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DENR restores Boracay as world-class destination

By RHODINA VILLANUEVA

Cesspool. It took that one word from President Duterte for authorities to move and transform Boracay Island into a world-class tourist destination once more.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – the lead agency of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) – immediately rose to the challenge, and closed down establishments found releasing waste and sewage into the waters of Boracay.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu ordered field offices with jurisdiction over Boracay to inspect the sewer facilities of all business establishments on the island, following reports that a majority of them are not connected to the sewerage system and their wastewater are drained into the sea.

Cimatu said they would act against those who have violated the Clean Water Act and other environmental laws.

“Aside from facing business closures, we will ensure that violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law,” he said in February.

All tourism establishments were required to connect to the sewage treatment plant (STP) of the Boracay Island Water Co.

Notices of violation were issued to erring establishments, which were given one or two months to address their offenses.

The DENR’s Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) was tasked to monitor and evaluate their compliance.

The DENR also ran after resort owners who constructed buildings in areas classified as forestland, traditionally no-build zones.

Aside from serving as natural water storage areas, wetlands also function as flood conveyance and provide a habitat for fish and wildlife.

Critical habitat

In line with efforts to rehabilitate Boracay, the DENR came up with an administrative order establishing a 750-hectare critical habitat for threatened species within the island.

The Boracay Island Critical Habitat aims to protect and conserve the forests and coastal marine areas located in Barangays Balabag and Yapak.

The villages serve as habitats for flying foxes, nesting ground of marine turtles and budding corals.

When the island was finally closed to tourists on April 26, Cimatu said he was surprised and happy with the warm reception the DENR and other national agencies in charge of rehabilitation received from residents and stakeholders.

“We thought we would not get their cooperation. I was surprised they understood and accepted the fact that we have to clean the island,” Cimatu said.

While rehabilitation was ongoing, the BIATF streamlined the process of securing permits for commercial establishments through a one-stop shop.

The one-stop shop was manned by personnel from the DENR, departments of tourism, and interior and local government – all members of the task force.

The one-stop shop assisted business owners in complying with the requirement needed for them to operate once Boracay reopened to tourists on Oct. 26.

At the same time, he required hotels, resorts and similar establishments with 50 rooms and above to set up their own STPs.

Those with 49 rooms and below were directed to connect or put up a clustered STP.

The order aims to address the water quality problem on the resort island.

Cimatu said compliance by all establishments with the circular would ensure safe water for human and environmental health, not only immediately after the island is reopened to the public, but for the long term.

In July, Cimatu stopped the issuance of environmental compliance certificates to prevent the construction of new buildings in Boracay.

He created a committee composed of representatives from the DENR, EMB, and Mines and Geosciences Bureau to review the compliance by business establishments with their ECCs.

Cimatu deployed a “mission team” to address environmental issues besetting the world-famous island.

The team, composed of 50 personnel from six regional offices of the department, was also tasked to rehabilitate and restore the beauty of Boracay.

The DENR also addressed other problems besetting Boracay such as shoreline easement, forestland encroachment, solid waste management, intrusion on wetlands and existence of structures along roads.

A map prepared by the DENR’s National Mapping Resource and Information Authority showed that only two of Boracay’s nine wetlands are left unoccupied.

Cimatu stressed the need to recover the seven wetlands.

“Boracay’s closure has paved the way for the ‘healing’ of the island from the excesses of unbridled tourism, ranging from its erratic sewerage systems to the illegal settlers in its wetlands,” Cimatu said.

In August, the DENR announced that a study on the carrying capacity of Boracay Island had been completed.

The study, conducted by a multidisciplinary team of researchers from the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau and the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, showed the carrying capacity of the island had been breached and resulted in the generation of too much waste and the deterioration of water quality.

According to the study, the island’s daily carrying capacity is 54,945, broken down into 19,215 tourists and 35,730 residents, migrants and stay-in workers.

The same study showed the island’s existing population of more than 70,700 exceeded the carrying capacity by almost 30 percent.

With non-tourists making up the bulk of the population, the task force started evaluating a proposed relocation facility in mainland Aklan for the workers as well as a system for their daily travel to and from the island.

The recreational areas, which include the beach and swimming areas, can only accommodate as much number of persons on a daily basis.

Prior to the formal reopening of the island, a dry run from Oct. 15 to 25 was conducted.

Even after the dry run and opening, the EMB said it would still continue to check the quality of water discharged from the STPs.

Despite visible improvements, Cimatu said a lot more needs to be done to completely rehabilitate and ensure the sustainability of Boracay Island.

He said that while the resort island is “no longer a cesspool,” there is no reason for the government and other stakeholders to be complacent.

“This is not the time for us to relax and lower our guards. While much has been gained already, still a lot remains to be done,” Cimatu said – **With Louise Maureen Simeon**



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More Boracay areas eyed for land reform

BY TARA YAP

ILOILO CITY — More areas may be placed under land reform after the reopening of the resort island of Boracay in Aklan.

