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Dengue cases hike by 30% in June amid rainy season

MANILA – The number of dengue cases has increased by 30 percent as of June 29 amid the rainy season, the Department of Health (DOH) reported Tuesday.

Citing its latest data, the DOH said from 6,323 dengue cases reported last May 19 to June 1 or the start of the rainy season, the

figure rose to 8,246 from June 2 to June 15.

“Dengue cases are rising as expected due to the rainfall, which allows more water to pool and be stagnant. Left unchecked, *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes responsible for spreading dengue will breed in these stagnant pools of water,” the DOH statement read.

The total number of dengue cases since the start of the year has totaled to 90,119, with 233 deaths.

This is 19 percent higher than the previous year's tally of 75,968 over the same period, the DOH said.

Based on the epidemic curve, it noted that cases on a weekly basis in 2024 went above
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Dialysis patient lauds PhilHealth's increased benefits

MANILA – Aileen Climacosa Torres is one of the dialysis patients who took to social media their gratitude for the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) for the increased hemodialysis package rate.

“Na-diagnose po ako ng chronic glomerulonephritis (CGN) noong March 2002, 22 years na po akong maysakit. Hindi po nagpa-function ang kidney organ (I have been diagnosed with CGN last

March 2002, I have been sick for 22 years. My kidney organ is not functioning),“ the 48-year-old dialysis patient told Philippine News Agency in an interview.

CGN is the inflammation of the glomeruli or the tiny filters in the kidneys. These filters remove from the bloodstream excess fluids and wastes which exit in the body in urine form.

“Kailangan magpa-dialysis para malinis o maalis ang mga

toxin sa katawan ko at para madugtungan ang aking buhay (Dialysis is needed to clean or remove the toxins from my body and to extend my life),” Torres said.

Patients with kidney problems undergo hemodialysis three times a week.

Torres said she pays PHP700 per session of hemodialysis under co-payment or co-pay. Co-pay is the fixed out-of-pocket expense a patient pays for appointments, medica-

tions or services.

Apart from co-pay, her other expenses include maintenance medicines, intravenous medicines for high blood pressure, laboratory tests, X-rays, 2D echo, and transportation fees to the dialysis center.

Torres said she needs PHP17,000 to PHP20,000 to cover her monthly expenses for dialysis.

“Nung July 1 nag-memo sa dialysis center na (On July 1, there
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NO MORE CO-PAY. Aileen Climacosa Torres, a dialysis patient for 22 years, took to social media her gratitude for the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) for the increased hemodialysis package rate. Torres thanked the government under President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for the expanded benefits that made her hemodialysis almost free. (Photo courtesy of Aileen Climacosa Torres)

DSWD releases cash-for-work for tutors of Tara, Basa! Program

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has started releasing the cash-for-work (CFW) of college tutors and Youth Development Workers (YDWs) under the agency's Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program, DSWD Assistant Secretary and Spokesperson Irene Dumlao said on Tuesday.

Dumlao said the current payout covers initial compensation for the first 10 sessions conducted by the program beneficiaries, where each tutor and YDW received PHP468 per day for the three-hour tutorial and parenting sessions they have conducted with the grade school learners and their parents.

“We have started

distributing the first tranche of the cash-for-work of our college tutors and YDWs as the opening of classes is also approaching. This way, our beneficiaries can use their earnings for their school needs,” Dumlao said in a news release.

The Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program, the reformatted educational assistance of the DSWD, is an in-

novative project under the leadership of DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian.

“It is now a part of the agency's ongoing efforts to enhance the educational support for college students coming from state or local universities and colleges and, at the same time, assist grade school learners who are struggling or non-readers,” Dumlao

said.

The first to conduct the payout was DSWD Field Office-7 (Central Visayas) which was held on Monday.

“Tutoring sessions started on July 1 simultaneously in the implementing re-

gions,” Dumlao said, adding that the rate of the CFW varies per region as it is based on the prevailing regional minimum wage rate.

After the pilot implementation in the National Capital Region
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was a memorandum in the dialysis center that) ‘no co-pay, free injection, free dialyzer and free monthly laboratory’,” she said.

