the time.

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