Jim Sampulna, Western Visayas regional director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), said the land reform areas are eyed as relocation sites for residents living in wetlands.

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and DENR initially identified 7.9 hectares for land reform. The land was given to ethnic Atis in Boracay by President Duterte last November.

Sampulna told Manila Bulletin another 16.7 hectares are being prepared for land reform and is awaiting the process for deed of transfer.

While progress has been made in the government-led rehabilitation

of Boracay, relocating affected residents remains a challenge.

DENR still wants to recover the remaining wetlands that had been illegally reclaimed and where commercial buildings and residential areas have sprouted.

Previously, DENR was also considering relocating the affected residents to mainland Malay town and the neighboring towns of Ibajay and Nabas.



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'Boracay rehab is DENR's single biggest accomplishment in 2018'

By Rio N. Araja

THE rehabilitation of the world famous Boracay Island in Aklan is the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' "single biggest accomplishment" in 2018.

"What we have done in Boracay [Island] could well serve as one of the DENR's best legacies. We have already achieved something but that does not mean we should stop," Secretary Roy Cimatu said.

Cimatu said he wants to replicate the success of the Boracay Island rehabilitation in the heavily-polluted Manila Bay.

"I am an optimist through and through, I am sure that Manila Bay will be better off in December next year," he added.

The DENR, along with several government agencies, devoted much of its time, effort and resources to carry out President Rodrigo Duterte's directive to clean up the island he once called a "cesspool."

After seeing the results, Cimatu said

all the efforts poured into by the DENR and other government agencies during the six-month rehabilitation period were worth it.

During the first phase of Boracay rehabilitation, hotels and resorts caught directly pumping out their sewage into the sea were fined and ordered to put their own sewage treatment facilities.

The Boracay wetlands that played an important role in absorbing excess rainfall to prevent flooding and are home to native and migratory wildlife were

cleaned and recovered from illegal settlements and structures.

Cimatu vowed to maintain the sustainable tourism management approach in Boracay, a model for other coastal areas.

The DENR chief said he is now focused on rehabilitating Manila Bay, and restore and main it to a level fit for swimming, skin diving and other forms of recreation.

He promised to employ the same strategy used in Boracay to rid Manila Bay of wastes and pollutants.



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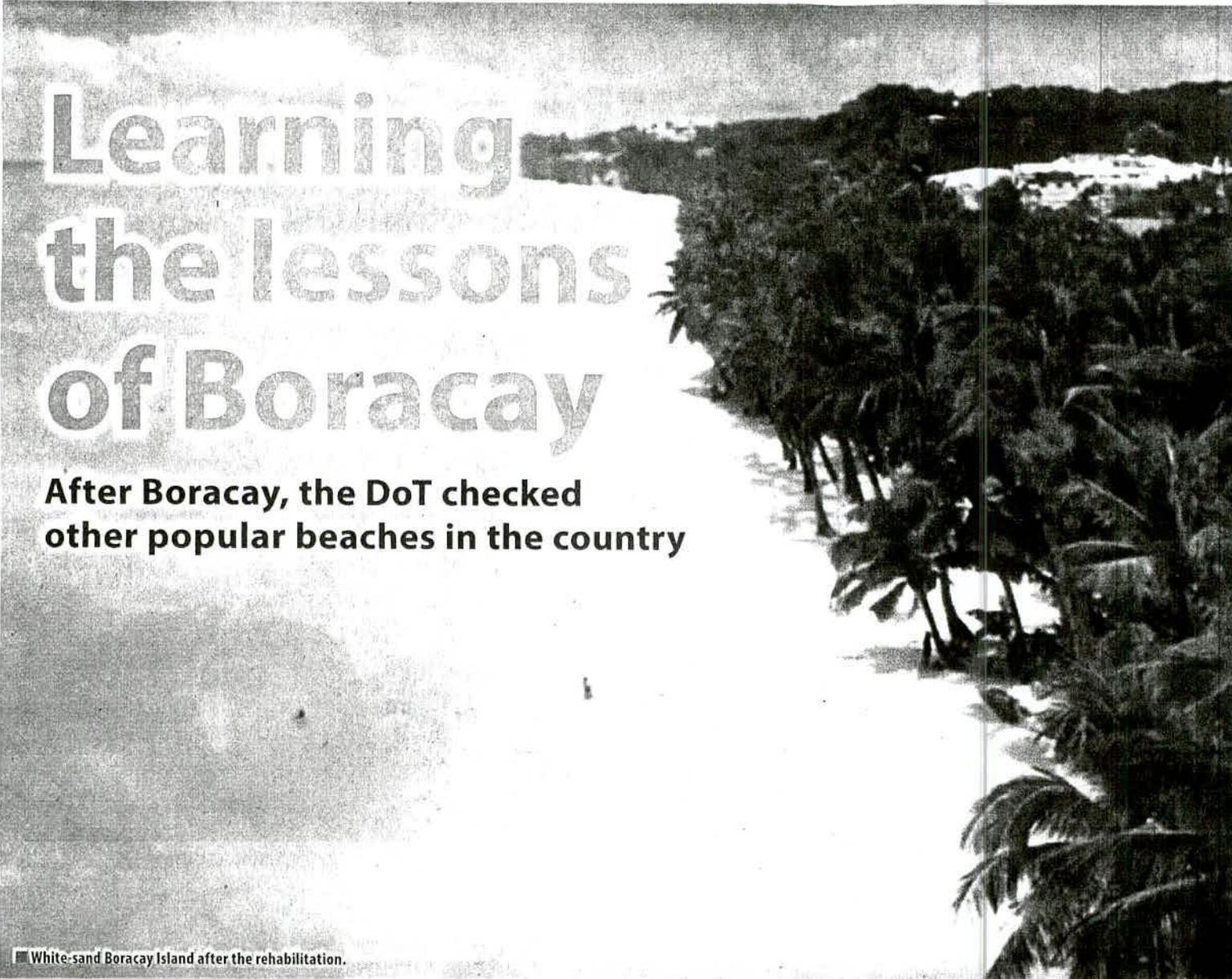
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Learning the lessons of Boracay