“Ang sarap lang po sa pakiramdam na hindi na magbayad ng co-pay para sa pang-dialysis ko. Kahit 22 years ang hinintay ko, naranasan ko naman na hindi magbayad (It feels good that I no longer have to pay for the co-pay for my dialysis. Even though I waited for 22 years, I have experienced not to pay),” she added.

The PhilHealth has increased the benefit package rate for hemodialysis to PHP4,000 from PHP2,600 per session on June 21.

Department of Health (DOH) Secretary and PhilHealth Board chair Teodoro Herbosa said the increase is aligned with the second State of the Nation Address of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. where he said that dialysis is now free for majority of Filipinos.

The PhilHealth Board also approved the catheter insertion and blood transfusion payments that may be claimed separate from the main case rate for

admission.

In 2023, the PhilHealth has also expanded its hemodialysis package for patients with chronic kidney disease stage 5 to 156 sessions from 90 sessions annually.

Patients must be recommended by a licensed doctor to have hemodialysis and must be listed in the PhilHealth dialysis database to avail of the package.

The facility administering the hemodialysis will monitor the number of sessions availed by the patient.

“Panalangin ko po, sana po itong free o magandang programa ng PhilHealth ay maipagpatuloy pa ng mahabang panahon. Mapalitan man ang nakaisip nito, sana maituloy pa ng papalit kase ang magbe-benefit po talaga ay tayong mga dialysis patients (I pray that this free or great program of PhilHealth will continue for a long time. I hope that those who will replace the ones who created this program will continue its implementation because dialysis patients truly benefit from it),” Torres said. (PNA)

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(NCR) in 2023, the tutoring program is now in Regions 3 (Central Luzon), 7 (Central Visayas), 8 (Eastern Visayas), 10 (Northern Mindanao), 12 (Soccsargen), and 4-A (Calabarzon).

DSWD Central Visayas Regional Director Shalaine Marie Lucero led the ceremonial payout to 642

tutors and YDWs from the Cebu Normal University (CNU), along with the Cebu City Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services and the CNU College of Teachers Education Dean, Dr. Venus Cortes.

The tutoring activities will run until July 26 with the completion of 20 sessions. (PNA)

**DRAW CLOSE TO GOD
AND HE WILL DRAW CLOSE TO YOU**

James 4:8

‘CALABARZONE’ mobile app to be launched by DOT-Region 4A

STA. ROSA, Laguna (PIA) – Department of Tourism (DOT)-Region 4A Director Marites Castro announced the launch of the CALABARZONE mobile application, a tool designed to enhance the tourist experience in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon (CALABARZON) by providing easy access to information about the region’s attractions for local and international tourists.

This announcement was made during the seventh episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on July 9, along with Castro’s report regarding the significant increase of the region’s overnight tourists from 6,086,430 in 2022 to 9,505,849

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what was observed in 2023 from Jan. 1 to May 11.

From May 12 to June 29, on the other hand, the weekly case numbers have returned to either below or just slightly above what was recorded in 2023.

The DOH said this may be attributed to the ongoing intensified efforts of local governments to kill mosquitoes by searching and destroying their breeding water.

Over the past six weeks prior to June 29, the DOH monitored a spike in dengue cases in the regions of Mimaropa, Cagayan Valley, Western Visayas, Ilocos Region, Central Luzon, Calabarzon

(56 percent increase) and same-day tourists from 55,884,948 in 2022 to 112,517,404 in 2023 (101 percent increase).

With continuous technological innovation and a steadfast commitment to excellence, DOT touts the readiness of CALABARZON to welcome more visitors for years to come and remain a premier destination for tourists from around the country and worldwide.

“CALABARZON is very accessible. Our road networks are excellent, and the travel time is fast. We offer various destinations, all of which are stunning, and you will never regret visiting the CALABARZON area,” said Castro.

“The Department

and the National Capital Region.

The DOH advised the public to follow the “4S strategy,” which it said is proven to combat dengue.

-Search and destroy mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating stagnant water and their containers;

-Self-protect by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants;

-Seek early consultation with a doctor or health worker for any symptoms; and

-Support fogging or spraying in a local hotspot or outbreak areas where an increase in cases is registered. (PNA)

of Tourism is really keen to support this Bagong Pilipinas program, which is why we are participating in all of the undertakings of the Bagong Pilipinas program, whether it be [tourism] fairs, governance, or policy [directives], so we can help our countrymen. We also want the CALABARZON region to be more progressive through governance down to our local government

units,” Castro added.

