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DepEd, DICT to collaborate in delivering education in new normal

QUEZON CITY, - The Department of Education (DepEd) is working with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to assist the education sector in areas related to broadcast, connectivity and digital security for

the continued delivery of education amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The collaboration of the two departments is in preparation for the opening of classes on August 24, 2020, which will be carried out through alternative learning delivery modalities with face-to-

face classes still prohibited.

“As we examine the achievements and challenges of DepEd in the current pandemic, especially in schools located within community quarantine areas, DepEd continues to emphasize the

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SSS amends guidelines on temporary ACOP suspension

QUEZON CITY, - The Social Security System (SSS) amended the guidelines on the temporary suspension of the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners Program (ACOP) following the continuous implementation of the community quarantine (CQ) in the Philippines

due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said that under the amended guidelines, pensioners who have not complied with the ACOP for the calendar year 2020 (covering birth months from January up to the end of

the CQ) would continue to receive their monthly pensions until the following month of the last day of the CQ in the country. Once the entire country is under the new normal, meaning all forms of CQ have been lifted, the said pensioners will be given 60 days to

comply with the ACOP requirement. Should they fail to comply within the said period, only then will their monthly pensions be suspended.

However, verification processes/activities are continuously implemented by the SSS for those pensioners residing in the Philippines.

"Despite the gradual easing of community quarantine restrictions, we have decided to err on the

side of caution and extend the temporary ACOP suspension. The health and safety of our members and pensioners remain our top concern," Ignacio said.

Meanwhile, pensioners whose pensions were already "suspended due to non-compliance with the ACOP" before the community quarantine will be given an online option to comply.

The said pensioners may file their ACOP compliance by

submitting a duly accomplished ACOP form, which is downloadable at https://www.sss.gov.ph/sss/appmanager/sss_downloads.jsp?type=forms, together with photocopies of their identification cards or documents.

If they are residing abroad, they may send the documents through email at ofw.relations@sss.gov.ph or the corporate email of the SSS foreign office in the area. For

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DPWH to turn over off-site dormitories for health workers to Quezon City government on July 6

QUEZON CITY, -- Four (4) 'We Heal As One' off-site dormitories purpose-built by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for hospital workers will be turned-over on Monday, July 6 to the Quezon City government.

"With these facilities at Quezon Memorial Circle, our

modern-day heroes will have a safer and more comfortable space to rest", said Secretary Mark A. Villar.

In his report to Secretary Villar, DPWH Undersecretary Emil K. Sadain and head of DPWH Task Force for Augmentation of Health Facilities said that the temporary shelter will exempt some 128 healthcare



workers dealing with Covid-19 patients from

daily travel from hospital to home.

"These dormitories is fully furnished that it

can be utilized immediately to temporarily house medical doctors and staff of major Quezon City-based hospitals", said Undersecretary Sadain.

Undersecretary Sadain in his project inspection together with members of the Task Force from DPWH technical

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those residing in the Philippines, they may send them at member_relations@sss.gov.ph or the corporate email of the SSS branch concerned.

Pensioners residing in the Philippines may also submit their ACOP compliance through a representative or personally, if possible, at SSS drop boxes located in its branches nationwide.

The SSS reminds the transacting public to follow the government's minimum public health standards to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

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bureaus said that two (2) more dorms will be completed at Quezon Memorial Circle by July 9 that can accommodate 64 frontliners working at medical facilities in Quezon City.

Each cluster dormitory will have 16 airconditioned rooms with occupancy of two (2) person sleeping on double-decker beds per room with toilet and bath with heater.

The dormitory is made of modular components fabricated to assemble 16 rooms, eight (8) on left and eight (8) on right side with the middle space intended for living

The ACOP is a program launched in 2012 that requires pensioners to annually report to the SSS to ensure the continuous payment of their benefits under the Social Security Law.

Under normal circumstances, ACOP compliance must be done by retiree pensioners residing abroad and total disability pensioners on their birth month. Survivor pensioners and dependents are required to do so on the birth month of the deceased member. (SSS)

room complete with TV and sofa; common dining; and separate area for laundry and kitchen with available appliances.