**After Boracay, the DoT checked
other popular beaches in the country**

White sand Boracay Island after the rehabilitation.



Learning the Lessons of Boracay

BY ARIC JOHN SY CUA

FOR six months, the well-known tourist destination of Boracay was shut down to the public because of environmental concerns that has led President Rodrigo Duterte to call it a "cesspool" in a speech during a business forum hosted by *The Manila Times* in Davao City in February.

Two months later, on April 4, then presidential spokesperson Harry Roque announced on Twitter that the President and his Cabinet approved the closure of Boracay until October. Then senior deputy executive

secretary [and later Justice Secretary] Menardo Guevarra confirmed Roque's report.

From April 26 to October 26, under Presidential Proclamation 475, the entire island was shut down, and

the Departments of Tourism, Interior, and Environment worked to rehabilitate the island.

With Boracay opening on October 26, authorities imposed stricter guidelines against drinking and smoking and on hosting huge parties that included La-Boracay every May 1.

The Department of Tourism (DoT) created a task force to monitor the activities on the island.

"The Boracay Inter-agency Task Force (BIATF) has been closely monitoring the movement of tourists, residents, and workers as well as the implementation of systems and enforcement of regulations since the re-opening of the island last October 26," the department

said in an email to *The Manila Times*.

"There have been no major reports on any breakdown on procedures such as on entry and exit of visitors, bookings in DoT-accredited accommodation establishments, or violations on agreed rules and regulations. Our Task Force teams in the island manage day-to-day issues and concerns."

The DoT said that from October to December 8, over 160,000 tourists have visited the island.

"The DoT, Municipal Tourism Office, and the Philippine Ports Authority have recorded a total of 166,596 tourists visiting the island from October 26 to December 08," the DoT said.

"The average daily arrival is 3,786 tourists. Our Carrying Capacity Regulation for tourists at any given time is 19,215."

Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said that the island was free from garbage.

"*In-empower na natin yung* Compliant Association of Boracay, *tapos yung* pollution control officers *natin, galing sa mga* stakeholders, these are private individuals that are being vigilant in guarding the environmental issues," he told *The Manila Times* in a phone interview.

(We are empowering the Compliant Association of Boracay, and our pollution control officers who come from the stakeholders...)

Antiporda said that Boracay was the first Philippine tourist destination to be shut down.

Other areas

After Boracay, the DoT checked other popular beaches in the country such as Panglao in Bohol and El Nido in Palawan and discovered high levels of coliform, discouraging tourists from going into their once pristine waters.

At El Nido, a viral video from Facebook user Ianna Reyes in August showed garbage at the tourist site's Secret Lagoon. An El Nido worker blamed the monsoon rains for the pile of trash.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the DoT told *The Manila Times* that while



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Next year's goals

Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat told *The Manila Times* in an email that there would be new strategies in 2019.

"While continuing our tactical campaign on dealing with destinations that require our attention in terms of enforcement of environmental laws, the DOT under my leadership will also continue rolling out strategies in Creating a Culture of Sustainable Tourism all over the country," she said.

"Our efforts will be felt through our standards, training, local and international networking, and communications programs and projects. Our goal is centered on our transformation as an industry and as a people to embrace the values of sustainable and responsible tourism."

DENR Undersecretary Antiporda echoed Puyat's words that it was more in the enforcement of environmental laws.

"*Ang baon natin diyari* is to strictly implement the environmental law," he said. "*Naging lax tayo noong nakalipas na mga ilang taon*, wherein it came to a time *pa na* the President [Duterte] *ang nagsalitang hindi papayag na mangyari ulit iyan*."

(Our take is to strictly implement the environmental law. We have been lax over the past years, wherein it came to a time that it had to be the President who said that he would no longer allow this to happen again.)