Some of the most popular destinations in the region are Sky Ranch and Picnic Grove in Tagaytay City (Cavite), Holy Sepulchre Shrine in San Pedro City (Laguna), and the and the National Shrine of Padre Pio in Sto. Tomas City (Batangas), Antipolo Cathedral (Rizal), and Kamay ni Hesus in Lucban (Quezon). (PIA-Laguna)

The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one wh has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.

Proverbs 13:20

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NEDA Board OKs changes in Laguna Lakeshore road project

MANILA – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. recently approved key changes to the Laguna Lakeshore Road Network (LLRN) Project and also set terms for the Bohol and Laguindingan airports.

In a statement on Tuesday, the NEDA said the approval was made during the Board's meeting last July 15.

During the meeting, the Board approved modifications to the Phase 1 scope of the LLRN Project, which now includes the development of connecting roads and interchanges in various locations. These locations encompass Barangay Tunasan in Muntinlupa City, as well as San Pedro, Biñan, and Cabuyao in Laguna.

Initially approved in 2021, the project entails the construction of a 37.5-kilometer primary road and a 12.0-kilometer viaduct from Lower Bicutan, Taguig, to Tunasan, Muntinlupa.

It also includes the 25.5-kilometer shoreline viaduct and embankment from Tunasan, Muntinlupa, to Calamba, Laguna.

Slated to be completed in 2027, the project is expected to stimulate economic activity in the National Capital Region, CALABARZON, and Central Luzon.

The second phase of the LLRN Project, meanwhile, which will traverse the eastern portion of Laguna Lake from Binangonan, Rizal, to Calamba, Laguna, is current-



ly under a feasibility study and is slated for completion by December 2024.

The project will have an approximate mainline total length of 71.5 kilometers.

“The NEDA Board recognizes the significant potential of this project in reducing transportation constraints on existing road networks, promoting economic development in the region, and providing safer, more convenient, and faster travel for road users coming from the north and south to various tourist and business destinations in Laguna and nearby provinces,” said NEDA Secretary Arsenio Balisacan.

Aside from the LLRN Project, the NEDA Board also approved the negotiated parameters, terms, and conditions (PTCs) for the Bohol-Panglao International Airport Project, and changes to the NEDA Board-approved negotiated PTCs for the Laguindingan International Airport Project.

The approved PTCs for the upgrade of the Bohol-Panglao International Airport seek to resolve ambiguities in compliance with the recently enacted Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Code, which came into effect after the airport project was approved.

With a total cost of

PHP4.5 billion, the expansion project aims to increase the maximum number of passengers from 2 million to at least 2.5 million per year at the project's start and to at least 3.9 million by the end of the project.

The approved changes to the Laguindingan Airport, meanwhile, include guidelines for the adjustment of the passenger service charge, which will be contingent upon achieving the set key performance indicators and minimum performance standards and specifications for operation and maintenance during the concession period.

With a total cost of PHP12.75 billion, the project will upgrade the existing facilities and also include capacity augmentation, installation of required equipment, enhancement of airside facilities, and comprehensive operations and maintenance services.

“The expansion of these international airports is a testament to the government's commitment to enhancing connectivity across regional centers in the Philippines. We expect these projects to significantly boost tourism, and as a result, generate more high-quality jobs,” said Balisacan.

The NEDA said the Board also approved an additional

DA assures preps, interventions in anticipation of La Niña

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Monday assured that all interventions for farmers are in place as the country anticipates the effects of the La Niña phenomenon.

The DA issued the statement after the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) raised the La Niña warning -- a 70 percent chance of occurring from August to October.

“Standby tayo pala-gi sa ating quick response fund (QRF), sa mga assistance, credit, iyong ating buffer stock for seeds, anytime pwede silang magtanim. These are the immediate measures na pwede nilang makuha mula sa DA (We have standby quick response fund, assistance, credit, seed buffer stock, anytime they can plant. These are the immediate measures that they can get from the DA),” Agriculture Assistant Secretary Arnel de

USD30-million loan to support the Project Development and Monitoring Facility (PDMF).

