

## Palace declares June...

pinos (NCMF).

"In order to bring religious and cultural significance of the Eid'l Fitr to the fore of national consciousness, it is necessary to declare Wednesday, 05 June, 2019 a regular holiday throughout the country," the proclamation read.

The holiday proclamation seeks to give the nation "the full opportunity to join their Muslim brothers and sisters in peace and harmony in observance

and celebration of Eid'l Fitr."

The proclamation, signed by Medialdea on May 28 and released to the public Wednesday (May 29), noted that Eid'l Fitr is celebrated by the Muslim world for three days after the end of the month of fasting.

Republic Act No. 9177 declares Eid'l Fitr as a regular holiday throughout the country. The date of the holiday, however, depends on the Islamic calendar.

## Four QC cops...

dido Vallejo, Joel Tapeç, Alexander Pangilinan and civilian Ferdinand Gahusan guilty of kidnap for ransom with homicide.

Aside from the prison term, the court also ordered the accused to indemnify the family of Chan in the amount of ₱100,000 as civil indemnity, ₱100,000 as moral damages, ₱100,000 as exemplary damages and ₱100,000 as temperate damages.

Three other suspects — Patrolmen Daniel Maburan and Ely Frias and one

alias Ogie remain at large.

The accused policemen, reportedly members of the group "Doce Pares" insisted Chan was arrested for his involvement in the illegal drug trade.

Chan was killed on September 15, 2005 even after his family paid the ₱6-million ransom demand. His body was discovered dumped in Antipolo City.

Tapeç is reportedly the leader of the dreaded gang composed of dismissed and active police officers.

## PH, Japan sign...

Grow-Grow-Grow our economies," he continued.

Duterte then reiterated that there will be no corruption under his watch and urged Japanese businessmen to report to him immediately if they encounter such while they are doing business in the country.

"Every Japanese investor in my country however small, however big, I can assure you that if there's any complaint regarding hindrances, obstruction or outright corruption, let me know," he said.

"I will give you at any hour of the day or night you can contact any of the Cabinet members or your Filipino lawyers or Filipino workers, and you can ask an audience with me in 24 hours and I will talk to you and just let me know what your problem is and we will kill that problem," he added.

According to Duterte, Japan has been a major source of foreign direct investments and a key trading partner of the Philippines.

The President also said the Philippine government anticipates increased trade and investment flows because of the strong momentum generated by decades of deep economic cooperation.

"This will be sustained by our natural economic complementarities and accelerated by current efforts of our governments to lower barriers," Duterte said.

He also noted that the Philippine government is also reviewing and hoping to upgrade the Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) signed in 2006 to a higher level of preferential arrangement that is mutually beneficial to our countries.

The Philippines, he said has been working with Japan to address the issue of economic market access for Philippine agricultural products, and to improve the current framework for the deployment of nurses and care health workers and adopt a framework for mutual recognition and understanding.

Duterte also invited the Japanese to participate in the "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program which seeks to build inclusive and innovative industries and transform the country's economic archipelago into one of an integrated economic space.

### Business deals signed

According to Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, a total of 26 business deals were signed between the Philippines and Japan just before Duterte addressed the Japanese businessmen.

The total estimated investment

value is \$5.5 billion or ₱288.804 billion. It is expected to generate 82,737 jobs.

### List of deals

1) Memorandum of Cooperation between the Department of Trade and Industry and Japan External Trade Organization to enhance bilateral cooperation on investment promotion activities between the Philippines and Japan.

2) Memorandum of Understanding to partner in skills training and human resource development and deployment, manufacturing, and assembly.

3) Memorandum of Understanding on the outsourcing of projects involving software development, testing, and maintenance in the following areas: 1) R&D on Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Automation, Internet of Things, 2) Enterprise Systems and Web Applications Development, 3) Automotive Software Development, 4) Embedded Systems Development, 5) Mobile Systems Development, and 6) Product Quality Assurance and Testing.

4) Joint Venture Agreement: Bases Conversion and Development Authority and Meralco Marubeni Consortium (financing, design, engineering, establishment, construction, development, and operation and maintenance of the electric power distribution system in New Clark City).

5) Master Franchise Agreement in the grant of development rights for the "Dohntonbori Okonomiyaki" restaurant business within the Philippines.

6) Franchise Agreement to open and operate Karayama outlets within the Philippines.

7) Memorandum of Understanding between Asia Defense and Armament Corp., Kenko Tokina Co., Ltd. and Diversified Ecozone Corporation to establish a manufacturing facility in the Philippines for optics equipment, injection molded holsters, and related equipment to supply customized equipment for the AFP, PNP, and other defense units of the Philippine Government.

8) Letter of Intent: Toyota Motor Corporation (Additional investments for further parts localization under the CARS Program, including side member panels, radiator assy, fan assy with motor, and FR axle assy).

9) Letter of Intent: Murata Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (Expand manufacturing capacity of the Philippine Manufacturing Co. of Murata Inc. (PMM) to service demands of existing customers, accommodate new customers, and anticipate increase in sales of multilayer ceramic



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOPPING** – With less than a week to go before the opening of classes, students and their parents flock to Gaisano Mall in Davao City to buy school supplies. The Department of Education announced that the official opening of classes will be on June 3. (Keith Bacongco)

capacitors.

10) Letter of Intent: Aeon Fantasy Co. Ltd. (Increase investments in the country for indoor theme parks and amusement facilities through the local subsidiary).

11) Letter of Intent: Sojitz Corporation (Sojitz FUSO Truck) (Expand investments in the distribution of FUSO truck and bus products through the local subsidiary).

12) Letter of Intent: Sojitz Corporation (Bakery Project) (Invest in bakery company (Nippon Premium Bakery Inc.) and the upstream business through flour milling and other ancillary services.