Antiporda said, however, that this did not absolve the private sector and other sectors of society from the responsibility of keeping the environment clean and hopes that their combined efforts with the government would entice tourists to keep on visiting the country because "it's more fun in the Philippines."

neither El Nido nor Panglao were scheduled for closure, local authorities in these areas have been flagged to implement the environmental laws "such as the Water Code and its stipulation on easement; regulation on carrying capacity, especially in popular tourist sites; and maintaining acceptable standards in the quality of water through proper drainage, waste disposal and treatment."

"*Lahat ng ecotourism areas, titignan, ia-address namin*," (We will look in to the ecotourism areas and will address issues.) Antiporda said. "*Pero hindi kailangang isara, unless talagang may emergency or alarming situation, just like yung nangyari sa Boracay*."

(But there is no need to shut down, unless there is really an emergency or alarming situation just like what happened to Boracay.)

What other tourist spots can learn from Boracay

The DoT said that full cooperation between local government units, communities, and stakeholders was needed since the President stressed in his recent State of the Nation Address (SONA) about the need for cleanliness in these tourist destinations.

"The full cooperation of the LGUs, communities, and tourism stakeholders is crucial to the effective implementation of national laws, local ordinances and regulations. Compliance with the law excuses no one," the department said.

"The Task Force was able to bring everybody to work towards rehabilitation. Others need not wait for another presidential directive to be closed just to enforce existing sets of laws and regulations in their areas."



DENR proud of Boracay rehab

THE successful rehabilitation of Boracay Island is considered as the "single biggest accomplishment" of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in 2018.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu said what they have done in Boracay could well serve as one of the DENR's best legacies.

Cimatu, however, stressed that despite the success of Boracay's rehabilitation, he will not stop strictly complying with their mandate as he is now targeting to rehabilitate the Manila Bay.

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Bay rehabilitated, restored and maintained to a level fit for swimming, skin diving and other contact forms of recreation.

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Cory Martinez



15 mining exploration projects await TRAIN 2

AT least 15 mining exploration projects look forward to the enactment of the second phase of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion, or TRAIN 2, to proceed to the development and construction phase, an official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said.

DENR Undersecretary for Climate Change and Mining Concerns Analiza R. Teh said TRAIN 2 satisfies the requirement under Executive Order (EO) 79 as it puts in place a new fis-

cal regime for mining, which could possibly pave the way for the lifting of the six-year-old moratorium for new mining projects.

There are currently 48 operating metallic mines in the country, including eight gold mines, three copper mines, 30 nickel mines, three chromite mines and four iron mines.

Mining investment, including actual mineral production, slowed down since EO 79 was put in place in July 2012, owing to the atmosphere of uncertainty

and the ensuing wait-and-see attitude demonstrated by the mining industry's big players.

This worsened following President Duterte's appointment of anti-mining advocate Regina Paz L. Lopez as environment secretary, followed by a 10-month crackdown against large-scale mining companies.

Under the current DENR leadership, mining industry's big players, represented by the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP), expressed "guarded optimism" and had moved to reverse what they

described as anti-mining policies, including the moratorium on new mining projects.

With 15 mining projects going on stream, the country's annual mineral production output is expected to increase.

The members of the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC), in a meeting last December 12, are in agreement that the enactment of TRAIN 2 satisfies the requirement of EO 79 for the possible lifting of the moratorium for new mining projects.

Once the moratorium is lifted, the DENR, through the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, can start issuing mineral production sharing agreements and financial and/or technical assistance agreements for new mining projects.

Teh said the first phase of TRAIN, which increased mining excise tax from 2 percent to 4 percent, was not enough to lift the moratorium for new mining projects.

"There was an MICC meeting in December. There are exploration permits about to end but because

there is a moratorium under EO 79, we posed the question to the MICC if the 4-percent excise tax under TRAIN is enough, the DOF said the complete package will come under TRAIN 2," she said.

The House of Representatives has transmitted its version of TRAIN 2 to the Senate. Teh said, based on information she got from the MGB, 15 mining projects in the exploration phase are maturing. But these projects may have to wait until the proposed measure is finally signed into law. *Jonathan L. Mayuga*



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Bulacan airport to revive 12,000 has. of coastline

By Darwin G. Amojelar

SAN Miguel Corp. said it expects to generate more jobs and revive 12,000 hectares of Bulacan coastline with the implementation of the P754-billion New Manila International Airport project in Bulacan province in 2019.

San Miguel Corp. president Ramon Ang bared plans to protect and revive 12,000 hectares of Bulacan coastline, following the government's approval of the proposed NMIA project in Bulakan town.

"We thank President Rodrigo Duterte and his economic managers for bringing us another step closer to realizing this dream. Hopefully, once we complete all the government processes, we can begin actual work on constructing this world-class international gateway, capable of serving our nation for many generations," Ang said.

"This is a major investment for us, and a game-changer for our country. That is why it's going to be a sustainable development," he said.