The PDMF provides a project preparation facility for implementing agencies to undertake pre-investment activities, such as developing feasibility studies for potential PPP projects and engaging high-quality transaction advisors.

The facility will provide support throughout the preparation, development, approval, procurement, coordination, and monitoring of various PPP

Mesa said in an interview.

The interventions have already been prepositioned at DA regional offices nationwide.

De Mesa said Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. has also ordered to speed up the clearance of drainage systems, construction of water-impounding projects, and other post-harvest facilities, especially in flood-prone areas.

“Pinabibilis ang mga construction. May mga natapos na, ngayon habang wala pang La Niña, hopefully matapos iyong karamihan diyan (We are speeding up the construction. There are those completed [projects], we hope that many of these will be completed while there's no La Niña yet,” De Mesa said.

“Isa iyon sa mga priority ni Secretary na maayos iyong post-harvest facilities natin (That's one of the Secretary's priorities to set our post-harvest facilities), which will

projects.

“As we strive to expand private sector participation in our infrastructure projects, this additional support for the Project Monitoring and Development Facility will ensure that our PPP undertakings are meticulously planned and executed to the highest standards. It will also guarantee continued access to international sources of innovation, expertise, advice, and best practices in the development and implementation of PPP projects,” Balisacan said. (PNA)

include dryers, rice mills, and warehouses,” he added, citing PHP10 billion worth of budget allocation.

The DA, meanwhile, expressed confidence in hitting its target production for the year-end even if La Niña occurs.

The agency is targeting 20.44 million metric tons (MT) of palay harvest this year, higher than the record-high output of 20.06 million MT in 2023.

“By that time, marami nang parts ng Pilipinas natin na naka-harvest especially ng rice and corn kasi kung nagtanim sila ng May June, tamang-tama naka-harvest na sila niyan... Kami very hopeful pa rin na (many parts of the Philippines have already harvested especially in rice and corn because if they planted in May, or June, their harvest will be on time... We are very hopeful that) we can still meet our target 20.4 million MT (metric tons),” De Mesa said.

De Mesa said farmers are expected to harvest from early September to October.

Earlier, the DA said agri damage to rice due to typhoons and flooding may fall within the 500,000 MT to 600,000 MT, based on historical data.

For El Niño, the country incurred some PHP9.9 billion worth of agricultural damage nationwide.

To date, the DA has provided affected farmers and fishers with seeds, fertilizers, farm equipment, fuel subsidies, boats and fishing gear, among others. (PNA)

Metro Manila Subway project hits ‘significant progress’: DOTr

NEW CLARK CITY, Pampanga – The Philippines’ first underground railway system, the Metro Manila Subway Project, has reached “significant progress” in its construction, a senior Department of Transportation (DOTr) official said.

Speaking at the Presidential Communications Office’s “Build Better More” Infrastructure Forum held last week to showcase the progress of legacy projects and achievements in Infrastructure Flagship Projects under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., DOTr Undersecretary Timothy John R. Batan said, “the Metro Manila Subway, touted as the country’s most ambitious infrastructure project to date, has already attained significant progress in its construction.”

As of May 31, 2024, the subway project has reached 14.48 percent of its target completion, Batan told participants during the forum.

Aside from the Metro Manila Subway Project, Batan listed the following as among the DOTr railway sector infrastructure flagship projects gaining milestones:

-- Unified Grand Central Station, as of May 31, 2024, is 81.42 percent complete. This station will connect four railway lines in Metro Manila, namely LRT 1 serving the commuters west and south of Metro



Construction of Metro Manila Subway Project in Quezon City (PNA file photo by Joan Bon-doc)

Manila; MRT 3 serving the central area of Metro Manila; MRT 7 serving the north; and the Subway Project to serve the eastern side of Metro Manila.

-- MRT 3 Rehabilitation Project, as of May 31, 2024, is 83.11 percent complete. This project involves the restoration of the existing Metro Rail Transit Line 3 to design condition. The rehabilitation is expected to cut travel time from one hour and 15 minutes to 45 minutes and is also expected to restore capacity from 300,000 to 600,000 passengers per day.