Medical personnel that will likely benefit from the temporary shelter project are those employed at National Kidney and Transplant Institute, Philippine Heart Center, East Avenue Medical Center, Veterans Memorial Hospital, Childrens Hospital, V. Luna General Hospital, and Quezon City General Hospital and other government hospitals in Quezon City. (DPWH)

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unique synergy of our two departments closely working together in the delivery of education via the internet," Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

DepEd has requested DICT, through the leadership of Secretary Gregorio Honasan II, and its attached agency National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) for support in encouraging telecommunication companies to continue giving free access to DepEd Commons and other online platforms of the Department.

In addition, the partnership will also initiate the allocation of free internet bandwidth to public schools and encourage various businesses that provide telecommunications services, community cable providers, and internet service providers (ISP) to do the same.

Sec. Briones, however, noted that while DepEd is working to improve access of learners and schools to the internet, online learning is only one option from the menu of learning delivery modalities to be used in the upcoming school year.

"The Learning Continuity Plan of DepEd is not a one-size-fits-all policy. The modality to be used will be responsive in the context and available resources of the schools and the learners," Briones emphasized.

The Department is also tapping DICT for assistance in providing physical security infrastructure or activity protocols to safeguard learners, teachers and staff from any unwanted security breaches and exposure to harmful online content.

"With the advent of an immense exposure of our learners in the online community, we are seeking DICT's assistance to avoid or totally limit access to sites relating to pornography, sex, violence, cybercrimes and other inappropriate material for our children," Briones said.

In the long term, DepEd is also eyeing to tap DICT for technical support for the Department's Last Mile Schools Program through the augmentation of satellite capacity and the establishment of a fiber network connected to the far-flung schools. (DepEd)

More churches in provinces reopen under MGCQ

MANILA – More churches in provinces are reopening after these areas have been declared under the modified general community quarantine (MGCQ).

The dioceses of Balanga and Tagbilaran have announced that church activities such as the holding of Eucharistic celebrations are now allowed in the churches under them.

"Opening now our Church with its 50 percent of total capacity is a welcome relief, much-needed comfort to our people who are very much thirsting and hungry for Jesus," said Balanga Bishop Ruperto Santos in a pastoral directive on Thursday.

He, however, said the faithful must not be complacent amid the easing of quarantine rules.

"There is no rejoicing, no valedictory speech nor victory walk. Covid-19 is still there. And so, we should not let our guard down. We have still to be vigilant. We have to still take the necessary precautions and observe preventive measures," he said.

He assured that safety precautions are in place in

all churches to ensure the safety of the churchgoers.

"As we open our Church, let us not forget what they always told us 'physical, social distancing and wearing face masks,'" Santos added.

Meanwhile, Tagbilaran Bishop Alberto Uy said churches in the diocese are now allowed to hold weddings and baptisms at a limited capacity.

"With our MGCQ status, religious gatherings, weddings, baptisms are now allowed at 50 percent capacity of the venue," he said in a statement.

He also reminded the faithful to continue to be cautious.

"Let us continue to observe safety protocols so as to protect one another. We are not yet victorious over Covid-19. Now is not the time to be complacent. Padayon sa Pag-amping ug sa Pag-ampo (Continue to be careful and to pray). God bless you all," he said.

Earlier, the Diocese of Tarlac announced that churches under it have resumed public masses starting July 1.

The province is also now under MGCQ. (By Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

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China, UK clash over fate of Hong Kongers

China promised Thursday to take countermeasures against Britain if it presses ahead with plans to extend citizenship rights to Hong Kongers after Beijing imposed a sweeping security law on the restless financial hub.

Beijing has faced a groundswell of criticism from primarily Western nations over its decision to impose a new law outlawing acts of subversion, secession, terrorism and colluding with foreign forces.

Adding to concerns, Hong Kong's influential Bar Association published a new legal analysis warning that the wording of the law—which was kept secret until Tuesday—undermines the city's independent judiciary and stifles freedoms.