13) Letter of Intent: Sojitz Corporation (Industrial Estate Project) (Co-development of a general industrial park).

14) Letter of Intent: JACCS Co. Ltd. (Invest in the credit and finance business by extending credit facilities to individual and corporate buyers).

15) Letter of Intent: Terumo Corporation (Expand investments in manufacturing, selling, and exporting medical devices (disposable syringes, needles, safety-needles, IV catheters, and urinary drainage bags) and the development of new products and new technologies in sterilization capability and eco- and smart factories).

16) Letter of Intent: Ilden Co. Ltd. (Expand existing investments in the manufacture of Flip Chip Ball Grid Array (FC-BGA) products, as well as capacity to cater to new drivers of growth such as artificial intelligence and establishment of data centers).

17) Letter of Intent: Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. (Build a new facility for wiring harness and related products for export to Japan and North America).

18) Letter of Intent: Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Develop the Philippine automotive industry through a local partner (GT Capital Holdings, Inc.).

19) Letter of Intent: Marubeni Corporation (Develop possible new and existing infrastructure projects in energy development, New Clark City, railways, and water services).

20) Letter of Intent: Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. (Expand the production capacity of the local wholly-owned center for wire harnesses).

21) Letter of Intent: Lawson, Inc. (Expand investments through the opening of additional convenience stores).

22) Letter of Intent: Japan Marine United Corporation and Marubeni Corporation (Develop the country's maritime safety capability by providing maritime expertise, including but not limited to the service of design and construction of ships).

23) Letter of Intent: Canon Inc. (Expand existing investments in the Philippines for monochrome laser beam printers, including service parts, packaging materials, and optional products).

24) Letter of Intent: Nidec Corporation (Expand current investments in the Philippines as manufacturer of hard disk drives, spindle motors, and related parts).

25) Letter of Intent: Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (Expand current investments to support local production of completed vehicles)

26) Letter of Intent: Tokyo Gas (Create an inter-island liquefied natural gas (LNG) distribution network to serve new markets for natural gas in the Philippines).

# PAGASA: 5 to 8 cyclones expected from June to August

By GENALYN D. KABILING

Around five to eight tropical cyclones are expected to dump rains in parts of the country from June to August this year, the state weather agency announced Wednesday.

Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) deputy administrator Flaviana Hilario said the onset of the rainy season could occur in the first half of June for the western parts of the country.

Hilario, in a Palace press conference noted that July and August are considered the "peak rainy months" for these areas.

"Based on our rainfall forecast, the onset of the rainy season for areas under Type 1 Climate, these are areas along the western side of the country and this is associated with the habagat or southwest monsoon, it is expected

to be during the first half of June," she said.

"And in terms of our forecast on the number of tropical cyclones, from June to August we are expecting around five to eight tropical cyclones," she added.

For the month of June, Hilario said there would be generally near normal rainfall conditions in many parts of the country, except for Apayao, most of Region I, Cagayan, Tarlac and Zambales that will experience below normal rainfall condition.

In July, most of Luzon and Visayas will have generally near normal to above normal rainfall conditions. "However, generally below normal over most of Mindanao and Southern Visayas," she added.

For the month of August, Hilario said there would be generally near to above normal rainfall conditions over most parts of the country.

Meantime, the El Niño condition, which

started in October 2018, is expected to continue until August but may still persist until the end of the year, according to Hilario.

"According to the different models, it will likely continue until June, July, August of this year with high probability around 78 percent. However, there is still a chance that it will continue until the end of this year, 2019. However, the uncertainty is quite high, so in this regard, we will give you update every month regarding this chance," she said.

In the last four months, Hilario said the severe impact of El Niño has been felt in many provinces.

At least 41 provinces endured drought condition while 23 provinces were under a dry spell last April. "For the month of May, there were 40 provinces under drought conditions while six provinces were under dry spell," she added.

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Republic of the Philippines  
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Metro Manila  
Seventeenth Congress  
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-third day of July, two thousand eighteen.

[ REPUBLIC ACT No. 11306 ]

AN ACT CONVERTING INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PIAS-GAANG CAMPUS IN BARANGAY PIAS NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AND SEPARATING IT FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL, THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION 2, MUNICIPALITY OF CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, HEREINAFTER RENAMED THE WILBUR C. GO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled: 2

SECTION 1. The Currimao National High School – Pias-Gaang Campus in Barangay Pias Norte, Municipality of Currimao, Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby converted into an independent national high school to be now known as the Currimao National High School, and separated from its mother school, the Currimao National High School situated in Barangay Poblacion 2, Municipality of Currimao, Province of Ilocos Norte.

The mother school situated in Barangay Poblacion 2, Municipality of Currimao, Province of Ilocos Norte shall henceforth be known as the Wilbur C. Go National High School.

SEC. 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Currimao National High School – Pias-Gaang Campus in Barangay Pias Norte, Municipality of Currimao, Province of Ilocos Norte are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the newly converted national high school, now known as the Currimao National High School.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the newly converted national high school, now known as the Currimao National High School. The current year's appropriation of the mother school situated in Barangay Poblacion 2, Municipality of Currimao, Province of Ilocos Norte shall be absorbed by and remain with the now renamed Wilbur C. Go National High School. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of both the Currimao National High School and the Wilbur C. Go National High School shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act within one hundred twenty (120) days after its effectivity.

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SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

VICENTE C. SOTTO III  
President of the Senate

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines on January 14, 2019 and February 6, 2019, respectively.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA  
Secretary of the Senate

DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING  
Acting Secretary General  
House of Representatives

Approved: APR 17 2019

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
President of the Philippines