The airport, which will be built on a 2,500-hectare coastal property, will be part of an envisioned township that features a residential zone, government center, and a seaport and industrial zone.

"It will have many sustainable features that our countrymen will also appreciate and enjoy," Ang said.

Ang said the biggest sustainability feature would involve protecting and reviving 12,000 hectares of coastal fishing areas around the planned airport to ensure environmental sustainability within and beyond the facility and to revive Bulacan's aquaculture industry.

"Fishing in Bulacan has slowly been dying the last few decades because of pollution from households and industries," Ang said.



San Miguel vows to clean up Bulacan coastal areas

DIVERSIFIED conglomerate San Miguel Corp. (SMC) plans to revive some 12,000 hectares of coastal fishing areas in Bulacan, to ensure the sustainability of the area where the company will build its proposed airport project.

In a statement issued Thursday, SMC said the P754-billion investment for the New Manila International Airport (NMIA) will cover the protection and revival of Bulacan's coastline surrounding the airport.

SMC's revival efforts will include dredging coastal areas and other bodies of water, while also working with local government units to prevent factories from dumping toxic waste into the water.

The company said it is also willing to supplement the Coast Guard's patrolling activities to ensure that no garbage or indus-

trial waste will be dumped into the bodies of water.

"Fishing in Bulacan has slowly been dying the last few decades because of pollution from households and industries. Our goal is to clean up the coast and make Bulacan a seafood capital. After all, the airport is there to help support the local fishing industry," SMC President and Chief Operating Officer Ramon S. Ang said in a statement.

Aside from the nearby coastal area, NMIA will also stand within a township which will include a residential segment, a government center, a seaport, and industrial zone.

"It will have many sustainable features that our countrymen will also appreciate and enjoy," Mr. Ang said.

The company's announcement to revive Bulacan's coastline follows the approval of its NMIA

proposal by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) board.

The proposal will now be subjected to a Swiss challenge, where competing groups will be allowed to challenge SMC's bid. As original proponent, SMC will have the right to match or submit a better bid in order to win the project.

Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia said the Swiss challenge is scheduled for mid-January next year, while Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III said the project is set to be awarded within the first quarter of 2019.

"Hopefully, once we complete all the government processes, we can begin actual work on constructing this world-class international gateway, capable of serving our nation for many generations...While we're still going through a long process, hopefully,

in 2019, we can hit the ground running on actual construction," Mr. Ang said.

The company expects the construction of NMIA to generate millions of direct and indirect jobs over the next five years. Mr. Ang said they will immediately hire about 100,000 local workers from Bulacan and nearby provinces such as Bataan and Pampanga once the project is finally approved for implementation.

SMC has proposed to build NMIA as an alternative to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, which has long been operating beyond its capacity of 35 million passengers annually. NMIA is set to accommodate 100 million passengers per year, with six runways and modern terminals.

Shares in SMC jumped 1.03% or P1.50 to close at P147.50 each at the stock exchange on Thursday.
— Arra B. Francia



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PASIG CITY ENVIRONMENT OFFICE CHIEF GETS 1 TO 3 YEARS FOR GRAFT

By Vince F. Nonato
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The Sandiganbayan has convicted the Pasig City Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) head of graft for failing to bid out the contract for seminars that environment protection officers of the city's factories were required to take.

In a 20-page decision, the court's Second Division found

Cenro head Rachel Naciongayo guilty of one count of violating Section 3(e) of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

Perpetual disqualification

It sentenced her to a prison term ranging from one year and one month to up to three years while also perpetually disqualifying her from holding any government post.

Prosecutors had accused

Naciongayo of giving unwarranted benefits to Enviserve Inc., which was hired to conduct an "environmental congress for capacity-building training" without the required public bidding.

In 2006 and 2007, the environment protection officers of Pasig City's factories and industries were required to participate in the seminars if they wanted to secure environmen-

tal permits and renew their business permits. This allowed Enviserve to collect registration fees totaling P3,700 from each attendee.

The court faulted Naciongayo for accepting Enviserve's Jan. 5, 2006 proposal without even considering its qualifications. The company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission only on Nov. 22, 2006. INQ



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DENR OFFICIAL, KULONG SA KATIWALIAN

HINATULAN ng Sandiganbayan na mapit ang City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) Officer sa Pasig City dahil sa katiwalian.

Sa 20-pahinang desisyon ng 2nd Division ng Anti-Graft Court, napatunayang guilty si Raquel Austria Na-

ciongayo na pinarusahang makulong ng isa hanggang tatlong taon.

Diskwalipikado na ring humawak ng kahit anong posisyon sa pamahalaan ang nasabing opisyal.

Ayon sa mga Mahistrado, pinaboran ng akusado ang isang kumpanya sa ka-

ona na wala itong matatag na tract record para maging karapat-dapat na mapagtransaksyon sa gobyerno.