Britain has said the law breaches China's pre-handover "One Country, Two Systems" promise to grant residents key liberties—as well as judicial and legislative autonomy—until 2047.

It has responded by announcing plans to allow millions of Hong Kongers with British National Overseas status to relocate with their families and eventually apply for citizenship.

"We will live up to our promises to them," foreign secretary Dominic Raab told parliament.

That move has infuriated Beijing, which says Britain promised not to grant full citizenship rights to Hong Kongers ahead of the 1997 handover.

"If the British side makes unilateral changes to the relevant practice, it will breach its own position and pledges as well as international law and



Riot police detain a man as they clear protesters taking part in a rally against a new national security law in Hong Kong on July 1, 2020, the 23rd anniversary of the city's handover from Britain to China. AFP

basic norms governing international relations," China's embassy in London said Thursday. "We firmly oppose this and reserve the right to take corresponding measures," it added.

Britain is not alone in announcing plans to offer Hong Kongers sanctuary or increased immigration rights as fears multiply over the semi-autonomous city's future under the new law.

On Thursday, Australian leader Scott Morrison said he was "very actively" considering offering Hong Kongers safe haven.

Taiwan has opened an office to help Hong Kongers wanting to flee, while a proposed bill in the United States offering sanctuary to city residents has received widespread bipartisan support.

Beijing says the law is needed to quell seething pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong and restore order after a year of political unrest.

But critics fear it will usher in a new era of political repression given similar laws are routinely used to crush dissent on the Chinese mainland.

The law has sent fear coursing through the city

and rattled the legal community in a business hub that has built its reputation on the independence and reliability of its courts.

The Bar Association – which represents the city's barristers – issued a scathing critique of the law, saying it dismantles the legal firewall that has existed between Hong Kong's judiciary and China's Communist Party-controlled courts.

Thousands of residents defied a protest ban on Wednesday – the anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China – to block roads and voice opposition to the bill in some of the worst unrest in months.

Police responded with water cannon, pepper spray and tear gas, arresting nearly 400 people.

Seven officers were injured, including one who was stabbed in the shoulder and three others hit by a protester on a motorbike.

Ten people were arrested under the new law, illustrating how holding certain political views had become illegal overnight.

Most of those arrested were carrying flags or leaflets advocating for Hong Kong independence.

2K more chairs sent for NAIA Terminals 2, 3

MANILA -- Passengers can expect more seats at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), as 2,000 chairs were delivered on Thursday for distribution at Terminals 2 and 3.

Consuelo Bungag, Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) Public Affairs Department's officer-in-charge, told the Philippine News Agency that MIAA purchased these chairs on Wednesday, and would be distributed inside and outside the two terminals.

"The terminal (managers) would determine (where these would be placed) based on the need to deploy them. Because with the limited flights that we

have (now), we have enough seats so far," she said.

In his public address on Tuesday night, President Rodrigo Duterte pointed out the lack of seats at the country's main gateway. He ordered to put more seats, as well as the possible removal of some restaurants so that its areas could be used by the passengers.

On Wednesday, Transportation chief Arthur Tugade made rounds at the NAIA. Seeing the plights of stranded passengers, he ordered that those with confirmed bookings for the day but their flights were suddenly canceled be allowed to stay inside

the airport.

Tugade said the stranded passengers must be taken care of. "We would feed them as long as we can," he said, adding that he would prioritize the passengers' welfare, rather than discussing with the airlines who is responsible for feeding them.

He asked MIAA to put seats in concessions that are not being used.

"We would not remove concessions. If these are not (currently) being used, we would ask these to be opened, not to operate but for the passengers to have a place to go to while they are here," he said. (By Ma. Cristina Arayata/PNA)

MRT-3 to limit ops after 127 workers found Covid-19 positive

MANILA – The Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3) will have fewer trains running beginning Monday (July 6) after 127 of its workers tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

In a virtual presser on Thursday, Timothy Batan, Undersecretary for Railways of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), said that 36 new cases were recorded the past two days among MRT-3 personnel at the EDSA-North Avenue Terminal Depot, resulting in the total 127 Covid-19 cases.