-- LRT 1 Cavite Extension Project, as of May 31, 2024, is 73.50 percent complete. This is an extension of the existing Light Rail Transit Line 1 and the project involves the construction of an additional 11.7 kilometers consisting of eight stations that will connect Pasay to Bacoor, Cavite. It is expected to cut travel time from 1 hour 10 minutes to 25 minutes. An additional 300,000 passengers can be accommodated to the LRT-1’s 500,000 daily passengers in the first year of

its full operations.

-- MRT Line 7, as of May 31, 2024 is 70.98 percent complete. This is a 22 km-long rail transit system that will connect dense areas of northeast Metro Manila. It will have 14 Stations linking North Avenue, Quezon City to San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan. It is expected to reduce travel time from North Avenue to San Jose del Monte, Bulacan from 2-3 hours to 35 minutes. It can accommodate 300-800,000 passengers daily.

-- North-South Commuter Railway Project is a 147-kilometer elevated railway line that will connect three regions in Luzon, including Metro Manila. It is now in “advanced stages across” the alignment and expected to benefit about 800,000 passengers daily on its opening year. As of May 31, 2024, the Tutuban to Malolos segment is 42.10 percent complete; Malolos to Clark segment is 31.25 percent complete; and the Manila to Calamba segment is 5.87 percent complete.

-- The MRT Line 4 and PNR South-Long



Honoring Child Development Heroes of Cavite

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer spearheaded the provincial celebration of the Child Development Workers Week Themed: “Building Bridges, Changing Lives: Honoring the Compassion and Commitment of Child Development Workers” recently at Cavite Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City.

National Federation President of Children Development Workers, Ms. Perla P. Reyes officially opened the program by acknowledging the presence of the guests and participating CDWs from the cities and municipalities of Cavite.

In behalf of Dr. Teresita Grafilo Inciong, ED.D., D.P.M, Ms. Necitas D. Lagre, Chief Administrative Officer of the ECCD Council delivered an inspiring motivational talk, as she highlighted the crucial role of child development workers in shaping young minds and fostering a supportive environment for children’s growth.

7th District Board Member, Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla graced the event as he delivered a heartfelt speech emphasizing the responsibility and significant contributions of child development workers of Cavite. He commended their dedication and hard work, acknowledging that their efforts laid the foundation for a brighter future for the province.

The highlight of the program was the awards ceremony, which honored the participants for their 10 - 40 years of dedication in service. The awarding ceremony was joined by Board Member Abeng Remulla, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica together with the OIC of OPSWDO, Ms. Percyl T. Ramos, and Ms. Perla P. Reyes. A total of 142 child development workers were recognized with certificates and trophies, honoring their invaluable service and commitment to the well-being and education of the children.

There was also a raffle draw sponsored by Board Member Romel Enriquez, Chair Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly, which added fun and excitement to the participants.

This recognition underscored the profound impact these workers have on their communities, acknowledging their tireless efforts in shaping the future of children.--- OPIO

Haul Project are in their pre-construction stage, while the Mindanao Railway Project Phase I is in project development phase.

The three-day forum was a comprehensive platform to promote the administration’s “Build Better More” Infrastructure program, to broaden the understanding of government communicators and media practitioners of the strategic framework and status and timeline of the infrastructure development policies and pro-

grams of the present administration.

The forum was participated in by more than 40 journalists from the tri-media sector and more than 70 government communicators from various departments and their attached agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations.

Among the departments which participated were the Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works and

Highways, National Economic and Development Authority, Department of Finance, Department of Agrarian Reforms, Department of Health, and Philippine National Police.