Batay din sa testimonya ng ilang testigo, ang tatay ng akusado ay naging resource speaker sa training seminar habang incorporator naman ang kapatid nito at siya pa ang nagsilbing contact person ng kumpanyang Envi-

serve.

Minadali umano ni Naciongayo ang pagpili sa nasabing kumpanya at hindi dumaan sa public bidding.

Sinasabing ginawang sapilitan ang pagdalo sa training seminar ng kumpanya bilang bahagi ng requirement sa pagkuha ng environmental and business to operate permit.

(Vyne Reyes)



Road Board abolition remains in question

SENATE MAJORITY Leader Juan Miguel F. Zubiri appealed to Minority Leader Franklin M. Drilon to consider reconvening the Bicameral Conference Committee for the Road Board abolition bill.

"I hope our good Minority Floor Leader would hear me out on this and I will call for an all-member caucus on Jan. 14 to discuss the proposal," Mr. Zubiri told reporters over phone message, Thursday.

He explained that Senate had initially planned to convene the bicam committee, considering that the Senate version contained stricter provisions.

The chamber, however, was prompted to adopt House Bill No. 7436 upon learning that the House of Representatives was inclined to rescind the bill.

"We adopted the House version as a strategy to quickly approve the measure when we got wind of the plan of the House that they

were not interested anymore in abolishing the corruption-riddled agency," Mr. Zubiri said.

Mr. Drilon said in an earlier statement that there's no basis in convening the committee, explaining that since the House version was adopted by the Senate, there are no disagreeing provisions that need to be reconciled.

Meanwhile, House Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez of the 3rd District of Quezon said the House still needs to settle the matter with the Senate, noting that Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has authority to recall the bill if it was not ratified before she assumed the speakership in July.

"Definitely, there must be an action on the part of the House, we have marching orders from Speaker (Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo) to recall it. We don't want a head-on collision between the House and the Senate on this issue... It's a question of timing," Mr. Suarez said in a press briefing on Thursday. — **Charmaine A. Tadalán**



NAGPAPARAMDAM na ang bagyong Usman sa ating bansa.

Malawak ang sakop ng bagyong ito dahil hagip nito ang northern Mindanao at kalahati ng Luzon habang nasa gitna nito ang Kabisayaan.

Nagbabala na ang Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration na dapat maghanda na ang lahat sa pagdating ni Usman.

Ang mga nasa mababang lugar, maaaring bahain; ang mga mangingisda at manlalakbay, delikado sa karagatan at dalam-pasigan; at ang mga nasa paligid ng kabundukan, delikado sa mga landslide.

Magdadala kasi ng malakas na ulan ang bagyo at lilikha rin ng malalakas na hangin.

PHIVOLCS DIN

Hindi lang PAGASA ang nagbibigay-babala kundi maging ang Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

Nagbabala ang Phivolcs dahil sa naganap na tsunami sa Indonesia nitong nakaraang mga araw.

Sinasabi ng Phivolcs na dapat ipatupad ng pamahalaan ang mga patakaran sa geohazards o mga lugar na delikado mula sa mga galaw ng kalikasan.

Kasama sa mga mapanirang kalikasan ang bagyo, lindol at pagputok ng bulkan.

Kung nasaan ang mga delikadong lugar, dapat bantayan ng pamahalaan at pagbawalan ang mga tao na tumira sa mga nasabing lugar.

Ayon sa Phivolcs, ang Mines and Geosciences Bureau ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources ang nakasilip na sa mga delikadong lugar.

Dugtong ng Phivolcs, hindi lang ang pamahalaan ang dapat na kumilos kundi mamamayan mismo.

TSUNAMI SA INDONESIA

Mahigit 500 na ang kumpirmadong patay sa Java, Indonesia nang tamaan sila ng tsunami.

May mahigit pang 100 kataong hinahanap ng mga awtoridad habang tinitipa natin ito.

Libo-libo naman ang nasugatan dahil maraming lugar ang tinamaan ng tsunami at karamihan dito ang tourist spots.

ANAK NG TOKOA



PAALALA AT MAGTULUNGAN VS KALAMIDAD SA PINAS

Pasado ala-5:00 ng hapon at magdidilim na sa Indonesia nang pumutok ang bulkang Anak ng Tokoa, ehe, Krakatoa o Krakatau.

Hindi pinansin iyon ng mga tao at nagpatuloy ang lahat sa pamamasyal, paghahanapuhay at pagsasaya sa mga tabing dagat dahil isang linggong ginagawa ito bago ang Kapaskuhan.

May concert pa nga na isinagawa ang K-Pop group ng Indonesia sa tabing dagat at nasa likuran ng stage ang mismong dagat at nakaharap ang maraming taong nanonood, lalo na ang mga empleyado ng isang electric company sa lugar.

Walang abiso, walang babala ukol sa tsunami dahil wala nang naramdamang lindol.