"From 91 on Tuesday, nitong umaga, meron na po tayong 127 cases po dito po sa ating depot (this morning, we now have 127 at the MRT-3 depot)," Batan said.

So far, he said, workers who tested positive were all posted at the MRT-3 depot, with no positive cases among MRT-3 personnel working with customers.

"Mga empleyado po

natin sa MRT-3 na nasa mga istasyon. Iyong mga humaharap po sa pasahero, yun pong mga front-liners sa MRT-3, ay hanggang ngayon po ay wala pa tayong positive sa Covid-19 (MRT-3 employees in stations (only). Those interacting with commuters -- the MRT-3 front-liners — are, so far, not positive with Covid-19)," Batan said.

Of the total, he said 124 are employees of Sumitomo-Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (Sumitomo), the MRT-3's maintenance provider, while the remaining three are employees of the MRT-3.

With about 1,700 workers in its depot, he said the MRT-3 will continue running normally on Friday while operations will be shut down at the weekend due to rail replacement works, and will resume at reduced capacity on Monday.

"Pagdating po sa Lunes, diyan po tayo posible at most likely po

na magre-reduce ng operations at malalaman po natin yung bilang ng tren na mababawas nitong parating na weekend (By Monday the MRT-3 will most likely operate at less capacity and we'll know the number of trains this weekend)," Batan said.

According to a press release from the MRT-3, the continuation of its operation at a reduced capacity was based on the guidance of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), Sumitomo, and the DOTr.

Additional measures and precautions will also be taken by MRT-3 personnel which includes wearing full PPE for stations and depot personnel, limiting movement of depot personnel to their immediate areas of responsibility, increased disinfection activities, and heightened monitoring and screening of symptoms among all personnel. (By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz/PNA)

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2 dead, 13 missing in heavy Japan rains

Tokyo—At least two people were feared dead and 13 others went missing in western Japan Saturday as record heavy rain triggered massive floods and landslides, forcing authorities to issue evacuation orders for more than 76,000 residents.

The nation's weather agency downgraded rain warnings by one notch from the highest emergency level in Kumamoto and Kagoshima on Kyushu island, but Prime Minister Shinzo Abe urged local people to be "on maximum alert". Abe ordered 10,000 troops on stand-by for immediate deployment to join rescue and recovery operations, pledging the central government would "do its best to take emergency measures, prioritising people's lives."

Two people were found "in cardio-respiratory arrest" and another was missing in landslides in Kumamoto, said Naosaka Miyahara, a disaster management official for the prefecture, using a term often used in Japan before a doctor certifies death.

"At one point in the morning, 13 people were unaccounted for but the figures are changing as we are still struggling to sort out the situation," Miyahara told AFP.

Public broadcaster NHK said about 100 people had been stranded as roads were cut off by floods and landslides.

Television footage showed vehicles swamped at car parks near a flooding river, while several bridges were washed away.

"I can't evacuate as a road turned into a river. It's so scary," a female resident told NHK.

Aerial footage showed a resident being lifted with a rope from a roof to a military helicopter as an entire town was awash with muddy water.

A massive landslide destroyed several houses with rescuers searching for missing people through half-buried windows.

"We have issued evacuation orders after record heavy rain," said Toshiaki Mizukami, another official for Kumamoto prefecture.

"We strongly urge people to take action to protect their lives as it's still raining quite heavily," he told AFP.

Kyodo News said 76,600 residents in Kumamoto and Kagoshima were ordered to evacuate their homes. Some train services have been suspended in the region, while more than 8,000 households lost power.

Japan is currently in its rainy season, which often causes floods and landslides and prompts local authorities to issue evacuation orders.



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DSWD provides assistive devices to persons with disability

QUEZON CITY, - Remaining true to its mandate of providing programs and services to vulnerable sectors of society, such as persons with disability, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has allocated P100,000 for assistive devices for each DSWD Field Office every year, starting this year.