Among the GOCCs were Clark International Airport Corp., Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Bases Conversion Development Authority, Philippine Retirement Authority, and Clark Development Corporation. (PR)

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BY ACT 4118

SPS. EMILIA SARILE RUBIN AND
PRESTON G. RUBIN,
Mortgagees,

-versus-

ROSALINA S. LANCETA,
Mortgagor,

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **SPS. EMILIA SARILE RUBIN AND PRESTON G. RUBIN**, with postal address at A. Abadilla St., Sapa, Rosario, Cavite against respondents/mortgagor, **ROSALINA S. LANCETA** with postal address at (1) Blk. 37 Lot 34, Diamond Village, anabu 2F, Imus City, Cavite; and 2) Blk. 37 Lot 34, Diamond Village, Brgy. Salitran 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **APRIL 2024** amounts to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND PESOS AND 00.100 (Php 4,233,000.00)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **AUGUST 13, 2024** AT 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional or **CERTIFIED CHECK**, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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Dasmariñas City, Cavite, June 25, 2024.

PH likely to post one of strongest growths in ASEAN

MANILA – The Philippine economy is projected to grow by over 6 percent in 2024 and 2025, making the country the second fastest-growing economy in the region.

In its latest quarterly update of the ASEAN+3 Regional Economic Outlook (AREO) released on Tuesday, the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) said Philippine economic growth is projected to hit 6.1 percent this year.

Philippine economic growth is projected to accelerate to 6.3 percent next year.

AMRO's latest forecast was lower than the 6.3 percent and 6.5 percent earlier projected for 2024 and 2025.

The report, however, showed that the projection is the second highest in the region, next to Vietnam's 6.3 percent and 6.5 percent economic growth forecast for 2024 and 2025.

In a virtual briefing, AMRO chief economist Hoe Ee Khor said



ECONOMIC GROWTH. High-rise buildings dot the skyline of Quezon City on May 9, 2024, as viewed from the Eton Centris Building. The ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office on Tuesday (July 16, 2024) forecast the Philippine economy to grow by 6.1% in 2024. (PNA photo by Ben Briones)

economic growth projections of many of the countries in the region are downgraded due to the weaker-than-expected recovery in the external sector.

"We have shaved it down from 6.3 to 6.1 [percent], which is in light of the data that comes out in the first half of the year, so as I said before, we are always looking at the data very closely and reviewing them," said Khor.

"I think the Philippine

growth is pretty robust and will pick up next year to 6.3 percent. So this is well within the official range of 6-7 percent while we are on the low side. But we will look at the data closely and we may revise it up in the second half if the data show that the economy become more strongly," he added.

Inflation, meanwhile, is projected to settle at 3.3 percent this year, lower than AMRO's earlier forecast which was 3.6 percent.

For 2025, headline inflation is forecast to decelerate further to 3.1 percent.

Khor said that in the case of the Philippines, inflation has finally come off the peak within the 2 to 4 percent target.

Growth in 2024, 2025

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), meanwhile, also expects the Philippines to grow by more than 6 percent this year and

in 2025.

In its July 2024 World Economic Outlook Update released on Tuesday, the IMF retained its 2024 Philippine economic growth projection at 6.0 percent.

The 6.2 percent 2025 economic growth forecast was also retained.

IMF Mission Chief Elif Arbatli Saxegaard earlier said growth will be driven by stronger consumption demand, higher public and private investment, and a recovery in exports.

An IMF team led by Saxegaard held meetings in Manila last June 4 to 10 to discuss recent economic and financial developments and the outlook for the Philippine economy.

For 2025, Saxegaard earlier said drivers of growth include the continued pick-up in domestic demand, investment, and consumption. (PNA)

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PH launches 'cruise visa waiver' for foreign tourists

MANILA – The Philippine government on Tuesday launched the "cruise visa waiver," making entry into the country easier and seamless for visa-required foreigners vacationing on board cruise ships.

Eligible foreigners may apply for the waiver at the Bureau of Immigration's (BI) e-services portal at <https://e-services.immigration.gov.ph>.

Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco said she anticipates this program to attract more cruise passengers to consider the Philippines as its next destination.

In her speech, Frasco said this launch reflects the Marcos administration's commitment towards digitalization and aligns with the country's national cruise tourism development strategy.

In 2023 alone, the country received 123 port calls, bringing in more than 101,000 passengers. This year, the Department of Tourism projects at least 117 port calls that could translate into more than 118,000 visitors.

"With the implementation of the cruise visa waiver program, we expect these to in-

crease and we expect more tourists to arrive in the Philippines, especially that the Philippines is well on its way towards becoming a preferred destination for luxurious expedition cruises to cruise ships that can accommodate a bigger number," Frasco said.