Pero hayun nga at umigkas ang kamay ng mahigit isang metrong tsunami sa mga dalampasigan, tinira papuntang lupa ang mga tao saka nito hinugot ang mga ito papuntang laot o gitna ng dagat ang mga ito.

Resulta: daan-daan ang namatay at inaasahan pang darami ang bilang ng mga ito dahil sa hindi lang naman sa concert area ang tinamaan kundi ang marami pang lugar.

Kitang-kita rin kung paano winasak ng tsunami ang halos lahat ng kabahayan sa tabing dagat kaya hindi lang ang mga turistang lokal at dayuhan ang tinamaan kundi ang mga mamamayan.

LANDSLIDE AT LAVA

Sa nakuhang video sa bulkan, malaking bulto ng lava o lamang bulkan ang nakitang mabilis na dumausdos mula sa bunganga nito at tumama sa dagat.

Maaari ring may landslide mismo sa ilalim, sa paanan ng bulkan.

Ang mga ito ang pinaniniwalaang dahilan ng tsunami.

Hindi lumikha ng malakas na lindol kundi maliliit lang na yang ang naramdaman sa bulkan kaya binalewala ng mga tao iyon.

Dahil sa pagbabalewala, hayun nga at nasaksakan muli ng mundo ang nakamamatay

na tsunami at pagputok ng bulkan.

BALIK PAGASA AT PHIVOLCS

Kailangan natin balikan ang mga babala ng Pagasa at Phivolcs.

May mga babala sila para sa kaligtasan ng lahat ng mamamayan at dayuhan.

Sinasabi ng Pagasa, bawal mamalaot ang mga mangingisda sa sakop ng bagyong Usman.

Maghanda ang mga nasa tabing dagat sa malalakas na alon.

Gayundin na dapat magbantay sa baha ang nasa mga bahaing lugar.

Ang mga naninirahan sa mga kabundukan at gilid ng mga burol at bundok, dapat magbantay sa mga landslide.

Nakamamatay, nakapinsala ang mga alon, baha at landslide sa buhay at ari-arian.

Dahil naman sa pumutok na bulkan nang walang paalam at nilikha nitong tsunami sa Indonesia, matinding babala ang pinakawalan ng Phivolcs.

Pinakikilos nito ang pamahalaan at mamamayan na maghanda sa anomang katulad na pangyayari.

Para sa atin sa DENR, may malilinaw na lugar na delikado o geohazard na lugar.

Sa ilalim ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, siniseryoso ang lahat ng ito.

At kung kumilos ang DENR at iba pang kaukulang ahensya ng pamahalaan, sana makipagtulungan ang mga mamamayan.

Sila, tayo lahat naman ang maliligtas sa mga sakuna na dulot ng mga masamang galaw ng kalikasan.

Sana magtulungan ang lahat para sa ligtas na pamumuhay at paninirahan.

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Anomang reaksyon o reklamo ay maaaring iparating sa 09228403333 o i-email sa bantiporda@yahoo.com.



23 DEC 2013

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NI KORINA SANCHEZ

Reklamo naman

DALAWANG buwan matapos magbukas muli sa publiko ang Boracay Island, dumadaing naman ang ilan sa ilang problemang lumutang sa paraisong isla. May ilang turista na nagreklamo na masyadong mataas maningil umano ang mga pampublikong sasakyan. Siguro dahil anim na buwang sarado, ngayon naman ay bumabawi ang mga iyan sa mga turista. May mga nagrereklamo rin sa mga "cruise ships" na dumadating sa isla, magbababa ng mga pasahero na ang dala lang daw ay kalat at basura bukod sa kasikipan, tapos aalis na lang. Saan kaya galing ang mga cruise ships na iyan? Kulang din daw

ang ilaw sa dalampasigan. Dahil nga siguro bawal na ang mga party-party, wala na masyadong tao sa gabi kaya madilim na. Kaligtasan naman daw ang isyu dahil nga madilim.

May mga nagrereklamo rin na mga lokal na residente, dahil mas sinisilbihan daw ang mga turistang malaki magbayad kaysa sa kanila. Mahirap daw silang makasakay. Pero hindi ba turista nga ang gusto ng Boracay, lalo na't limitado ang pinapapasok sa isla, kung talagang nababantayan ang bilang na iyan? Kapag nagbababa ng mga pasahero ang mga cruise ships, kasama na rin ba sa bilang? At bakit nga ba hindi nababantayan ang pagsingil sa mga pasahero? Hindi dapat iba ang singil sa turista at sa lokal na residente, kundi diskriminasyon na iyan. Ito ang ilan lamang sa problemang hinaharap ng pagbukas ng Boracay. Malinis na nga, pero may ilang problema na kailangang matukoy ng ahensiyang nagbantay na ng Boracay. Alam ko nagtatag ng ahensiya para matukoy ang lahat ng kailangan.