The person with disability sector is among the most affected by the declaration of community quarantine brought about by the spread of COVID-19 in the country. To help them regain and develop their self and social enhancement, the DSWD, through its Field Offices will provide augmentation support for the assistive devices of blind and low vision, deaf/hearing impaired, and orthopedically and physically challenged individuals.

These devices may include talking laptops and tablets, talking canes/smart canes, and Braille system for the blind and visually impaired; hearing aids with beamforming technology, customized headphones, and Cochlear implant for deaf and hearing impaired; motorized wheelchair, customized wheelchair, tri-wheeler bike, talking watch, customized artificial eyes, and neuro-prosthesis for the orthopedically and



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physically challenged.

Persons with disability may request for the augmentation support of their assistive devices through the Focal Person on Persons with Disability Welfare Program and Assistance for Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) at the Crisis Intervention Units (CIUs) of the DSWD Field Offices.

The Field Offices accept representatives to apply and claim for assistance. Moreover, Social Welfare Action Development (SWAD) teams in the provinces are also mobilized to accept applications and send these to the Field Offices for processing. After processing all the documents, the devices are sent to the SWAD offices for claiming.

Persons with disability who want to avail of the assistive devices should prepare documents such as medical certificate indicating the disability with date issued, full name and signed by attending physician which will be valid for 3 months, request for assistive devices and quotation showing the amount of the assistive device, Barangay Indigency Certificate of the person with disability or client, and one valid ID.

The Department hopes that through these assistive devices, the persons with disability will continue to be productive and contributing members of society, despite their disability, in these critical times. (DSWD)

**Ang kayamanan ng mayaman
ang proteksiyon niya;
Gaya iyon ng matibay na
pader sa imahinasyon niya.
(Kawikaan 18:11)**

Religious gatherings up to 10% capacity allowed in GCQ zones

MANILA – The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has allowed mass gatherings for religious purposes to partially resume in areas placed under general community quarantine, Malacañang said on Friday.

Members of the IATF-EID, in a meeting held Thursday, agreed to allow the resumption of religious activities in GCQ zones but only at 10 percent seating capacity, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said during the Laging Handa program aired on state-run PTV-4.

Roque said the latest order, which will take effect on July 10, was contained in Resolution 51 approved by the IATF-EID on Thursday.

“Para naman po sa talagang gusto nang magsimba, pinayagan din po ang religious gatherings pero hanggang 10 percent lang po. At ito po ay epektibo sa July 10, 2020 sa areas na GCQ (For those who really want to attend mass, religious gatherings are now allowed but only at 10 percent capacity. This is effective on July 10, 2020, for areas under GCQ),” he said.

The IATF-EID initially issued guidelines in May, which permit the conduct of religious gatherings in areas under MGCQ and GCQ, provided that the number of participants is limited to only five and 10, respectively.

In June, the IATF-EID approved Resolution 43, which authorizes religious services at “50 percent of the seating capacity”



Baclaran Church (File photo)

in places under MGCQ.

Roque said mass gatherings for religious purposes in areas put under MGCQ remain allowed, so long as participants are limited to 50 percent of the venue capacity.

He reminded the public anew to observe strict social distancing and use a face mask when they go to church.

“Importante po na sundin natin ang mga minimum public health standards tulad ng social distancing, pagsusuot ng face mask, at iba pa (It’s important to follow minimum public health standards, such as social distancing and use of face mask, among others),” Roque said.

The IATF-EID relaxed its quarantine rules in June when it allowed more industries to reopen to enable the country to recover from the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) crisis.

Only Cebu City was placed under enhanced community quarantine, the most stringent community quarantine, until July 15 due to the continuing increase in the number of Covid-19 infections in the area.

The GCQ was implemented in Metro Manila, Benguet, Cavite, Rizal, Lapu-

Lapu City, Mandaue City, Ormoc, Leyte, Southern Leyte, and Cebu’s Talisay City, Minglanilla, and Consolacion.