In a separate interview, Ben Line Agencies Marine Agency Services director and vice president, Capt. Terence Uytingban, described the initiative as a "big step forward" for the country's cruise tourism as it institutionalizes the visa waiver for visiting passengers.

"It's a change of policy that will really help. In the past, it's like (a form of) accommodation – the passengers and the cruise principals are not assured that they can really come," he said.

"If it's a policy change, then it means it's permanent. So, it gives assurance to the cruise lines and, of course, to the riding cruisers that there is really an accommodation policy in the Philippines that allows cruise passengers to embark on the vessels and then enjoy the Philippines."

Uytingban added that

this program makes the Philippines "at par" with major destinations that already have similar arrangements for cruise passengers.

The program is a joint undertaking of the DOT, the BI, and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

At the ceremony, DOJ Assistant Secretary Majken Anika Gran-Ong said stringent measures are in place to safeguard the country's borders.

Those eligible for the waiver program are visa-required nationals arriving into and departing from the country via cruise ship for tourism purposes only and have no intention to deviate from the ship's local cruise itinerary.

The waiver is for single-entry use and is valid up to a maximum of 14 days stay in the country. It is non-extendible and non-convertible to other types of visas or status. (PNA)

Do not withhold good from those to whom you should give it if it is within your power to help.

Proverbs 3:27

POC chief optimistic on PH campaign in Paris Olympics

MANILA – Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino expressed his optimism for the country's campaign in the coming Paris Olympics.

"Definitely, we will deliver. Definitely, we will surpass Tokyo (Olympics)," said Tolentino during the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

The Philippines won its first gold medal in Tokyo coming from Zamboanga City weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz and got three more medals from boxers Nesthy Petecio (silver), Carlo Paalam (silver) and Eumir Marcial (bronze).

In Paris, the Philippines will be represented by 22 Filipino athletes led by world No. 2 pole vaulter EJ Obiena and world champion gymnast Carlos Yulo.

The others are John Cabang-Tolentino and Lauren Hoffman (athletics); Vanessa Sarno, John Febuar Ceniza and Elreen Ando (weightlifting); Aira Villegas, Hergie Bacysadan, Paalam, Petecio and Marcial (boxing); Joanie Delgado (rowing); Samantha Catantan (fencing); Aleah Finnegan, Emma Malabuyo and Levi Ruvivar (gymnastics); Kayla Sanchez and Harold Hatch (swimming); Bianca Pagdanganan and Dottie Ardina (golf); and Kiyomi Watanabe (judo).

The Filipino athletes are in high spirits be-



OPTIMISTIC. Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino talks about the medal prospects of Team Philippines in the Paris Olympics during the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Malate, Manila on Tuesday (July 16, 2024). A total of 22 athletes will compete in the Olympics scheduled from July 26 to August 11, 2024. (PNA photo by Jesus M. Escaros Jr.)

cause they have the proper support, training, and motivation. They have spent the past couple of weeks in Metz in France, which is only 90 minutes by train to Paris, and 30 minutes by land to Germany and Belgium, for the last stage of their training and acclimatization.

"With this template, with this preparation, we will deliver," said Tolentino in the weekly session presented by San Miguel Corporation, Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee, Smart/PLDT, MILO, and ArenaPlus, the leading sports entertainment in the Philippines.

The Paris Olympics will take place from July 26 to Aug. 11, and based on schedule, Yulo will get the chance to deliver the first medal for the country.

"One week to go. Everyone is excited. Oth-

ers cannot sleep," said Tolentino, who visited the pre-Paris training camp at La Moselle with chef de mission Jonvic Remulla last month.

"The best conservative (forecast) is that we will surpass the Tokyo (haul). Actually, we surpassed the number of athletes from 19 to 22. My target was 25 if cycling and skateboarding (made it). If basketball qualified, that's another discussion," he added.

"But definitely, we will surpass Tokyo. It's up to you if one gold, two golds or three golds, as long as we surpass the Tokyo. We're all excited. The mood of the athletes is different now, all have leveled up, So, I'd like to thank the Philippine Sports Commission and our private partners and the Office of the President," Tolentino further said. (PNA)

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