Dalawang buwan pa lang bukas ang Boracay, kaya sigurado ay maglalabasan pa ang lahat nang problema
(Sundan sa pahina 5)

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bago masolusyunan. Kailangan magtiis pa muli ang mga lokal na residente hanggang maayos na nga lahat ng sistema. Sana matukoy rin ng ahensiyang nakatakdang bantayan ang Boracay, at hindi na lang iwanan dahil nag-

bukas na matapos ang anim na buwang rehabilitasyon. Kailangan nga nila makita kung talagang naayos ang mga problema, dahil anim na buwang nagsakripisyo ang mga lokal na residente, na ngayon ay nagrereklamo na nga.



Editorial

Di na natuto, dinumihan muli ang Luneta

MARAMING nagtungo sa Luneta para magdiwang ng Pasko. Bisperas pa lamang, kanya-kanya nang hanap ng puwesto ang mga tao para doon magselebreyt. Marami silang dalang pagkain, inumin, at kung anu-ano pa para maging masaya ang pagdiriwang ng Pasko. Pami-pamilya ang dumadagsa sa Luneta. Ayon sa National Parks Development Committee (NPDC), tinatayang mahigit 5,000 tao ang nagtungo sa Luneta noong Pasko. Karamihan sa kanila roon ay nagpalipas ng magdamag.

Nang sumikat ang araw, wala na ang mga tao. Parang winalis sila. At ang nakadidismayang tanawin ang naiwan sa Luneta – maraming basura. Sa paligid ng monumento ni Dr. Jose Rizal, mistulang dagat ng basura ang makikita. Iba't ibang kulay ng basurang plastic ang naroon – supot na plastic, plastic bottle, styro, sachet ng kape, pinagbalutan ng lechon, cup ng noodles, balat at dahon ng saging, pinagbalutan ng regalo at marami pang basura.

Nang walisin at tipunin ang mga basura, umabot ito sa 12 truck. Halos ganito rin karami ang basurang nakolekta noong nakaraang taon makaraan ang Pasko. Walang pagbabago. Wala pa ring disiplinang mga nagseselibreng ng Pasko sa Luneta. Kahit na taun-taon ay nagpapaalala na huwag iwan ang basura, hindi pa rin ito nasusunod at lalo pang dumarami ang nakokolektang basura.

Sabi ni Tourism Sec. Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, na-disappoint siya sapagkat hindi na iginalang ng mga tao ang Luneta bilang tourist attraction. Kung gaano raw ang pagsisikap nila para mapaangat ang turismo ng bansa ay winawalang-halaga naman ito ng karamihan. Sa halip na tumulong para mai-promote ang turismo ay ibinabagsak pa.

Kailan matututo at magiging disiplinado ang mga nagseselebreyt ng Pasko sa Luneta? Kahit ulit-ulitin ang paalala na huwag iwan ang basura, patuloy pa ring ginagawa. Dinumihan muli ang Luneta at maaring dumihan muli sa Bagong Taon. Sana, matuto na at magkaroon ng disiplina ang lahat.



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IGPSA NO. 007607-1995	EDWARD M. GIBA	Lot 55, Block 18, Psd-00-036894	60 sq. m.	P140.00	P 8,400.00	P 700,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-1995" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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APPLICATION NUMBER	NAME OF APPLICANT	LOT NO./BLK NO./PLAN NO.	AREA IN SQ.M.	APPRAISED VALUED PER SQ.M.	TOTAL VALUE OF LAND	TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT
IGPSA NO. 007607-1988	AIRA D. MONIS	Lot 1, Block 48, Psd-00-036894	72 sq. m.	PhP400.00	PhP 28,800.00	PhP 3,000,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-1988" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA NO. 007404-654	MERLITA C. ESTUITA	Lot 8, Block 24, PCS-00-014047	33 sq. m.	PHP250.00	PhP 8,250.00	PhP 300,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007404-654" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA NO. 007607-1916	JOSELITO R. IGLESIAS	Lot 28, Block 1 Psd-00-072407	18 sq.m.	Php140.00	Php 2,520.00	Php 300,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-1916" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA NO. 007607-1987	PAULA MICHELLE O. RUGA	Lot 19, Block 50, Psd-00-036894	60 sq.m.	P140.00	P8,400.00	P100,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-1987" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA NO. 007607-1984	MARICOR C. LUSUNG	Lot 3, Block 28 Psd-00-036894	60 sq.m.	Php140.00	Php 8,400.00	Php 1,000,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-1984" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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IGPSA NO. 007607-2000	JOHN B. SANTOS	Lot 22, Block 10, Psd-00-036894	60 sq.m.	P140.00	P8,400.00	P1,500,000.00

All bids must be sealed and submitted to the above-mentioned Division on or before the hour and date stated above and plainly marked "Bid for Land Described in MSA/SA/IGPSA No. 007607-2000" Bids must be accompanied with cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified check, cashier's check or manager's check for a sum equivalent to 10% of the bid. Then a bid is withdrawn after the highest bidder is determined, the corresponding deposit therefore shall be forfeited to the government. No bid shall be less than the appraised value of the land. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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