The MGCQ with “strict local action” was imposed in Abra, Baguio City, Ifugao, Kalinga, Ilocos Norte, La Union, Pangasinan, Cagayan, Isabela, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Angeles City, Batangas, Laguna, Quezon, Lucena City, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City, Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, and Naga City.

Capiz, Iloilo City, Negros Occidental, Bacolod City, Cebu province, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Tacloban City, Western Samar, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Sur, Bukidnon, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, and Cagayan de Oro were also placed under stricter MGCQ.

MGCQ with “strict local action” was likewise implemented in Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao City, Davao de Oro, Cotabato, South Cotabato, Agusan del Norte, Butuan City, Lanao del Sur, and Maguindanao.

The rest of the country is under a more relaxed MGCQ. (By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos/PNA)

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Giannis says NBA will be 'toughest' ever

Los Angeles, United States—Milwaukee Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo believes winning this season's NBA crown will be harder than ever, dismissing suggestions a championship victory will be diminished by the coronavirus shutdown.

Giannis says NBA will be 'toughest' ever

As 22 teams prepare to head for Orlando for the NBA's restart on July 30, some critics have argued that the four-month pandemic shutdown means there will forever be an asterisk against the eventual winners.

Antetokounmpo, however, is in the opposite camp insisting that the unique circumstances of the campaign make it the "toughest" NBA championship in history to claim.

"I feel like a lot of people say that there's gonna be a star next to this championship," reigning NBA MVP Antetokounmpo said on a conference call according to ESPN.

"I feel like, at the end of the day, this is gonna be the toughest championship you could ever win—because the circumstances are really, really tough right now. So, whoever wants it more is going



to be able to go out there and take it."

NBA teams playing in Orlando will be kept in a "bubble" at Disney World for the remainder of the season, with limited family contact during this time, according to reports.

Antetokounmpo believes that will only add to the challenge over the final months of the season.

"I feel like, as I said before, this is the

toughest title," Antetokounmpo said. "Obviously, you go somewhere without your family for four months, three months, and you haven't played basketball for three-and-a-half, four months.

"Obviously, whoever team wants it more, has gotta be mentally prepared for all the situations and gotta go out there and execute.

PH laws to prevail in ship collision case

The collision between a Philippine fishing boat and a Hong Kong-flagged cargo vessel off the coast of Occidental Mindoro last June 28 is "an issue of enforcement of Philippine laws," Malacañang said on Wednesday.

"Although it involves a collision where one of them is a

foreign-flagged [cargo] ship, since it occurred in Philippine waters, it will be the Philippine courts that will determine both criminal and civil liability," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, who is also a lawyer, said in an interview.

Roque insisted the incident will be



resolved under the country's admiralty laws because it happened in Philippine territorial waters.

At least 14 Filipinos went missing when their fishing boat, FV Liberty 5, collided with Hong Kong-registered bulk carrier vessel, MB Vienna Wood, on Sunday off the western coast of Mamburao town in Mindoro Occidental province.

Roque said the incident would be investigated by the Maritime Industry Authority and the Philippine Coast Guard.

"I think it is just controversial because it happened nearly within Philippine waters.

This will be investigated by the MARINA, by the Coast Guard. And if there's

criminal responsibility, then the fiscal will make a preliminary investigation and file the criminal information report," he said.

Roque also explained that insofar as the damage is concerned, it will proceed as an admiralty case falling within the regional trial court of Mindoro.

"The problem here is it is not necessarily an issue of international law," he said.

The latest sea mishap followed the June 9, 2019 incident involving a Chinese vessel and Filipino fishing boat Gem-Ver1 at Recto Bank in the West Philippine Sea.

On Tuesday, China expressed willingness to provide assistance to the Philippines in relation to the June 28 collision between the Philippine fishing boat and Hong Kong-flagged cargo vessel.

Roque, however, said the Philippines would not allow any foreign entities to meddle in the issue.

"It's the Philippines' exclusive jurisdiction. We will not allow foreigners to exercise criminal jurisdiction and civil jurisdiction over a matter that the Philippine authorities have exclusive jurisdiction," Roque said.

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